



## 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

2025

### CAFCI's 32<sup>ND</sup> STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

Philosopher G. K. Chesterton wrote, "Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." The members of Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) share this belief and have enshrined, as part of their mission, a commitment to investing in the education of the youth in our community. On Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Portuguese American Cultural Society of Palm Beach County, CAFCI celebrated the educational achievements of 14 outstanding Palm Beach County high school seniors at its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Assistance Fund Award Ceremony.



2025 SAF Award Recipients

The students received Student Assistance Fund awards for educational excellence in the amounts of \$1,500 (named awards) or \$1,000 (CAFCI Awards). Reinforcing the theme of the event, "Empowering Youth & Investing in our Future," CAFCI members are proud that the organization has donated over \$274,500 to 255 Palm Beach County high school seniors since the inception of the Student Assistance Fund initiative.



Rachel Ferguson

Rachel Ferguson opened the ceremony with her sweet rendition of the National Anthem and set the tone for the rest of the evening. The students listened intently as the Village of Royal Palm Beach Mayor, Jeff Hmara and School Board District 6 member, Marcia Andrews shared words of inspiration and congratulations with them - acknowledging the challenges that they have overcome whilst still maintaining an impressive record of academic excellence and community service.

A highlight of the evening was hearing from former student award recipients like Briana Ulysse, who attended the ceremony and gave the students heartfelt reflections and support. Videotaped messages of congratulations coupled with valuable advice were given to the awardees from past student award recipients whose continued academic progress is a tribute to the investment and commitment that CAFCI has made to education and the young people of our community.

Karen Hinds, CEO (Workplace Success Group), author, and motivational speaker, delivered a stirring keynote address. She exhorted the students to embrace, rather than fear, the process; to believe in themselves and in their own resilience, understanding that difficulties do not define us and can become opportunities for personal and professional growth. They do not need to ask permission to excel - it can be their destiny with hard work, dedication and determination! Ms. Hinds also gifted each student with a copy of her book, "Get Along, Get Ahead."

The heartwarming climax of the event was the award presentation where award sponsors took pictures with the students, shared what motivated them to initiate the award, and the students expressed their gratitude to CAFCI and the sponsors.



Briana Ulysse

#### AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Amanagea Abraham Award**  
ABRIANNA EVANS  
Palm Beach State College

**Bodden & Bennett Law Group Award**  
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University of Central Florida

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DIEDRIANA PLUMMER  
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Palm Beach State College

**CAFCI Award**  
NICHOLAS WATSON  
Curry College

**CAFCI Award**  
LAUREN PERSAUD SINGH  
Palm Beach State College

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Penn State University

**Gloria Edwards Award**  
LORENDIE EXAVIER  
Florida Atlantic University

**Ferrin Student Leadership Award**  
RAYVEN RICHARDS  
University of Michigan

**FPL Award**  
ELIZABETH ROBLES  
University of Florida

**FPL Award**  
NIA WATSON  
University of Central Florida

**Audrey Martin Award**  
DAVID DUVAL  
FAMU/Florida A&M University

**Jess and Victoria Santamaria Award**  
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**Genieve White Family Award**  
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General Membership Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month  
Board Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CAFCI Members and Friends:

**Lawrence Logan:** As we embrace the warmth of July, we do so with both gratitude and a heavy heart. This month, we pause to honor the life and legacy of Lawrence Logan, a 32-year member, past Chairman and President of CAFCI, who recently passed away.

Lawrence was more than a leader—he was a cornerstone of our organization. From our earliest days, his vision and unwavering commitment helped shape CAFCI's mission and identity. He served with distinction on nearly every committee, including Newsletter, Membership, and as Headquarters Administrator. His contributions laid the foundation for many of our ongoing programs and initiatives, and his wisdom, warmth and steady presence will be deeply missed.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Logan family. Lawrence's spirit will live on through the countless lives he touched and the community he helped to build. Plans are underway to honor his memory in a lasting and meaningful way on Saturday, July 12th.

