

**2018 Celebrating Women's Voices Event**  
**Welcome Remarks from**  
**Judy Buckman, the Fund for the Future President**

Welcome to our fourth annual Fund for the Future's "Celebrating Women's Voices" event. For those of you who are new to the Fund for the Future, it's a nonprofit 501c3 organization that provides monetary support for the educational activities of South Jersey NOW–Alice Paul chapter as well as other organizations in the South Jersey area from Trenton to Cape May. Unlike donations to South Jersey NOW, your contributions to the Fund for the Future are tax-deductible. You can learn more about what the Fund does by picking up a Fact Sheet from the center of your table.

The Fund for the Future has ten **Board members** and I'd like to introduce them to you. In addition to me, there's **Lorraine Petrie, Lisa Dunne, Joanne Schwartz, Janis Hines, Rita Spaulding, Maureen Costello, Anita Sopenoff and Johanna Ettin.**

I'd like to thank many of the people who have helped make this event such a success:

--**the Alice Paul Institute** for printing our invitations

--our **wine donor** Ann Stockton

--our **photographer** who is helping us capture this event for our website and for posterity, Fran Forte-Gomolson

--our **volunteers**: Catherine Neuberger, Linda DeFelice, Kim Marciana, Chris Borget, and Eileen Hill.

--I'd also like to thank our **musicians**: Suzette Ortiz and Rene Ginnett

--Our **artists: Ellen Barnett, Kt Carney and Monique duTill Platt.** If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you visit their tables. They have beautiful works of art to sell that would make wonderful holiday gifts or items to enjoy in your own home.

--And last, but not least, we extend our deepest thanks to all of our **auction donors** who are listed in the program book.

Introduction of Anaiah Tanner-Barnes

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Fund's scholarship recipient of the 2018 APPLI College & Careers Program. For those of you who aren't familiar with it, APPLI, or the Alice Paul Institute's Professional Leadership Institute, is a program for high school girls that allows participants to learn about professional development, learn leadership skills and network by developing mentor relationships with successful professional women. This year's recipient of the Fund for the Future's scholarship to the APPLI program is Anaiah Tanner-Barnes. As you will find out, Anaiah is an amazing young woman. And her proud mother is also here with us tonight. I proudly present to you: Anaiah Tucker-Barnes.

Anaiah Tucker-Barnes' Experience with the APPLI Program

My name is Anaiah Tanner-Barnes. I'm 16 years old and a junior at Life Center Academy. During the school year I participate in sports (soccer and softball), Girl Scouts, and work at my job. In my free time, I also love to cook and bake new things, while still being there for my family, especially my brother. I want my family to be proud of me, and being a good example for my brother is always at the top of my to-do-list.

As I plan for the future, I have many goals. I'm currently researching colleges and various majors that I may want to pursue. One possibility is that I'd like to graduate college with a chemical engineering degree and work in the field of food science.

I would also love to become a professional goalie for the Jamaican team, as well as become an entrepreneur. Since I started kindergarten, having or owning a business has always been one of my goals. In addition, I'd love to evolve into an actress like Viola Davis, Angela Bassett, Meryl Streep, and Taraji P. Henson. I want to leave this world knowing I did something moving that will change lives and help people in full measure.

While participating in the Alice Paul Institute's Girls Leadership Advisory Council (GAC), and specifically the APPLI program, I've learned things that I will use in college as well as when I enter the "real world". I always appreciate the opportunity to meet new mentors who can give me advice, guidance and answer questions that will help me. I am very thankful for the opportunities that the APPLI: College & Careers program gave me. Each workshop and college visit was an adventure that taught me something that I can apply to my future. Every day was educational and fun at the same time. The program gave me more confidence in what I want to do with my life, as well as increase my possible job options. The last day was the hardest because I had built new friendships during the week just as if I was in school. Even though I don't see the other workshop participants every day, I still keep in contact with them.

In conclusion, the APPLI: College & Careers truly helped my future decision making, and I'm so grateful for this networking and learning opportunity. I want everything I do in life to count for something.

### Personal Remarks and Introduction of Judy Wicks

What a glorious time it is to be a woman! If there was ever a time when women's voices needed to be heard, and celebrated, it is now. Back in 1992, which was known as the Year of the Women, many women ran for office to protest the horrendous treatment of Anita Hill at Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court confirmation hearings which included NO women, none, on the Senate Judiciary Committee. I have a t-shirt from those days. On the back are the names several of the women who ran for office that year. One of them was Diane Feinstein whose opening remarks at this week's Senate hearings was a wonderful example of exactly why we needed more women to run for office. And why we still do.

There are currently 500 women running for office. We also have courageous women speaking up against sexual harassment abuse and we have women organizing resistance groups that are taking on power structures everywhere from our local area to Washington, DC.

But let's not forget that we can trace most of the increased activism we're now experiencing back to the all those pink-hatted women and wonderful men that gathered the day after the inauguration to protest Trump's election. Women organized that effort and marched with half a million people on each coast, in the middle of the country, and internationally. The power of those women was so beautiful, so courageous, so inspiring and beyond what any of us could have expected or imagined. Not only that, but the power generated by those marches was carried forward by dozens of small, local groups headed by and powered by people who (listen to this, it's important) "powered by people—men and women—who said they had never before done a political thing in their lives". That is true power. Started by women.

