



THE HERITAGE

Farewell to a Trustee... Robert Leach

"The progress made by the Endowment Fund under the leadership of Bob Leach both as President and Trustee would have been virtually impossible without his active involvement in all facets of the organization's work including the creation of the Master Plan for Restoration, the genesis of the annual Fire Ball Gala and the popular CRUSH at the Mansion Wine event. His dedication and leadership skills have been instrumental in many accomplishments over the past twenty years," Dale Whitehead, ESB Executive Director.

Robert Leach became a member of the Engineers Club nearly 30 years ago. After a year or so, he was elected to the Board of Directors advancing along the way to various Board officer positions becoming first Vice President in 1998 and President in 1999. In 1997, as Chairman of the House Committee he identified the building's major needs. The Committee began renovating the Dining Room, replacing the boilers, and building a new kitchen.

After finishing his term as President, he was persuaded to join the Board of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, a natural fit, for his demonstrated leadership ability, his engineering experience, and accomplishments. When Bob became



President, they revised the master plan to accomplish building improvements in phases. Through a combination of fundraising and borrowing, they were able to accomplish many of the improvements.

In Bob's own words, "I served as the Foundation's President for several years and had the honor of working with a number of truly dedicated people; more than half of whom were not Club members but volunteers. It was one of the most gratifying experiences in my career."

Chris McCarthy at Leach Wallace stated "I believe that Bob Leach's involvement as Past Club President, Foundation President, and a member of both Boards, has been instrumental to the current state of the Mansion and success of the Club. As President of the ESB, Bob improved the culinary experience by expanding

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The Mansion is the Place to be this Season and Every Season... Calendar of Events

Friday, November 4



The Crush
*"Celebrating
10 years of Crush
and Exploring
the 10 Best Wine Regions"*

See back page for dazzling details.

Friday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50 to \$71.50



**Baltimore Concert
Opera presents
Rigoletto**

By Giuseppe Verdi

Hubris and tragedy befall the hunch-backed court jester Rigoletto and his beautiful daughter Gilda. When Gilda falls for Rigoletto's master, the licentious Duke of Mantua, Rigoletto's anger leads him to dark and dangerous avenues. One of Verdi's masterworks, Rigoletto teaches that one can never escape a curse and one's own evil deed will always catch up. Before the performance, come early for a meal in the Engineers Club Dining Room (by reservation only). Then move upstairs to the Grand Ballroom for an expert lecture on the great operatic work to follow

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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.

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and renovating the Kitchen, subsequent Courtyard enclosure, and ESB staff. The Club has grown into a top wedding venue. As funds for improvements are continually needed, Bob founded the Boiler Blast which is now the current Fireball and the Crush. Bob and Cliff Wallace, who were the original chairs, 'volunteered' for me to take over the Fireball."

GJMEF Trustee and Past President Bruce Votta stated, "Bob has served on the GJMEF Board for many years and several terms as President during difficult and challenging

times. Years ago, I followed Bob into the ASHRAE, the ESB and then the GJMEF Boards. Bob always moved on from the Boards following significant progress and improvements. Bob leaves the GJMEF Board near the peak of the Foundation's success."

Bob steps down from being President of Leach Wallace Associates reducing his working hours. He will spend much of his year living in Florida, but will still enjoy working on the Crush and helping out. He will be missed. ■

Another Success...

The 11th Annual Joint Board of Directors Golf Outing

This year's tournament was another sold-out field of **136** golfers comprised of members of the Engineers Club, Friends of the Mansion, and their guests who raised over **\$36,000** for the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund this year.

As golfers arrived at the Country Club of Maryland to register, they received a sleeve of Titleist Pro VI golf balls (sponsored by Whiting-Turner Contracting Company) on their golf carts and an Engineers Club embossed "ePadfolio" (a portfolio designed for computer tablets) at check-in. They enjoyed lunch (sponsored by Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP), some time to practice on the Driving Range (sponsored by Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani) and \$100 shopping spree in the Titleist-Footjoy Golf Tent. After their rounds, the golfers gathered at the Clubhouse Tent for a drink at the bar (sponsored by Leach Wallace) followed by a classic dinner.

At dinner, awards and appreciation were given to all of our sponsors including Advanced Thermal Solutions, Ames & Gough, Ariosa Co., Century Engineering, Constellation, EMJAY Engineering, F.C. Clifford, Forecast Advisors, Hudak's Insulation, Inc. Kimball Construction, J.K. Mechanical, James Posey Associates, Inc., Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Johnson



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Mark your calendar for next year on **Monday, July 24**. Havtech has agreed to be next year's Title Sponsor.



Thought you'd like to know the Engineers Club has a reciprocal arrangement with the **Country Club of Maryland** for charging privileges. ■

A New Trustee but Not New to the GJMEF... Bernadette Low, Ph.D.

"Bernadette is the person to whom we look to supply us with a historical perspective on the Garretts and their times. I am confident that she will enrich the Board's deliberations with her knowledge."

