



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.

NOVEMBER

2022

At Last ... CAFCI's 31st Annual Friendship Ball

CAFCI's 31st Annual Friendship Ball on September 17, 2022 was marked with excellence, gratitude, and a sigh of relief. The theme for this year was *"Celebrating 33 Years Of Unwavering Commitment To Excellence In Our Community."* The beautifully decorated West



Palm Beach Marriott Ballroom welcomed guests as they entered the room. The ambiance was inviting and charged with much excitement and anticipation. The tables were adorned with black tablecloths, lit centerpieces and black chair covers accented with lovely gold bows. The decor set the tone for an evening of elegance.

This was going to be the first CAFCI Ball since 2019. The guests were so happy that the third time would be a charm. Everyone was ready for an evening of togetherness, dancing and entertainment.



Entertainer, Steve Higgins

Cabaret Entertainer, Steve Higgins, started the evening off with a melodious rendition of the National Anthem after the welcome by Mr. Dennis Wright, CAFCI President. The music from DJ Richness also helped to enhance the atmosphere for the rest of the evening. The event was well-attended and supported by the sponsors, community affiliates as well as dignitaries from Jamaica, Royal Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. The Mistress of Ceremony, Nadine White-Boyd, Esq., kept the crowd entertained



MC Nadine White-Boyd

with humor and insightful observations.

Highlights of the evening were Proclamations to Caribbean American for Community Involvement from the Village of Royal Palm Beach and The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, from Melissa McKinley, Palm Beach County Commission, District 6. These proclamations were presented by The Honorable Fred Pinto, Mayor of Royal Palm Beach. Barbara Walker, a CAFCI member, presented the Proclamation from the Village of Wellington on behalf of Wellington's Mayor Anne Gerwig.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start our 34th year as a not-for-profit organization, I believe this would be a good time to review our organization's plans, goals and policies. Doing so will ensure that the board is aware of our current policies and is following them, and that they reflect the organization's mission and goals. Some of the policies and plans the board might review include the board of directors onboarding procedures, bylaws and fundraising strategies.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Come celebrate New Year's Eve with your CAFCI family at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. The Committee is diligently working to bring you a special evening. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the New Year's Eve Ball planning committee. Please contact me at 203.482.5079 if you are able to serve. This is a special time of the year, so let us come together and support each other as we embrace the new year. More details to follow in the December issue.

BOARD ELECTIONS: Our board elections will be held on Saturday, December 14th. Once again, I would like to thank all our committee chairs for your service this year and encourage you and all our eligible members to run for seats on our Board. Volunteers are a necessary part of the functioning and development of CAFCI. We are in constant need of people who are willing to volunteer their time and skills in whatever area they can. Give me a call if you have any questions about being a board member. All CAFCI members in good standing are eligible to nominate and vote for a board member. Please note that if we do not have enough candidates, we will suspend the rules and reach out to individuals directly.



Dennis Wright

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, January 16, 2023 at 10 am
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

The Cultural Committee and the Village of Royal Palm Beach are in the process of planning an exciting 21st Annual MLK program which will be on Monday, January 16, 2023, beginning at 10 am. Additional information will be posted in upcoming issues of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website at www.cafciipc.org.

In the End, we will
remember not the
words of our enemies,
but the silence of our
friends.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

BrainyQuote

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 16 - 30

Norman Martin	16
Gwendolyn Biersay	17
Carlos Bodden	18
Winsom Genus-Martin	18
Dorothy Lynch	19
Junette Powell	21
Elaine Ealy	22
Lukie Christie	24
Kanetia Clarke	26
Andrea D. McMillan	30

DECEMBER 1 - 15

Caswell M. Brown	03
Beverly McKenzie	03
Kilon Rhoden	09
Yvonne Gray	10
Ernie Garvey	11

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 (cafcj@bellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Edna Morgan

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 Cyrus, Chair.....561.791.9087
Paul Baker.....561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter.....561.798.2864

At Last ... CAFCI's 31st Annual Friendship Ball (continued from cover)

Notably, the Consul General of Jamaica, R. Oliver Muir, also greeted and encouraged the CAFCI organization to continue in their sphere of influence in the community to "maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of their diverse ancestral heritage." The Honorable Maxine Cheesman, Circuit Court Judge, presented Henworth James Ferguson with the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award. As a former boxer, his nickname was "Angel". The Honorable Maxine Cheesman reminded him that for his dedication to CAFCI, he would always be their "Angel".

Steve Higgins wowed the ball attendees with a beautiful rendition of "Lady in Red." Mr. Higgins escorted all the ladies dressed in red to the stage where he serenaded and danced with each one. The audience was in awe, and he encouraged everyone to join him on the dance floor.



