2020: CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Director's Note

The 2020 centennial of women’s suffrage is finally here, and the Alice Paul Institute is involved in commemorations at the national, state and local level. It’s only fitting, as Alice Paul seems to be everywhere these days. Here are a few highlights:

- Alice Paul’s profile in bronze is now a piece of public art inside a refurbished antique call box on a Washington, D.C. street.
- She is the central character in more than a dozen plays being produced, and an upcoming American Experience show on PBS.
- Her statue will be in a new museum in Virginia, and is proposed for a park in Washington, D.C.
- Legislation has been introduced to hang a portrait of Alice Paul in the U.S. Capitol.
- And she is the subject of talks, re-enactments, even musicals being staged around the country.

API will begin our 2020 Centennial celebrations by celebrating Alice Paul’s birthday here at Paulsdale on January 11th, which is known in New Jersey as Alice Paul Day thanks to legislation recently signed by Governor Phil Murphy. Later that week, on January 16th, we will host the Alice Paul Equality Gala at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. What a fitting venue to celebrate a person who understood so well the centrality of the Constitution to American life and equality. After the Gala, API will be hosting a full slate of programs, events, and activities every month of the centennial.

Throughout 2020 we not only want to celebrate but, more importantly, to consider the suffrage movement in a multi-layered way. Like all history, the history of suffrage in the United States is a complicated story, one that reflects the complexities of the time. We want our commemoration to reflect that complexity, and as we celebrate the victory of the 19th Amendment’s ratification in 1920, we recognize that it was not the end of the suffrage story. The struggle for full voting rights, regardless of race or gender, did not end in 1920. It continues today in many parts of the country.

In the spirit of our mission to promote education, empowerment and equality, in 2020 the Alice Paul Institute will continue to expand the story of suffrage and create spaces where vitally important conversations can occur. Yes, 2020 is finally here. I hope you will join us to make it a memorable year.

Lucy Beard
Executive Director, Alice Paul Institute
On a national and state-wide level, API is:

- Part of the national Women's Vote Centennial Initiative and is contributing New Jersey sites to the National Votes for Women Trail.
- API has spoken before the federal Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission and encouraged it to support more public art and memorials that will be here for the next 100 years.
- API volunteers have contributed more than 150 biographies of New Jersey suffragists to the national Women in Social Movements database.
- On the state level, API and the New Jersey Historical Commission are co-chairing NJ Women Vote: the 19th Amendment at 100, a statewide collaborative of history and cultural organizations that are planning joint projects and events to celebrate and educate New Jersey citizens about the fight for suffrage.

And what are we doing here at Paulsdale?
Some days it feels more like what aren’t we doing?! The staff is working harder than ever on a myriad of projects.

- In the summer of 2020, API will be leading vital conversations to envision what gender equality will look like in the next 100 years. The 2120: Envisioning Equality symposium will be in June 2020.
- This symposium weekend will include a Votes for Women lawn party at Paulsdale to celebrate the work of Alice Paul and fellow suffragists.
- Have you seen For Democracy: Celebrating 100 Years of the 19th Amendment, the online exhibit featuring items from the Alice Paul Archives? This online exhibit features treasures held in the archives of API that tell little known stories about the suffrage movement.
- We are redesigning our website so that these and other resources are more easily accessed. Watch for the new website launch in the near future.
- API is creating a traveling exhibit about New Jersey suffragists and their groundbreaking PR tactics to keep the suffrage issue in the
public eye. It will travel to public spaces starting in late winter.
- **Our Putting New Jersey Suffragists on the Map project** will mark physical places in New Jersey that tell a part of the suffrage story. Part of the National Votes for Women Trail, API will nominate ten of those sites for permanent roadside markers.
- Members of the Girls Leadership Council will speak at several events about their exploration of the 1848 Declaration of Sentiments from Seneca Falls and how they are creating their own Declaration for the 21st century.
- We are **debuting our new Meeting Alice assembly program**. This successful program has been the cornerstone of our field trip program for elementary students. This new version is designed to travel to schools as an assembly. It has also been redesigned as **downloadable ready-to-go curriculum package for teachers** across the country to use in their classrooms.
- **API is planning a robust variety of events and programs throughout the year**, including speakers and performances about the suffrage movement.

