

"We all need models, people to look up to. We have a lot to learn from each other, across the generations. Perhaps that's what has been missing in the past—that exchange and respect for what the other has to offer. AWU is more than an organization. It's a real experience in sisterhood. . ."

—Ruby Tsang  
Founding member of AWU

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Suzie Wong  
doesn't live here any more  
yeah, and  
Madame Butterfly  
and the geisha ladies have all  
gone  
to  
lunch (hey, they might  
be gone a very  
long  
time)

no one here but  
ourselves

("Suzie Wong doesn't live here any more"  
by Diane Mei Lin Mark)

But looking at life together  
It's turning for the better  
We're gonna come out of hiding  
And let our spirits free  
We're gonna be ourselves!

(1979 Nobuko Miyamoto  
and Benny Yee)



## CURRENT PROGRAMS

### Meetings and Workshops:

Asian Women United meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Regular business meetings are followed by special programs and workshops which have included:

- Asian Women's identity through art and movement
- Chinese herbal medicine
- Rape and Self-defense
- Women Against Pornography
- Dialogue between Asian Men and Women

### Newsletter

*IN TOUCH*, AWU's monthly newsletter, disseminates news of interest to our members and other Asian American and women's groups.

### Future Project

An Asian Women's journal for and by East Coast Asian Women.

## ASIAN WOMEN UNITED: A COMING TOGETHER IN ASIAN SISTERHOOD . . . .

Asian Women United (AWU) is a New York City based organization founded in 1978 to address the needs of Asian American women. Our membership includes women of diverse Asian heritages, ages, and life experiences.

In the past, we have examined the effects of racism and sexism in our lives and our communities. We have also planned our activities to affirm our identities as Asians and women.

### Coalition Building

As minority women, we feel a responsibility to build understanding between our communities and the women's movement. In this spirit, we have worked jointly with other organizations on various projects and supported struggles for civil and human rights.

- Clothing drive for striking women workers at Sanderson Farms in Mississippi
- Chol Soo Lee Defense effort
- Supporting organization for "Hito Hata" (first feature length film written and produced by Asian Americans)
- The Can "Charlie Chan" Campaign
- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week Festival
- Silver Palace Restaurant
- Workers strike
- Fundraising for Indochinese Refugees
- Featured in "Ourselves", a documentary film about Asian American Women
- Conferences:
  - Women Working Together
  - Employment/Economic Needs of Asian American Women
  - Asian/Pacific Women on the Move: Strategies for Educational Equity

## STRUCTURE

Asian Women United is guided by a Steering Committee of officers elected annually. The Steering Committee sets organizational policy and direction; its monthly meetings are open to all members. Special committees are established as needed, including Program, Fundraising and Newsletter.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in AWU is open to any Asian and Pacific Island woman who supports the goals and purposes of the organization. Non-members are encouraged to attend meetings and programs.

Dues are based on a sliding scale, and are accepted throughout the year, with membership privileges granted immediately and extending throughout the year. If you join during the last three months, dues apply to the following year. Members receive the monthly Newsletter.

The Dues schedule is based on household income less \$4,000 per dependent:

\$8,000 and less (suggested) . . . .	\$ 1
\$8,000-\$12,000 . . . . .	\$ 5
\$12,000-\$18,000 . . . . .	\$10
\$18,000-\$25,000 . . . . .	\$15
Over \$25,000 . . . . .	\$20

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