Maxine Cheesman presenting the 2022 Citizen of the Year award to Henworth Ferguson with Dennis Wright



The evening continued with the entertaining sounds of the well-selected music of DJ Richness who kept the attendees on their feet for the rest of the Ball which ended past 1 am. They literally could have danced all night. It was exciting to see the silent auction hosted by the VAFMSF, door prizes and raffle winners.

Special thanks to the staff of the West Palm Beach Marriott Hotel and all the members of the Ball committee who all worked fervently for over six months to coordinate every aspect of the 31st Annual CAFCI

Friendship Ball. The Committee Members were: Cindy Beckles, Barrington Berry, Nova Brown, Radcliffe Brown, Charmaine Henry, Thalia White Lauren, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Audrey Smith, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Barbara Walker, Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd, and Dennis Wright. Finally, thank you to all the sponsors, donors, supporters and members who made this event possible.

We are so happy it was such an enjoyable evening and look forward to many years to come.

Thanks also to Carol Porter for capturing the photos of the CAFCI ball attendees and the event.

For more information about CAFCI, visit www.cafcipbc.org



Ball Committee: Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White, Charmaine Henry, Audrey Smith, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Cindy Beckles, Dennis Wright.

Not Pictured: Barrington Berry, Nova Brown, Thalia White Lauren, Lawrence Logan, Junette Powell, Barbara Walker

At Last ... CAFCI's 31st Annual Friendship Ball (continued)



Audrey Smith,
Dennis and Yvonne Wright



Genieve White, Audrey Campbell



Bobbette and Carlos Bodden



Michelle and Bob Diffenderfer



Paul and Doreen Baker



Yvonne Wright,
Winston and Rhonda Davis



Jeff and Carolyn Hmara, Paul Baker,
Opal and Dave Sangster



Cedric Brown and
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown



Marcia Andrews, Terrence Davis



Barbara Walker, Dennis Wright



Nova and Woody Brown, Lauriston and Shauna Simms,
Mauvline Bulgin-Simpson and Rolston Simpson, Jan Sharpe-Paul



Aldin and Audrey Smith



Nadine White-Boyd, Johnny Davis,
Elet Cyris



Henworth and Lena Ferguson,
Lascelles Harris



Consul General R. Oliver Mair,
Diana Bishop-McIntosh



Donielle and Fred Pinto



Shauna Simms,
Shirley Palmer



Elet Cyris,
Gail Kossie,
Steve Higgins



Alvin Nembhard



Patricia Forde, Lori Cabrera, Jamir Hutchinson,
Marlena Hutchingson, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis,
Swan Allen-Davis

Written by Cynthia Beckles, MBA, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Junette Powell
Photography by Carol Porter

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

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee offers deserving local high school graduates 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. To donate to 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, (write "for SAF" on your check in the notes line to make sure it is posted to the SAF program), 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
2. **Donate online** at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option.
3. Support **SAF Golden Krust "Dining to Donate"**: Patronize Golden Krust between November 15th and December 20th, 2022 and 5% of your purchase (excluding seafood and oxtail meals) will be donated to CAFCI's SAF. See coupon on page 12 in this newsletter. VERY IMPORTANT: Coupon must be presented at time of purchase.
4. **GIVING TUESDAY**: Donate every Tuesday from November 15th through December 27th, 2022. Donations can be made by going to CAFCI's website www.cafcipc.org/donation-center and select the Student Assistance option.
5. **POPPIN POPCORN FUNDRAISER**: Purchase **popcorn, chocolate, cheese, kitchen tools** and enjoy time with family and friends while supporting CAFCI SAF via <https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/store.php?slD=HXKUUR>.

If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link (<https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>) to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

College Student Assistance Applications are now being accepted for 2023. The **DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 3, 2023**. The 2023 Student Assistance Application is posted on CAFCI's website. The link is <https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>.

This past year we spoke with a few friends of CAFCI whose child, grandchild or a relative graduated from high school and when asked, "Did you have them fill out the application?", the response was "we forgot." Don't let that be you! Please share the Student Assistance Fund application with your family and friends.

CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111

As September ended with the widespread effects of Hurricane Ian, Troop 111 had to adjust and reschedule the October campout. Our original location had been flooded and was closed due to damages. A scout is thrifty and resourceful and thanks to CAFCI members, Dr. and Mrs. Davis, we were able to reschedule our campout at "Camp Davis". This wonderful weekend included a surprise visit to Seven Axes in Wellington where we learned ax throwing skills guided by master instructors. As an extra bonus we also met the World Axe Throwing Champion, and Life Scout, David Abernathy.

