



# THE HERITAGE

## What it is and why it matters... The Heritage Dinner - May 2

In the early 1960s, the Society began the annual celebration of Founders Day, commemorating its origins, and marking the presentation of an award to an outstanding member. Engineers Week is celebrated in February when an annual Civic Achievement is presented to a prominent member of the community at large.

In 1967, the first Heritage Dinner was given; it too became an annual event. It is a black-tie affair held in winter in the marble and mirrored dining room. It provides, according to Mr. Gompf, Chairman of the Heritage Dinner Committee, "the opportunity to enjoy the mansion in the kind of social setting for which it was built."

The Heritage Dinners have produced funds, which augmented by additional monies from individual members and the Club, have been used to restore the building. Proceeds from the dinners have bought the furnishings on the first floor entry, lounge, and library and for renovating the auditorium and the former family dining room, which is now the Heritage Room.



In 1980, the lounge and library were air-conditioned.

Additional luncheon and meeting rooms have been refurbished by member firms and named in honor of Huldreich Egli, Gustav J. Requardt, Harry Campbell, and Henry J. Knott. Requardt and Associates rehabilitated and furnished the Vollmer Room (in memory of A. Russell Vollmer, Society President, 1960), which served as the Center's office. In 1971, the Society received the Baltimore Heritage, Inc. annual award for the restoration of its headquarters and, in 1980, a commendation for adaptive restoration from the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities. Up to 1980, the total investment in improvements in the building exceeded \$500,000.

## Another Success... The 2014 Lecture Series

Four eminent scholars presented this year's annual lecture series, Meet the Garretts: Princes of the Gilded Age. The lectures averaged 40 attendees. Kathleen Waters Sander, a GJMEF Trustee traced the founding of the Garrett fortune starting with Robert Garrett, who emigrated from northern Ireland in the late eighteenth century, to his son, John Work who became the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's president culminating with his vast influence and wealth. James Abbott, Director and Curator of Evergreen Museum & Library illustrated the collections of T. Harrison Garrett. Bernadette Low, Advisory Council member's topic was Mary Frick Garrett: Creating a Self in the Gilded



Dr. Henry Jacobs



Mary Garrett-Jacobs

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The GJMEF Advisory Council

At its March 13th meeting, members of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund Advisory Council received an update on recent activities at the Mansion and discussed plans for the future. Updates focused on projects planned, underway, and completed. Completed restoration projects included the railing in the Marble Hall and the woodwork and window treatments in the Library. The Heritage Room and construction of the new tower to house the elevator are the two large projects in the planning stages. Planning for raising funds to underwrite the cost for these two projects is underway.

As the primary charge of the Council is to provide advice on expanding public programs, members were delighted to learn how successful recent public programs were in drawing visitors to the Mansion. The 2013-2014 lecture series drew kudos and many suggestions for topics for the

2014-2015 series. A couple of suggested topics among others for the next series were prominent families who lived on Mt. Vernon Place and architects who designed the buildings on Mt. Vernon Place. Other recommendations for additional programs were put forth, centered on ways to involve our partner organizations and their members in activities at the Mansion. The Mount Vernon Cultural District, Maryland Historical Alliance, and Baltimore Heritage are those partners and who extend to the Johns Hopkins University and Medical School, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the B&O Railroad, and AIA Baltimore.

So continue to look at The Heritage and the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion website for new activities in the coming year!

Thank you to Lisa Keir, GJMEF Trustee and Advisory Council Chairperson for her contribution to this article. ■

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Age. Although propriety dictated Mrs. Garrett's staying out of the public eye, she was the patron behind the Mansion's extensive renovations, the art collection, and the many social functions held at her townhouse. Finally, Edward Heimiller recounted the family background and personal interests of Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs, like his wife, had numerous charities that he supported, notably medical research into tuberculosis.

