Message from the Chair

The summer of 1995 proved to be a busy and exciting time for the Foundation. On June 4, APCF coordinated ***Passing the Torch*** , New Jersey's statewide event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. With more than 6,000 individuals participating and hundreds of volunteers working on the event, it is impossible to thank everyone individually. We want everyone to know just how much we appreciate all the hard work and effort **everyone** contributed to make the event a memorable and fitting tribute to our foremothers who secured the final victory in 1920.

We want to extend special thanks to the corporate sponsors of ***Passing the Torch***, whose contributions made it all possible.

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On August 13, Paulsdale served as the site for the first day of issue ceremony for the Alice Paul Stamp Dedication. How wonderful for the Foundation and other organizations like the National Woman's Party, and the Alice Paul House in Indiana, PA, to finally realize a such a long-held goal.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the staff of the Southern New Jersey Region of the United States Postal Service and to Gwen Harvey from the U.S. Postal Service Headquarters in Washington, DC for the time and effort they all gave to make the Alice Paul Stamp Ceremony a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Members of the Foundation participated in the National Celebration in Washington, DC on August 25-27 and staffed a table at the Mall following the march. It was thrilling to share in the excitement of that historic day. Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend will **never** forget it.

We are grateful for our many friends and supporters who have responded to our call for help in selling the remaining torches. With your continuing support we will overcome the deficit to achieve our goal - the creation of a leadership center at Paulsdale.

Carole Rocco, Chair

Stamp Ceremony

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Postal Service selected Paul to honor for her landmark contributions to political and social issues. Elwood A. Mosley, district manager for the South Jersey District of the US. Postal Service said, "It is only fitting to pay tribute to this person who for many years did not receive her due recognition."

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney of New York, whose husband was related to Paul, attended and helped with the unveiling. The Congresswoman, encouraging women to exercise the right for which Paul had fought so hard, told the crowd, "Today, we confront a Congress which is hostile to women's rights and many of our gains are under attack...We have the definitive power of the vote that Alice Paul, our foremother, fought for. Women have made a difference and will continue to make a difference. It's up to women." Also in attendance were Paul's cousins Lewis Robbins and John Parry of Riverton, NJ. Other participants in the the program included Helen Arnold, president of the National Woman's Party and Amelia Fry, Alice Paul's biographer.

After the ceremonies ended many people lingered into the afternoon simply enjoying the atmosphere created during the ceremony. Foundation member Linda Fell said, "You could feel Alice Paul's presence throughout the crowd." The Foundation sold two designs of the first day of issue cachets of the stamp which are still available through the Foundation for $4.00 each.

By Carole Roskoph

SUFFRAGE CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

By Dorothy Guzzo

Underneath sunny blue skies more than 4,000 men women and children assembled in Washington, DC. to march along the identical route taken by suffragists in 1913. Participants came from as far away as Hawaii and Alaska to celebrate the seventh-fifth anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment. The processional route ended on the mall where the Alice Paul Centennial Foundation was one of a number of national women's' organizations staffing tables in an afternoon-long exchange of the status of women.

The Suffrage Parade was just one highlight during this national celebration organized by the 75th Anniversary Task Force of the National Women's Party. A symposium, titled "Visions of Equality Past and Future," was held at the National Museum of American History, featured an historical perspective on the suffrage movement. National scholars spoke on the political "tactics" and strategies used by Alice Paul and other suffragists to solicit public support. The symposium culminated in an evening reception that featured a video-taped message from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

On Saturday, the United States Postal Service commemorated this historic event by unveiling the 32-cent Suffrage Stamp. Stamp artist April Greiman combined images from the seventy-year struggle to win the vote with the ongoing battle to pass the E.R.A. Congresswoman Susan Molinari, from New York, presented the ceremonial remarks. APCF Board members were on hand to sell First Day Issue cachets featuring the new Suffrage stamp and our own Alice Paul stamp.

National news correspondent Cokie Roberts officiated at the National Archives for the unveiling of a new exhibit on women's history. Designed to be a traveling display, it will send the message of women's rights throughout the country.

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