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"...there is nothing complicated about ordinary equality" – Alice Paul

Join the Alice Paul Institute for this year’s banner fundraising event, held at Philadelphia’s premiere National Constitution Center as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women’s voting rights by honoring one of the most influential leaders in the fight for gender equality, Alice Paul.

**HONORING ALICE PAUL**

**JANUARY 16, 2020 6:00PM - 8:30PM**

**INFO & TICKETS**
**Steps to Suffrage Tour of D.C.**

On Saturday, October 26th, API led 40+ guests on the Steps to Suffrage bus trip to Washington, D.C. The trip’s highlight was a guided tour of the original 1913 suffrage parade route, led by author and historian Rebecca Boggs Roberts. The trip included a guided tour of the Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality National Monument - the headquarters of Alice Pauls’ National Woman’s Party - and stops at the National Portrait Gallery and the Library of Congress.

**Pennsylvania Women’s Conference**

The Alice Paul Institute had a booth at the PA Women’s Conference in Philadelphia on October 2nd. Representing API were Krista Niles, Outreach & Civic Engagement Director, and Rachael Glashan Rupisan, Development Director. Krista and Rachael had a great time meeting hundreds of conference attendees, and introducing them to Alice Paul and her work for gender equality.

**Paulsdale Uncorked**

On Saturday, September 21st, the Alice Paul Institute hosted the 12th annual Paulsdale Uncorked! Nearly 250 people joined us for our second largest fundraiser of the year, helping raise over $36,000! These funds provide vital support for the continued preservation of Paulsdale, our beloved national historic landmark honoring the life of suffragist and equal rights activist Alice Stokes Paul.

**A Night in Suffrage White**

The third annual A Night In Suffrage White pop-up dinner event at Paulsdale was a huge success! Over 250 guests joined us to celebrate Women’s Equality Day, the day celebrating the date women finally won the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment. This event continues to grow every year. We are honored to share this night with such wonderful guests.
Welcome Liz to the API Board

API is delighted to welcome Elizabeth Bressi-Stoppe to the Board of Directors. She has been engaged in the nonprofit community in Philadelphia and South Jersey for over 35 years, most recently as Vice President for Community Partnerships at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, where she worked for 31 years and served as an Officer of the Corporation and as a member of the University’s Executive Management Committee prior to her retirement in January 2013. During her tenure at USciences, Liz also served as vice president for executive affairs, and vice president for marketing and public affairs.

Since 2008, she has been on the board of the John Bartram Association, which manages Bartram’s Garden in southwest Philadelphia, serving as President of the Board since 2013. Liz has been a volunteer at API for the past three years as a member of the marketing committee and as a tour guide at Paulsdale. In 2018 she served on the strategic plan task force.

About joining the board, Liz says, “It’s a privilege to be associated with API to learn more about Alice’s story and to help advance the mission and to continue Alice’s work In Pursuit of Ordinary Equality.”

Welcome Our New Office Assistant

Please join us in welcoming our new Office Assistant Leslie Gray. Leslie's background in database management and office support are a true benefit to API.

Leslie has been interested in the work of Alice Paul since visiting Paulsdale on a fourth grade field trip. She is thrilled to be able to use her passions for women's issues and empowerment in her new role. Leslie holds a B.A. in French Studies with a minor in Italian from Bishop’s University in Lennoxville, Quebec. She has previously worked as a high school teacher, translator, and office administrator. She is an active volunteer with Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. Leslie lives in Mount Laurel with her husband, daughter, and two dogs.

Seeking Spring & Summer Interns

The Alice Paul Institute is seeking qualified and interested individuals for unpaid student intern positions for spring and summer and fall 2020.

