



## 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

2021

### CAFCI's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Themed "*A Time for Hope, Peace, Joy & Love*"

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Caribbean-American For Community Involvement (CAFCI), in collaboration with the Village of Royal Palm Beach and supported by a grant from the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, presented its nineteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration. The event was live streamed from the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center and viewed from the CAFCI Facebook page by a large audience. The program was a mixture of prerecorded and live performances with a small socially distanced audience.

The event began with the flag ceremony by BSA Troop 111 of Royal Palm Beach followed by Steve Higgins' beautiful rendition of the national anthem. The Chair of the Cultural Committee, Elet Cyris, welcomed the audience and introduced Master of Ceremonies Mark Shim, noting that the event is a little unusual this year due to the pandemic. Canon Winston Joseph of St.



Keynote Speaker, Senator Bobby Powell, Jr.

Christopher's Episcopal Church offered the invocation. CAFCI President, Dennis Wright, described CAFCI's mission, placing emphasis on the Student Assistance Program and the organization's involvement in the community. Royal Palm Beach Mayor, Fred Pinto, gave greetings from the Village and welcomed the attending elected officials and their families: Vice Mayor Jeffrey and Mrs. Caroline Hmara, Councilwomen Salena Samios and Jan Rodusky, and Councilman Richard Valuntas with his family. Mayor Pinto also recognized State Senator Bobby Powell, Jr. and Port Commissioners Joseph Anderson and Dr. Jean Enright. Following several entertaining performances, Commissioner Joseph Anderson introduced the keynote speaker, Senator Bobby Powell, Jr., who delivered a powerful on-point message about the works and life of Dr. King and how pertinent his message is in today's political environment.

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Front Row: Radcliffe Brown, State Senator Bobby Powell, Jr., Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Henworth Ferguson, Genieve White, Lillian McGann and Elet Cyris  
Back Row: Dennis Wright, Paul Baker, Kilon Rhoden and Lauriston Simms

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"*  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**Board meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
**See back page for calendar of events.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Martin Luther King Celebration:** On January 18th CAFCI hosted the nineteenth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration livestreamed on its Facebook page from the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. Despite the pandemic, we had a successful event which featured a combination of live and prerecorded performances, speeches from CAFCI leadership and public officials and a poignant message from Keynote Speaker, Senator Bobby Powell, Jr. The event can now be viewed on YouTube using the following links: <https://youtu.be/bRK74FMRJWY> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRK74FMRJWY&feature=youtu.be>.

Thanks to the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County for its support and to the Village of Royal Palm Beach for partnering with CAFCI to host this event again this year. Thanks also to the Cultural Committee members: Chair Elet Cyris, Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Henworth Ferguson, Winsom Genus-Martin, Shirley Morrison, Genieve White and Percival Wood for their hard work in putting this well-coordinated event together. Special thanks to ad hoc Cultural Committee members, Junette Powell and Thalia White Lauren, who helped tremendously contributing their special skills and talents coordinating the performers and providing seamless communications to the team. I extend my sincere appreciation to all our members, supporters and friends who helped to make this event a memorable one.

**Congratulations to the Board:** On January 9<sup>th</sup>, CAFCI's Board members were sworn in by Judge Maxine Cheesman. Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, who was unable to attend, will be sworn in at the next General Membership meeting. All except the newest member, Barry Martin, are returning Board members. Special thanks to Judge Cheesman for conducting the swearing-in ceremony and for her words of encouragement to CAFCI. Due to COVID-19, last year we were unable to have formal elections; however, we are hoping we can conduct normal elections this year.

**Annual Friendship Ball:** We are having discussions around planning activities for our Annual Friendship Ball. The event will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 if conditions allow. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Ball Committee. Please reach out to any of the Board members and let us know if you are available to serve on the Ball Committee. Check the website and upcoming issues of the newsletter for more details.

We are reviewing all our programs for this year to see which ones we can safely resume. More details to follow.

Dennis Wright, President

On behalf of  
CAFCI's Board &  
Newsletter Committee,  
wishing everyone a  
Happy Valentine's Day!!!



