THE GARRETT-JACOBS MANSION ENDOWMENT FUND 11 West Mount Vernon Place | Baltimore, Maryland 21201

GJMEF Newsletter | Autumn/Holiday 2015



It's Not Too Late To Donate... The Capital Campaign

<u>The Plan</u>

In partnership with the Engineers Club of Baltimore, the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund has made amazing progress over the past ten years with a multitude of small and large preservation and restoration projects within our majestic mansion home. This is your opportunity to participate in a new capital campaign to continue implementation of the Master Plan. The Plan includes restoration of the Marble Hall, the final phase of the Ballroom restoration, and the addition of a new structure to the west providing elevator access to all floors along with modern ADA compliant restrooms and meeting spaces. The two major capital campaigns since 2005 have resulted in over \$3 million for capital projects with 100% of the fund raising going specifically to direct costs of the work.

The Funds

The GJMEF is a charitable 501c3 organization under the IRS code that makes it possible for supporters to make contributions with tax deductibility to the extent allowed by law.

The Catch

The current campaign now has pledges of just under **\$1.6 million**; however, another





\$600,000 needs to be raised to give the green light to the new construction project. The goal is to submit for permits in September and a start date of March 1, 2016 for construction.

We Need Your Help

Please consider making a pledge using the card on the back of this newsletter so we can reach our goal. Why not join in the success of our campaign and get a charitable tax deduction!

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

Friday, November 6



The Crush "Nothing But Napa"

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 Die Fledermaus (The Bat)

With music by the "Waltz King," Johann Strauss, Jr., this operetta begins with a New Year's Eve party gone awry in which no one is quite what he or she seems to be. Presented in English.

Members receive **10% off** on the BCO website **baltimoreconcertopera.com**. E-mail J at <u>J@ESB.org</u> for the discount code.



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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.

Docent Training Program

The Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund is formalizing a Docent Training program to train volunteers to give tours of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion to the public. At docent training classes in September and October, those interested in joining the docent cadre had the opportunity to learn from experts about the Mansion's history, architecture, the Garretts, and of course, Dr. Jacobs. During November they will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the script and practice leading tours.

After the first training class on September 22nd, architect Walter Schamu led the group through the building, noting architectural details of importance, explaining styles, relating the existing details to the Mansion's two major architects, Stanford White and John Russell Pope. He pointed out the work of artisans like Louis Comfort Tiffany who provided the Mansion's appurtenances particularly the windows. At the second class on October 7th, historians Kathleen



Sander and Bernadette Low explained what their research uncovered about the Garretts and the ways in which they used the Mansion as a home and as a setting for lavish entertainments. Following the October session, a script is being created for docents' use and practice sessions will be scheduled to hone tour-giving skills.

Please contact **Dale Whitehead** at **410-539-6914** or <u>dale@esb.org</u> if you are interested in participating in future Docent Training sessions in 2016.

Another Success... The 10th Annual Join Board of Directors Golf Outing

This year's tournament was Sold Out with 32 foursomes (128 golfers) who all enjoyed lunch, plenty of refreshments on the course, ending with a Surf n' Turf Awards Dinner. In addition to \$100 worth of merchandise from the Titlest-Footjoy tent, each golfer received a sleeve of Whiting-Turner golf balls and an Engineers Club back-up battery power bank for charging mobile devices. Thanks to all the sponsors and golfers who helped raise over **\$35,000** this year. Here were the main sponsors:



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In addition, there were **32** companies and individuals who were sponsors.

Throughout Her Life and After It... The Ever Charitable Mary Frick Garrett Jacobs

To begin this article means starting at the end of Mary Frick Garrett Jacobs' life and her legacy. No more preferable place to start is an excerpt from her lengthy will made in February, 1935 that began with this statement:

"Ever since the beginning of the financial depression which has existed since the fall of 1929, I have made a new will each year endeavoring to adjust to the constantly declining value of my estate, my bequests to the many charities in which I have always been interested and always hoped to embody in any will made by me." (Dehler 19) She went on to state that she had to abandon almost all of her charities. She felt obliged to considerably reduce even the amounts she could give to those she loved which included her husband, her family, friends, and household. However, since 1896 there were two charities that remained in every will, namely The Uplands Home for Churchwomen and The Robert Garrett Hospital for Children.

