



NEWS

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.

February

2016

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are off to a fast start this year, which is shaping up to be a very good year for CAFCI even though we are only one month in. On January 9, 2016, CAFCI's board members, including Ms. Pamela Fraser (who was welcomed by the members as a new director), were all sworn in. All other board members have served in the past. Special thanks to Ms. Marcia Andrews for conducting the swearing-in ceremony and for her words of encouragement to CAFCI. Thanks also to the nominating committee, Nadine White-Boyd, chair, Samuel Baxter and Henworth Ferguson, for coordinating the nominations process and swearing-in ceremony. At the swearing-in ceremony, our long time benefactor and life time member, Jess Santamaria, pledged \$10,000.00 to CAFCI's Home of Our Own efforts. Over the next several months, CAFCI will be holding fund raisers to match Commissioner Santamaria's contribution. We are extremely thankful for this large contribution.

Membership: This year we will be focusing on recruiting new members to our organization. As older members are unable to actively participate in our programs, we need new members to replace them. As you know, an organization needs to grow in order to thrive. I have challenged each board member to bring in at least one new member this year. We now have an extra room where members can play games such as dominoes and cards. Our goal is to bring back to the fold all members whom we have not seen for some time, create more attractions to appeal to new members and retain the current faithful and dedicated ones. It will be our goal to get more people involved in the planning and execution of CAFCI's activities. Therefore, we look forward to your ideas about how we can improve our membership.

Dennis Wright
President

*Happy Valentines to
Members and Supporters
of CAFCI!*

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gary Dunkley  
Ivan Bruno Gaston



#### FEBRUARY 16 - 29

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Julia Adams      | 21 |
| Alfred Nelson    | 22 |
| Dennis Wright    | 22 |
| Betty Mallory    | 23 |
| Stephen Williams | 25 |
| Pearline Roomes  | 27 |

#### MARCH 1 - 15

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|------------------|----|
| Richard Valuntas | 03 |
| Vinette Tracey   | 04 |
| Marjorie Smikle  | 10 |
| Millie Hampton   | 11 |
| Winston Davis    | 15 |

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Prudel Belle on the loss of her brother

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Pamela Fraser, Margaret Granda,  
John Lewis

### Please Let Us Know...

Please 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 NEWS:

Elet Cyrus, Chair ..... 791-9087  
Paul Baker ..... 784-0067  
Samuel Baxter ..... 798-2864

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**POTLUCK FOR**  
**VALENTINE'S DAY & BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS**  
**Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 7 pm**  
*Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach*

February is the season of love and remembering our history. The meeting will be a time to enjoy friends and family. We will have a pot luck so come out and have a pre-Valentine's celebration with your CAFCI family. Dr. Cedric Lynch will be giving a brief presentation entitled "An Interactive Session on Marcus Garvey's Contribution to the Black Liberation Movement." If you would like to bring your favorite dish to reflect Valentine's Day or Black History, please call Dennis Wright at 561-653-1586 to let him know what dish you plan to bring so we do not have too much of the same thing.

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**CAFCI ANNUAL EASTER PICNIC**  
**Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 11 am**  
*Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park*

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, cards, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. Tickets will also be available at the general membership meeting. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. If you have questions, please call Lauriston Simms, Picnic Chairman, at 561-719-0263. See flyer in this issue for more information. Updates will also be posted on CAFCI's website and in the March issue of the Newsletter.

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**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 pm to April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 am**  
*Royal Palm Beach High School*

The Relay for Life Royal Palm Beach event is only two months away and will take place from 4 pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6 am on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Royal Palm Beach High School. This year's theme is Western – "Stomp out Cancer, Round up a Cure" and they have set a goal to raise \$45,000. I would like to encourage everyone to set a personal goal for how much money they would like to collect and start thinking about all your friends and family who can help you to reach your goal. Please come prepared at our next meeting on February 13th to get your envelope and start collecting. "Scratch and Give" cards will also be available to help you with your fund raising efforts. You can also solicit donations by going to our website and clicking on the relay for life image on the home page. More information will be provided at the meeting.

Our donations make a difference!

- It helps find cancer's causes and cures through breakthrough research

- It helps discover new ways to prevent cancer or find it at its earliest stage
- It helps fight cancer through public policy as well as in the laboratory

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on Saturday.

*Submitted by Nova Brown*

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**OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:**  
**Student Assistance Awards Ceremony:**  
Date: May 14, 2016 at 7 pm;  
Venue: TBA

**Student Assistance Program Awards Application:**

Students interested in applying for assistance must have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success through their high school tenure. Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities, and must also show an interest in the Caribbean community. The monetary assistance is awarded to students who plan to attend a college, university or other accredited institution of higher learning. Proof of acceptance from the prospective institution must accompany the application.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida
- Currently attend high school in Palm Beach County, and is expecting to graduate within one year
- Demonstrate an interest in Caribbean-American affairs
- Provide a completed application **postmarked no later than March 11, 2016**
- Provide an acceptance letter from an accredited college
- Be available for an interview on **April 9, 2016**
- Be able to attend a presentation of awards ceremony, if selected, on **May 14, 2016 at 7 pm**
- Address all applications and accompanying documents to:  
CAFCI  
1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411  
**Attn. Student Assistance.**

Applications are available on the CAFCI website; Palm Beach County School District website; at the Harvin Center and also from committee members. Applications will also be available at February and March membership meetings. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at (561) 351-6895, Junette Powell at 561-346-2353 or via email at [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net).