### FEBRUARY 16 - 28

Julia Adams	21
Dennis Wright	22
Stephen Williams	25
Pearline Roomes	27

### MARCH 1 - 15

Richard Valuntas	03
Vinette Tracey	04
Kathy Maragh	08
Millie Hampton	11
Winston Davis	15
KaShamba Miller-Anderson	15

### GET WELL TO:

Prudel Belle • Gloria Edwards  
Sandra Gordon • Jeff Hmara  
Audrey Smith

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Paul and Doreen Baker  
on the loss of her relative  
Elet Cyris on the loss of two relatives  
Condolences to the family of  
Alfred Nelson

### Please Let Us Know...

*Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine committee members if you are ill, know of anyone who is ill or would like to share any condolences and would like it to be announced in the newsletter. If no one tells us, we cannot share it.*

Elet Cyris, Chair..... 561.791.9087  
Paul Baker..... 561.784.0067  
Samuel Baxter..... 561.798.2864

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 7 pm**  
**VIA ZOOM**

The meeting will be dedicated to Black History Month and Barbara Chieves from Converge & Associates Consulting will be our guest speaker. Monthly membership meetings are conducted via Zoom until further notice. To participate in the meeting, you will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone. You may also call in. See instructions below.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllNER0a2JuNihtYUZIvKZzYmRSdz09>

OR

**Download the ZOOM App or visit website:**

[www.zoom.com](http://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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to CAFCI member, **Radcliffe "Woody" Brown**, who received a promotion to Chief Operating Officer of Finance (COOF) at the Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller. He will be a part of a seven-person leadership team assembled by the new Palm Beach County Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller, Joseph Abruzzo. Before his promotion, Radcliffe was a Director in the Finance organization. He started his career with the Clerk's office more than 27 years ago as a System Administrator in the Finance organization. Over the years he has worked as a manager in both the Finance and IT departments. As the COOF, Radcliffe leads the Finance organization (with over 100 employees) which is responsible for maintaining an accurate, complete set of financial records for the County. The Finance organization also manages financial related activity for the Board of County Commissioners, Court related activities as Clerk of the Circuit Court, and internal financial and accounting activities. Other non-finance related responsibilities are ministerial in nature and include being Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners and Value Adjustment Board.

**GET INVOLVED WITH CAFCI**

There are many ways you can participate in the work of CAFCI and one way is by serving on a committee. Each month, a committee will be featured giving you the opportunity to see what it entails. This month's feature is the Newsletter Committee.

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

CAFCI's Newsletter Committee produces the CAFCI newsletter "NEWS." The Committee, via the NEWS, is responsible for informing CAFCI members, supporters and friends of CAFCI events and activities (both present and past); sharing information about the community programs which CAFCI participates in or is responsible for; acknowledging members' birthdays, illnesses and condolences; and sharing information that may be beneficial or of interest to the CAFCI membership. CAFCI members also have the opportunity to submit information about special accomplishments to be included in the NEWS. The NEWS is published monthly, generally the week prior to the monthly General Membership Meeting which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month; and transmitted via email and regular US mail for members without email addresses. In preparation to publish the NEWS, Committee members collect, review, proof and edit materials that will be included. The Newsletter Committee is chaired by Junette Powell and Thalia White Lauren and the Committee members are Sandra Gordon, Lascelles Harris, Lawrence Logan, Shirley Morrison and Barbara Walker. If you would like to join the Newsletter Committee, please contact Junette Powell at junettep56@gmail.com.

**CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT:**

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

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

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

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

**IMPORTANT:** *Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter committee and based on space availability.*



## CAFCI's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration (continued from page 1)

Throughout the program, the emcee engaged the audience and reiterated this year's theme, "A Time for Hope, Peace, Joy & Love." He consistently encouraged the audience to find ways to contribute to the



Soul Movement

improvement of our community. The program included performances of dances, singing, poetry and instrumentals. Performing were Copeland Davis, Katie Gilmore, Steve Higgins, Miles Hoyt and Benjamin Collin, Jordaine Randon, Rachel and Ryan Rose, Morgan Shim, Soul Movement, Hildreth Stoddard-Brown, Matt Stone, Quincy Wilson and Rochelle Wright.