October has also been a big month for the annual BSA Trail's End Popcorn Sale Fundraiser. Troop 111 has multiple scouts on the top selling list with Troop 111 being 7th top selling unit in the entire Gulf Stream Council. We have raised over \$21,000. But we're not through yet as our goal is \$25,000. Congratulations to our scouts who are leading the way in sales.

Additionally, on October 14, we did a service project for one of our local churches, Our Lady Queen of Apostles. Scouts and parents helped to unload more than 2,000 pumpkins to help set up for their annual Fall Festival.

As we continue to plan for and recruit future Cub Scouts to join Troop 111 as they cross over into Boy Scouts, we have multiple life scouts who are currently planning and working on their eagle projects. With continued guidance from our Eagle Coaches; Mr. Williams and Mr. Slayden, our Scoutmaster Mr. McNally and our Advancement Chair, Mrs. Estevez, we hope to add to the Troop's impressive record of Eagle Scouts which stands at 54 to date.

Many thanks to CAFCI for their continued support in helping the Troop to reach its goals.

By Ryan Goldberger, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 111



William Hicks, Mason Scott, Mr. Scott



Back Row: Mr. Estevez, Jackson Eubanks, Matthew Kidder, Ryan Goldberger, Jonathan Schnick Baker, Mrs. Estevez, Mr. McNally,
Front Row: William Hicks, Luke Estevez, David Abernathy, Caleb McNally, Jackson Doeren, Haroon Almasoodi



Noah Cabrera, Jackson Doeren, Knights of Columbus Representative, Mrs. Kelly, William Hicks, Mr. Scott, Mason Scott



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November 1, 2022

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

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc. (CAFCI)
675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite 134
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
Phone: 561.790.4002
Web Site: www.cafcipc.org
E-mail address: cafcipc@bellsouth.net

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

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement

presents its annual

New Year's Eve

GALA

Saturday, December 31, 2022

8 pm to 1 am

Dinner at 9pm

Midnight Champagne Toast

at the

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, Florida

Entertainment by
DJ Richness

Door Prize * 50/50 Raffle

Semi-Formal

\$75
(Includes Dinner &
Champagne Toast)
Cash Bar

INFORMATION & RESERVATION

Dennis Wright: 561.653.1586

Lawrence Logan: 561.791.0162

CAFCI: 561.790.4002 or visit www.CAFCIPBC.ORG

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mail to: CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan,

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



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Help support CAFCI when shopping online at Amazon ...

IT'S EASY!

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

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

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



There were no viable leads to acquire land or property this past month. High prices and interest rates are making our search more difficult. We will continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area based on the outlined strategy. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.

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 cafcipbc@bellsouth.net, copying radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.790.4002 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 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.**

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

During these times, more than ever, please help us put a smile on our children's faces.



**CAFCI's
TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

*Deadline
Dec. 15, 2022*



*Also Need....
Wrapping Paper
Gift Bags
Tape & Tags*

NEWBORN TO 18 YEARS

Drop-off unwrapped toys at the CAFCI Office

675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

or

Donate online and we will shop for you.

Go to cafcipbc.org/donation-center and select "Toy Drive"

or

Call Simms at 561.719.0263 for pick-up.

**Your donation will help make a difference
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June 1 - November 30



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- Staying safe during a hurricane
- Returning home after a hurricane

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COVID-19

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

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

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

Senior Hotline: 866.201.6754

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

IN THE NEWS ...

Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters

- Updated (bivalent) boosters became available September 2, 2022.
- CDC recommends everyone stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines for their age group:
- COVID-19 vaccine and booster recommendations may be updated as CDC continues to monitor the latest COVID-19 data.

For more information visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

DONATE TO "CLINICS CAN HELP"

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



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

CELEBRATING NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP MONTH

Every day, American entrepreneurs combine passion, resilience, and ingenuity to solve hard problems and create products and businesses that improve our lives. American entrepreneurs create and scale new technologies, products, and services. They build businesses and, in some cases, entire industries. Their work helps grow our economy, creates good jobs, and increases our prosperity. Entrepreneurs have repeatedly risen to meet our Nation's and our world's complex challenges, and during National Entrepreneurship Month, we celebrate our Nation's entrepreneurs — both past and present — who exemplify the American spirit and recognize their important contributions to our people, our economy, and the world.

But, throughout history, Black entrepreneurs have faced unique challenges in America, one of which is the lack of access to capital. Business funding gives life to new ideas, which might otherwise be lost, appropriated, or manipulated.

