



“The Alice Paul Institute’s Year In Review 2004”

New API Initiatives & Exciting Happenings

- 50 sixth, seventh & eighth-grade girls have made history happen at *Paulsdale* at **G.O.L.D. —Girls Overnight Leadership Development program**. The overnight highlights the important role teamwork plays in effective leadership. Girls take a tour of *Paulsdale*, learn more about Alice Paul, watch movies in their sleeping bags, play team games and complete art projects and team activities. Girls are very enthusiastic about the sleepover, and it has become a popular program with local Girl Scout Troops and other clubs.
- 250 people attended the February reception at *Paulsdale* for **HBO’s screening of *Iron Jawed Angels***, the movie that chronicles Alice Paul’s pivotal role in the American suffrage movement. Since the movie’s release, API has received a record-breaking number of phone and e-mail inquiries about Paul and the women’s movement.
- 200 elementary schools students and teachers from Mount Laurel visited *Paulsdale* for ***Meeting Alice, API’s pilot program that introduces students to Alice Paul, as well as a host of other New Jersey women*** who have had a significant impact on life in the state and beyond. The two-hour program includes voting, a tour and a scavenger hunt, interviews and games to learn about these important women and their contributions. The *Meeting Alice* program is available as a school field trip, Girl Scout patch, birthday party or other children’s group visit.
- 15 children traveled back in time at API’s ***Hands On History: Summer Camp at Paulsdale***. During the week campers learned what it was like to live on a Mount Laurel farm in 1900 just as Alice did. They learned about architecture, participated in games, arts and crafts of the Victorian period and even picked blackberries.
- 25 educators and other professionals attended ***Women in New Jersey History: A Summer Teacher’s Workshop at Paulsdale***. Teachers discussed and shared resources on women’s suffrage in New Jersey, creating a heritage trail in your classroom, and best ways to integrate women’s history into their curriculum.
- 175 people attended API’s second annual ***Paulsdale Palate***, which supports API’s educational programs and operations. This dining event featured fine restaurants from the local South Jersey community, elegant music, a successful silent auction, and for the first time this year, a wine tasting reception.
- 20 children and their parents attended API’s first ***Children’s Fall Festival*** where Elizabeth Raum, author of the new children’s book, *American Lives: Alice Paul* led the children through writing activities and fall crafts.
- 40 Alice Paul members and friends gathered at Alice Paul’s graveside to remember the ***November 15, 1917 Night of Terror***. The vigil included readings from firsthand accounts of the suffragist’s night of abuse while imprisoned at Occoquan Workhouse for picketing the White House.
- 12 avid readers meet at *Paulsdale* each month in the **API Women’s History Book Group**. Some of the books they have read include *Nickel and Dimed* and *Madam President*.
- 8 enthusiastic girls from area middle schools have launched the **Girls Advisory Council** to support special events at *Paulsdale*; evaluate current programs and help to develop new ones; and help plan special women’s history initiatives for schools and here at *Paulsdale*.

On-Going Leadership and Heritage Activities



- Throughout the year, API sponsors **programs for the public** that highlight women's history. For **Women's History Month** in March, Carol Binkowski, co-author of *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable New Jersey Women*, discussed the state's rich legacy of accomplished women. At API's **Women's Equality Day** celebration in August, author, political commentator and news anchor Eleanor Clift talked about her career and her new book, *Founding Sister's and the 19th Amendment*, a look at Alice Paul and the suffrage movement. We rounded out the year with a September visit by Linda Hunt, author of *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Walk Across America*.
- Over the past year, *Paulsdale* saw hundreds of visitors, including school groups, senior and community groups and heritage travelers. API has developed a **Tour Guide Training Program** and trained a new group of guides who are eager to share their knowledge with more visitors. *Paulsdale* is now open for public tours on one Saturday and one Wednesday each month. *For a current schedule of tours, please visit our website.*
- Five years in the making and conceived in partnership between the Alice Paul Institute, the New Jersey State Preservation Office (NJSHPO), Preservation Partners and New Jersey State Senator Diane Allen, the **New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail publication is complete**. The guide includes brief descriptions of 94 historic sites related to the lives of New Jersey women. The publication is free and copies are available to the public.
- Since 1995, API has sponsored "**Alice Paul: New Jersey's Crusader for Equality**," a lecture and program for community groups, school classrooms throughout the state of New Jersey and the Delaware Valley. This year we conducted 12 presentations and created a PowerPoint presentation incorporating new pictures of Alice and the Paul family.
- In 2004 the *Alice Paul Leadership Program* served hundreds of girls in Gloucester, Burlington and Camden Counties through the one-day **Leadership: Share Your Voice workshop**; the ten-week workshop series, **Lead-A-Way; Next Steps: Girls & the College Adventure**, a new seminar led by college freshmen on navigating the college search process; and **Looking at Careers**, a round table with women who take a leading role in a New Jersey industry or organization.

Stewardship and Preservation of a National Historic Landmark

- The final phase of the **Paulsdale Rehabilitation Project is complete!** We have restored the wrap-around porch with decorative brackets and lattice and installed new porch lighting. The porch is a wonderful addition to the building and will be enjoyed by many visitors during the warm weather months.
- In fall 2004, the Mount Laurel Rotary eagerly took on the task of **preserving and maintaining the historic landscape of Paulsdale** as a local community project. Dead trees will be removed and overgrown areas will be cleared to recapture the historic look of the farmyard.
- As a means of supporting the maintenance and operations of the site, **Paulsdale continues to serve as a historic venue for birthday parties, luncheons, organization's meetings, educational workshops, special events and gatherings**. API's new site rental and fee policy allows individuals and groups to enjoy *Paulsdale's* space and beauty for their special occasions.

Visit www.alicepaul.org to learn more about exciting events planned for API in 2005

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