*Carl E. Eastwick,
GJMEF President & Trustee*

It's a professional and natural fit that Bernadette Low should join the GJMEF Board of Trustees that began with her joining the Advisory Council four years ago as a member and its archivist, a fascinating yet consuming task. As her profession, she earned a doctorate in British literature at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She accepted a teaching position at the Community College of Baltimore in Dundalk where she remained for 37 years until her retirement. She is now Professor Emerita.

"While Baltimore never smelled of mesquite after a rain, it revealed many pleasant surprises including spring and fall," she stated. Dundalk and her students soon became her home and her people. She developed a course called "Baltimore City as Text." The course focused on exploring and describing the city. They visited neighborhoods and museums sometimes with the leadership of an expert. On a March Sunday afternoon, she met Kathleen Sander,

Ph.D. at a lecture sponsored jointly by the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion and the Maryland Historical Society. Kathleen mentioned the Board was looking for someone to research the evolution of the Garrett Mount Vernon home from upscale rowhouse to Mansion. And, so it began.



She found exploring to be the most rewarding. Documents at the Maryland Historical Society and the Baltimore Museum of Art proved most valuable. She published articles on Hopkins, Peabody, and John Work Garrett. She presented a small study of Mary Frick Garrett Jacobs, a Garrett she finds particularly fascinating at one of the Sunday lectures in the Mansion. Dr. Low has compiled an extensive bibliography on the Garretts.

On her personal life, Bernadette has been married to her husband, Bob for 38 years. They have three children. She became a grandmother in September. She loves yoga and learning about Baltimore. ■

Thought You'd Like to Know... The Mansion in the News

On Sunday, April 5, 2016, *The Baltimore Sun* featured an article in the Life & Travel section with an article entitled "EAT DANCE LOVE." Written by John-John William IV, he surveyed and priced some of the area's

top wedding venues. The Engineers Club was among them. He opened the article with WOW FACTOR. ■



WeddingWire Award for 2016

Having become the premiere source of wedding-related content and vendor reviews, WeddingWire is the go-to source for the modern-day discerning bride. With over 2.5 million business reviews, WeddingWire is in a unique position to offer unparalleled insight into the vast world of wedding and event vendors.

Their annual **Couple's Choice Award** recognizes the top 5% of local wedding professionals, specifically based on criteria such as quality, service, responsiveness, and

professionalism. What makes this accolade so highly coveted is the format used that recognizes a business based solely on the objective feedback from real customers.



Congratulations to a terrific staff that consistently delivers that extra work and effort to make The Engineers Club the best. ■

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Calendar of Events

(included in your ticket price).

Tickets: **\$27.50 to \$71.50**

For performance and dining reservations, visit baltimoreconcertopera.com or call **443-455-0226**.

Saturday, December, 10

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December, 11

Time: 3:00 p.m.



Concert Artists of Baltimore presents Christmas Cheer

Edward Polochick, Conductor, CAB Chorus, and Instrumentalists present their annual holiday tradition featuring cherished Christmas favorites and undiscovered gems, along with a champagne toast and carol singalong. Enjoy a pre-concert brunch at the Engineers Club. Must purchase concert ticket to attend the brunch.

Concert Tickets: \$30.00 - Brunch: \$45.00. For both tickets and brunch visit cabmusic.org or call **410-625-3525 Ext. 101**.

Sunday, December 18 – 2:00 p.m.



Silent Movie: Holiday Favorites & Sing-a-Long

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon for all ages as the Silent Movie Series continues with "Christmas at the Silent Movies – Holiday Shorts including "A Christmas Carol", "The Night Before Christmas," Santa vs. Cupid," "A Holiday Pageant," and "A Winter Straw Ride" ending with a Holiday Sing-a-Long led by Suzanne Blair, friend of the Club. James Harp, renowned organist and Artist-in-Residence provides fabulously atmospheric accompaniment on the newly-christened Magnani Wurlitzer Pipe Organ in the beautifully restored Ballroom.

Admission is **FREE to Club members**. Reservations are suggested. Why not enjoy the Sunday Brunch also.

Guests: **\$8.00 Adults, \$4.00 kids, 11 and under**. Admission includes a bag of popcorn. A Cash Bar will be available throughout the performance.

Call **410-539-6914** to make reservations. ■



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Save The Date...



The Fire Ball
Saturday
February, 20
\$195 per
person

Cost: \$95 per ticket. VIP admission is available with sponsorships. Valet Parking

This year's Crush is sure to please any wine lover. Our annual wine tasting and gourmet food event, that benefits the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, is a palate pleaser as well as a great fundraiser to keep this Baltimore historic building alive and vibrant. This year guests will sample the best wines from the last 10 years of Crush events.

The wines will be paired with gourmet food including BBQ lamb chops, beef tenderloin, seared scallops, and gazpacho with shrimp. All wines tasted at Crush 2016 will be available for order – priced at a discount. Orders will arrive in time for Thanksgiving and the holidays.

General Admission includes food, wine, an optional Wine Education Seminar entitled, "Can you taste the region?," led by sommelier Tim O'Hare. For tickets and sponsorship information, please contact **Nikki Evans** at Leach Wallace Associates, nevans@leachwallace.com or **410-579-8100**.



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(previous and current donations cumulative)

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- \$2,500 and above Bronze Level—Heritage Society
- \$1,000 and above Mansion Society Honor Roll

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