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## EAGLETON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



Kicking off the celebration of 50 years of teaching and learning about politics, friends of the Eagleton Institute of Politics took a night off for fun (and fundraising) on November 10, 2006. As guests entered Cooper Dining Hall on the Douglass College campus at Rutgers, they were greeted by ice sculptures of an elephant and a donkey, heralding bipartisan festivities. The evening's focus was on New Jersey politics, but instead of speakers, the centerpiece

was Political Jeopardy!®, with two rounds featuring prominent players on the Garden State political scene. In this special edition of our newsletter, we bring you a taste of that evening – not of the filet mignon or the dark chocolate pyramid dessert, but of the guests and games that made the gala a rousing success. Answers and questions scattered through the newsletter are from the actual games played. See how you would have matched up against our champions!

Former New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne swapped stories with lobbyist Hazel Frank Gluck, host for the first round of Political Jeopardy!®.



### Political Jeopardy!®

#### Category: That Was Our Governor

For \$800: He was Governor when the first rest room for women legislators opened in the Statehouse.

Who is Brendan Byrne? (The first rest room specifically for women legislators was set aside near the Assembly chamber during Byrne's second term, as recalled by former Assemblywoman Greta Kierman, who served at the time.)

### Political Jeopardy!®

#### Category: Call Me Governor

For \$800: The governor who vetoed a bill designating "I'm From New Jersey" as the state song.

Who is William Cahill? (According to *The New Yorker*, "in 1972, the song was ratified in both the Assembly and the Senate. Then it was vetoed in the final hour by Governor William Cahill, who, legend has it, declared, "If there is one thing worse than the song 'I'm from New Jersey,' it is Red Mascara singing 'I'm from New Jersey.'")



Douglass College Dean Carmen Twillie Ambar and her husband, Din, greeted Governor Jon Corzine. A pre-gala VIP reception was held at the Dean's residence.

## AT THE PODIUM



Above left: Governor Jon Corzine congratulated the Institute for 50 years of service to New Jersey. Above right: Noting that November 10 was also Charter Day, Rutgers' 240th anniversary, Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick greeted Institute director Ruth B. Mandel and hailed the Institute's achievements. Center left: John Weingart, associate director of the Institute, explained the rules of Jeopardy!® as he introduced the hosts for the game. Bottom left: Former Eagleton Institute of Politics director Alan Rosenthal reminisced about the pleasures of working at Eagleton for 40 years.

## THIS WAS JEOPARDY!®

Michael Aron of New Jersey Network hosted Round Two of Jeopardy!®, offering answers and questions for three teams of players including Senators Leonard Lance and Loretta Weinberg, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa Jackson and Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin, and New Jersey Democratic and Republican Party chairs Assemblyman Joe Cryan and Tom Wilson.

Hosting Round One was Hazel Frank Gluck, partner in MBI GluckShaw. Appropriately garbed for her role as judge was former Assemblywoman Greta Kiernan, who helped write answers and questions for the game and served as final arbiter.

Enjoying a light moment with a recalcitrant signaling device were Senator Joe Doria and Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce, who played as a team in Round One; opposing them were the team of New Jersey AFL-CIO President Charlie Wowkanech and New Jersey Chamber of Commerce President Joan Verplanck, and the team of Rick Thigpen, partner in 1868 Public Affairs Group, and Pete McDonough, partner in Winning Strategies Public Relations.

The team of Thigpen and McDonough emerged victorious in Round One, while Lance and Weinberg triumphed in Round Two.



### Final Jeopardy!®

#### Category: NJ and Presidential Primaries

Some think he lost his primary bid for President in 1984 when he insulted New Jersey.

Question: Who is Gary Hart? (From *The New York Times*: Campaigning in Bel-Air, Calif., Senator Hart made an appearance before supporters with his wife, Lee. "The deal is we campaign separately; that's the bad news," he said. "The good news for her is she campaigns in California and I campaign in New Jersey." "I got to hold a koala bear," Mrs. Hart said. "I won't tell you what I got to hold - samples from a toxic waste dump," the Senator responded.)