The student assistance committee would like your help to solicit sponsorship funds. Please provide us with names and addresses of potential sponsors and we will send them letters. Thanks for your continued support.

## MLK DAY CELEBRATION

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, we had a successful Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center with over 500 people in attendance. Boy Scout Troop 111 opened the celebration followed by Demi Masters giving a rendition of the National Anthem. Bishop Ronald McFarlane of Sonshine Ministries delivered the invocation after which Elet Cyris recognized the local dignitaries. The Mistress of Ceremonies for the program was Nadine White-Boyd, Esq. who did a fantastic job keeping the audience engaged. This year's theme "dignity, justice, equality and love" served as our guiding force to honor Dr. King's vision



Tehya Morris

to make the world a better place for all. President Dennis Wright welcomed the audience and Councilman Fred Pinto was the key note speaker. Mayor Matti Mattioli gave the address on behalf of the village. Performers included The Blues Brothers, Jade Masters, Tehya Morris, Sons of Mystro, St. Christopher's Angels, Dance Arts Conservatory Broadway

Stars and world renowned pianists Copeland Davis and Pierre Harris.

Thanks to the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council for partnering with CAFCI to host this event again this year. Thanks to the Cultural Committee chaired by Elet Cyris and members Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Henworth Ferguson, Hope Francis, Pamela Fraser, Ernie Garvey, Margaret Granda, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison and Genieve White for their hard work in putting this well-coordinated event together and making CAFCI shine. Thanks to all our members, supporters and friends who contributed food, money and time to make this event a memorable one.

Submitted by Dennis Wright

*Congratulations to  
Nadine White-Boyd  
who received the prestigious  
Lawyer of the Year Award from the  
F. Malcolm Cunningham Bar Association.*

## AS WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, DID YOU KNOW?.....

- Serena Williams' perpetual drive to trump expectations, break records and redefine a sport.
- Kobe Bryant's phenomenal 81-point game for the Los Angeles Lakers in 2006.
- Sanya Richards-Ross' gold-medal-winning 400-meter race.
- Chris Paul's off-court drive to level the playing field.

These pivotal performances and seminal individuals rewrote history and catalyzed community — they also serve as the driving inspiration behind Nike's 2016 Black History Month collection.

**Only Black Passenger Aboard the Titanic:** Joseph Philippe Lemerrier Laroche, a Haitian engineer, is believed to have been the only black passenger aboard the *Titanic*. He died at 25 years of age when the doomed vessel sank. His body was never identified.

**Current Richest Black Man:** As of 2014, Aliko Dangote, a Nigerian commodities trader, is the world's richest black man. While in his 20s, Dangote received a loan from an uncle and used this to start what has become the large and influential Dangote Group, a business that trades in cement and sugar. He has a net worth of about \$25 billion.

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## AROUND TOWN.....

**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:** ReadingPaysMore, University of the West Indies Alumni Association Florida Chapter, and Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations of Florida, in association with Florida Atlantic University, College of Business will host Dr. Orlando Patterson, Jamaican-Born, Harvard Sociologist and author of *The Children of Sisyphus*, at Florida Atlantic University, Liberal Arts Building, Room LA 120, 3200 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314.

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12 noon:** Children of Helen Alliance Inc. invites you to join them as they celebrate Saint Lucia's 37<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary at Lakes of Sherbrooke Clubhouse, 8130 Havasu Ct., Lake Worth, FL 33467 (off Lantana Rd. West of Jog and East of 441). Lucian food, music & games. For Information, contact Curtis Stephen at 561-667-0506 or David Malcolm at 540-400-9502.

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm:** Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches presents TheatreWorld's hit comedy "3 Ol' Goat" at Palm Beach Lakes High School, 3505 Shiloh Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. For information, call 561-386-8503 or 561-635-3197.

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm:** The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee presents *Devine Wine & High Tea* at the original Wellington Mall, 12794 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414. Fine wine, exotic teas, fashion, hat contest and more. See the flyer in this issue. Donation is \$30. To reserve your tickets, call Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561-685-9836 or Genieve White at 561-876-4161. No tickets will be sold at the door - Pre-Seating Only.









