

## A follow-up... The Heritage Room Restoration/Renovation

In addition to proceeding with the initial phases of conservation to arrest the ongoing deterioration of the 17th century wall tapestries and installing high-quality printed fabric reproductions, the Heritage Room Capital Project Committee has also identified associated component repairs and restoration tasks – to transform the original Garrett family dining room from it's somewhat tawdry appearance and "undefined role" to assuming an identity as one of the premier event/meeting/dining rooms available within the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion.

Some of the restoration work under consideration includes the following:

- Wood Flooring repairs, cleaning and resealing.
- Wall Paneling/millwork repairs, cleaning and restaining/sealing.
- Fireplace Mantel, Sideboard and Cabinetry cleaning and repairs.
- Repair, cleaning, restoration and replacement of missing brass door hardware and decorative glass panels.
- Removal of existing ceiling light fixtures and installation of new recessed dimmable lighting in conjunction with wood ceiling repairs and restoration.
- Wall sconce repair/restoration/ replacement.

- Removal of existing light switches, thermostat, electrical outlets and other devices and replacement with new inconspicuous recessed elements.
- Modification of window openings to the Conservatory for direct access and replacement of the non-historic window treatment with integrated doors/shutters.
- Replacement of table and chairs with appropriate period reproductions.
- Clean-up/relocation of books and miscellaneous items at window seat.

The Heritage Room Repairs and Restoration project are under consideration in conjunction with the future plans to provide new restroom facilities, storage and an elevator in an adjacent addition as part of a larger Capital Project. Stay tuned.

Submitted by: Frank E. Dittenhafer, FAIA Chair, GJMEF Heritage Room Capital Project Committee

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

#### Saturday November 8th



The Crush

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Friday, November 21st at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.



Baltimore Concert Opera presents La Traviata

Sung in Italian with projected English titles.

A pre-performance lecture will be given half an hour before each performance.

Celebrate this holiday season with a laugh and a cry in Verdi's masterpiece of the struggle between opulence and propriety. *La Traviata* is the story of ill-fated lovers Violetta and Alfredo, who meet and fall in love in high *continued on page 3* 





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## Another Success... The Ninth Annual Joint Board of Directors Golf Outing

Held on Monday, August 18th at the Country Club of Maryland Title Sponsored for the first time by **Critical Systems, LLC**, this year's golf outing



raised over \$34,000 for the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion. With a nearly soldout field of 119

golfers, the outing was comprised of members of the Engineers Club, Friends of the Mansion, and their guests. With temperatures in the low 80s and light breezes, it was a perfect day for golf.

As golfers registered at the County Club, they received a sleeve of Titlest Pro V1 golf balls (sponsored by The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company) and an Engineers Club travel coffee mug on their golf cart. They then enjoyed lunch, some time to practice on the Driving Range (sponsored by Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani) and a \$100 Shopping Spree in the Titlest-Footjoy Golf Tent). Many made their way to start the tournament with new golf balls, hats, golf shirts, and duffel bags in hand—some even had a new putter or wedge to use.

After their round, the players gathered in the Clubhouse Tent for a drink at the bar (sponsored by Leach Wallace) and then a classic dinner of steamed shrimp, grilled sirloin, and a build-your-own potato bar and salads followed by an ice cream sundae bar (sponsored by Havtech).

At dinner awards were given and thanks to all of our sponsors including: Advanced Thermal Solutions, Ariosa Co., Calvert Plumbing & Heating, Carrier Engineering, Corporation, Century Chesapeake Systems, Constellation Energy, Emjay Engineering, F.C. Clifford, James A. Quick, James Posey & Associates, Johnson Mirmirman &



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We thank all who contributed and volunteered their time.

Mark you calendars for **Monday**, August **17**, **2015**. Next year's tournament is sure to be sold out. Contact  $\underline{J@esb.org}$  to sign up for sponsorships and register your foursome.

Thank you to J Bitner at the ESB for this article



## A new GJMEF Trustee... James A. Durkay

"My early memories of Jim on the ESB's House Committee was the great job he did having the portraits of the GJM Family that were hanging on the wall at JHH and at the Maryland Historical Society photographed and printed on the canvas, framed, and hung in the Drawing Room. He was totally responsible for this project, as I recall."

Bruce Votta, President of the GJMEF

James Durkay provides government relations assistance to private and public sector clients. He is associated with Dawson & Associates, Inc., experts in water resources, natural resources management and environmental permitting, based in Washington, D.C. He was formerly associated with Gannett Fleming, Inc., an international planning, design, and construction and management firm based in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Clients have included State and local agencies, non-profits, and private sector businesses.

Prior to his retirement from Federal service, he served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, occupying managerial and executive positions with the Baltimore District, the North Atlantic Division, the Office of the Chief of Engineers, and Headquarters, Department of the Army. During his period of service with the Baltimore District, he managed the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program in portions of six states and the District of Columbia. He is a U.S. Army veteran who served from 1962 to 1965.

Jim was graduated from the Johns Hopkins University with bachelors' degrees in Chemistry and Civil Engineering and masters' degrees in Biochemistry and Environmental Engineering. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of American Military Engineers, and the JHU Society of Engineering Alumni. He is an elected board member of the Engineering Society of Baltimore (where he is Secretary of its Associate Society Council and chairs its House Committee), and now a Trustee of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, an elected officer of the Baltimore Post, SAME, and Secretary of the Baltimore



County Public School Systems' Career and Technology Education Advisory Council. He also served on the American Council of Engineering Companies' Federal Agency & Procurement Advocacy and Energy & Environment Committees. For the past ten years, he has been a docent at Evergreen, the historic house owned by the Johns Hopkins University. That house was the home of T. Harrison Garrett, Robert Garrett's younger brother. In Jim's own words regarding the Mansions, "Both houses, with their outstanding architecture and interior spaces, are widely enjoyed by people right here and right now." Finally, he is a founding member of Friends and Neighbors of the Schools, which supports his neighborhood Guilford Elementary/ Middle School.

He and his family have been residents of Guilford in Baltimore since sometime well into the last century. In his words, "There's no better place on earth to raise kids or roses."

Frank Dittenhafer, GJMEF Trustee and Chair of the Heritage Room Restoration/ Renovation, sums up Jim's contribution as its new Trustee with the following: "Jim's historical knowledge is extensive and his restoration expertise considerable regarding appropriate approaches to capital projects within the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion. His participation on the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees comes at an excellent time and will be invaluable as new repair/restoration initiative develop."

### **Calendar of Events**

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spirits, but are torn apart as a result of Alfredo's father's misconceptions and Alfredo's own stubbornness. Alfredo ultimately realizes his mistake too late, in one of opera's most moving scenes.

Tickets: \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, and \$25 For more information: 443-445-0226 or info@baltimoreconcertopera.com

Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m. Holiday Funtime at the Mansion & a Holiday Sing-a-Long

Tickets are \$8 Adults and \$4 Children Ages 11 & Under to the General Public Members of The Engineers Club & Friends of the Mansion Admitted Free

The event will end with an ebullient holiday sing-a-long led by J. Austin Bitner.

Saturday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21 at 2:30 p.m.



The annual holiday tradition continues with sold-out performances featuring both classical and lighter arrangements of seasonal favorites presented by singers and instrumentalists of CAB's larger ensembles. Gather around the Christmas tree afterwards for a singalong and champagne toast. Reserve a place at the optional buffet brunch before the concerts—a seasonal outing for the entire family!

For Ticket Information: 410-625-3525 or cabmusic.org.

Stayed Tuned... The Lecture Series (starting next winter)



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