



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.

APRIL

2023



CAFCI's *Picnic in the Park*

Come join us for a day of Fun, Food
and Celebrating Friendships!!!

Saturday, April 29, 2023

1 pm 'til sunset

Okeehetee Park - NC Osceola Pavilion

7715 Forest Hill Boulevard

West Palm Beach

Games, Raffle, Music, Entertainment & More...

Jerk Chicken * Jerk Pork * BBQ Chicken * Fish

*Served with Rice-n-Peas * Festival * Vegetable*

Children (under 12) ~ Hamburger & Hot dog

\$ Soup & Dessert on Sale \$

Meals ~ \$20 * Fish ~ \$25

Children (under 12) ~ \$5

For tickets or more information call

Audrey Smith ~ 561.601.8856 or

Yvonne Wright ~ 203.733.5542

Advanced ticket reservations recommended.



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General Membership Meetings
2nd Saturday of the month

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PICNIC IN THE PARK: The annual picnic will be held on **Saturday April 29, 2023** at Okeeheelee Park, NC Osceola pavilion in West Palm Beach. Please come out for a day of fun, food and celebration with friends, family and supporters. There will be dominoes, card games and other forms of entertainment. Tickets will be available at the next General Membership meeting on April 9th. You may also obtain tickets by contacting Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856 or Yvonne Wright at 203.733.5542. See picnic flyer on front page in this issue for more information.

RELAY FOR LIFE: We returned to in-person participation in Relay for Life this year after being absent for two years due to COVID. Thanks to Nova Brown and all the members on the Relay for Life team for pulling this off. Thanks also to all our members and supporters who donated money, food, drinks and other goodies as well as those who purchased foods and other goodies sold at the event. All proceeds went directly to the American Cancer Society.

Be on the lookout for the upcoming CAFCI events: **Cultural Diversity Day on Saturday, May 13th** and **Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 17th.**



Dennis Wright

Welcome
New Member:
NORMA SMITH-HILL



APRIL 16 - 30

Barrington Berry	17
Joan Bisasor	17
Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Keith McKenzie	19
Norma Smith-Hill	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27
Nicholas Johnson	30

MAY 1 - 15

Monica Grant	05
Jude Thomas	05
Cynthia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Cedric Lynch	10
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15
Audrey Smith	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 (cafcibc@bellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GET WELL TO:

Samuel Baxter ★ Audrey Smith

COMFORT AND SUPPORT TO:

Renaud Baker,
son of Paul and Doreen Baker

CONDOLENCES TO:

The Family of Edna Morgan

The Family of Joyce Sibble

Marva and Wayne Wilks
on the loss of his father, Vincent Wilks

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.

Elet Cyris, Chair.....561.791.9087
Paul Baker.....561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter.....561.358.3737

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Games Night

Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 7 pm

IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse

100 Indianhead Circle, Royal Palm Beach

Join us for our April monthly General Membership meeting which will be an informal games evening.

We are conducting our monthly membership meetings via Hybrid (In-Person and Zoom) until further notice.

IN-PERSON: Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse is located off Okeechobee Boulevard. Heading west, it is the last left before Crestwood Boulevard. Heading east on Okeechobee Boulevard, cross over Crestwood Boulevard and it is the first right which is Ridgefield Drive. At the end of Ridgefield Drive, make a right on Indianhead Circle and an immediate left into the clubhouse parking lot.

VIA ZOOM: To participate, you will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone and access to the internet. You may also call in. See instructions below.

Visit website: www.cafcipbc.org

Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"

OR

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllLNER0a2JuNIhtYUZIYkZzYmRSdz09>

OR

Download the ZOOM App: 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 ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 1 pm

Okeehetee Park, NC-Osceola Pavilion

Final plans are being made for the CAFCI Annual Picnic. There will be lots of food, fun and games. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. Tickets for this year's picnic are now available. For tickets, please contact Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856 or Yvonne Wright at 203.733.5542. If you would like to volunteer to help at the picnic, please contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079. For additional information, see the flyer on the cover of this newsletter and on the CAFCI website (cafciipbc.org).

CAFCI CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 1 pm

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. The event is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and supported by a grant from the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. This is a free event. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing the rich and diverse cultural heritage which brings our community together to experience and enjoy our food, language, dance and customs. Vendors are invited to purchase a space and sell their merchandise. Therefore, if you are - or know anyone who would be - interested, email CAFCI at cafci@bellsouth.net. See the flyer with further details and the vendor form in this newsletter, the May issue of the newsletter and/or on the CAFCI website at www.cafciipbc.org.



