



Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

SEPTEMBER

2022



THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF
CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
IN FLORIDA, INC.

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THEIR

31st Annual Friendship Ball

Saturday September 17th, 2022

7:00 PM - 1:00 AM

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL

Dinner Served

at 8:00PM

Dress: Semi-Formal

Door Prizes

Raffle

Cash Bar



Music by:



Tickets \$100 per person
Advanced Ticket Sales Only



Steve Higgins, Singer/International Recording Artist

Tickets can be purchased using PayPal

For tickets or information:

Dennis Wright: 561-653-1586

Alvin Nembhard: 561-670-8113 • Lawrence Logan: 561-791-0162

CAFCI: 561-790-4002

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Board meetings - 4th Thursday of the month
See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please come out and support our Annual Friendship Ball on **Saturday, September 17, 2022** at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in West Palm Beach. Our 31st Annual Ball will be an extravaganza and an evening to remember. You will be captivated by the Mistress of Ceremony, Nadine White-Boyd, enjoy fine dining, and dance the night away to the Music of DJ Richness. There will be a special performance by singer and international recording artist, Steve Higgins. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be obtained from Alvin Nembhard (561.670.8113); Dennis Wright (561.653.1586), Lawrence Logan (561.791.0162) or on the CAFCI website: www.cafcibpc.org. Please purchase your tickets by Saturday, September 10th as we expect the Ball to be sold out.



Dennis Wright

Thank You

CAFCI
31st Annual
Friendship Ball
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Bronze Sponsors

Bodden & Bennett
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Steve Higgins Productions



SEPTEMBER 16 - 30

Vincent Elliott	18
Shauna Simms	19
Frederick Pinto	21
Jannette Sharpe-Paul	23
Elizabeth Morgan	24
Marjorie Aiken	27
Hugh Smith	30
Lucille Walters	30

OCTOBER 1 - 15

Vinnie Perrin	04
Frank Watson	04
Larry Milender	05
Aldin Smith	05
Maxine Cheesman	06
Jeff Hmara	08
William Turner	12
Inelda Bullock	14
Sheila Wright	14
Lorna Pearson	15

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send us an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Winsom Genus-Martin
Charlesworth "Barclay" Varlack

CONDOLENCES TO:

Yvonne Lawrence
on the loss of her brother-in-law
Family of Olga Mason

Please Let Us Know...

Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if you are ill, know of anyone who is ill or would like to share any condolences and would like it to be announced in the newsletter. **If no one tells us, we cannot share it.**

Elet Cyris, Chair.....561.791.9087
Paul Baker.....561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter.....561.798.2864

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 7 pm
VIA ZOOM

Join us for our General Membership meeting on Saturday, September 10th where the focus will be on the upcoming Annual Friendship Ball on September 17, 2022 and ticket sales. Any questions and/or concerns will also be addressed. Please make sure to join us to get some useful information. We conduct our monthly membership meetings via Zoom until further notice.

You will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone to participate in the meeting. You may also call in. See instructions below.

Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllLNER0a2JuNlhtYUZlVkJkZmRSdz09>

OR

Visit website: www.cafciabc.org

Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"

OR

Download the ZOOM App: www.zoom.com

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

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Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

CAFCI 31st ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Downtown Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach

The excitement is building for the CAFCI 31st Annual Friendship Ball to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in West Palm Beach. The Ball Committee is working hard and has put everything in place for a successful socially distanced event. If you have not already purchased your ticket, time is running out; so purchase your tickets as soon as possible from a CAFCI member or on the CAFCI website (cafciabc.org). Please be sure to select your meal choice: chicken, fish or vegetarian. Raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$5 for a book of 4 tickets. You need not be present to win. The prizes are: 1st prize: \$300 cash; 2nd prize: \$200 cash; 3rd prize: \$100 cash. Contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079 for raffle tickets. There will also be a silent auction. See additional details on the front page of this newsletter and on the CAFCI website (cafciabc.org).



On the first Sunday after Labor Day we celebrate **National Grandparent's Day**. This year the date falls on **September 11**. Like Mother's Day and Father's Day, we also have a whole day dedicated to our grandparents. Grandparents and children have a special connection that is proven to both make grandparents live longer, and also make children more emotionally resilient. Grandparent's Day is an opportunity to treasure that connection and spend some quality family time together.



Every year from **September 15 to October 15**, Americans celebrate **National Hispanic Heritage Month** by appreciating the community's history, heritage, and contributions of the ancestors of American citizens who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South and Central America. Hispanic Heritage Month originally started with one week of commemoration when it was first introduced by Congressman George E. Brown in June 1968. With the civil rights movement, the need to recognize the contributions of the Latin community gained traction in the 1960s. Awareness of the multicultural groups living in the United States was also gradually growing.

Two heavily Latinx and Hispanic populated areas, the San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles, were represented by Brown. His aim was to recognize the integral roles of these communities in American history. Observation of Hispanic Heritage Week started in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was later extended to a 30-day celebration by President Ronald Reagan, starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law via approval of Public Law 100-402 on August 17, 1988.