API has a robust variety of internships for students, age 16 or older. Internships are available in the following areas:

- Museum Assistant
- Leadership Programs Support
- Heritage Programs Support
On October 11th, GLC was represented by 28 members at the Girls Speak Out! Summit at the United Nations in New York to celebrate International Day of the Girl Child. The event featured performances by teen girls that highlighted the varied and often difficult experiences of girls around the world. The Summit also hosted a panel of teen girl activists from around the world who spoke about their own leadership in fighting for gender justice.
attended the Annual GLC Retreat at RCBC where they got to welcome new members, meet each other and also meet Alyssa Hunt, API's new Program Coordinator. Workshops focused on collaborative leadership, identifying privilege, and setting goals and a vision for the future of gender equality in America. Halloween Party, which was planned and executed by the Unity Committee. A newly formed committee, the group's members will organize regular events to help build community and lasting friendships between the 80+ GLC members, many of whom meet on different nights of the week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Saturday Tours

November 9, 2019
12pm - 2pm
Alice Paul Institute
128 Hooten Rd., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Enjoy a beautiful afternoon tour of historic Paulsdale. Tours begin with a 15-minute DVD presentation, The Life of Alice Stokes Paul, 1885-1977. Guests then walk around the porch to learn about the farm that once surrounded Paulsdale. Inside the house, visitors view the permanent exhibit "Alice Paul: In Pursuit of Ordinary Equality" and learn about the Paul family’s daily life in the house, the restoration of the site, and its present-day use as a women’s history center and a leadership institute for women and girls. $10/per person.

RSVP

Contemporary Native Identities: A Conversation with Native American Women

Saturday, November 9, 2019
2pm – 4pm
Alice Paul Institute at Paulsdale
128 Hooten Rd, Mt Laurel, NJ 08054

Join the Alice Paul Institute as it honors Native American Heritage Month with an informative discussion exploring the politics and personal experiences of contemporary Native American identity. Listen in as our speakers, Claire Garland of the Sand Hill Indian tribe, and Jesalyn Keziah of the Lumbee Indian tribe, share a meaningful conversation exploring how they each navigate the unique intersections and identities within contemporary Native American life. Conversation from 2pm-3pm, with Q&A to follow.

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Holiday Open House

December 14, 2019
2pm - 4pm
Alice Paul Institute
128 Hooten Rd., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Bring your friends and family to our annual Holiday Open House celebration at historic Paulsdale. View the
new Alice Paul: In Pursuit of Ordinary Equality exhibit, enjoy refreshments, shop for holiday gifts in our fun gift shop, and view the Quaker influenced natural holiday decorations generously provided by the Mount Laurel Garden Club. This event is FREE. Donations are always welcome.

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2020 Alice Paul Equality Gala

January 16, 2020
6pm - 8:30pm
National Constitution Center
525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Join the Alice Paul Institute for this year’s banner fundraising event, held at Philadelphia's premiere National Constitution Center as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women’s voting rights by honoring one of the most influential leaders in the fight for gender equality, Alice Paul. Come out to honor Alice Paul, and raise vital funds for API's work in continuing to advance Alice Paul's work for gender equality.

TICKETS

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Galentine's Designer Handbag Bingo

February 13, 2020
6pm – 9pm
Moorestown Community House
116 E Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057

The Alice Paul Institute invites you to a special "Galentine's Day" Handbag Bingo featuring a chance to win stylish designer handbags! The night will be full of big laughs, fun, and winnings. Bring all your gal pals, or come alone and make some new friends. Ticket admission is $25, and includes 10 game cards. Each game card has 4 Bingo boards for four chances to win. Doors open at 5 pm. Games start at 6:00 pm. Tickets on sale soon. RSVP for access to advance ticket sales!

RSVP

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MERCHANDISE

The holidays are coming and API has great gifts for the feminists in your life!
Show your support for legally protected gender equality and the Equal Rights Amendment!

This super soft, heather green, cotton blend tee is proudly printed in the United States. Sizes XS-3XL.

$25.00
ORDER

Turn heads and start conversations with this fabulous tee-shirt featuring one of Alice Paul’s most inspired quotes!

This super soft, heather purple, cotton blend tee is proudly printed in the United States. Sizes XS-3XL.

$25.00
ORDER

Advocate for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment when you wear this stylish and cozy knit beanie hat. The hat is made from heathered green 100% acrylic yard that is super soft. It features bright white embroidery that reads “ERA NOW!”

$15.00
ORDER

Are you considering an end-of-year donation?

As the holidays approach, please consider making an end-of-year donation to the Alice Paul Institute. Your financial support will ensure that our 2020 Centennial celebrations will be vibrant and robust. All donors will be recognized in the February 2020 newsletter.

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