*Congratulations to
Nadine White-Boyd
for moderating the film,
13th, at Kravis Center on
Friday, March 17, 2023!*



CAFCI family showing their support.



*Congratulations to
Marjorie Mendez
who was awarded two gifts
for her production and
dedication to her work as a
realtor by Keller Williams at
an award ceremony on
March 10, 2023.*

Relay for Life 2023 is in the history books! This year we exceeded our goal and raised over \$2,000. This is our first year of full participation after the pandemic. A very big thank you to everyone who solicited donations and contributed time, money and other resources to this effort. For those of you who came out to support the event, I hope you had a good time, and the memories of Relay For Life 2023 will linger long in your minds. As usual for me the highlight of the evening was the luminaria ceremony.

Thank you to my awesome committee members: Winsom Genus-Martin, Carolyn Hmara, Alvin Nembhard, Yvonne Wright and Genieve White for their help and support. Job well done!



Photo By Denise Fleischman - Town Crier

Special thanks to Paul Baker, Kareem Bishop, Diana Bishop-McIntosh, Audrey Campbell, Elaine Ealy, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Jeff Hmara, Kitty Lannaman, Delva Miller, Robert Miller from Piquant Catering Services, Loretta Watson, Kemar Welsh and Dennis Wright who contributed in some way. CAFCI Relay For Life would not have been a success without you!

Boy Scout Troop 111 was very visible throughout the whole event. They also helped CAFCI walk laps around the track, and to setup and tear down our booth. Thank you to Lori Cabrera, Scout leaders, parents and all the scouts for your willingness to help.

Congratulations CAFCI on doing our part this year in the fight against cancer and being consistent with our mission to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.



By Nova Brown, Relay for Life Committee Chair



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 as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND



AWARDS CEREMONY

DATE: Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 6 pm

VENUE: TBA

Highlights of the Awards Ceremony will include keynote speaker Ijahala Pottinger, a 2016 SAF Award recipient. You will have an opportunity to meet the award recipients as well as view a video presentation with the current and past recipients. Please save the date and join us to congratulate the 2023 SAF Award recipients.

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee provides deserving local high school seniors the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from CAFCI. We need your help! A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's SAF Committee reach its fundraising goal. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. We appreciate your support.

To donate or support the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, you can use one of the methods listed below:

1. **MAIL CHECK** payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. We would appreciate receiving your donation by April 30, 2023. (**Write "SAF" on your check on the memo/notes line to ensure it is posted to the SAF program.**)
2. **DONATE ONLINE** at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option. We would appreciate receiving your donation by April 30, 2023.
3. **FACEBOOK DONATION:** Click on the image on CAFCI's SAF Fundraising Page and it will take you directly to CAFCI's Facebook page where you can make an online donation. Please help spread the word to your family, friends, businesses and social media contacts.

Thanks to all who have made donations and supported our fundraising efforts. The list of 2022 Donors and Sponsors is posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram.

MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Danielle Nelson,
2021 Award Recipient**

March 28, 2023

Good afternoon Ms. Junette and Ms. Nadine:

This summer I will be doing a Marketing and Communications internship with NextEra Energy, and, if things stay on track, I will be graduating a year early (by Summer 2024). I am also hoping to start my graphic design certification sometime this summer if time permits.

Danielle Nelson

CONGRATULATIONS BRANDON BOYD



*Congratulations to
Brandon Boyd,
son of Nadine White-Boyd
and grandson of Genieve
White, on matching for his
residency in
Orthopaedic Surgery at
Montefiore Medical Center,
Albert Einstein College,
New York.*





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April 1, 2023

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 32 years of service to the community. CAFCI, a (501)(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 30 years, CAFCI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students in our communities to achieve their educational goals. Your financial donation and dedication to helping CAFCI advance our youth's higher education will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFCI will be able to award between \$500 to \$1,500 to each deserving student.

Many ambitious students are denied access to a college education due to financial constraints. As you can imagine, many high school students may hold the key to a cure for a disease but may never have the opportunity to maximize their potential. Many have innovative ideas for probable solutions to social problems, yet may never have a chance to expand on them. Others are discouraged simply because the first step to higher education may seem financially impossible.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee is requesting your financial help. We invite you to partner with CAFCI in financially assisting our youths to make their educational goals a reality. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope to more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. Please find accompanying information about our organization and past recipients.