He assisted Mrs. Jacobs in fulfilling her bequests in support of children's medicine and in presenting her painting collections to the Baltimore Museum of Art. The four lectures provided a full picture of the occupants living at 7, 9, and 11 West Mount Vernon Place and their family associates. ■

Thank you to Judith Proffitt, GJMEF Trustee for contributing this report.

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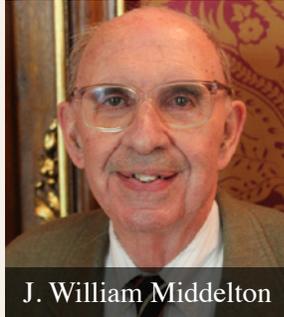
## The Heritage Dinner

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The Courtyard, formerly the Mansion's enclosed conservatory, was a major renovation project. The original roof was removed sometime before the Club's occupancy and the deck structure had deteriorated. The project was supported by three years' worth of Heritage Dinner proceeds plus additional loan funds. Demolition began in the summer of 1973. The handrails and stairs were restored. The new Courtyard was dedicated in May 1974. It was the largest single restoration item the Society undertook since its occupancy. On the day the Courtyard was dedicated, Society President F. Pierce Linaweaver said, "We are making every effort to maintain and restore (the building,) not as it was. . . but to create an engineering center where we may meet and, on occasion, invite guests to enjoy with us this splendid legacy from the past."

That spirit lives on today in the mission of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund. After its creation in 1992, The Heritage Dinner gave way to the Boiler Blast that raised funds for replacing the heating plant. This event then became the annual Fire Ball Gala. In planning for the 2005 ESB Centennial, it was suggested that the Heritage Dinner be reconstituted by the Club as a member/guest event to raise funds for a specific project or acquisition. Now the dinner is a formal soiree featuring a five-course gourmet dinner with wine pairings and music. Diners enjoy special decorations and

are asked to make a tax-deductible donation to the Heritage Fund. Restoration of the Tiffany Windows and gas-flame installations in three of the Mansion's many fireplaces were achieved over the past several years.



While there is not an honoree for every year, this year the Club's Board agreed, with a suggestion from one of the GJMEF trustees, to honor J. William Middelton, past president and current trustee of the organization, for his tireless efforts to raise funds during two major capital campaigns. This year's acquisition of Library furnishings will be dedicated to Mr. Middelton. The Club has also agreed to invite non-members this year to honor him for his many accomplishments.

The price for non-members is \$110 including service charge, tax, and valet parking. Festivities start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday May 2. Inquiries should be made to the Club at 410-539-6914 with Patti Boylan. ■

*Thank you to Dale Whitehead, ESB Executive Director for contributing this article.*

## Winding Down the Season

**Friday May 9 at 7:30 p.m.**



Atlantic Guitar Quartet  
Tickets are \$15 + a cash bar. Contact: [www.atlanticguitarquartet.com](http://www.atlanticguitarquartet.com)

**Friday May 16 at 8:00 p.m.**



The Life & Music of Maria Callas presented by the Baltimore Concert Opera.  
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## Fireball 2014 Success



Fireball 2014 was a great success. Co-chaired by Chris McCarthy, Jessica Souder, and Kurt Wallace, this year's event was a sellout occasion. It was decided that the event would have a Caribbean Island theme which was seen throughout the evening included in the food, drinks and entertainment. The evening started off with the Marissa Muro Trio entertaining the guests while hors d'oeuvres were being served. Following the Trio was the band, the Klassix sponsored by United Energy Products. The band created a fun and upbeat atmosphere in the Ballroom. Some of the unique foods served in keeping with the Caribbean theme were tropical-island-style-pork, jerk-chicken Caesar salad, and Malibu shrimp. Guests were able to take home a photo from our photo booth provided by Gravity 180 and sponsored by Compliance Environmental. Fireball 2014 was able to raise **\$55,000** for the Endowment Fund and its mission.

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## Willard Hackerman

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## Annual Golf Outing Monday, August 18th

The Engineers Club and the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund will hold their Ninth Annual Joint Board of Directors Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Maryland.

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