

## **Dedication of the New Palm House Doors on Community Gardening Day May 27, 2015**

**May 27 was a very successful day at the Howard “Pete” Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park. The day started around 8:00 am with planting, watering and generally ‘digging in the dirt’ to beautify the Conservatory grounds. Seventeen annual garden beds were planted, mulched and watered. Volunteers came from the community, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, US Navy Reserve, Junior Air Force ROTC from Patterson High School, Baltimore Lab School, Biology/Environmental Science Students from Frederick Douglass, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Edgcombe Circle Elementary.**

**A delicious lunch of hot dogs and burgers was cooked and served by Garden Club members from Hughesville to Hampton and all across our state.**

**Next on the agenda was the Dedication of the New Palm House Doors. Among others, Dr. Nina Rawlings addressed the volunteers and garden club members. They reminded the group of the importance of maintaining such a beautiful gem. Volunteering will help strengthen the community as it brings us all together. Director of Baltimore City’s Department of Recreation and Parks, Ernest Burkeen Jr., thanked the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and past President, Jacquelyn Handley for making this her State project and raising over \$20,000.**