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Alice Paul Equality Awards 2008

"I truly believe this was the most wonderful dinner the API has ever had!"

- Camille Andrews, Candidate for 2008 U.S. House of Representatives to represent NJ 1st Congressional District



Camille Andrews and co-chair, Congressman Robert E. Andrews

On April 30, 2008, over 200 people gathered to celebrate the life and achievements of five outstanding women, as the Alice Paul Institute held its second triennial *Alice Paul Equality Awards*.

The evening was highlighted by congratulatory remarks from Congressman Robert Andrews, honorary co-chair with Senator Diane Allen of the event, and inspiring words from Jean Cornell, tenth grade student from Marlton, NJ and API Girls Advisory Council Representative. Most notable were the stirring speeches of the 2008 honorees:

Kirsten S. Branigan, Esq.,

a lawyer in private practice in Nutley, NJ who has been instrumental in revitalizing the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, of which she is currently President.

Jeanne M. Fox, Esq., who has demonstrated her commitment to women's equality through her lifelong mentoring, advocacy, promotion, and support of women in such positions as President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, member of the Governor's Cabinet, and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scout Council of Delaware-Raritan.

Roberta W. Francis, former Director of the New Jersey Division on Women and former chair of the ERA Task Force who co-produced the only existing video on the ERA, "The Equal Rights Amendment: Unfinished Business for the Constitution."

Lendel G. Jones, Director of Government Affairs for American Water's National Headquarters in Voorhees, NJ, a champion for women in her industry.

Ferris Olin, Ph.D., a professor and Director of the Institute for Women and Art at Rutgers University and a leading advocate for women's equality in the arts, particularly as Curator of the Mary H. Dana Women Artist Series at the Douglass Library.

The event was a great success both as a fundraiser and as a celebration of women throughout New Jersey who are helping to carry on the legacy of Alice Stokes Paul. More than \$17,000 was raised, which will help fund the Alice Paul Institute's leadership programs and initiatives for girls in New Jersey.

API extends its thanks to all of the sponsors who made this event possible:

Capmark Finance, Inc. (event sponsor); Duane Morris, LLP (gold level sponsor); Congressman Rob Andrews (silver level sponsor); American Water, Cozen O'Connor, Law Office of Kirsten Scheurer Branigan, McDonald Law Group, New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey (bronze level sponsors); Amper, Politziner & Mattia, PC, The Costume Gallery; Drinker, Biddle & Reath, LLP (benefactors); Holman Automotive, PNC Bank, and The Career Wardrobe (supporters).



Above: Jean Cornell; to the left (2008 Alice Paul Equality Award Honorees): left to right: Jeanne M. Fox, Esq., Roberta W. Francis, Lendel G. Jones, Kirsten S. Branigan, Esq., Ferris Olin, Ph.D.



Alice Paul Institute

The Alice Paul Institute (API) is a non-profit 501c(3) organization based in Mt. Laurel, NJ. API educates the public about the life and work of Alice Paul and continues that work by educating and empowering women and girls from all segments of society to take leadership roles in their schools and communities.

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Bill Awards Congressional Gold Medal in Recognition of Alice Paul's Role in Advancing Women's Rights

On May 15, the House of Representatives approved legislation introduced by Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Alice Paul in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women. The Alice Paul Women's Suffrage Congressional Gold Medal Act, H.R. 406, was approved by a 412 - 1 vote.

CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT

American Water, our Community Partner headquartered in Voorhees, NJ, has been providing water and wastewater services for 121 years. Today the company proudly serves more than 15.6 million people in 32 U.S. states and Ontario, Canada. In the past several years American Water has received more than 150 awards for superior water quality from state regulators, industry organizations, individual communities, and government and environmental agencies. Although its reach is national, American Water has long been a strong and supportive member of the South Jersey community.

API is grateful for American Water's in-kind donations in past years, as well as its role as a sponsor of the recent Alice Paul Equality Awards (see related story) and looks forward to future collaborations to help develop young women leaders and preserve the legacy of Alice Paul.

Alice Paul Leaders Circle Event



Friday, June 27, 2008
10:30-12:30 p.m.



Hosted by the young women of API's summer camp, Girlblazers

The Alice Paul Institute invites you to join us as we launch the 2008 *Alice Paul Leaders Circle* Campaign. Come to camp and meet with *Alice Paul Leaders Circle* members, API Board members and staff, campers and counselors and other friends of the organization as we celebrate the final day of camp.

Learn about one of API's newest and most exciting programs for young women; come at 10:30 for breakfast and/or have lunch at 12:30 with the campers on the porch at *Paulsdale* as they present their final projects.

R.S.V.P. by June 23, 2008. Please direct questions to Rhonda DiMascio, President, at (856) 231-1885 or rdima_cio@alicepaul.org. Visit www.alicepaul.org for more information

Launched in June 2004, the APLC was formed in response to a challenge gift offered by API Board of Trustees Chair to find 15 individuals who would each give \$1,000 or more. As of 2007, the APLC has 42 members who have donated more than \$100,000.

Program Sponsors and Volunteers Needed: Join the Team!



There are numerous opportunities available for you and your company at the Alice Paul Institute. Volunteers help at special events, participate on committees, serve on the Board and its committees and also support educational programs and events through sponsorship. **To get involved or obtain a list of sponsorship opportunities, please call 856-231-1885 for more information.**

Alice Paul Institute Wish List



Label Maker
Ceramic Heaters
Video Camera (w DVD)
Color laser printer
Digital camera
Bookcases/tables (for gift shop)
Cash Register (for gift shop)
Gift certificates -
Staples, Target, Home Depot, etc.
Stamps
(we have a lot of mailings every month!)
Coffee Carafes

If you have purchased items for the API office, please call us at 856-231-1885 or info@alicepaul.org.

API thrives due to the support of our members and friends.

We appreciate your support.