September 15 is set as the starting date for the month as it is important for many reasons. It is the independence anniversary for Latin American countries El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras. From here onwards, the independence days of Mexico and Chile fall on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Dia de la Raza or Columbus Day also falls within the month of October (October 12).

Hispanic Americans have been integral to the prosperity of the U.S. Their contributions to the nation are immeasurable, and they embody the best of American values. The Hispanic-American community has left an indelible mark on the U.S. culture and economy. It is a time to appreciate and celebrate the colorful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American Latino community.

Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/hispanic-heritage-month/>

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives; so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND



ONGOING SUPPORT: To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or

CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option. A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link

(<https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>) to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

The **2023 Scholarship Application** has now been posted on the CAFCI website. The link is <https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>. Please share with your family and friends. Just this past year we spoke with a few friends of CAFCI whose grandchild or a relative graduated from high school and when asked, "Did you have them fill out the application?", the response was "we forgot." *Don't let that be you!*

Congratulations To

Tamara J. Paul

on being awarded one of **South Florida's 40 under 40 Black Leaders of Today and Tomorrow** by Media Group LLC Legacy MIA in the area of Speech-Language Pathology at Sunshine Speech Academy, LLC on August 19, 2022. Tamara is the daughter of CAFCI member **Jannette Sharpe-Paul**.

Congratulations To

Lauriston and Shauna Simms,

the proud grandparents of their grandson, Joshua Avery Simms, weighing in at 7 lbs. 6 oz of joy. Born to **Michal and Daphney Simms**.



CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111

This August, Troop 111 had a blast. We had an Eagle Court of Honor, elections and planning for the future campouts.



Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Eagle Scout Sam Johnson, Scoutmaster Mr. McNally, Eagle Scout Carlos Chirino



Sam Johnson, Mrs. Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

First, we celebrated with Sam Johnson during his Eagle Court of Honor. Many current scouts and alumni came to support Sam in his achievements. Scouts assisted in passing out pamphlets to visitors at the flag ceremony and we all had an opportunity to share our great memories with Sam. Everyone had a great time that day at Camp Davis. We were laughing and smiling because of the time we had together and the joy of memories we were able to share.

Second, the Shaman had the annual camp planning meeting. Some campouts feel like once-in-a-lifetime experiences, so we came up with new places to go. Everyone enjoys being able to go somewhere that they have never been before. We are looking forward to having new experiences.

Last, we held elections for the next quarter. With new leadership, these scouts will help the Troop in a big way and as I am sad to say that I will no longer be the senior patrol leader, I am confident that the new leadership will make the troop better by building memories and friendships.

On August 30th, I will be presenting at my Court of Honor but it is not about me. We will recognize scouts who acquired new ranks, summer merit badges and swearing in the new officers. These scouts worked hard and achieved higher ranks and new Troop positions. It has been a great learning experience as the 2022 Summer SPL. You will hear from the next SPL soon. I know that he will do a great job.

By William Hicks, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 111

WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>

GoFundMe: Visit <https://gofund.me/7319cf9a> • Please share with your friends and family

HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at: <https://www.cafcipc.org/membership-dues> OR

Mail to: CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan,

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON???

Help support CAFCI when shopping online at Amazon ...

IT'S EASY!

1. Just sign into or create your account at <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Select **Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida** as your preferred charity.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to CAFCI, thereby helping to fund CAFCI programs such as the Student Assistance Fund for college bound students, Scouts, annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Cultural Diversity Day as well as other events that benefit the community.

A For C.A.F.C.I.

Unfortunately, recent leads to acquire commercial property were not successful. We will continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area based on the outlined strategy. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.



*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipc.org and click on the “Home of Our Own” tab or call Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. **We have made it easier to take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.***

If you have information about potential investor(s) who may be able to help with funding, share your ideas or provide information about available property, email cafcipc@bellsouth.net, copying radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.790.4002 and leave a message.

Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, CAFCI *Home Of Our Own* Chair



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!!!

Atlantic Hurricane Season

June 1 – November 30

Be Prepared and . . .

Know Your Hurricane Risk - Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now.

Make an Emergency Plan - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Include the office, kids' day care, and anywhere else you frequent in your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.

Know your Evacuation Zone - You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay. Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies, and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

Recognize Warnings and Alerts - Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Sign up for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

Those with Disabilities - Identify if you may need additional help during an emergency if you or anyone else in your household is an individual with a disability.

Review Important Documents - Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, such as ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

Strengthen your Home - De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, and consider hurricane shutters.

Get Tech Ready - Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

Help your Neighborhood - Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others

Gather Supplies - Have enough supplies for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk. You may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane.

To be sure you are prepared, visit
<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

DOING BUSINESS

Let's Support Businesses In Our Community

BLUE MOUNTAIN COFFEE HOUSE

Breakfast & Lunch.

