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*"Mr. President,  
how long must  
women wait to  
get their liberty?  
Let us have  
the rights  
we deserve."  
-Alice Paul to  
President Wilson*

## Lead -A -Way Comes Full Circle

This fall marked API's first collaboration with Clearview Regional Middle School in Gloucester County, NJ. Through our *Lead-A-Way* workshop series, it also marked a passing of the torch from an API volunteer to her daughter. First piloted in 2000, *Lead-A-Way* has reached over a thousand girls in three counties, but for Barbara Beske this *Lead-A-Way* gave her the opportunity to share the program with her daughter Madison.



When Barbara joined the Alice Paul Leadership Committee she was 23 and teaching middle school math. She was introduced to API by her friend, a previous coworker and current API board member, Kim Moon. Barbara immediately felt inspired by all of the women she met. The work being done in the committee to educate 8th grade girls about women leaders and encourage them to be strong leaders themselves was the perfect combination of how she was feeling about being mentored by the women of API as well as her passion for inspiring 8th grade girls - and she was hooked. Working with such strong, civic minded, creative women was one of the things that Barbara looks back on that really changed how she saw the world and has effected many of the decisions she has since made. Choosing to run for her local school board was one decision that she attributes to her work with API and by the story of Alice herself.

Barbara remembers fondly the years of meetings with the curriculum committee going over the details of how *Lead-A-Way* would best be delivered. When the time came for the program to begin, Barbara was honored to be asked to be the first facilitator of the program. She went on to lead the program in schools all around South Jersey for many years. Her favorite memory of facilitating, of course, was seeing how the girls developed over the 10 week program, realizing that they had something important to share and that one person could make a difference.



Barbara at Girlblazers Camp

Barbara was overwhelmed to learn that this fall, as her daughter Madison was entering 8th grade, *Lead-A-Way* was being offered for the first time ever in Gloucester County and particularly at Clearview Middle School, where her daughter attends. A true full circle moment occurred when they found out that Madison was being invited to participate in the program that her mother helped develop before Madison was ever born.

At a young age, Madison knew *Paulsdale* was a special place for her mom and felt the same herself.

*(story continues on page 5)*

## API Today By Valerie Buickerood, API Executive Director



As I reflect on another year of heritage and girls' leadership programs and exciting events at the Alice Paul Institute (API), I'm grateful for all of the support we continue to receive from the community and from individuals around the country. The economic climate of the past few years had presented significant fundraising challenges for nonprofits. Individuals, foundations, government agencies and businesses are carefully choosing where they send their philanthropic dollars. We're happy to report that despite the challenges, **API supporters continue to show confidence in our programs through donations, memberships, grants and sponsorships.** Because of the generous support of so many of you, we were able to continue to run programs and serve students and girls throughout the region.

Additionally, we were able to develop and package curriculum for availability outside of South Jersey and *Paulsdale* remained a lively site hosting visitors for tours, programs and events.

2012 promises to be another successful year for API. We will be holding our annual meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at Moorestown Friends Meeting House, honoring individuals who "capture the spirit of Alice" at our 4<sup>th</sup> *Alice Paul Equality Awards* event in April, running our new *Alice Paul, CEO* speaker series, bringing Girls Advisory Council members to Washington D.C. to learn about lobbying for the ERA, and we'll continue planning for a new *Paulsdale* exhibit and tour. API will also introduce updated mission and vision statements and strategic plan at the start of the New Year. **I look forward to reporting throughout the year on all of these exciting initiatives and thanking you again at this time next year for your continued support of API. Please make your annual donation at [www.alicepaul.org](http://www.alicepaul.org) or send a check to API, P.O. Box 1376, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. We can't continue Alice's legacy without your help!**

### Join us for API's Annual Meeting January 15, 2012



Celebrate Alice Paul's birthday (at her Quaker Meetinghouse in Moorestown) and explore Jersey Girl culture with Barri Leiner Grant and Marie Moss, authors of *Jersey Girls: The Fierce & the Fabulous*. The book features a

brash mix of vintage and modern photographs, a tribute to Jersey girl fashion and "tawk," and a Jersey Girl Hall of Fame featuring one of our favorite Jersey Girls - Alice Paul.

The *Jersey Girls* book (hardcover edition) will be available for sale for \$20 at the event and on the API website at [http://www.alicepaul.org/gift\\_catalog.htm](http://www.alicepaul.org/gift_catalog.htm). You can take advantage of our special rate of \$25 for the book and admission to this event (a savings of \$5). Be sure to get your book to have signed by Marie and Barri after their presentation!

Also, join us afterwards to sing "Happy Birthday" to Alice Paul and enjoy cake and refreshments!

The API business meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m.. The public is invited to join us at this meeting before the 2:00 p.m. presentation.

### 2012 Alice Paul Equality Awards

In honor of Alice Paul's work and commitment to women's equality, the Alice Paul Institute (API) will be hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> *Alice Paul Equality Awards* dinner on April 26, 2012 at The Mansion in Voorhees.

