



# THE HERITAGE

## Then and Now... The Mansion's Third Floor

Ever wonder what's on the third floor? You know the floor above the meeting rooms and bride's room. A walk around the floor looks like a rabbit warren of rooms with metal door numbers on them. From a window, the third floor overlooks the Courtyard roof. There are closets from Mrs. Garrett's time and a few fireplaces. There are business tenants there now whose offices look at the park below and the Washington Monument. With Dale Whitehead's facts about the early years of the third floor, let's start at the beginning. . . .

While Mrs. Garrett made the Mansion her home, the third floor looked and was used quite differently from today. Excerpted from *Our Heritage* by Katherine B. Dehler, "On the third floor, an extremely large bedroom with an adjoining bath in which there was a fireplace and also a guest apartment, consisting of a bedroom, sitting room, and bath overlooking Mt. Vernon Place. Totally detached from these guest quarters are twelve servants' rooms,



*Tiffany Dome skylight at the top of the Stanford White designed spiral staircase. The third floor private tenant space is not open to the public.*

some of which are double, which made it possible to house sixteen members of the staff of twenty or more who were engaged to run this palatial home."

The third floor had fallen into disrepair after the home was sold at auction. It became a storage area of sorts. In the late 1990s, the Walters Museum was looking to increase its staff and a proposal was brought forth to create a doorway between #5 West (the Museum office) and the third floor of the Mansion. A deal was struck and the Museum paid \$150,000 for renovation

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## The Heritage Dinner



**Friday, May 19th  
Black Tie**

**6:00 p.m. Hor d'oeuvres  
& Hosted Cocktails**

**7:00 p.m. dinner**

**Price: \$95 (+gratuity & tax)**

*Valet Parking in Front of the Mansion.*

Members who make a **\$500+** donation to the GJMEF the night of the Heritage Dinner will have two of their meals complimentary that evening by The Engineers Club.

*Here is Chef Koven's  
Five Course Menu:*

### **First Course**

Honey Balsamic Glazed Lamb Chops  
with Rosemary Polenta

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of much of the space with the addition of modern wiring and climate control. The area in the original #11 house has not been updated; however, the planned elevator access may result in this area being brought up to modern standards as well. After occupying the space for less than six years, the Museum turned the space back to the Club and sealed the doorway.

Since that time, the third floor front offices have been leased to tenants who now consist of entirely non-profit institutions including the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Baltimore**, **The Baltimore Concert Opera**, **The Baltimore Chamber Orchestra**, and **The Mount Vernon Place Conservancy**.

In talking with the tenants, thought you'd like to know what a few tenants say about their office space. **Anna Brinkley**, the Assistant Manager of Development, Management, and Programming for the **Mt. Vernon Place Conservancy** that manages the Washington Monument and the Mount Vernon Place park squares wrote, "which is why we love our offices at the Engineers Club. We've been here since September 2016, and we love being able to just look out our window to see this beautiful site that we're charged with managing, restoring, and maintaining.



**Y'landa Simmons, Vice President of Research and Development** with the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore** expressed: "Since 2007, Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore have had the pleasure of being tenants in the Engineers Club. Our experience has been nothing short of wonderful which is largely due to the administrative and wait/support staff. They have always been professional, pleasant, and extremely helpful." Ms. Simmons added, "The Engineers Club's location is also an important factor. It is central to the eight Boys & Girls Clubs that we currently operate throughout the City of Baltimore. We look forward to continuing our residency here and our relationship with the Club's Administration."

**Matt Death, Vice-President of Corporate and Business Affairs** for the **Boys and Girls Clubs** gave a walk-around tour of the third floor. While being interviewed in his office, he talked about their annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Engineers Club where 80-100 kids enjoyed making gingerbread houses, listened to a caroler and story-telling, ate dinner, and each child left with a present. Sounds much like one of Mrs. Garrett's Christmas parties for Baltimore's newsboys, doesn't it?

**Dale Whitehead, Executive Director of the Engineers Club** is especially pleased to house all of these institutions at below market rents to support their missions. ■



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

Concert Artists of Baltimore presents



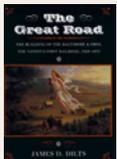
“Schubertiade”  
by Franz Schubert

Sunday, April 23rd  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

In the early 19th century, composer Franz Schubert appeared in concerts of his music at intimate gatherings for family and friends in private households. Travel back in time with soprano **Sarah Berger** joined by CAB instrumentalists for a spectacular afternoon in the magic of Schubert.

For tickets visit [cabmusic.org](http://cabmusic.org) or call 410-625-3525.

*The Docent Tour/Lecture Series has been informative, fascinating, and well-attended thus far. Come back for another tour/lecture.*



Sunday, April 30th  
Time: 1:00 Docent Tour  
2:00 Lecture

“Comparing Robert Garrett’s Homes with His Contemporary Industrialists”

By James Dilts

This lecture is the last one of the three-lecture series this year. Mr. Dilts is drawing on his new book, The World the Trains Made: A Century of Great Railroad Architecture in the United States and Canada.

Tickets: \$15.00 inclusive. Free Valet Parking

Prior to the tour and lecture, you are invited to an elegant Champagne Brunch at the Mansion \$40.00 per person all inclusive.

To register and brunch reservations, telephone **Patti** at 410-539-6914.

## Another Success... The Fire Ball

Held Saturday February 18th, the Annual, long-tradition Fire Ball had 457 attendees, a sell-out. This fundraiser exceeded a \$60,000 net profit for the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund. The Ball was co-chaired by Chris McCarthy, Jessica Souder, Tammy Baczynski, and Kurt Wallace. It was decided that the event would have a Candyland theme which was vibrantly interpreted by this year’s decor sponsor, Prestigious Occasions. This year’s menu and custom drinks also contributed to the theme with such specialties as Gumdrop Martini, Rainbow-Rita, Following the Marissa Muro Trio was the band Klassix. The Band created a fun and upbeat atmosphere in the Ballroom. Guests took home some fun photos taken at Gravity 180’s photo booth.

Thanks to all the sponsors. They were: **Evapco** – Main Bar, **N.H. Yates & Co.** – Specialty Drinks Bar, **Emjay-Courtyard Bar**, **Siemens** – Sushi Bar, **Havtech** – Patron Bar, **ATS** - Beer Bar, **Southern Mech** – Bourbon Bar,

**Trane - Rum Bar**, **United Energy Products** - Entertainment, **Asbestos Specialists** – Lower Level Bar, **Compliance Environment** - Photo Booth, **Chesapeake Systems** – Raw Bar, **Hudak** – Lower-Level Bar, **Vietaulic** – Coffee Bar, and **Power Systems** – Party Bus.



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### Second Course

Potato, Parsnip, and Leek Soup, garnished with Jumbo Lump Crab.

### Third Course

Lobster, Avocado, Cucumber, Tomato Salad with Herb Lemon Vinaigrette

### Fourth Course

Peppered Beef Tenderloin with Port Wine Sauce and Bacon Onion Jam

### Fifth Course

Key Lime Pie Mousse

There will be wine pairings with the dinner courses and after-dinner whiskeys and cordials.

Reservations: Contact Patti at 410-539-6914 or [patti@esb.org](mailto:patti@esb.org) or J. Bitner for details. ■

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## Annual Golf Outing Monday, July 24th

The Engineers Club and the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion will hold their Twelfth Annual Joint Board of Directors Golf Outing at the Country Club of Maryland. Engineers Club members do enjoy reciprocal club privileges with the Country Club.

Contact **J Bitner** at **410-539-6914** for sponsorships, costs, and details.



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