Steve Higgins, Carolyn Hmara, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Hmara and MC Mark Shim



Copeland Davis

For their dedication to always executing a fantastic production, special thanks to the Cultural Committee: Chair Elet Cyris, Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Henworth Ferguson, Winsom Genus-Martin, Shirley Morrison, Genieve White and Percival Wood. We also extend special thanks to the technical support crew: Richard Jackson and Radcliffe Brown. Despite the technical glitches, the response to the program has been overwhelming. Thanks to all members, supporters and friends who joined us for this memorable celebration.

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness;  
only light can do that. Hate cannot  
drive out hate; only love can do that.*  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you were unable to attend the live streamed event, you can view it on YouTube at the following links:

<https://youtu.be/bRK74FMRJWY> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRK74FMRJWY&feature=youtu.be>.

## OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tyra Walker, granddaughter of Barbara Walker, on joining The Washington DC office of Logan Lovells Law Firm.



### CAFCI's BSA Troop 111



Troop 111 proudly announces our 50<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout!!!  
**Jonathan Farrell.**  
Congratulations Jonathan.

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*In honor of the 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8th, Troop 111 chartered by Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc shared 111 ways Scouting has changed their lives! See attachment included with the NEWS for the list.*

## CAFCI Student Assistance Fund

*Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future*

Visit the Student Assistant Program section on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram> to view a video of thank you messages from the 2020 awardees and congratulatory messages from past recipients.



### STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

In light of the pandemic, the Student Assistance Fund committee has canceled its in-person awards ceremony for 2021. We will, however, post videos from the current and past recipients and will have a presentation at CAFCI's monthly General Membership meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**APPLICATION:** The application for CAFCI Student Assistance Fund is available on the Student Assistance Fund program section on CAFCI's website (<https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>). Please encourage Palm Beach County graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning to apply for the award. Please note that the deadline to submit the Application is **February 28, 2021**.

**We need your help. There are several ways you can help raise the funds needed:**

**ONGOING DONATION:** To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or donate on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org). To ensure that we reach our goal for 2021, we would appreciate you donating by April 5, 2021.

**SAF GO FUND ME:** Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ejcp-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help>. Even a small donation could help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund committee reach their fundraising goal. If you cannot make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.

All donations help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund committee reach its fundraising goal. A big thank you to everyone who has already donated and thank you for your continued support.



## Student Assistance Fund Committee Raise Funds for Scholarships



Dennis Wright and Paul Baker

On behalf of the SAF Committee, a special thanks to everyone who collected and donated shoes for the shoe fundraiser. Your support towards helping us collect 2,500 (plus an additional 300) pairs of shoes was amazing especially in light of the pandemic. Special thanks to Golden Krust and Claudette Depass for providing drop-off locations. Thanks to Winsom Martin, Kathleen Lannaman and Nova Brown for helping the SAF Committee with bagging. Special mention to those CAFCI members who did their very own collection drive on our behalf. Special mention to members of: Grace Episcopal Church; The Church of Jesus Christ Lake Worth (donated twenty three bags of shoes) and St. Paul AME Church in West Palm Beach. This was such a satisfying and rewarding project for CAFCI and the Committee. The fundraiser was organized through the Funds2Orgs Group and some of the benefits of your shoe donation are outlined below.