The awards honor individuals who capture the "Spirit of Alice" and as a consequence, either directly or indirectly, continue Alice's mission of advancing women's equality in America. We hope that you will take this opportunity to consider supporting the Alice Paul Institute by attending the event or becoming an event sponsor.

**Look for our upcoming Honoree announcement in January!**

**For more information on how to purchase tickets or to learn about sponsorship opportunities please visit, [www.alicepaul.org](http://www.alicepaul.org), or contact Valerie Buickerood at [valerieb@alicepaul.org](mailto:valerieb@alicepaul.org).**



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2011 Alice Paul Equality  
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 Lee, Esq., N.J. Sen. Diane  
 Allen, Angela Snyder,  
 Lisa Kaado. Seated:  
 Lynn Elsenhans, Mindy  
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Group tours of  
 Paulsdale!



Girls Advisory  
 Council members  
 preparing for the  
 Holiday Open House  
 at Paulsdale!

## API Announces New Board Members



Julia Sailer is a highly regarded professional working in the not-for-profit arena for the last 20 years. Julia is well-versed in all aspects of management and leadership; her passion is staff and volunteer education and development. She holds a Masters Degree in Management & Organizational Leadership from Springfield College as well as a Human Resources Certification from Rutgers University. Her thesis on the *Differential Impacts of Training for Employees on Staff Retention and Customer Satisfaction* is a model for the development and coaching of part-time or seasonal staff in the human services industry. Sailer has worked for the YMCA as a professional director responsible for the alignment of human capital management, human services and mission driven organizations and systems. Her experiences included Marketing & Communications Director for the YMCA of Burlington & Camden Counties, Development & Marketing Director for YMCA Camp Ockanickon, Inc. and Senior Program Director for the YMCA of Philadelphia - Ambler Branch. She is currently a faculty trainer for the YMCA of the USA and an adjunct faculty member for Burlington County Community College. Julia's honors include the John Wanamaker Award for Outstanding Achievement as a YMCA professional and the Summer Dudley Award for Program Excellence both from the Association of YMCA Professionals, a peer group of YMCA professional staff. Sailer resides in Tabernacle with her husband and son.

Dr. Karen Archambault has been a passionate educator for more than a decade and currently serves as the Director of Student Services for the Branch Campus and Higher Education Centers for Brookdale Community College in New Jersey where she is charged with ensuring that students have a high quality educational experience while attending any of the college's regional locations. Prior to her current position, Dr. Archambault worked with a number of colleges and universities in admissions, student advisement, and program management, all in the Baltimore/Washington, DC area. Dr. Archambault received her Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Philosophy from Salisbury University (MD), her Master of Arts in History from Old Dominion University (VA), and her Master of Arts in Counseling from Trinity Washington University (DC) as well as a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Rowan University. Dr. Archambault speaks and writes on college student transfer, on leadership, and on student success. In addition to her full time position with Brookdale, Dr. Archambault teaches US History for Brookdale's history department and lives with her fiancé in Runnemede.



Long-time API supporter, volunteer and former board member Kim Moon of Haddonfield, NJ, has returned to the API Board of Trustees and three additional board members were voted onto API's board last month. Lori Shropshire of Mt. Laurel, Marie DeCicco, of Marlton; and Jose A. Hernandez, also a resident of Mt. Laurel. Please see our next newsletter for more information on these new board members.

## Lead-A-Way Comes Full Circle (continued from page 1)

She remembers helping her mom get materials ready for *Lead-A-Way* when she was little and when starting the program this fall, immediately recognized the purple folders with a few specifically placed stickers from years ago. Speaking of the program this fall, Madison says, "Learning about the traits really made me want to get better at them so I can be a strong leader."

One of Madison's favorite activities, which came of no surprise to Barbara, was making the Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich with her team using only their non-dominant hands. This activity, which illustrates the leadership trait of working cooperatively, has been a "hands down" favorite since the program began years ago. The final week of the program, when the 8th graders go to an elementary school and teach younger kids about leadership and the women leaders they learned about was also a special part of the program for Madison. As if it couldn't get any better, the school and classroom Madison presented to was the class of her sister Gabby in 5th grade.

Barbara continues as an API volunteer through our *Girlblazers Camp*, teaching our campers the fundamentals of tennis and spearheading an annual campaign to donate tennis rackets to participants. API hopes the *Lead-A-Way* program has inspired Madison to become a strong, active leader, just like her mom.

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## Calendar of Events

### January 2012

- 15 Annual Meeting at Moorestown Friends School  
Auditorium 1 to 2 p.m. Membership Meeting  
2 to 4 p.m. Program
- 24 Alice Paul, CEO Workshop: Best Year Ever!  
How to Set and Achieve Your Goals in 2012  
6 to 8 p.m.

### February 2012

- 23 Honoring Black History Month at Paulsdale  
6 to 8 p.m.

### March 2012

- Women's History Month  
(please check our website for future details!)
- 1 Alice Paul, CEO Workshop  
Evaluate, Plan, Love  
Financial Literacy for Women  
6 to 8 p.m.
- 10 Paulsdale Second Saturday Tours  
12 noon and 1 p.m.

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