We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to help with assisting students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. We will publicly acknowledge you on our *Donors' List*. **You may make your donation online by going to www.cafcipc.org/donation-center and select Student Assistance or by mailing your donation by April 30, 2023 to:**

CAFCI
Attn: Student Assistance Fund
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561.790.4002.

Respectfully,

Nadine White-Boyd
Nadine White-Boyd
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Junette Powell
Junette Powell
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Dennis Wright
Dennis Wright
President

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI)



Who We Are

CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our ancestral origins. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999.

CAFCI is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. Our annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

Our Mission

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement's mission is to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.

Student Assistance Fund Award Recipients – 2019

A sample of some of our star students from the Class of 2019.



How YOU Can Help Our Students

1. Make **check** or **money order payable to:** C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website **www.cafcipc.org** and clicking on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.
3. It is preferred that your generous donation be received on or before **April 30, 2023**, in preparation for our virtual Award Ceremony.

No contribution is too small and on behalf of the students and families, we **Thank You Very Much!**

Contact Us

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Student Assistance Fund Award Program

Each year we offer deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from our organization.

Past student awards ranged from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.



Student Eligibility Requirements

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success in their high school tenure to be eligible.
- Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities.
- Applicants must show interest in the Caribbean community.
- The monetary assistance is awarded to students who are going on to a college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning.
- If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the school before receiving the award.

Award Ceremonies

Each year in May CAFCI holds an award ceremony for students, their families, members and friends of CAFCI.

We invite community leaders, guest speakers, Student Assistance Fund Committee members past and present, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.



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CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111: March has been a busy month for Troop 111. On March 11th, Scouts helped out our Charter Organization, CAFCI, at Relay for Life. Scouts helped with the set up and breakdown of the tents and walked laps to bring awareness to the American Cancer Association. Former Senior Patrol Leader, William Hicks, gave an amazing performance at the event sharing some of his songs.

Troop 111 also attended a gardening day at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Church, where mulch was laid around the church. We met and teamed up with local Scouts and a Troop from Miami. We also got to see several Eagle projects that had been done at the church over the years.

For our March campout we went to our Council's campground, Tanah Keeta, where scouts hiked the Mike Machek trail for the main event. That hike also helped our Philmont High Adventure crew with their training. We had an unexpected situation: Mr. Scott, our Assistant Scoutmaster's truck, got stuck in the sand and needed Scouts to help dig it out.

As summertime approaches, scouts are anxiously awaiting our annual campout at Tanah Keeta and our away camp at Raven Knob, North Carolina. All scouts have now selected their Merit Badges or adventure for those camp outs. In addition, four scouts will also be attending 1 of 4 High Adventure Bases, Philmont, in New Mexico. Scouts and adult leaders have been hiking every Sunday to train for this challenging experience. None of these amazing adventures would be possible without the support of our charter, CAFCI. Thank You!

We look forward to seeing what happens in April!!!

By Jackson Doeren
Troop 111
Senior Patrol Leader



Senior Patrol Leader Jackson Doeren,
Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Scott



Church cleanup attended by our
Senior Patrol Leader Jackson Doeren and Mrs. Kelly



Acreage Football Opening Day Flag Ceremony:
Scoutmaster Ryan McNally, Lucas Schnick Baker,
Kirill Montoya, Jonathan Schnick Baker,
Robert Lombardo, Keenan Stack



Scoutmaster McNally, Caleb McNally,
Jackson Doeren, Ryan Goldberger



Flag Retirement Ceremony



L to R: Kirill Montoya, Jackson Doeren, William
Hicks, Keenan Stack

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???

2023 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

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

In an effort to be creative, we are currently looking at the option of purchasing a condominium unit (up to 2,000 square feet). Although condominiums are not individual structures surrounded by land and may have restrictions similar to home owners associations, it does not hurt to see if this can be a viable option.

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

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.

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 (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.

LET'S DO BUSINESS

In Royal Palm Beach • Wellington
Western West Palm Beach
(up to Vista Parkway)

Let's Support Businesses in our Community

HILARY'S RESTAURANT

DINER & ROYAL DELI

Royal Plaza

630 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, #2

Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

561.790.7301

Dine-in • Curbside pickup • No-contact delivery

Tuesday to Friday 7 am - 3 pm

Saturday 6 am - 3 pm + Sunday 7am - 3 pm

Monday Closed

If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in "Let's Do Business" in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee at junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com so that we can share it with our members.