**SAF Awards Ceremony:** In June, we proudly celebrated our 32nd Annual Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony, recognizing a new class of outstanding students for their academic achievements and dedication. Events like this reaffirm CAFCI's long-standing commitment to education and youth empowerment. I extend my sincere thanks to the Student Assistance Fund Committee for their tireless work and dedication: Co-chairs Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, Esq., Treasurer Leonie Escoffery, Doreen Baker, Lavern Blackwood, Robin Ferguson, Norma Smith-Hill and Marua Wilks.

**Annual Friendship Ball:** Looking ahead, I invite you to mark your calendars for CAFCI's signature event, the 34th Annual Friendship Ball, taking place on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 7 PM at the West Palm Beach Marriott. This elegant evening of celebration, culture and community is our largest fundraiser of the year, supporting CAFCI's vital programs and services. We look forward to your presence and support as we come together for a night of purpose and pride.

Let us carry forward the legacy of service and community that Lawrence exemplified. I encourage all members to stay engaged, support one another and help CAFCI remain a beacon of unity and progress.

Warm regards,

  
Dennis Wright

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

*Clifton Reid*

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

### GET WELL TO:

Jeff Webb

Cynthia Hamm

### CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Lawrence Logan

Audrey Campbell on the loss of her cousin,  
Fred Braswell



### Please Let Us Know...

*We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:*

- *you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.*

*Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.*

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

In-Person & Via Zoom

10287 Okeechobee Boulevard

Level-X Fitness Center – Suite A-5

Royal Palm Beach

(corner of Okeechobee Blvd. and State Road 7 / US 441)

Please join CAFCI for the General Membership meeting where you will receive updates about our upcoming Annual Friendship Ball.

If you are unable to attend in person, join us via Zoom:

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*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.*

**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 the accomplishments of a close relative (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](mailto:ujama4@aol.com) or phone 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the information to Junette Powell ([junettep56@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

*Bridging Generations:*

*Celebrating the Past, Present & Future of Community Service*

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach

It's that time of year again! CAFCI's 2025 Annual Friendship Ball promises to be an elegant, fun and festive evening celebrating the joy of community service. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place to curate an unforgettable event. Please save the date and get your tickets early from a CAFCI member. Look out for more details on the flyer in this newsletter and on the CAFCI website ([cafcipc.org](http://cafcipc.org)).

The Ball Journal Committee is asking all members and friends to assist with the solicitation of sponsorship, ads and support for the Journal. You may also place a member message in the Ball Journal. Forms detailing Ball support opportunities (sponsorship, advertising and member message) are included in the newsletter and are available on CAFCI's website.

For more information, please contact Genieve White via text at 561.876.4161 or [gen\\_white@msn.com](mailto:gen_white@msn.com); or [cafcipc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipc@bellsouth.net).

If you would like to submit a Member Message, please complete and submit the form or contact Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856 or [terrisjanice@hotmail.com](mailto:terrisjanice@hotmail.com) or Alvin Nembhard at 561.670.813 or [alvin@bellsouth.net](mailto:alvin@bellsouth.net).

For more details, see pages 12-14 of this issue of the newsletter or visit [CAFCIPBC.org](http://CAFCIPBC.org).

### LET'S DO BUSINESS

*When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.*

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*If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the “Let's Do Business” section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.*

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# Member Spotlight



**Have You Met ...  
BARBARA WALKER**



**USA**

Barbara Walker is a woman of surprises. So slim that folks have envied her size or worried that she was too fragile for the work that she did. Notwithstanding the appearance of fragility, Barbara chose what is considered one of the most dangerous careers: a job as a New York City police officer.

Barbara was born in North Carolina, but barring ten years of childhood, lived in New York for most of her life. It was where she went to high school, met her husband—at a high school social—and later married him, directly after graduation. He was three years older; and it was where she had her two sons.

Once married, Barbara dedicated herself to raising her family. So, it was a surprise then, when in the midst of being a homemaker and working at bank, her life took an unexpected turn.

The year was 1973 to be exact. Barbara was riding the subway with a friend after working an evening shift, when a transit officer who watched out for them whenever they rode the train at night, told her about the job of a transit officer, how easy it was, the many perks, and the very good pay. The next night he brought the application.

Barbara took the test, passed and entered the police academy. There was no thought in her mind of becoming a cop walking a beat.