The problem still remains, as Black entrepreneurs are less likely to receive venture capital funding. Yet, these entrepreneurs continue to start new businesses, despite these odds, furthering a rich legacy of Black innovation and advancement. A recent study revealed that Black-owned businesses often start with three times less capital than white-owned businesses. Many though, are getting funded and disrupting the status quo in a variety of industries. Know that the money that **you spend at a Black or minority-owned business is recycled back into that community**. This support can make the difference between a Black business succeeding or failing. These dollars are then recycled back into the business, as well as into Black households.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed historic challenges to our country and our nation's entrepreneurs, many businesses closed, and main streets became quiet. Despite these setbacks, American entrepreneurs showed incredible fortitude, finding innovative and effective ways to adapt their businesses as we fight a once-in-a-century crisis.

List of Famous Entrepreneurs in the World

- Bill Gates
- Bill Hewlett & David Packard
- Carlos Slim Helu
- Chung Mong Koo
- Craig Newmark
- Oprah Winfrey
- Daymond John
- Michael Jordan
- Robert L. Johnson
- Sheila Johnson
- Janice Bryant Howroyd

www.whitehouse.gov

www.blackenterprise.com

Submitted by Marcia Hayden

FEDERAL STUDENT DEBT RELIEF

If you owe Federal Student Loan debt or know someone who does, here is a direct link to the Department of Education website where you can review the eligibility criteria and fill out a cancellation application.

<https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief/application>.

WORDS OF WISDOM

A famous book writer sat in his study. He took out his pen and began to write...

"Last year, I had surgery to remove gallstones. I was bedridden for a long time. In the same year, I turned 60 and was retired ... quitting a company that I loved so much. I had to leave the job I've been doing for 35 years. That same year I was abandoned by my beloved mother who passed away. Then, still in the same year, my son failed his final medical exam because of a car accident. Repair costs from the car damage marked the peak of bad luck last year." At the end he wrote: "What, what a bad year!"

The writer's wife entered the room and found her husband who was sad and pensive. From behind, the wife saw the husband's writing. Slowly she backed away and left the room. 15 minutes later she came back in and put down a piece of paper with the following words: "Last year, my husband finally managed to get rid of his gallbladder which had been making his stomach hurt for years. That same year, I am grateful that my husband was able to retire in a healthy and happy state of mind & body. I thank God he was given the opportunity to work and earn for 35 years to support our family. Now, my husband can spend more of his time writing, which has always been his hobby. In the same year, my 95 year old mother-in-law, without any pain, returned to God in peace. And still in the same year, God protected our son from harm in a terrible car accident. Our car was seriously damaged by the accident, but my son survived without any serious injuries."

In the last sentence his wife wrote: Last year was a year full of extraordinary blessings from God, and we spent it full of wonder and gratitude."

Friends, in this life we must understand that it is not happiness or joy that makes us grateful. It is gratitude that makes us happy/joyful! Let's practice seeing events from a positive point of view and keep envy away from our hearts.

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thornbushes have roses."

Abraham Lincoln

2023 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, November 12: **International Games Day**, 2 pm, Veterans Park

Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting + Toys for Tots + Board Elections**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 8 pm

CAFCI New Year's Eve Gala

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

January 14: **General Membership Meeting + Board Swearing In**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

January 16: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration**, 9 am, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

February 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

March 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

April 8: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion

May 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, November 5th, 7 pm - 11 pm: Free Spirit Outreach, Inc.** invites you to **An Evening of Sheer Elegance** at Hilton Hotel Palm Beach Airport, Majestic Ballroom. Music by DJ Toots. For information, call 561.692.1508 or 561.708.3193.
- **Saturday, December 17th, 7 pm - 1:30 am: United Sports & Social Club** invites to its **Annual Christmas Ball** at St. Christopher's Event Hall, 1063 Haverhill Rd., West Palm Beach. For Tickets, call 561.312.5972.
- Visit the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the **Kravis Center** at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161 with the name of the performance, date and preferred seating.
- **Mondays & Fridays, 12 pm to 1 pm: Senior Meal Program** – Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center Senior Games & Activities are held before and after starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm
- **1st Tuesday of every month, 3:30 pm to 5 pm: FREE Technology Workshops** for Seniors at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center

CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT:

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

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

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

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**“Gratitude
is the inward feeling
of kindness received.
Thankfulness
is the natural impulse
to express that feeling.
Thanksgiving
is the following
of that impulse.”**

—HENRY VAN DYKE



*On behalf of CAFCI's Board,
here's wishing everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving!*