

## AWU Celebrates

AWU will be celebrating its 5th Anniversary this year. A fundraiser will be given at a New York rental spot in October to commemorate this event. (WATCH FOR THE DATE AND PLACE) The 5th Anniversary Committee is well underway and is planning a gala event. The theme for the evening will be to honor the achievements of AWU and to celebrate Asian women. A program of skits, music, multi-media slide show and much more is being planned. Special guest performers doing specially commissioned works is being planned as well. You are invited to take part in one of the biggest celebrations ever!

The SEPTEMBER MEETING OF AWU will discuss the current plans for the 5th Anniversary celebration.

NOTE: WE NEED PHOTOS, SLIDES FOR THE MULTI-MEDIA SHOW. PLEASE DIG UP YOUR OLD AWU PICS AND CALL LILLY LEE. WE NEED PICS OF PARTIES, DINNERS, MEETINGS, EVENTS, GOOD SHOTS OF INDIVIDUALS, ANYTHING. HER NUMBER IS: 353-4471.

The AWU GENERAL MEETINGS will continue to be held at PS 124, 40 Bowery (Division & Bowery) every 2nd TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 6:30. Feel free to bring a bag dinner. SEE YOU AT OUR FIRST MEETING!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30pm

**BOYCOTT DAVID K's**

The dining room workers at David K's Restaurant, 1115 Third Avenue, need your help. On July 17, the boss, David Keh, suddenly closed the restaurant without advance notice or explanation to the workers or the union (Local 100, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union). This lock-out is a violation of the union contract and illegal under federal labor laws. The union has filed actions with the National Labor Relations Board against the boss, and workers have been picketing David Keh's other restaurants since July 22. The purpose of the pickets is to confront the boss with three demands: (1) Re-open David K's; (2) Meet with the union and workers; (3) Honor the union contract.

David K's waiters organized and joined the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union in 1979. Though the restaurant is one of the most elegant and most expensive restaurants in town, the Chinese workers' job conditions reflected typical sweatshop labor very low wages, long hours, no job security, no benefits. Through the union, the workers have gained important basic benefits and dignity.

Today, the handful of Chinese union shops are under attack. The sudden closing of David K's is a blatant act of union-busting. Nineteen dining room workers and more in the kitchen have been thrown into the un-

employment lines.

We urge you to support the David K's workers in any of the following ways:

1. Join the picket lines, evenings from 6:30-9:30 P.M. Call 226-8027 or 233-5231 for information on the locations and dates.
2. Don't patronize any of David Keh's restaurants until the labor dispute at David K's is resolved.

BOYCOTT: Uncle Tai's, 1059  
Third Avenue  
Auntie Yuan, 1191A  
First Avenue  
Mr. K's Noodle Parlor,  
1194 First Avenue  
Szechuan East, 1540  
Second Avenue

3. Write or call David Keh to tell him to re-open David K's and to meet the union and workers' demands. c/o Auntie Yuan, 1191A First Avenue, New York, N.Y. Telephone: 744-4040.

Thank you very much for your support.  
For further information, contact May  
Chin (233-5231 or 226-8027).

DAVID K'S WORKERS SUPPORT COMMITTEE  
c/o 126 Division Street  
New York, N.Y. 10002

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## 1983 RETREAT

In an effort to refresh ourselves and review the past year for AWU, AWU holds an annual retreat in the summer. This year's retreat was held at Lynn Iijima-Marks's home in New Paltz. 17 Awu members attended including several new sisters. In addition to the serious business of AWU, we also hiked in the woods surrounding Lynn's house, exercised under the direction of Sharon Hom, rapped informally about our lives, and had terrific meals prepared by AWU resident chef, Fran Ng.

We evaluated the two main goals of AWU which were established at last year's retreat: sisterhood and self-development. Under sisterhood, we decided to broaden our outreach this year to other organized Asian women's groups and to develop programs for long-term AWU members as well as continue to welcome all Asian sisters to join AWU. We plan to co-sponsor joint programs with other Asian women's groups such as: Organization of Asian Women and Korean groups in Queens. Additionally, an alumnae party is planned for this winter to afford past Awu members a chance to get-together again and to generate programs responding to their

needs and interests. We also decided to allocate a certain percentage of the profits from the 5th Anniversary Celebration to support the local publicity of the airing of "OURSELVES" on PBS this fall. Additional contributions are also being solicited.

For the second goal of self-development and consciousnessraising, we seek to strengthen our awareness of the concerns of third world women, feminism, and personal self-development. We will be scheduling programs throughout the year on the topics suggested at the retreat. We also will try to distribute relevant readings for each meeting program to deepen our understanding of the issues. The first program will feature the newly released and acclaimed film, "La Operacion", which discusses sterilization abuse in Puerto Rico.

For the Fall, much of AWU's energies will be focussing on the 5th Anniversary Celebration and the Journal. After which, it was felt that we need to reassess the future programming and begin to build for the next five years.

Special thanks to Lynn for the hospitality and to Fran for the cuisine at the Retreat.

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 12 General Meeting for AWU. At PS 124 at 6:30pm. Join Us!
- 23 Asian American Dance Theater. Refreshments and entertainment. \$10 contribution. At Asian American Dance Theater, 26 Bowery. At 9:00pm Tickets and info Call 233-2154.

### OCTOBER

- 28 East Wind presents:  
Asian Women: The Struggle Continues. Panel discussion and performance. (At the printing of this newsletter, the location was not yet finalized)  
Call Sasha Hohri at 732-3467 for time & place.

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