540 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561.318.7296 • bluemountaincoffeehouse@yahoo.com
<https://bluemountaincoffeehouses.com>



DONATE TO "CLINICS CAN HELP"

DO YOU HAVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR UNOPENED MEDICAL SUPPLIES YOU NO LONGER NEED, OR ARE YOU IN NEED OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES?

If so, check out "Clinics Can Help," a local nonprofit organization that accepts gently used durable medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, shower chairs, commodes, nebulizers, oxygen concentrators, etc.) and unused medical supplies (adult diapers, wound care materials, etc.) donated by the community. "Clinics Can Help" cleans and refurbishes the equipment it receives, and redistributes it, along with donated medical supplies, to Palm Beach County residents who need it. "Clinics Can Help" stores the equipment and supplies at its warehouse at 2560 Westgate Avenue in West Palm Beach. Last year it provided over 3,000 children and adults in Palm Beach County with medical equipment and supplies. CAFCI members can donate medical equipment or unused medical supplies to "Clinics Can Help," or seek needed medical equipment and supplies. To learn more, click on this link: <https://www.clinicscanhelp.org/>. You can also call "Clinics Can Help" at 561.640.2995 to see if it has the equipment or supplies you need.

COVID-19

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 and vaccinations visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/covid-19

For the latest COVID-19 vaccine updates in Florida visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/>

The Florida Health COVID-19 24-hour hotline is available to answer general vaccine questions: 866.779.6121

Senior Hotline: 866.201.6754

Appointment line for seniors over 65 who do not have access to a computer.

IN THE NEWS ...

CDC RECOMMENDS THE FIRST UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTER

Recommendations for use of updated COVID-19 boosters from Pfizer-BioNTech for people ages 12 years and older and from Moderna for people ages 18 years and older.

For more information visit
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0901-covid-19-booster.html>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR CAFCI's EVENTS

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

Saturday, September 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 7 pm to 1 am

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Downtown Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 8: **General Membership Meeting/International Games Night / Membership Appreciation**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, November 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via hybrid of Zoom and in-person

Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via hybrid of Zoom and in-person

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location TBA

AROUND TOWN

- Saturday, October 1st, 6 pm to midnight:** Caribbean American Cultural Group, Inc. presents their **38th Anniversary Ball** at Mid Florida Event Center, 9221 Southeast Event Center Place, Port St. Lucie. For information, contact Jan Oliver-Roberts (772.333.6796) or Charissa Canales (954.818.1764).
- Sunday, October 2nd, 6 pm:** Steve Higgins Productions in association with Fowler, Samuels & Associates Group presents **Love & Nostalgia, A Jamaica 60 Celebration Event**. Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach. General Admission \$45, Preferred Seating \$60, VIP \$80. For tickets or more information call 561.603.4204.
- Saturday, November 5th, 7 pm - 11 pm:** Free Spirit Outreach, Inc. invites you to **An Evening of Sheer Elegance** at Hilton Hotel Palm Beach Airport, Majestic Ballroom. Music by DJ Toots. For information, call 561.692.1508 or 561.708.3193.
- Visit the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the **Kravis Center** at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161 with the name of the performance, date and preferred seating.
- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 9 am to 11 am:** **Feeding South Florida** – Drive-Thru Food Distribution Site Commons Park, 11600 Poinciana Blvd. To ensure the health and safety of volunteers and community members, we must adhere to the COVID-19 CDC guidelines. Please remain in your car and open the trunk when it is your turn in line. Food is distributed first come, first served while supplies last. If you are unable to get food, please visit feedingsouthflorida.org/covid19 and use the agency locator to find a food pantry in your zip code.
- Mondays & Fridays, 12 pm to 1 pm:** **Senior Meal Program** – Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center Senior Games & Activities are held before and after starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm
- 1st Tuesday of every month, 3:30 pm to 5 pm:** **FREE Technology Workshops** for Seniors at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center

CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT:

Caribbean American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background.

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

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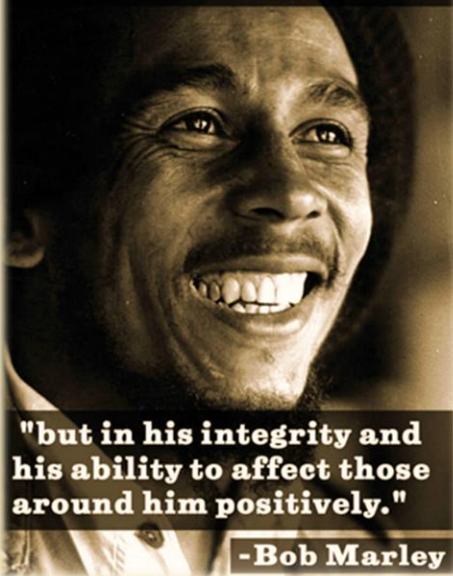
CAFCI MEMBERS.....*If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (eg. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com).*

IMPORTANT: *Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.*

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**"The greatness of a man
is not in how much wealth
he acquires,"**



**"but in his integrity and
his ability to affect those
around him positively."**

-Bob Marley

