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Association of Universalist Women



AUW Online

Next time you're surfing the Internet, be sure to **stop by the AUW website** at 1uauw.org. Add a bookmark for handy reference. Also, share and read up-to-the-minute news and opinions via the "**Association of Universalist Women (Minneapolis, MN)**" page on Facebook. Please "Like," comment, and share photos and posts.

AUW Season Starts in Sept

Regular AUW programs
like Friday Get Connected

GET READY TO RELAX with AUW SUMMER FUN

AUW has planned two Friday Get Connected type outings this summer. Check your calendars and join in if you're free! No RSVPs are necessary.

The first is next Friday, July 12th, to see a live concert at the Lake Harriet Bandshell by the MN Sinfonia Professional Orchestra. Concert starts at 7.30pm. Meet up with AUWers at 7pm. Exact place to meet will be announced on www.1uauw.org very shortly.

Or just look for Suzann Wilhite (our esteemed president) and a bunch of cool ladies, such as in the *photo below from last summer's Lake Harriet meet-up*.

Remember to bring blankets, chair/cushion, bug spray, cold drinks, etc. And money for ice cream at the new concessions stand.



like Friday Get Connected will resume in Sept. FGC takes place the 1st Friday of each month.

The AUW Kick-off Party is also in mid-Sept. Dates will be announced and posted soon!



The second outing is an Art Crawl in downtown Hopkins led by artist and AUW Board Member Fawzia Khan, on Thu Aug 15, 7pm - 9pm. [OK, admittedly, this is a Thu not a Fri.] You will gallery-hop and take in some live music. You can also meet early for a curry dinner if you wish. Details about where to meet will be posted on www.1uauw.org by [mid-July](#). Another reminder will be sent out at the beginning of August as well.

Ideas for AUW Members to Think About Over the Summer...

by Suzann Willhite, incoming AUW President



There are several ideas percolating among AUW members that I would like to share with you. Give these ideas some thought and discuss them with other AUW members over the summer. We will talk more about these ideas and any others that come up for you at the AUW Fall Kickoff party in September.

One idea is for AUW to **start a formal mentoring or sharing program.** I know that there is tremendous talent that can be shared and connections that can be made with our members for all kinds of interests, skills, jobs, training, housing, etc. It can be anything we want it to be. It can also be a good way for our membership to build community, make connections and attract younger women. What are your thoughts?

Another idea is for **AUW to become involved with reviving the original version of the Unity Summer Program.** Currently the church is no longer running Unity Summer. Many youth from our congregation were inspired and transformed by their experiences with nonprofit/social justice organizations involved with Unity Summer in the past. Could AUW revive Unity Summer in its original form? Do you have opportunities at your work to provide youth this opportunity this summer? [If you are interested in this idea, Chris Bremer is willing to talk about possibilities.](#)

There is still a **website that provides background information for Unity Summer**

at: <http://firstuniv.org/unitycenter3>

The Unity Summer Leadership Program was established in 1993 by First Universalist Church in Minneapolis as a community outreach program to "create a new generation of change agents." The initial goals of the program were to provide a challenging work experience for young people; to broaden their awareness of social justice issues; and to work toward the elimination of intolerance. It has never been a faith-based program but has always been values based. Unity Leadership takes its name from and builds on the heritage of the Unity Settlement House established by First Universalist members in 1897; one of the first settlement houses in Minneapolis. Unity Settlement House provided a safe environment where people were mentored and empowered by the "skills they would need to carry with them for the rest of their lives." Like Unity Settlement House, Unity Leadership promotes the opportunity and space for the youth of today to learn new ways of acting and to develop the skills needed to survive in this rapidly changing world.

These are just a couple ideas for AUW involvement. Think on these things....and we'll talk. Have a great summer!

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