As I mentioned last year, one of the groups that carried the spirit of the January 21 marches forward is SJNOW Indivisible. In their first year of existence, they, along with dozens of other local groups, accomplished the unimaginable in getting the attention of their Congressmen and making real changes. This year, SJNOW Indivisible is working very hard to help elect Andy Kim who they hope will replace Third District Congressman Tom MacArthur (who was the author of the terrible Trumppcare bill, who is supported by the NRA and who votes with Trump 93% of the time). SJNOW Indivisible and other local groups have been so effective, as has Andy's campaign, that in an incredibly short time, Andy has gone from being an extremely qualified, but unknown, candidate, to the present time when he now leads the two-term incumbent and self-funded MacArthur in the polls by 47-45. This effort would have never happened or been as successful without our local group, SJNOW-Indivisible.

I want to express my appreciation and salute the efforts of the SJNOW Indivisible team, some of whom are here tonight and who represent almost 20% of the people in this room.

You just can't afford to freak out every day listening to the news. Eventually you need to do something. And SJNOW Indivisible has helped many of us do just that. Their accomplishments have been tremendous and their business cards, should you want to join them, are in a bowl on the table where you purchased your auction basket tickets. Please pick up a card if you want to get their Calls to Action and find out what other amazing things they are doing. I promise that after you start doing something, anything, you will start sleeping a whole lot better.

Gloria Steinem is one of my heroes. As I said last year, she and I share at least one thing—both of our funerals will be fundraisers! Gloria describes herself as a Hope-a-holic. She says that, in the old days, women thought they didn't have any power. But now, as they speak up, they get it. They always had that power, they just didn't know it. After speaking up, they found that their voices do, in fact, matter. And that they are capable of making changes both in the next five minutes AND in the next five years.

Do we know what's going to happen in the future? No. But do have the power to control how we're going to react to it? Yes. Young people are mad, from the amazing Black Lives Matter organizers, to the courageous MeToo movement, to the brave Parkland student gun control activists. Older women are mad, too. They successfully took down Bill Cosby, "America's Dad", who ten years ago, no one would have believed would be behind bars today. You need to have a vision of what you want to happen. Then you go for it.

We can and should be both angry AND hopeful. Your candidates might not always win. As a matter of fact, my kids (and my daughter is here today, you can check this out with her), my kids used to say, "Mom, do you realize that your candidates never win?". I did realize that. But the possibility of success should NEVER determine what you do or who you support or the values that you champion. I guess that makes me a hope-a-holic just like Gloria.

As Jason Kelce, wearing his magnificent purple and green Mummer's costume, said in his very powerful speech after the Eagles won the Super Bowl, underdogs are "hungry dogs who run faster and want it more". Sometimes we ARE the underdogs who want it more. I'm here to tell you that that feels good. It motivates you to work for the right candidates and the right causes regardless of what the polls say. Never give in. Never give up.

Studies have shown over and over again that people who volunteer not only have better mental health but also better physical health. I'm not much for gym workouts, but I think one of

the reasons I've made it this long, in such good shape (other than my sprained ankle and a few other aches and pains), was because, like Gloria, I have always had hope. It's addictive, it's motivating, it's like tonic for your soul.

Last weekend, I attended the NOW-NJ State Conference where the keynote speaker was the only woman Congressman in the entire state of New Jersey, Bonnie Watson-Coleman. She told the crowd that only thing you cannot do in this moment is "NOTHING".

Oprah Windfrey, another of my heroes, has said that your legacy is comprised of the lives that you've touched. If that's true, and I believe that it is, Judy Wicks' legacy extends not just from founding the White Dog Café (which so many of us have visited and loved) but so much more.

Judy Wicks is two years younger than me. She and I came of age when women's voices were rarely heard, much less celebrated. In the intervening years, that has changed. Not enough, but it has changed.

Many of you, like me, first heard of Judy Wicks as owner of the White Dog Café, which not only served unbelievably delicious and creative food but did so in an atmosphere that felt like you were in a good friend's living room. Besides the food, I used to love the newsletter Judy Wicks sent out listing events and presentations held at the White Dog by a wide variety of speakers including those in the farm-to-table movement, social justice activists and other interesting folks you wouldn't hear anyplace else.

Those presentations were accompanied by a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner. How I loved that newsletter and those speakers! One of my favorites was the time I got to enjoy some of the food the White Dog had prepared from Alice Waters' new cookbook. After dinner, at a reception in Judy's apartment over the restaurant, I got to meet Alice, the unbelievably talented and visionary chef who founded Chez Panisse in Berkeley, California. One of my other favorite White Dog events was a Thanksgiving dinner that featured both Native American foods and Native American speakers. Wow. Just wow.

Since those early days, Judy Wicks has scaled heights that my guess is, even she couldn't have imagined way back when. I won't take the time to elaborate on her journey since some of it is printed in your program book, some of it, I'm hoping, will be included in her remarks, and the rest is in her book which is being sold in the back of the room. I'll just read you a short quote from Ben Cohen, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's, with whom Judy Wicks has collaborated.

Ben said, "Judy Wicks is one of the most amazing women I have ever met. She ran the legendary White Dog Café with passion, heart, common sense, and financial success. And she continues to blaze new paths on the road to a truly sustainable people-centered economy. This is a must-read book."

Today, I've spoken about several women on whose shoulders I stand. Well, there's one more. It is my deepest pleasure and greatest honor to present the 2018 Fund for the Future's "Celebrating Women's Voices Award" to the incomparable Judy Wicks.