



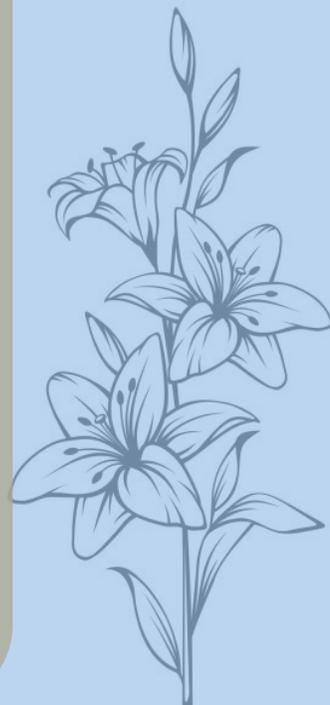
# Blair House Bulletin

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## JULY 2020

### ABOUT THIS MONTH

The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated."



### Key Staff

**Tammy Fleming**

Executive Director

**Teresa Johnson**

Life Enhancement  
Director

**Veronica Padgett**

Marketing and  
Sales Director



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Veronica Padgett is the Marketing and Sales Director for Blair House. She began her career working as an aide in her local nursing home. While working at the nursing home, Veronica attended classes at local community college. In 2015, Veronica relocated to Towson and transferred to Towson University. She graduated in 2017 with a B.S. in Healthcare Management. Veronica has worked in: group homes for the disabled, nursing homes, assisted living, Alzheimer's units, and more.

Per Veronica, "My favorite thing about my job is being able to walk into work and feel like I am home. There is an overwhelming feeling of love and happiness from all the residents and staff. I also love meeting new people and helping families to find a comfortable home for their loved ones in our community"

Veronica has 2 small dogs that she loves spending time with. She enjoys family, hiking in the woods, and all animals.



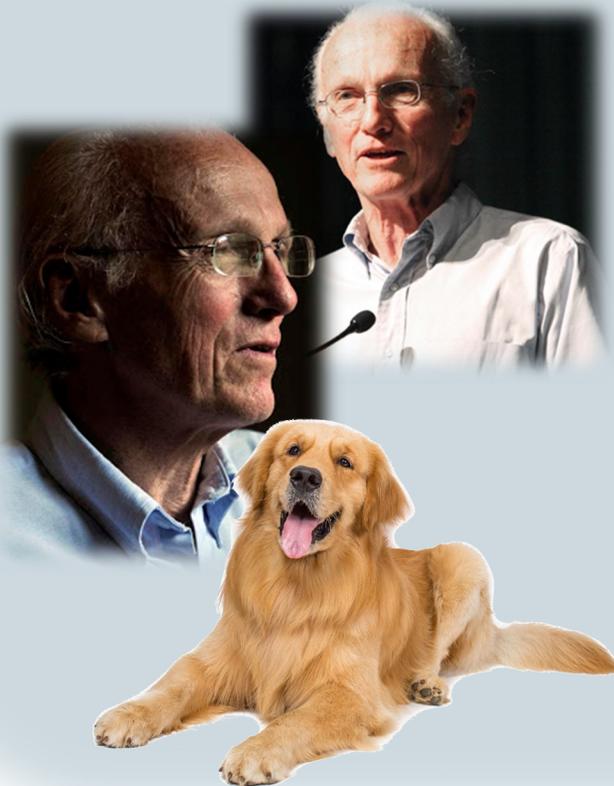
## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

John Charles Roemer was born June 26, 1938 in Baltimore, Maryland. His father headed Hutzler's food service, which previously was Maryland's largest restaurant chain. John received degrees in History and teaching from Princeton and Harvard. John was a History teacher for over thirty years in various Baltimore City schools. John was a tremendous activist for civil rights, equality, and justice.

Roemer was the Vice Chairman of CORE (the Congress of Racial Equality), a civil rights organization that focused on non-violence. John was involved in integrating Baltimore via major civil rights victories: restaurant integration in Carroll County (1962), the integration of Gwynn Oak Amusement Park (1963), and the integration of Ocean City Maryland (1963). John also was an anti-war protester during the Vietnam War in the early 70's.

John eloped with his high school sweetheart, Mary, on December 27, 1958. They had one son and one daughter together. John's life was captured in the documentary, Directing Dissent, which focuses on John's passion for civil rights.

*"Freedom of speech is not just about my right to say what's on my mind, it's about me defending your right to do that."* - John Roemer (2012)



## WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH?

The Maryland Department of Health listed these guidance for Outdoor Visits at Assisted Living Facilities. Outdoor visitation at assisted living facilities is allowable if:

1. Visitors and residents wear a face covering at all time.
2. Visitors and resident must maintain proper social distancing at all times.
3. There is NOT an ongoing outbreak at the facility.
4. Recommended no more than 2 visitors at a time per resident visit



**Genie and Clarence horticulture team**

Our wonderful Jackson



**Geraldine showing off her cool shades**



**Jackson enjoying the Courtyard**

## BIRTHDAYS



**Genie  
July  
17th**