



ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE

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Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available for Women Winemakers of the Napa Valley At Paulsdale



Friday, May 29, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. the Alice Paul Institute will present *Women Winemakers of the Napa Valley*. The evening will include a wonderful selection of wines and a variety of gourmet appetizers and desserts. The evening's wine educator, Mary Cammarata, will present a variety of wines produced by women winemakers in California. The cost of this event is \$50.00/person. Please register by May 20th. on API's secure registration page at www.alicepaul.org, by email at info@alicepaul.org, or by phone at 856-231-1885.

Sponsorships for this event are available at the following levels: Wine Tasting Host - \$2,000, Benefactor - \$1,000, Patron - \$500, Connoisseur - \$250. For more information about sponsoring this event please email Rhonda DiMascio, API President, at rdimascio@alicepaul.org.

API Visits NJ High Schools for Women's History Month and Brings Leadership Training to Burlington Township 8th Grade Girls

This year, the New Jersey Secretary of State's Office, the New Jersey Historical Commission and the Alice Paul Institute joined together to celebrate Women's History month, reaching more than 400 students at Rosa Parks School for the Performing Arts in Paterson, and Lenape High School in Medford. For each school visit, Kris Myers, API's director of heritage and outreach gave a 45 minute presentation on Alice Paul with a question and answer segment. Each presentation was followed by an exciting panel of women who discussed their unique professions, why they chose their field, their obstacles and successes, and their advice for moving forward in a particular career path. Some of the women represented included a professor of art, an artistic director for a dance company, an historic architect, a television reporter, a lawyer, an assemblywoman, and a baykeeper. The students were thrilled to meet so many interesting

women and asked questions regarding their own career interests. The one theme that all the panelists spoke about was their passion for their work and their determination and commitment to their cause—just like Alice Paul!



Lead-A-Way

Sixteen 8th grade girls from Burlington Township Middle School at Springside attended API's ten week *Lead-A-Way* workshop held at their school. The workshop series uses role model women from American History to teach the girls twelve important skills needed to be a leader. Each role model woman achieved a significant goal in her lifetime that has in some way positively

impacted American society. The objective is to have the girls not only learn about the role models' achievements, but be able to articulate ways in which they too can apply the skills to their own lives. The success of the program was evident on April 2nd. when all sixteen girls participated in presentations about the role model women to the third grade classes at Fountain Woods Elementary School in Burlington. After imparting their new found knowledge, the girls worked with the third graders to complete activity books they had produced during the series.

The girls felt empowered by the program:
"This program helped me overcome my fear of public speaking. My friend noticed it when I did a presentation in English class and I wasn't nervous!" - Jillian
"The whole experience was a confidence booster" - Marissa
"The main lesson here is that we are all leaders and responsible for not only our own tomorrow, but those around us too. We all make a difference" - Tamara



Presentations



Spotlight on API Corporate Sponsor:

Duane Morris

The law firm of Duane Morris, a major supporter of the Alice Paul Institute, provides a full range of legal services to its clients across the U.S. and internationally through more than 700 lawyers in 25 offices. Unlike most other national firms, however, Duane Morris is a regional powerhouse, with three offices in NJ, in Cherry Hill, Princeton and Newark, and headquarters office in Philadelphia. The firm is also a leader in advancing women in the professions and in business: its Women's Initiative develops and sponsors programs to support women attorneys and to assist

women in business at all levels. For example, Duane Morris holds an annual multi-city clothing drive for Dress For Success, a program that helps low-income women enter the business world. To learn more, visit www.duanemorris.com.

Because Duane Morris believes in the crucial role of leadership training and development, it has long supported API's programs for girls and women, both financially and through volunteers and women attorneys who have served on API's board and committees. The firm is proud to continue its support once again as a Wine Tasting Host on May 29 at *Paulsdale*.

Save the Dates!

A Busy Season Begins at Paulsdale With a Variety of Events!

Gibson Girls & Suffragists—Saturday, May 16 1:00—2:30 p.m.: Hear Catherine Gourley discuss her new book, *Gibson Girls and Suffragists*. Written for girls ages 10 and up, this series explores how popular culture has portrayed women in the early twentieth century. Price: \$10/registration or \$35/book & registration

Yoga on the Porch—Sundays, May 17, June 21, July 12, August 16, and Sept. 13 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Join us for this five-part beginner yoga series taught by Dana Dabek-Milstein, API Director of Leadership Programs and Registered Yoga Teacher. This gentle series will introduce you to the basics of a yoga practice. No experience necessary! Price \$10, or \$45 for the full series.

Penning on the Porch—Friday, June 12 6:00-7:30 p.m.: Bring your journal and join us on the *Paulsdale* porch on this beautiful summer evening. This writer's workshop will encourage your own creativity in poetry and writing generated through free-writing in your own journal. Price: \$10 per person.

Ice Cream Social—Saturday, July 18 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Bring the family to see the premiere of the new 15-minute video, *The Life of Alice Paul*, and meet the producer, Kathryn Morrison. Afterwards, enjoy an old fashioned ice cream social on the *Paulsdale* porch. Price: \$5 per person.

Women's Equality Day—Wednesday, August 26 6:00-7:30 p.m.: August 26 is Women's Equality Day, the 89th Anniversary of women's right to vote! Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) will discuss her new book, *Rumors of our Progress have Been Greatly Exaggerated*. Price: \$10/registration or \$30/book & registration. **Register for all events at www.alicepaul.org or 856-231-1885.**

API Expands Staff

Over the years, API has been fortunate in that we have been successful in growing our staff to include an executive director, a director of heritage and outreach, a director of leadership programs, and an administrative director. Now, thanks to generous support from the New Jersey Cultural Trust, API is delighted to announce that we have been able to expand our staff and have hired Valerie Buickerood as API's new director of major gifts. The addition of this position is in line with the organization's strategic vision to help secure greater financial stability. API's administrative director for two years, Ms. Buickerood will now be responsible for growing the organization's individual gifts program and developing new corporate partnerships in the community.

Volunteer at the Alice Paul Institute

Do you want to be more involved in your community? Would you like to meet new people who share your interests and network? Volunteering at the Alice Paul Institute provides you with these opportunities—and so much more! There are many roles behind the scenes of an historic site that presents women's history programming and leadership development. Volunteering is a great way to share your time, your skills and your knowledge while also learning about the history and legacy of Alice Paul and her effect on gender equality issues that are still relevant today. Volunteers can serve as board members, participate on committees, work at special events, give tours to the public and school groups. To apply call API at 856-231-1885.

For information about program or event sponsorship please contact :

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Paulsdale is an ideal location to hold business retreats, meetings, workshops and parties. Recently, API hosted a workshop, **Presentation Skills for Business and Professional Woman**, and attracted 13 women from Philadelphia, Bucks County, and South Jersey to participate. The site was rented by Elementar Americas, Inc. of Mt. Laurel for its staff holiday party, and by the Association for Women in Accounting for a meeting. Keep us in mind for your next event!

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