



THE HERITAGE

100 years later...

The Garrett-Jacobs Heritage Continues

Do you remember when the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion was the home of the Engineering Society of Baltimore, a private organization composed mostly of men? It was private and exclusive, alright. Now it's more inviting in remarkable ways to folks who are not Engineers Club members. Oh, the Engineering Society and affiliate societies are there; however, this majestic Mansion is home also to Baltimore Concert Opera, Concert Artists of Baltimore, and the Atlantic Guitar Quartet as artists-in-residence. There are Wurlitzer organ concerts, silent movie series with live organ accompaniment, and lecture series which are open to the public for the cost of a ticket. There is the Crush dinner and wine-tasting every autumn that draws a gathering. The annual Fireball is an elegant evening of sampling fine foods and decadent drinks while dancing to live music



West Park Fountain, Robert Garrett's, gift

where formal attire is required. It is the event of the year and much in keeping with Mrs. Garrett's formal dinners and parties. However, entertainment in her home took many forms. "There were teas, luncheons, lectures, magic shows, tableaux, charades, some dancing and vaudeville shows for children. Some of the best talent in the country made its appearance in Baltimore under her patronage, and she sponsored many performances for charitable benefits, a number of which were held in her home." (Dehler 14).

Mrs. Jacobs, as she was known after her marriage to Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, was very conscious of her community. "During World War I she lent the 'Supper Room' to the Red Cross, where Chapter 1 of the Colonial Dames of America met regularly to roll bandages." (Dehler 16) "She had

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Heritage Dinner

Friday, April 24
A Downton Abby Theme
Black-tie Affair
6:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres
& hosted cocktails
7:00 p.m. Dinner
Cost: \$121.00 (inclusive)

Valet Parking in Front of the Mansion

The Downton Abby Dinner Menu

Passed Appetizers
Canapes l'Admiral
Oysters a la Russe
Asparagus
Feuilletés
Beef Tenderloin
on Brioche with
Béarnaise and
Horseradish cream
Lamb chop with
Mint Sauce

First Course
Cream of Barley
Soup

Second Course
Endive & Fresh
Fennel salad with
toasted Walnuts,
mandarin oranges,
raisins, and finished
with orange
vinaigrette

Third Course
Fresh Halibut
stuffed with Lump
Crab and topped
with Mousseline
sauce.

Fourth Course
Venison Tenderloin
with Madeira Green
Peppercorn Sauce

Fifth Course
Trio of Mini-
Chocolate Petit
Fours and Pistachio
Ice Cream

Cocktails and
dinner wines
are included and
inspired by classic
cuisine enjoyed in
Britain's peerage
class in the 1920's.
Theme appropriate
china and floral
arrangements.
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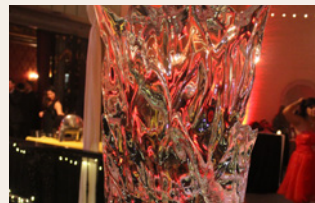
The mission of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund is to preserve and restore the Mansion as a National Historic Landmark and to share the history, architectural and civic legacy of the Mansion for the benefit and education of the public.

Another Success...
Fire Ball Follow-Up

First up, the Fire Ball held on Saturday, **February 21st** was sold out in early January. The event raised approximately **\$65,000**. The attendance was limited to 500 people. Despite the snow that evening, the majority were able to make the Ball including a representative from the Baltimore City Fire Department, Club staff, vendors, and band. The event theme was "Baltimore" featuring the Natty Bo logo, a beehive hair photo booth, Berger cookies, and local craft beers. ■



Chris McCarthy, Fire Ball Chairman and his wife



The Mansion is the Place to be...
Calendar of Events

Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3, 3:00 p.m.
Tickets \$25/\$35/\$45/\$65

Baltimore Concert Opera
presents



Lakmé
by Giuseppe Verdi

Pre-Concert Dining available. Set in British-occupied India in the late 19th century, Lakmé is the story of a British soldier who falls in love with the beautiful daughter of the local Brahmin high priest. Despite her warnings that he should forget he ever saw her, they continue to pursue their love, resulting in tragedy for both of them.

Members receive 15% off on the BCO website: baltimoreconcertopera.com. E-mail J at J@ESB.org for the discount code.