She explains, “Back then, they didn’t have too many female officers. There had been a pilot program in a couple of precincts with a few females performing patrol duties. The pilot was deemed a success and and classifications of uniformed personnel was changed from patrolman and policewoman to police officer.”

The next NYPD hiring, which included Barbara, graduated the largest class of female recruits in NYPD history; the females outnumbered the males.

Barbara remembers the first night she was assigned to Harlem’s 25th precinct—a precinct with a rough reputation. But it isn’t the roughness of the neighborhood that springs to mind. It was the uniform she was wearing.

“Did you ever see those old movies with the female officers marching in neat little skirts, with the little caps that curled up in the back and the little white gloves? We had a purse with a little pocket for the gun. That was the uniform I had on,” she says.

“I remember the sergeant at the precinct looking me up and down. I said, ‘We told them to give us pants.’”

In the morning he took me to the Army and Navy store. He got me a pair of pants and a pea jacket, pulled the patches off the shoulder of the lightweight jacket I was wearing and stuck them on the pea jacket. That became my uniform. Later that year the academy put us in the same uniform as the men.”

Barbara patrolled the streets of Harlem and the Bronx off and on for the next twenty years. She fired her weapon at the police range and never shot anyone, though in dicey situations she occasionally pulled it out.

Throughout her career as an NYPD officer Barbara served in multiple roles: as a cop on the beat, in community policing, in background investigations, and as an instructor at the academy—the job she enjoyed the most because she liked developing the curriculum and teaching cops how to respond in real life situations.

She also worked as a cop on film sets like Brewster’s Millions and 9 ½ Weeks, making sure that the films stayed within permit guidelines. While working, Barbara earned her bachelor’s degree in behavioral sciences and later was promoted to an NYPD sergeant.

In 1993 she retired and briefly moved to California.

In 1996 Barbara moved to West Palm Beach after a visit with Elet Cyris, a friend. In Palm Beach County she met folks she’d known in New York, like Lawrence Logan who passed recently. They introduced her to a tight circle of friends who were the founding members of CAFCI, then known as the Caribbean American Friendship Club. She joined immediately and has been a member ever since.

A core group of CAFCI’s members belonged to another club—Scratch—so called because they bought lottery cards together and scratched off the numbers to see if they’d won.)

In her three decades in Palm Beach County, Barbara has been a serial activist—belonging to the NAACP, the ACLU, the Urban League Guild, the League of Women Voters, and more recently, Coming to the Table, an organization comprised of the descendants of enslaved Africans and the descendants of European enslavers.

Hers has been a life of service.

Patrolling Harlem’s streets she recalls, “It had a reputation, but the work was routine. No one bothered you. Nice little old ladies would say, ‘You need to eat more.’ How you gonna fight and protect yourself?” She laughs, I’d say, ‘Don’t worry. I know how to fight.’”

The trajectory from where she started as a Black girl born in a rural town to becoming one of the first female street cops and an NYPD sergeant seems an unlikely one, but Barbara’s demeanor betrays evidence of her vocation as a cop: a cool deportment, a steady hand, eyes watchful of all around her, and a smile that spreads slow and easy, like butter over toasted bread. ‘Life is one sweet surprise and I’m busy living it,’ that smile says.

By Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

*Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to be featured or recommend someone, please email us at: [junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com) or [thaliaec@gmail.com](mailto:thaliaec@gmail.com). Thanks, family. We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.*



# 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. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.**

## CAFCI's 32<sup>nd</sup> Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony (continued from page 1)



Samara Lewis

*Contributing to the educational success of such deserving students inspires CAFCI members to continue to build its Student Assistance Fund program. "Education costs money, but then so does ignorance." Sir Claus Moser.*

*The evening ended on a high note as Samara Lewis followed by Wendy Kay Wilson enthralled the audience with their incredible voices lifted in song as each gave a musical tribute to the awardees. Robin Ferguson did a masterful job of thanking the committee members, the guest speaker, the donors/sponsors, the emcee and each performer.*

*The Student Assistance Fund Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Student Assistance Fund. Please go to the CAFCI website ([cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram](http://cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram)) to view the video, the awards ceremony program and the 2025 Thank You Flyer.*

