



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.

July

2020

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope everyone had a happy 4th of July. This is a stressful time for our country, state and organization. With the alarming increase of Covid-19 cases everywhere as well as social unrest, protests and marches for social justices, CAFCI has never been this challenged. Our responsibility of delivering on our mission and keeping our organization solvent is being tested in ways never imagined and under unthinkable circumstances. To survive, we have considered what costs can be reduced immediately to increase cash on hand since most of our fundraising activities, including our annual Friendship Ball, have been cancelled for this year. I know you care deeply about CAFCI and the work we do. Therefore, we will be launching a fundraising appeal to our members, friends and supporters. Please see the letter on page 3 of this newsletter for details.

Our monthly meeting continues online via Zoom. Please see detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter on how to access and join the meeting. At last month's meeting, Mayor Pinto provided valuable information on the opening of the Village of Royal Palm Beach and how to keep safe. The online meetings are fun and informative.

Despite the effects of Covid-19, we were able to continue our Student Assistance Fund awards this year. The awards were made possible due to contributions, donations and grants from many champions for education: members, supporters and last year's annual Friendship Ball. Thanks to all who contributed. A special thank you to the Student Assistance Fund committee (Doreen Baker, Leonie Escoffery, Doreen Grayson, Clover Henry-Gilroy, Alpha McDonald and Co-chairs Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd) for selecting the recipients, soliciting and raising funds, and the endless hours that the committee worked to make this possible.

Dennis Wright, President



JULY 16 - 31

Lascelles Harris	16
Bernice Morgan	17
Hugh Walters	18
Florence Osbourne	21
Mark Morrison	24
Loretta Watson	24
Thalia White Lauren	26
Alliseen Kelly-Rambeau	31

AUGUST 1 - 15

Sam Roman	03
Larry Buck	04
Nigel Charlton	04
Juliette Bramwell	04
Karlene Stephenson	14
Barbara Walker	15
Genieve White	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Paul and Doreen Baker
on the loss of his brother-in-law

For those of you who have lost loved ones due to Covid-19 (or otherwise) within the last few months, our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Please feel free to reach out to the Sunshine committee, any board member or CAFCI member if you need to talk especially since no one can travel to attend funerals!

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, July 11, 2020 at 7 pm

VIA ZOOM

Monthly membership meetings will be conducted via Zoom until further notice. In order to participate, you will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone. 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=dllNER0a2JuNIhtYUZIVkZzYmRSdz09>

OR

Download the ZOOM App or visit website:

www.zoom.com

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

OR

Call-In:

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

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 socio-economic background.

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socio-economic 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.

DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter committee members.

CAFCI MEMBERS.....*If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g. 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.*



VOTE...It is our responsibility

It is our responsibility and civic duty to participate in this process as American citizens. Please take the time to learn about the candidates so that you can make choices that are in line with your beliefs.

For more information about the voting process, visit the Florida Division of Elections at

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>

Please take note of the following Election Dates for 2020

Election Day

- Primary Election: August 18
- General Election: November 3

Deadline to Register (Book Closing)

- Primary Election: July 20
- General Election: October 5

Vote-by-Mail Ballot 'Send' Deadline

- Primary Election: July 4
- General Election: September 19
 - Palm Beach County, Supervisor of Elections send the ballots during a 7-day window between 40 and 33 days before an election. The send periods for 2020 are:
 - Primary Election: July 9 - July 16
 - General Election: September 24 - October 1

Early Voting Period

- Primary Election: August 8 - 15
- General Election: October 24 - 31
 - Each county Supervisor of Elections may offer more days of early voting from one or more of the following days:
 - Primary Election: August 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 16
 - General Election: October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and November 1

Check with your county Supervisor of Elections for the additional days of early voting that may be offered in your county.



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July 7, 2020

Dear Member:

We hope that all is well with you and your family in these troubling times. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and eagerly await getting back together as a family. CAFCI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been actively involved in making a difference in people's lives and in the community. CAFCI has been involved in various community activities which includes financially assisting college bound students, disaster relief as well as other social activities.

As you are aware, in an effort to raise funds to support the activities mentioned above, each year CAFCI has hosted various events. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are unable to host these events this year. We are therefore asking you for your continued support by making a financial donation. If you can contribute the amount that you normally pay for a CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball ticket (\$95 - \$100) or more, this would go a long way in helping to keep the organization strong. However, if this amount is not affordable at this time, any amount you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. A committee representative will contact you to confirm your support.

Thank you and we hope for a positive reply.

Respectfully,

Dennis Wright
President

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund committee would be honored to recognize its members' relatives and their accomplishments so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

*On behalf of the Board of Directors,
congratulations to all CAFCI family and
friends who have relatives who have
graduated or will be graduating from high
school, college or university.*

CAFCI's TROOP 111



Troop 111 wishes to thank Dr. Winston Davis and Mrs. Rhonda Ferrin-Davis for their help and support in providing a safe location for our first "face to face" troop meeting since the quarantine. Camp Davis continues to be a home for the scouts to meet, plan, collaborate and grow in the spirit of scouting.



CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

Thank you videos from the 2020 Student Assistance Fund award recipients as well as congratulations videos from past recipients will be posted on CAFCI's website and Facebook page shortly.

The Government Bee

The Government Bee is a student competition that was started in 2017, as a partnership between the High Twelve Club of Lake Worth and the School District of Palm Beach County. High school students participate in a team to answer questions about civics and government that align to the United States Government state standards. Questions are generated from the Citizenship test, textbook resources, and other open educational materials.

Not knowing about the upcoming school year, the committee has decided to change the competition to become completely virtual this year, through Instagram. The competition will be seven days in length, the first six days there will be two questions a day and participants have 24 hours to submit answers. On the seventh day, we will have a live final round with 20 questions and a tie breaker question, if needed. Anyone can participate in answering the questions but only students will have the opportunity to win prizes.

The competition will run twice, September 29th - October 5th and October 27th - November 2nd. All of the rules, questions and live video will be on the @GovernmentBee Instagram page and can also be shared on other forms of social media.

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

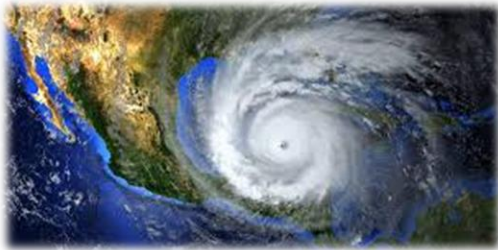
There was no significant Home Of Our Own activity this past month. We continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.



You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promoting an activity to raise funds. To share your ideas or provide information regarding available property, or if you have a question, please send an email to cafcipbc@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002 and leave a message.

Participation in the Home Of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipbc.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 participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.**

Submitted by
Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI Home Chair



ARE YOU READY???

Atlantic Hurricane Season

June 1-November 30

For information, visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.

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

COVID-19 RESOURCE DIRECTORY
<https://thrivingat.homethrive.com/covid-19-resource-directory>

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$60 * Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipbc.org OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan, 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

MARK YOUR CALENDAR CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

Saturday, July 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, August 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, September 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

CANCELLED

~~Saturday, September 19, 2020~~

Saturday, October 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, November 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, December 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Potluck**, 7pm, Location to be announced

Thursday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location to be announced