Sunday, May 17, 2:00 p.m.



Organ Concert
with Michael Britt

General Public tickets for all organ concerts are **\$8 Adults** and **\$4 Children** (ages 11 and under). Members of the Engineers Club & Friends of the Mansion are admitted free. Tickets are available at the Door. ■

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a great love for children, and often stopped on the street when going to and from her car to speak to them singly or in groups, whether rich or poor; and the parties that she gave for children were long remembered by those who attended them.” (Dehler 12). She was concerned with the affairs of her church, Grace & St. Peter’s Episcopal on Park Avenue. She “contributed an incredibly large amount to its budget.” (Dehler 17). Her greatest interest was in the choir which was composed of 32 boys and 18 adults. So where is this article going, you ask.

Today’s Garrett-Jacobs Mansion personifies events similar to those in Mrs. Garrett’s time. The Mansion’s active involvement in the community through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Baltimore, the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy, the Mount Vernon Belvedere Association, and the Mount Vernon Children’s Park helped these organizations further their missions. Both Robert Garrett and Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs kept a keen interest in Mount Vernon Place. Robert gave a gift of the West Park fountain. Dr. Jacobs wanted it free from commercialism. He appeared before the Board of Estimates at the City Hall. At that time, Baltimore had no zoning laws. Through his urging and influence, the first zoning Board was created in 1922 that prevented the Mansion’s use as a funeral home after his death. In a letter dated March, 2014, Susan B. Warren of the Mt. Vernon Children’s Park wrote the following: “The Engineers Club also contributed financially to the playground, making it possible to build our community’s first family recreation areas. In addition, the Club hosted our one major fund-raising event at which we were able to raise thousands of dollars



because of the Club’s generosity and commitment to the project.” As another illustration, Jason S. Curtis, President of the Mt. Vernon-Belvedere Association in a letter dated last March, “The Engineers Club has hosted fundraising events, holiday parties, and many meetings — all at reduced or no cost to the community. These events have helped us to build a dynamic, diverse, and connected neighborhood.”



Over the past three years, the Engineering Society and the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion have been lead supporters in the Mt. Vernon Place Conservancy and squares. In a letter from Faith C. Millspaugh of the Conservancy, she wrote “the squares have seen new life and vibrancy with improved turf, flowerbeds, conveniences, and park maintenance.” She also wrote, “The Endowment Fund assisted the MVP Conservancy by holding free meeting space in the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion for lectures and meetings.” It’s been a long hiatus from the years of Robert Garrett and Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs to today; nevertheless, the Mansion’s involvement in the community has returned in ways both gentlemen would have endorsed.

Baltimore Concert Opera, a small organization is an artist-in-residence that performs in the Grand Ballroom. The B.C.O. regularly sells out performances (eight per season). In a letter from Julia Cooke, Executive Director, she wrote, “The club generously allows us to invite our patrons to dine at the mansion prior to performances, a wonderful benefit for



non-members to be able to experience such grandeur and beauty.”

Although Mrs. Jacobs’ health and wealth were declining in her last years, she bequeathed the “Uplands home and one third of her residual estate (\$1,300,000) to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maryland to be used for a home for lonely church women.” (Dehler 19) In a letter dated November 25, 2013, Stephanie Archer –Smith, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc., wrote of her sincere gratitude for the Thanks for Giving Donor Reception held at the Mansion that November. She accepted as shared confirmation “that our elderly neighbors should remain at home as long as possible so that they may age in place with dignity.” Sounds something like Mrs. Jacobs, doesn’t it?



Richard Wm. Magnani summarizes it best in a letter dated March, 2014 to Dale Whitehead, ESB Director. In it, he wrote, “The ESBEF*, The Engineering Society and the Endowment Fund, each with different missions, all join together when it comes to public outreach, education, and creating opportunities and valuable experiences.”



*The Engineering Society of Baltimore Education Foundation supports talented Baltimore metropolitan area high school students wanting to become engineers with financial support.

Dehler, Katharine B. *Our Heritage*. 4th printing. Baltimore: Engineering Society of Baltimore for the Benefit of the Restoration Fund, 1993.

Special thanks to Dale Whitehead, ESB Executive Director, who furnished copies of the letters that were cited in this article. ■



Annual Golf Outing Monday, August 17th

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

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