*By Leonie Escoffery*



Seated: Marva Wilks, Keynote Speaker: Karen Hinds, Leonie Escoffery; Standing: Robin Ferguson, Lavern Blackwood, Nadine White-Boyd, Norma Smith-Hill, Doreen Baker, Junette Powell





# CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

*Empowering Youth & Investing in Our Future*



*CAFCI extends heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors whose financial contributions make the 2025 Student Assistance Fund (SAF) possible. Your support empowers students to pursue their educational goals and achieve their dreams. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a difference in their lives and within our community.*

(List complete as of June 30, 2025)

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"*  
- Nelson Mandela



# CAFCI SCOUTS ✦ TROOP 111

## Greetings CAFCI!

I'm Keenan Stack, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 111. It's an honor to step into this leadership role and continue building on the strong traditions of our amazing troop. We've already had a fantastic start to the season, and I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates with you!

**SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:** Our recent summer camp was a huge success—and packed with memories! Troop 111 earned Gold Honor Troop once again, a true testament to everyone's teamwork, dedication, and Scout spirit. A special shoutout goes to Micah Johnson, who was recognized as the Outdoor Skills Scout of the Week! Way to go, Micah!

Whether it was completing merit badges, cooking over the fire, or late-night card games, camp was full of fun. One of the most memorable parts? Sleeping in the pavilion! It wasn't exactly five-star, but it definitely gave us some great stories (and a few stiff backs).

**EAGLE SCOUT NEWS:** I'm excited to share that my Eagle Scout project has been officially approved! I'll be leading the construction of a sunshade pavilion at Barky Pines Animal Sanctuary. It'll help provide shelter and comfort to those visiting the rainbow bridge to remember their lost beloved pet.

Also, please join me in congratulating Caleb McNally, who earned his Eagle Scout rank on June 17, 2025! This is a huge achievement, and Caleb's dedication to Scouting has inspired all of us.

**OFF TO NORTHERN TIER!** Adventure is calling! Fifteen crew members from our troop are about to set out on a 7-day canoeing and camping expedition at Northern Tier High Adventure Camp in Minnesota. It's going to be an unforgettable experience full of paddling, portaging, and probably a few mosquito battles. We wish them clear skies, calm waters, and plenty of trail mix.

Troop 111 continues to thrive, thanks to the incredible Scouts, leaders, families and CAFCI who support us. I'm proud to be leading such an awesome group and can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

**SCOUT OATH** | *"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."*



**SCOUT LAW** | *"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."*

To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111 or to volunteer for scouting, visit <https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>



Micah Johnson, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader



Keenan Stack, Senior Patrol Leader, Ms. Rachel Pfister, Assistant Scoutmaster



Caleb McNally, Eagle Scout

Yours in Scouting,  
Keenan Stack  
Senior Patrol Leader  
Troop 111





Greetings.

I wanted to share a farewell speech that one of our older scouts, Jackson Eubanks, delivered at our Summer Camp Awards Ceremony. This young man earned his Eagle Rank in 2023, stayed on in the Troop, continued to grow as an individual, mentored younger scouts and is about to embark on his final High Adventure trip to Northern Tier. We wish him much success, health, happiness and God's blessing as he enters his next phase of life as a member of the United States Air Force. He will never be forgotten and always be remembered as an exemplary scout in CAFCI's Scouts BSA Troop 111.

Lori Cabrera  
Troop 111 Committee Member



*I've always been told I'm a much better writer than I am a speaker, so I wrote down these words in an optimistically perfect combination, hoping for a good speech.*

*I remember first joining the troop. The very first friends I had made, none of them are here right now, include Luke, Matthew, Dylan, Alex, Edwin and Connor. The only one that stuck with me to the end was Luke.*

*I did a little history check and found out that my first TK campout was 7 years ago in 2018. Seven TK Summer Camps ago doesn't sound like a lot, but a lot has changed since then. From people I used to see every day, the places I would go every day, the places I might not go to again, and the people I might never meet again, and my new mustache (lol).*

*As I look around this room I see familiar faces, and new faces, but one thing stays the same beside this, which is that when you join this troop you don't just join this troop, you join a family. You spend the next seven years helping, supporting, and camping with said family until you're at a TK potluck gathering giving a Goodbye Speech to them.*