# C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, inc.

Presents

## ***A Fun Family Day***

# Annual Easter Picnic

***Saturday March 26, 2016***

***11:00 AM - Sundown***

***Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion***

***(Forest Hill Blvd. ¼ Mile East of the Turnpike)***

**This is a family affair where family and friends are all invited for a fun filled day of enjoyment.**

**Come out and join us for this year's spectacular event**

- **Dominoes**
- **Scrabble, Ludo ...**
- **Bake Goods Sale**
- **50/50 Raffle & More**
- **Bring your favorite game**

**Music,  
Kids Games,  
Bounce House  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Bring Your Chairs & Table**

**No Personal Food Baskets Allowed**

**Adults: \$15 (includes Dinner from around the Islands & beverage)**

**For information, contact Committee Chair Lauriston Simms (561) 719-0263**

**For Tickets Contact:**

**Lawrence Logan (561) 791-0162**

**Percival Woods (561) 596-7768**

**SAVE THE DATE  
&  
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR**

**CAFCI's Fundraiser  
CASINO & FUN CRUISE  
with entertainment by  
DWHAS Reggae Band**

**Saturday, April 23, 2016  
11 am - 4 pm**

**The Blue Horizon  
Sailing out of the  
Port of Palm Beach**

Invite your friends from Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Port St. Lucie, your gym groups, co-workers, walking partners, and affiliated clubs and groups to join us on what promises to be a fun-filled, relaxing day. You can purchase tickets as birthday and Anniversary gifts, but must sail on April 23rd, 2016.

The cost of \$40 per person includes:

- ♦ \$20 free slot play
- ♦ Lunch, coffee, water and beverage
- ♦ Port charges and fees
- ♦ Free alcohol and beverages while playing in the casino. For non-players, alcohol is available at Cash Bar.

*Please note: No children under 18 years old allowed.*

**Deadline to purchase tickets is April 9, 2016**

Tickets are available by contacting:

- ♦ Genieve White at 561-876-4161
- ♦ Audrey Campbell at 561-792-1129
- ♦ Pamela Fraser at 561-506-2348
- ♦ Ernie Garvey at 561-676-5664
- ♦ Millie Hampton at 561-790-1751
- ♦ Charmaine Henry at 561-255-0827
- ♦ Alvin Nembhard at 561-333-8891
- ♦ Junette Powell at 561-346-2353
- ♦ CAFCI at 561-790-4002 OR
- ♦ CAFCI website [cafcipbc.org](http://cafcipbc.org)

See flyer for additional information.

*Each cafc member is encouraged to take at least 10 tickets as our goal is to sell 300 tickets. With your participation and support, we can make this happen.*



**Sailing Schedule:**

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**Final purchase date: April 9, 2016**

- ♦ **SLOTS:** Over 250 favorite slots
- ♦ **BLACKJACK:** Play and win
- ♦ **CRAPS:** Let 'em roll
- ♦ **ROULETTE:** The only game in town
- ♦ **SPORTS BOOK:** Only Sports Book in South Florida
- ♦ **BINGO:** Pick your lucky numbers
- ♦ **FREE:** Drinks while gambling
- ♦ **NON SMOKING CASINO**
- ♦ **OUTDOOR SMOKING BAR**



**Reservations:**

**561-876-4161, 561-792-1129, 561-676-5664 or 561-790-4002**

**PORT OF PALM BEACH**

**ONE EAST 11TH STREET • RIVIERA BEACH, FL 33404**

Rate includes cruise, meal, entertainment, free drinks while gambling, always free coffee, tea and soda, all port charges and taxes. Menus subject to change at Chef's discretion due to market availability. Rates, schedule, amenities subject to change without notice. Must be 18 years old to gamble and 21 years old to drink. Must present a valid, official ID, Ship's Registry U.S.

Gambling problem, call 888.ADMIT IT

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

Our efforts to find a home for CAFCI was given a very big boost by our friend and supporter Honorable Jess Santamaria who pledged \$10,000 to the Home of Our Own campaign at last month's general meeting and Board swearing-in ceremony. To our beloved Honorable Jess, we say Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The challenge to the rest of us is to match this generous donation. Stay tuned for more regarding that effort.



Over the next four to six weeks, the Home of Our Own committee will be meeting with the CAFCI Board of Directors to discuss the status of the program and begin mapping the strategy moving forward as the urgency to find a home for CAFCI increases.

If you want your idea considered during the strategy sessions, now is the time to share them. To share your ideas, information, such as available property, land or facilities that you think should be investigated further, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com).



The Buy-A-Brick program is still in force and provides everyone an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please visit the web page at [www.cafcipc.org](http://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 participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.**

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**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.*

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**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](mailto: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 ([junettep@hotmail.com](mailto:junettep@hotmail.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.*



**CAFCI**

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Box 11  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

**2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

You may submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, 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, February 13: **Pot Luck Valentine's Day, Black History Month Celebrations & General Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, March 12: **General Meeting**, 7 pm at Harvin Center

Saturday, March 26: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeetee Park

Saturday-Sunday, April 2-3: **Relay for Life**, 4pm to 6am at the Royal Palm Beach High School

Saturday, April 9: **General Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, April 23: **Blue Horizon Cruise**

Saturday, May 7: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1pm to Sundown at the Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May 14: **General Meeting ♦ Scholarship Awards Presentation**, 7 pm at Location To Be Announced

Saturday, June 11: **General Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, July 9: **General Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, August 13: **Membership Appreciation Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, August 27: **Youth Talent Show** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, September 10: **General Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

Saturday, October 8: **International Games Night/General Meeting**, at 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, November 12: **General Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 10: **Toys for Tots/Pot Luck Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center