**Funds2Orgs:** Most people do not know that shoes and clothing can be repurposed. Eighty five percent of consumer textiles end up in landfills, which is extremely harmful to the environment. Consumers are the primary reason for textiles ending up in landfills. Approximately 50 percent of collected shoes and clothing are re-used around the world. Seventy percent of the global population uses repurposed shoes and clothing. The gently worn, used and new shoes that are collected by the thousands of partners of the Funds2Orgs Group shoe drive fundraising brands are consolidated and shipped to many micro-enterprise partners around the world, where they are sold to small business owners for a low price. The Funds2Orgs Group seeks to provide an opportunity for people to help themselves out of poverty. We do not just give away the shoes, as this would decimate the local market for shoes and clothing and destroy local jobs. Additionally, some developing countries, particularly in Africa, do not permit apparel to be given away. It is for these reasons that the Funds2Orgs



Group promotes commerce and business for small business owners. Shoes are sold by these small business owners in communities in need of proper footwear at an inexpensive price. Additionally, micro-entrepreneurs create a path out of poverty for themselves in countries where there are limited, if any, job opportunities that pay a living wage. Haiti is one of the countries where the Funds2Orgs Group ships the shoes that are collected in shoe drive fundraisers across North America. According to reporting by the World Bank, Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere. It is the third largest country in the Caribbean, after the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Of the country's population of 10.4 million people, over 6 million (59 percent) live below the national poverty level of \$2.41 USD per day. Twenty four percent of the population, or 2.5 million people, live below the national extreme poverty line, which is \$1.23 USD. Inflation is high in Haiti, and the average per capita income is \$480 USD annually, compared to \$33,550 in the United States. For more information, visit [funds2orgs.com](https://funds2orgs.com).





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February 9, 2020

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 31 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 28 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. This year, because of COVID-19 resulting in the loss of jobs and loss of family members, there is an overwhelming number of students facing financial challenges in achieving their college goals. 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](http://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center) and select Student Assistance or by mailing your donation to:**

CAFCI  
Attn: Student Assistance  
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.

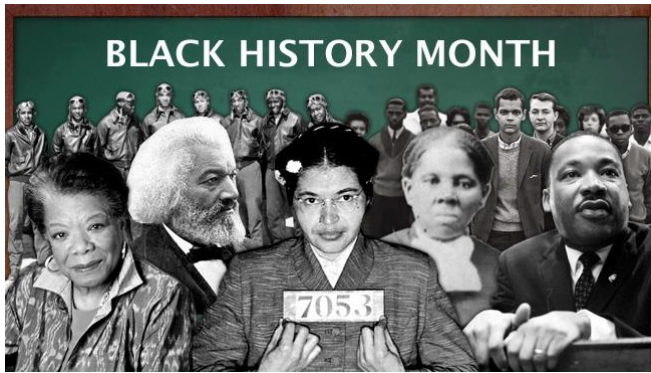
Respectfully,

*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

# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Since 1976, every American president has designated **February as Black History Month** and endorsed a specific theme. The theme for this year, "*Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity*," explores the African diaspora and the spread of Black families across the United States.

Black History Month honors the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history. Among prominent figures are Madam C.J. Walker, who was the first U.S. woman to become a self-made millionaire;

George Washington Carver, who derived nearly 300 products from the peanut; Rosa Parks, who sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and galvanized the Civil Rights Movement; and Shirley Chisholm, who was the first African American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The celebration of [Black History Month](#) began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Dr. [Carter G. Woodson](#), a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of [Frederick Douglass](#) and [Abraham Lincoln](#).

**NAACP:** On February 12, 2019, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) marked its 110th anniversary. Spurred by growing racial violence in the early 20th century, and particularly by 1908 race riots in Springfield, Illinois, an interracial group of white liberal/progressives and seven African Americans joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the NAACP. February 12, 1909 was chosen because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of [Abraham Lincoln](#).

**Heavyweight Champ:** [Jack Johnson](#) became the first African American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title in 1908. He held onto the belt until 1915.

**Famous Protestors and Activists:** While [Rosa Parks](#) is credited with helping to spark the [civil rights movement](#) when she refused to give up her public bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955—inspiring the [Montgomery Bus Boycott](#)—the lesser-known [Claudette Colvin](#) was arrested nine months prior for not giving up her bus seat to white passengers.

**Supreme Court Justice:** [Thurgood Marshall](#) was the first African American ever appointed to the U.S. [Supreme Court](#). He was appointed by President [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) and served on the court from 1967 to 1991.