### Final Jeopardy!®

#### Category: Historic NJ Governors

The first undisputed bastard elected Governor of NJ, he was the son of a man famous for flying a kite in the 1750s.

Question: Who was William Franklin? (Illegitimate son of Benjamin Franklin, he served as the last Royal Governor of New Jersey from 1773-1776.)

Political Jeopardy!®

**Category: Survey Says...(Findings from the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll)**

For \$500: In early 2004, 33 percent of respondents named this person as the Boss of New Jersey, narrowly edging out Governor McGreevey.

Who is Bruce Springsteen? (Springsteen edged McGreevey by 33 to 26%. Back in the pack were George Steinbrenner at 12% and Tony Soprano at 10%. Another 18% refused to be a party to this nonsense.)

For \$400: In 2004, 82 percent of New Jerseyans told the Eagleton Poll this was always wrong outside of marriage.

What is an affair? (Overall, 82% of New Jerseyans think extramarital affairs are always wrong, 15% say they are sometimes wrong, and only 2% feel they are not wrong at all.)

**GALA CO-CHAIRS**

Co-chairs for the event included Nancy H. Becker (shown here at right with her husband, Ivan Becker, and Senator Leonard Lance); (shown below from left): Angelo J. Genova, Esq.; Candace L. Straight; and Blair MacInnes. (Not shown: Carl J. Goldberg).



Political Jeopardy!®

**Category: Turnpike Rest Stops**

For \$200: He coached both St. Cecilia's High School in Englewood and the Green Bay Packers.

Who was Vince Lombardi? (Lombardi took the job at St. Cecilia in 1939; he taught Latin, algebra, physics and chemistry and coached football, basketball and baseball.)

**ENJOYING THE PARTY...**



**Upper row**, from left: (1) Former Assemblyman Harold Martin and his wife, Reba, talked with Michael Tuosto of PSE&G at the pre-gala VIP reception. (2) Rutgers President Richard McCormick and Congressman Rush Holt talk with Ruthi Zinn Byrne over dinner. (3) The Lomench family – Donna and Ira and daughters Melissa Lomench and Jennifer Leon – share a moment at the VIP reception. **Second row**, from left: (1) Joan Barry McCormick and Ruthi Zinn Byrne enjoy a laugh. (2) Judy Shaw, partner in MBI GluckShaw, and Professor Murray Sabrin of Ramapo College talk with Governor Corzine. (3) Deborah Spitalnik of the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at UMDNJ and Maggie Moran, deputy chief of staff to Governor Corzine, chat with Eagleton Institute director Ruth B. Mandel. (4) Richard Lloyd, executive director of state government affairs and community relations at Johnson & Johnson, and Dale J. Florio, founder of the Princeton Public Affairs Group, were at the VIP reception with their guests. **Bottom left**: Recently retired New Jersey Chief Justice Deborah Poritz speaks to Governor Corzine .

## CELEBRATING EAGLETON

Top left: Eagleton Undergraduate Associate '05 Ryan Peene and his guest chat with Governor Corzine.

Top right: Eagleton Raimondo Fellowship alumnus Jordan Stern '04 visits with former Congressman Herb Klein and Governor Jon Corzine.

Bottom left: Carol Cronheim and Micah Rasmussen, classmates from the Eagleton Fellowship Program Class of 1993, compared notes at the VIP reception.

Bottom right: Gala guests included Myra Terry of the Women's Fund of New Jersey, Eagleton Fellow '96 Christine Stearns, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa Jackson and Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin.



**Political Jeopardy!®**

**Category: New Jersey Plays Presidential Politics**

For \$1,000: He is one of two Republicans who twice won the presidency, but failed to carry New Jersey either time.

Who is Abe Lincoln? OR Who is George Washington?

**Political Jeopardy!®**

**Category: Winners and Losers**

For \$500: Twinkle, Twinkle: He beat Leonard Lance and John Bennett, but later lost to Rush Holt.

Who is Mike Pappas? (Pappas was elected in 1996 after defeating Bennett and Lance in the primary. Two years later, he was defeated by Rush Holt, due in part to a ditty he sang on the House floor to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" praising special prosecutor Kenneth Starr.)

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