Her Last Years

"In 1921, Mrs. Jacobs suffered a severe illness and developed a heart condition which caused her physician to order curtailment of her activities." (Dehler 18) For the last 18 years of her life she became dependent on a wheel chair from time to time. Always the devout Christian lady, she "held fortnightly Bible classes in her home for a group of her friends." (Dehler 19). "Gradually life closed in around her, and while in Baltimore she spent more and more time in one room of her vast mansion." (Dehler 19). "In the summer of 1936, she made her usual trip to Newport and there, on October twentieth, died at the age of eighty-five." (Dehler 19)

At Her Death

At the time of her death, her estate was estimated at over \$3,500,000. From accounts, she maintained her compassionate and keen mind for charitable details. She established The Robert Garrett Hospital for Children in 1880 in honor of her first husband. According to a <u>Baltimore Sun</u> article dated 11/11/1936, "The hospital, under the general supervision of Dr. G.E.



Bennett maintains tuberculosis, surgical, nose and throat, ear and eye, skin, dental and orthopedic clinics." The same article stated, "A year before her death, the Hospital treated 10,725 dispensary patients" In the same Baltimore Sun article, the second major charity was provided a sum estimated at \$1 million for transforming her home, Uplands, in Baltimore city into "a home for lonely churchwomen unable to provide in whole or part for their own maintenance and support." Then there was Grace and St. Peter's Church, her church on Park Avenue. She left the vestry \$200,00; the income to be used for maintenance "provided that its services are in conformity with those ordered by the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church and provided the church is continued at the corner of Park avenue and Monument street." (Baltimore Sun, 1936). In case you're wondering, "Dr. Jacobs was left 11 West Mt. Vernon Place and Whiteholme at Newport together with their contents, and an annuity of \$100,000." (Dehler 20). There is not enough to space here to write about her sizable and broad charitable donations over her lifetime, which of course, was her private art collection to the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Her Employees

An interesting and endearing twist to Baltimore society's grand dame was what she bequeathed to her loyal employees who she held dear. At the top of the list is J. Alexander Johnson, her secretary who received \$25,000. In his words, "Albeit she was a perfectionist who demanded the best, she was fair and kind and their relationship was one of friend to friend rather than employer to employee." (Dehler 18). According to the same <u>Baltimore Sun</u> article, \$4,000 each went to Joseph Grieser, a butler and Amelia Fruth, a maid. A housekeeper, Miss McCully received \$750 and George Morrison, a gardener received \$5,000. The least amount was \$250 to a George Morrison, Jr. There were more recipients, but the reader gets the meaning.

Under the stewardship of the Engineers Club of Baltimore and the restorations provided chiefly by the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, her beloved Mansion now a historic landmark, stands as a lasting tribute to her. There is life, real life in her Mansion and how she would have enjoyed it today.

Sources:

Dehler, Katharine B. <u>Our Heritage</u>, Baltimore: Engineering Society of Baltimore for the Benefit of the Restoration Fund, 1993 "Mrs. Jacobs Gives Hospital Bequest."

Baltimore Sun 11 Nov. 1936

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Saturday, December, 19 Time: 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December, 20 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Concert Artists of Baltimore presents *Christmas Cheer*

This annual Christmas concert is always a sell-out. Vocalists, instrumentalists, and the audience join together to enjoy holiday music from around the world. A treelighting, champagne toast, and a rousing sing-along follow the concert.

For tickets visit <u>cabmusic.org</u> or call **410-625-3525**.

Save The Date...



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

Friday November 6, 2015 The Crush "Nothing But Napa"

6:30 VIP Wine Tasting | 7:30 General Tasting | Cost: \$95.00 per ticket

The evening will transport your taste buds to California comprised of wines exclusively from the Napa Valley and a gourmet menu inspired by California. And when we say gourmet, think Oyster Oscar, BBQ Lamb Chops, Beef Tenderloin, and Black Grouper. All wines tasted at Crush 2015 will

be available for order—priced at a discount and will arrive in time for Thanksgiving and the holidays. General Admission includes food, wine, an optional Napa Valley Wine Education Seminar led by certified sommelier Tim O'Hare, and valet parking. VIP Admission is available with sponsorships. All proceeds will benefit the GJMEF.

For tickets and sponsorship information, please contact Nikki Evans at Leach/Wallace Associates, nevans@leachwallace or 420-579-8100.



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(previous and current donations cumulative) \$100,000 & UP- Diamond Level-Stanford White Society \$50,000 & Up- Platinum Level-John Russell Pope Society \$25,000 and above Gold Level-Marble Hall Society \$10,000 and above Silver Level-Tiffany Dome Society \$2500 and above Bronze Level-Heritage Society

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