*Everyone in this room will be missed. If there is a universe out there with a planet where this troop lives at TK forever, I'm going to get there.*

*And for my final remarks, they are somewhat lessons to the youth. If you ever get sad about missing the good old days just know on your second to last campout, you're going to realize you were in them. My second remark, the world turns, there's no stopping time. My Time Has Passed.*

**Troop 111 Eagle Scout  
Jackson Eubanks**

## JULY... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness

### INTERNATIONAL SELF-CARE DAY

JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>

International Self-Care Day is celebrated on July 24. It stresses the importance of self-care as the cornerstone of wellness. On this day, individuals throughout the world are encouraged to make self-care a part of their everyday routines and turn it into a priority. It is a milestone, and an opportunity to raise further awareness of the benefits of effective self-management of health.

Self-care has become incredibly important as people realize the need to take care of themselves and put themselves first. This has made people talk about it and increased the interest of others to take control of their health and wellness by prioritizing themselves. Today, we urge you to practice self-care, even if all you do is take a walk.

Source:

<https://nationaltoday.com/international-self-care-day/>

### PARENT'S DAY

JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>

Parents Day 2025 is on Sunday, July 27. And it's not about extravagant gifts or fancy brunches (though hey, we'll take both). It's about seeing the hard work, the sleepless nights, the fierce love, and the quiet resilience that goes into raising children. It's about uplifting and supporting parents, old, new, and everywhere in between. So whether you're celebrating your parents, your partner, your co-parenting crew, or yourself, pause, appreciate, and remember: You are doing an incredible job.

Source: <https://cradlewise.com/blog/parents-day-2025-ways-to-celebrate/>

## 2025 HURRICANE SEASON Returning Home After a Hurricane

**Eastern Pacific: May 15–November 30 | Atlantic: June 1–November 30 | Central Pacific: June 1–November.**

- Pay attention to local officials for information and special instructions.
- Be careful during clean up. Wear protective clothing, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning [mold or other debris](#). People with [asthma and other lung conditions](#) and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled, even if these individuals are not allergic to mold. Children should not help with disaster cleanup work.
- Wear protective clothing and work with someone else.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock.
- Do not wade in flood water, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses. This water also can contain debris, chemicals, waste and wildlife. Underground or downed power lines also can electrically charge the water.
- Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems often are down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company for assistance.

*Take an Active Role in Your Safety Go to [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) and use FEMA's Guide for Alerts and Warnings to learn more about hurricane watches and warnings. Download the FEMA app to get more information about how to prepare.*

**See May 2025 Issue of the NEWS For Tips to BE PREPARED**  
**See June 2025 Issue of the NEWS For Tips to BE SAFE**

Source: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes#before>

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

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

Please share with your friends and family.

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

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:

<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI

Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Lawrence Logan,

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

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

### BUSINESS



Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Last month we made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net).

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://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 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.*



Scan QR Code to Support  
CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

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



**CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN FLORIDA, INC.**

**CAFCI**

**34th Annual**  
*Friendship Ball*

BRIDGING GENERATIONS

*Celebrating the Past, Present  
and Future of Community Service.*

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**7 pm - 1 am**

**Dinner Served at 8 pm**



**\$120**

**Advance Ticket Sales Only | Cash Bar  
SEMI-FORMAL | DOOR PRIZES | RAFFLE**

*Live Entertainment  
featuring*



**& MORE**

**WEST PALM BEACH MARRIOTT**

**1001 Okeechobee Boulevard**

**West Palm Beach, FL 33401**



**For more information or to purchase tickets**

**Dennis Wright 561.653.1586**

**Audrey Smith 561.601.8856**

**Alvin Nembhard 561.670.8113**

**CAFCI ~ 561.790.4002 ~ [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net) ~ [CAFCIPBC.org](http://CAFCIPBC.org)**



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# 34th Annual Friendship Ball

**Bridging Generations**

*Celebrating the Past, Present & Future of Community Service.*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

## 2025 MEMBER MESSAGE

***Be a part of CAFCI's history by placing your  
personalized MESSAGE in the 2025 Ball Journal.***

☐ **MESSAGE \$25**  
(text only - max. 20 words)

☐ **BUSINESS CARD SIZE MESSAGE \$75**  
(text and image - 2" x 3 1/4")

