

## asian women united 170 PARK ROW 5A NEW YORK, NY 10038

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Dear Friend,

The first half of 1981 has been fruitful for Asian Women United. Our programs and workshop series reflect the diverse interests of the AWU members: Chinese Herbal medicine, Rape Prevention and exploring our Asian American identity through movement & art therapy. Donna Woo's intensive investment talk and Emi Tonooka's touching personal experience in a Japanese American WWII prison camp were especially well attended. These programs attracted several new members who have become very active within AWU this past season.

AWU has been operating under a seven-member steering committee, who collectively deceide and share the responsibility of meeting the needs of its membership. This creative approach to leadership has, thus far, prevented any cases of that dreaded organizational disease..."Officer's Burnout."

Each year AWU takes on a major project to involve all its members in the sharing of ideas, talents and energy. This year, we have two projects you can put your input into: in the fall there will be a concert/party featuring Asian American performing artists and musicians; the second project is to initiate the first phase of the East Coast Asian American Women's Journal.

We encourage you to join AWU now. AWU is a viable organization dedicated to giving you sisterhood support, encourage self-awareness and growth. AWU is your link to issues of Asian American Women's concerns--both on a personal level and as members of the Asian American community. Let's keep the strong bond we've established and continue to grow towards newer heights.

JOIN ASIAN WOMEN UNITED

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## SUMMER CALENDAR

- July 8 David Hwang's "Dance and the Railroad" is now playing at the Public Theatre, Astor Place and Lafayette Street. If you missed his "F.O.B", the 1980 OBIE winner for Best Off-Broadway play, you cant't afford to miss "Dance and the Railroad". John Lone, who won an OBIE for Best Performer in "F.O.B" gives a brilliant lead performance in "Dance . . . "Dance and the Railroad" will run through the summer based on high audience attendance.
- July 10 The Asian Women's Political Caucus of NY takes off to Albuquerque, NM to actively participate in 1981 National Women's Political Conference. Five AWU members will attend the three-day conference. They are: Bonnie Wong, Paulina Cortes, Irene Natividad, and Mee Lon Marino.

Aug 8-9 The big event for August is the Third Annual AWU Retreat - Mary Chin's summer cottage in Mountain Lodge, Washingtonville, NY. Surprise entertainment, swimming, hiking, volley ball, and a Sunday trip to the Flea Market promises rejuvenating fun for all. The two-day festival will also include thoughtful discussions on reviewing last year's AWU track record and laying down new goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Plans for the East Coast Asian American Journal heads the list of important and new projects to be discussed.

> All paid members are welcome. Just bring your inspiration, sleeping bag, a change of clothes, towels, and sports gear. We provide the food, entertainment, fresh air, nature, and swimming pond. See you August 8-9th.

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