**Eminent Scientist:** [George Washington Carver](#) developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, plastics, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils and cosmetics.

**First Senator:** [Hiram Rhodes Revels](#) was the first African American ever elected to the [U.S. Senate](#). He represented the state of [Mississippi](#) from February 1870 to March 1871.

**First Woman Representative:** [Shirley Chisholm](#) was the first African American woman elected to the [House of Representatives](#). She was elected in 1968 and represented the state of [New York](#). She broke ground again four years later in 1972 as the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States from one of the two major political parties.



**Self-Made Millionaire:** [Madam C.J. Walker](#) was born on a cotton plantation in [Louisiana](#) and became wealthy after inventing a line of African American hair care products. She established Madame C.J. Walker Laboratories and was also known for her philanthropy.

**Oscar Winner:** In 1940, [Hattie McDaniel](#) was the first African American performer to win an Academy Award—the film industry’s highest honor—for her portrayal of a loyal slave governess in *Gone With the Wind*.

**First Professional Black Baseball Player:** On April 5, 1947, [Jackie Robinson](#) became the first African American to play Major League Baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. He led the league in stolen bases that season and was named Rookie of the Year.

**First Black Billionaire:** Before [Oprah Winfrey](#) and [Michael Jordan](#) joined the billionaire’s club, Robert Johnson became the [first African American billionaire](#) when he sold the cable station he founded, Black Entertainment Television (BET) in 2001.

**First Black President:** In 2008, [Barack Obama](#) became the first Black president of the United States.

**First Black Vice President:** In 2021, [Kamala Harris](#) became the first woman of African or Asian descent to become vice president. Harris' mother immigrated to the United States from India and her father immigrated from Jamaica.

Source: [Black History Facts - Black History Month & Little Known Facts - HISTORY](#)



The annual Reggae Month celebration in honor of a music which strives to bring love and unity will not be daunted by the novel coronavirus pandemic. There will be a number of virtual events throughout the month of February including the Jamaica Music Museum’s Grounation discussion series as well as a virtual sound clash, Reggae Tune Fi Tune. Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JaRIA) will also be hosting their signature events during Reggae Month, also making use of the virtual platform. The events include a weekly discussion session called Reggae Open University. Also on the agenda is the JaRIA Honour Awards to end the month’s celebration by JaRIA. Reggae month first started in 2008 and was chosen to be February as the Reggae Icon Bob Marley’s birthday is February 6<sup>th</sup>. The month-long celebration intends to draw an audience from across the globe, with reggae lovers tuning in on a virtual platform.

For events, go to Jamaica Reggae Industry Association (JaRIA) celebrates Reggae Month 2021 with Signature Events ([reggaeville.com](#).)

## COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS

### VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE

The state has developed a pre-registration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccinations for priority populations. To pre-register visit <https://myvaccine.fl.gov/>. Individuals can call and pre-register if they do not have Internet access. To find the complete list of phone numbers by county [https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FL-VACCINE-HOTLINES\\_1-29-21.pdf](https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FL-VACCINE-HOTLINES_1-29-21.pdf).

1. Palm Beach County Healthcare District (<https://www.hcdpbc.org/>). Please note that the Health Department is not currently taking additional appointment requests at this time. They are only scheduling appointments for those who are already on their waiting list.
  2. Publix Pharmacies (<https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida>)
  3. Baptist Health (<https://baptisthealth.net/coronavirus/vaccine>)
  4. Tenet (<https://palmbeachhealthnetwork.com/>)
  5. HCA (<https://hcaeastflorida.com/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information/>)
  6. VA Medical Center (561-422-6838 - veterans only)
  7. South Florida Fairgrounds - Starting on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, vaccine appointments will be scheduled from 9 am to 5 pm each week Monday to Saturday based on vaccine availability. For information, go to <https://www.wflx.com/2021/02/10/mass-covid-vaccination-site-opens-south-florida-fairgrounds>
- All future appointments will be scheduled based upon the COVID-19 Vaccination Waiting List. The Town will contact you via email from "scheduling@acuityscheduling.com" regarding an appoint. Please be on the look-out for that email.
  - Proof of identification of Florida residency must be verified through a government-issued ID with a photo.
  - For all current information on COVID-19, visit <https://townofpalmbeach.com/DocumentCenter/View/13923/COVID-Alerts> and follow instructions to get registered to the Town of Palm Beach COVID-19 Alerts.

