

Doused But Undaunted! The UAA eleventh annual summer picnic went off as planned on Saturday, September 9, 2022, from 2 o'clock until 5:00 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park despite the rain and wind (which to be honest our region really needed!).



Joy Riggs Perla, UAA co-chair welcomed all and roundly thanked the Social Committee organizers (Karen Freeman, Margot Ellis, Denise Rollins, Sharon Pauling and Melissa Williams). Everyone, over 80 at best count, joined in good humor and grand camaraderie.



Tables hummed with laughter and stories and iPhones were out with the latest pics of the kids and grands, weddings and trips. Some of the kids played a bit of soccer. We were very honored to have former Administrator, Brian Atwood and his wife Susan there with us as well as several former FSNs, now new UAA members.



The tables were full and the food was a wonderful mix of new and old favorites. It rained and the wind blew but folks just hunkered down, laughed and caught up with each other.



Looking forward, the Social Committee presented its next line up of events bookending the Annual General Meeting in October – October 26th at 12 noon, a visit to the new

Rubell Museum in DC on the Wharf followed by a no-host lunch and Saturday, October 28th a trip to wine country in Delaplane, VA (see the section below for details). A shout out also went out on the mentorship program which is expanding at USAID's request to 50 mentors.



Many thanks to everyone for being such incredibly good sports!!!

