

API's Year Gone By 2005



Future "Alice Pauls" at Washington Crossing State Park for New Jersey History Day. From left to right: Amy, Jean, Stephanie and Nora.

WINTER /SPRING

- API's Annual Meeting at Westfield Friends Meeting House featured Dr. Melissa Klapper's (Rowan University) presentation, *What Shall We Do With Our Daughters? The Education of American Girls During the Late Nineteenth Century*.
- 80 girls attended four G.O.L.D.'s (Girls Overnight Leadership Development) at *Paulsdale*
- 300 elementary school students visited *Paulsdale* for the "Meeting Alice" program and learned about famous New Jersey women and life on a farm when Alice Paul was a young girl
- 20 tours and slide presentations were given for a variety of adult groups including senior groups, graduate students, and educators
- 30 girls participated in Lead-A-Way, a ten-week leadership development program for eighth grade girls in Gloucester City and Burlington Township
- Eleven women from Azerbaijan visited *Paulsdale* in January to learn about API and its leadership program for girls.
- API hosted its first *Winter Wine Feast* fundraiser for thirty-five special guests at *Paulsdale* for a fine dining and wine-tasting experience.

- 250 guests attended *The Alice Paul Equality Awards Dinner* in honoring individuals who demonstrated a strong and long-standing commitment to advancing women's equality in New Jersey through advocacy, litigation, education, scholarship or artistic expression. Honorees included: Jennifer S. MacCleod Ph.D., Vivian Sanks King, Esq., Ruth B. Mandel, Ph.D., and the Honorable Sylvia B. Pressler
- 45 people attended a program co-sponsored by the Camden County Hadassah and API at the Jewish Community Center in Cherry Hill for two special presentations, *The Jewish Women's Movement in England and the United States* and *A Story That Must Be Told: Jewish Women and the Struggle for Equal Rights*
- Lucy Beard and Helen Simpkins, a former API board member and educational consultant, traveled to Claremont, California, to present the Berkshire Conference, *Women's History, Global Conversations*.
- Linda Lumsden, professor of journalism and women's studies at Western Kentucky University visited *Paulsdale* in June to discuss her book, *Inez, the Life and Times of Inez Milholland*.
- *Paulsdale's* first wedding took place on May 22 with the wedding of intern and volunteer Dana Dabek and fiancé Jason Milstien. Over 150 guests enjoyed the beautiful outdoor ceremony.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Frederick Douglass visit *Paulsdale* for Women's Equality Day 2005



SUMMER

- API and staff of the Sewell-Belmont House and Museum visited *Paulsdale*. The staff enjoyed a tour of *Paulsdale* and a lunch followed by a discussion of possible collaborative efforts for future events and projects
- API hosted the Kean College teacher's workshop for 30 educators as part of the *Teach American History* project funded by the United States Department of Education
- Program Director Lucienne Beard traveled to Azerbaijan in August to meet with some of the same Azerbaijani women who came to *Paulsdale* in January. Beard was invited by the International Visitors Council to participate in two conferences on women's issues and on education.
- API joined the National Women's History Project at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia "Women Win the Vote: 85 Years and Beyond" marking the 85th Anniversary of U.S. women's suffrage.
- API continued the Women's Equality Day celebration with an outdoor program at *Paulsdale* for 75 guests. Members of the Girls Advisory Council (GAC) hosted the day's events including the presentation, *Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Frederick Douglass: Beyond Race & Gender on the Road to the Vote* and a book-signing with several authors including Robert Cooney who recently published his photographic history, *Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement*.
- Over 150 people attended API's third annual *Paulsdale Palate* this September which supports API's educational programs and operations. This dining event featured fine restaurants from the South Jersey community, elegant music, a successful silent auction, and a wine tasting reception.

- In September, API received a Historic Preservation Award from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Historic Preservation Office and the New Jersey Historic Sites Council in recognition of its "superb rehabilitation of *Paulsdale*, a National Historic Landmark and Alice Paul's birthplace."
- The first meeting of *The Alice Factor*, a new group for women 18-35 took place this August following the *Paulsdale* Women's Equality celebration. This new group was formed to bring together a network of young women volunteers as community representatives and mentors for the Girls Advisory Council (ages 10-15).
- API representatives went to Swarthmore College in September for the dedication of the new dormitory, Alice Paul Hall, named after one of their most famous alumni.
- In October, the Girls Advisory Council (GAC) hosted *Celebrate Women*, a day-long celebration at *Paulsdale*. Girl Scouts enjoyed games and activities including crafts, games, tours, and took photos dressed as suffragists
- API received an award of commendation for the *Paulsdale* Rehabilitation Project from the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) in Pittsburgh
- API staff and volunteers presented a workshop for 90 educators on "Alice Paul and the Holocaust" and the "Equal Right Amendment" at the New Jersey Educators Association (NJEA) convention in Atlantic City
- Forty members and friends gathered around Alice Paul's graveside to remember the November 15 *Night of Terror*. The vigil included readings from firsthand accounts of the suffragists night of abuse while imprisoned at Occoquan Workhouse for picketing the White House.



May 2005-*Paulsdale* holds its first outdoor wedding