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement
& The Village of Royal Palm Beach
present



Saturday, May 13, 2023

1 pm – sundown

Veterans Park

1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL

A diverse array of live entertainment and much more!

Bring your chairs, blankets & tents for a fun-filled day.

Food Vendors | Displays | Raffles



For additional information please contact:

Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, CAFCI Cultural Committee Chair at 561-889-1143



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www.cafcipc.org email: cafcibellsouth.net

CAFCI

VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY DATE: MAY 13, 2023

ADDRESS: VETERANS PARK, 1036 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

VENDOR / ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

PRINCIPAL OWNER / OFFICER: _____

TYPE OF BOOTH / DISPLAY: _____

Be sure to bring your chairs, tables and portable tents if necessary for your display.

Instruction from the Health Department to Food Vendors:

Pre-packaged cake, cookies, etc. Please have gloves and tools for handling food.

A thermometer is required. Hot food to be at 140 degrees. Cold food to be at 40 degrees.

DONATION

\$ 50

Release and Hold Harmless:

In consideration of allowing my, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, participation in the **Cultural Diversity Day**, I waive, and release (CAFCI) Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. & The Village of Royal Palm Beach and its employees, agents, volunteers, and sponsors of this event from all claims and/or liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in the event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver. I grant permission to all the forgoing entities and persons to use any image, photograph, motion picture, recording, and all or any other record of me or anyone acting on my behalf at this event for legitimate purposes. I understand the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI are not responsible for any monetary losses that I or my assigns may incur if all or part of the event is cancelled due to weather or if I and/or my assigns do not attend the event.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

For additional information contact:

Hildreth Stoddart-Brown 561-889-1143 • Paul Baker 561-784-0067

Payment can be made via check payable to CAFCI or visit www.cafcipc.org

APRIL ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS

~ AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH ~

Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month beginning with United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. Throughout the month, we focus on coming together in unity and collaboration by fostering worldwide support, sharing stories and connecting to create a more inclusive world.



For more information about Autism, visit Autism Speaks at <https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

~ NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH ~



National Volunteer month in the United States takes place in the month of April. This month is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in

our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

- Thank a volunteer.
- Volunteer! Many volunteers will tell you it is a rewarding experience.
- You don't have to have a ton of time.
- Do you have a special talent or skill that may benefit a charity or organization? Offer your services or ask how you can be of help.
- Use #NationalVolunteerMonth to share on social media.

Special thanks to all CAFCI members who volunteer their time to make CAFCI the organization it is today! Give yourselves a pat on your back!!!

And coming up in May

~ TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK ~ (May 8 - May 12, 2023)



Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated in the first full week of May. Whether you have a teacher, know a teacher, or are a teacher, there are endless ways to give a little extra support to teachers and teachers organizations.

HOW TO OBSERVE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

1) Bring a gift to your teacher

Many associations, like National PTA, offer suggestions for gifts to give to teachers and provide fun printable thank-you notes and flyers. Other great ideas to honor your teacher's work include gift cards, donations, baked goods, decorating their classroom door or teachers lounge, volunteer in a classroom, or use the official hashtag #ThankATeacher

2) Reach out to an old teacher

We all remember at least one old teacher fondly, and chances are they remember you and would love to know what you're up to. See if they are still teaching at your old school and plan to pay a visit, give a call, or even add them on social media to keep up with them! It's a great chance to let them know the impact they have had on your life.

3) Donate to teachers!

Many associations have made it their mission to support teachers with school supplies and making ends meet. Some of the best organizations to send a little extra to this week include Donors Choose, Fund for Teachers, and the National Education Association Foundation. You can even specifically fund particular subjects, like the arts or math and sciences!

<https://nationaltoday.com/teacher-appreciation-week/>

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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, April 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, April 29: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, NC-Osceola Pavilion

May General Membership Meeting Cancelled

Saturday, May 13: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm, Veterans Park

Saturday, June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, June 17: **Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony**, Time & Location TBA

Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting ~ Business Awareness**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, August 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ Membership Appreciation**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, September 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 16, 2023

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting ~ Games Night**, 7 pm, Location TBA

Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Nominations**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Sunday, December 31: CAFCI New Year's Eve Gala, 8 pm, Location TBA

AROUND TOWN

- 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.
- Visit the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- For information on what's going on around Wellington, go to **AroundWellington.com**.
- **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.

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