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](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)

#### COVID-19 TESTING SITES

<https://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx#testing>

<https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>

<https://www.walgreens.com/topic/findcare/coronavirus.jsp?>

### USEFUL SECURITY INFORMATION:

- Improve your password protection - Many online retailers, financial companies and service providers offer "dual-factor authentication." It takes an extra step, but it's a veritable fortress of extra security.
- Protect your mail - Informed Delivery is a free service from the U.S. Postal Service in which the agency sends, via email, images of letter-sized mail expected to be delivered to you soon. This is a great way to monitor that nothing is stolen by ID thieves from your mailbox. Visit [InformedDelivery.usps.com](https://InformedDelivery.usps.com) to sign up.
- Check your credit report - Because of the pandemic, all three major credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — are offering free weekly online reports through April 2021. You will be able to determine if someone is using credit in your name and to fix mistakes. Go to [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://AnnualCreditReport.com).
- Filter your phone calls - To help curtail the flood of spam calls, enter all your trusted contacts into your smartphone. This way, when the phone rings, your caller ID will let you know if it's one of them. Do not answer if you don't know the callers; if it's important, they will leave a message.
- Manage your emails - Start marking as spam any suspicious or unwanted emails that show up in your inbox, so similar messages will be automatically routed to the trash.
- Vet unfamiliar e-retailers - Before purchasing something from a retailer you haven't used before, do a web search for the company's name, followed by the words "scam," "fraud" and "complaints," in order to get a fast read on its veracity. Then read other user reviews. Also read the About page on the company's website to find out who owns it and where it's based. It's better to know that the businesses you buy from can help you avoid any fraudulent deals.
- Say no to gift cards - Prepaid gift cards have become one of the fastest-growing requested forms of payment from criminals, and they are virtually untraceable. Take the pledge: "I will never, ever, ever buy a gift card for someone I don't know." Gift cards should only be purchased for family and friends.
- Copy all the contents of your wallet today - This is a simple way to protect yourself from identity theft and credit card fraud. If you have copies of the front and back of all ID and credit cards stored in a safe place, you'll have the account numbers and customer service lines instantly available.
- Stop, breathe, ask - Often, scammers rush their victims and push lots of emotional hot buttons to get you to stop thinking rationally. AARP's anti-fraud experts agree: Never let strangers force you into fast decisions. Pause, calm yourself, and think clearly and critically. Chances are you'll quickly see the situation for what it really is.



## **CAFCI's 2020 Friendship Ball Appeal Donors**

(Received as of 01.31.2021)

*Thank you for your generous support of CAFCI's mission  
to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community  
consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.*

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*CAFCI, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, has been actively involved in making a difference in people's lives and in the community. CAFCI's community activities include financially assisting college bound students, disaster relief and other social activities. In an effort to raise funds to support these activities, each year CAFCI has hosted various events including our annual Friendship Ball. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were unable to host these events this year. Thank you for responding to our 2020 Friendship Ball appeal for support. It is only through your continued financial support that we will be able to continue to serve our community, especially during these challenging times. THANK YOU!!!*



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

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



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

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

Submitted by  
Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI Home Chair

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://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, February 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, March 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, April 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, May 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, June 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ SAF Awards Presentation** 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, July 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, August 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, September 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, September 18**

**ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

(To be confirmed)

Saturday, October 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, November 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Saturday, December 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing  
Friday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala** (To be confirmed)

### AROUND TOWN

- Visit Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming virtual events and activities.
- Visit the Kravis Center for in person and virtual events at <https://www.kravis.org/athome> or <https://www.kravis.org/>