**Examples of personalized message:**

- *We salute and congratulate CAFCI on their commitment to the community*
- *Congratulations on Graduation, Newborn, Engagement, etc.*
- *In loving memory of*
- *Birthday greetings to*

**MESSAGE:**

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**Submit message and image (if applicable) to [cafcib@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcib@bellsouth.net).  
Include "CAFCI 2025 BALL Message" in the Subject line.**

**MESSAGE DUE ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2025.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY|STATE|ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Mail Check  
OR  
Pay Online

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**2025 SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT**

**GOLD SPONSOR ~ \$5,000**

Six (6) Event Tickets

*Gold Sponsor Receive*

Recognition on CAFCI's website for one year with direct link to sponsor's website

**SILVER SPONSOR ~ \$2,500**

Four (4) Event Tickets

*All Sponsors Receive*

Full page color sponsorship ad in Ball Journal, Recognition in video presentation at the Ball, Introduction at event, Ball Journal recognizing sponsorship on CAFCI's website for one year, Recognition in all public relations distributed & Social Media Highlights, Opportunity to distribute branded merchandise.

**BRONZE SPONSOR ~ \$1,000**

Two (2) Event Tickets

**ADVERTISING SUPPORT**

**Camera Ready Ad. Additional charges apply for ad design or editing.**

- Outside Back Cover (8½"x11") ~ \$700
- Inside Back Cover (8½"x11") ~ \$650
- Inside Front Cover (8½"x11") ~ \$650
- Full Page (8½"x11") \* \$500
- Half Page (8½"x5½") ~ \$270
- Quarter Page (4¼"x5½") ~ \$150
- Business Card (3¼"x2") ~ \$80

**SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY SELECTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit full color ad by July 31<sup>st</sup> to [CAFCl@bellsouth.net](mailto:CAFCl@bellsouth.net).

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY|STATE|ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT**  
**Genieve White at 561.876.4161 OR [GEN\\_WHITE@MSC.COM](mailto:GEN_WHITE@MSC.COM)**

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## Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2025 Events

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

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
(Please note date change from July 12<sup>th</sup>)

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

### ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon to 6 pm

### VAFMSF DRIVE THRU BBQ

Camp Davis - 2131 F Road, Loxahatchee FL 33470

(Access through entrance of Palms West Church at 13689 Okeechobee Blvd, Loxahatchee)

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games/Elections

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots

## CAFCI GROUP EVENTS

- **Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm | THE WIZ** at the Kravis Center. Contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 if you would like to attend with the CAFCI Group.

## AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2:30 pm | GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN** presents their **24TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON** at Embassy Suites Hotel, 1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach; Contribution: \$60. For additional information, contact Jennifer Powell-Pittman at 561.729.5747 or Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856.
- **Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> | FY 25-26 EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL (EPI)** teachers to the SDPBC. Orientation will be held at the Fulton-Holland District Office, 3300 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach
- **August 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> | Jamaican born BISHOP ROSE HUDSON-WILKIN**, former Chaplain to HRH Queen Elizabeth II, visits South Florida. Her tour will include worship services at Grace Episcopal Church in West Palm Beach on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Click this link to get your copy of her book: <https://a.co/d/5peCpd8>
- **Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm | LOVE PEOPLE ENTERPRISES** presents **PORT ST. LUCIE'S ANNUAL JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** at Cloverfield Park at The Mets Stadium, 31 Piazza Drive, Port St. Lucie; For tickets and more information <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/port-st-lucies-annual-jamaican-independence-day-celebration-tickets-1349273516409?aff=oddttdtcreator>
- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in Wellington, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in West Palm Beach, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>

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## *Choose to live in joy.*

Life goes by in the blink of an eye. It's too short to live upset, angry, resentful or ungrateful. If you look for the good, you'll find it. Choose to be happy, to be at peace.

Decide that each day is going to be a great day and grab each moment and make the best of it. Refuse to let negative thoughts take root in your mind and refuse to let negative people and situations drag you down. Trust your journey and know that if you make a mistake, it's okay.

See it as a lesson learned and keep moving forward. Spend less time worrying and more time being grateful for those who love you and all of life's goodness.

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