



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.

March

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**Board meetings are held the
 4th Thursday of the month.
 See back page for calendar of events.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAFCI Celebrates March as Health Awareness Month ~ We live in a very bewildering world. Accidents kill 4% of us. Diseases kill 96%. Many of the diseases that kill us are preventable. Health insurance costs are increasing in America at almost three times the rate of worker's income. Therefore, nearly 44 million people do not have health insurance. This means they do not go for checkups, physicals and screenings that would detect preventable and curable diseases. A lot of people will not see a doctor until they are coughing up blood or their spouse calls 911. So the first doctor they see is the emergency room doctor. Then they expect a miracle cure to drag them back from the portals of death. Who is responsible for your health? You! One out of every ten Americans cannot name a single risk factor in Diabetes. Our goal here at CAFCI is to encourage you to obtain as much information about your health as possible. Take the time to go on the internet and research health issues and most importantly get a checkup at least once a year even if you are feeling fine. Best care starts from home and it is self-care. Take care of yourself, as nobody can take care of you except yourself. Even doctors cannot help you until you tell them honestly how you feel and depending on your words, they will do a health assessment to find a solution for you.

Home of Our Own ~ Our fund raising efforts appear to be at a standstill for the Home of Our Own Project. We have limited space for recreational programs and games. As most of you know, most of the space at the Harvin Center, that was previously available to us for games, is no longer available. We urgently need to get a place of our own. I am appealing to members to contribute funds to our Buy a Brick Program and if you have any good fund raising ideas, please share them with us. For those of you who have already contributed, I say thanks. Additional donations are welcome and are tax deductible.

Office Cleanup ~ Special thanks to Ms. Genieve White and Ms. Winsom Martin for cleaning up the office and providing new window treatment. Thanks to all who helped to move and rearrange the office furniture to make the office a little more spacious.

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES
 REMINDER**
**Please submit your
 2013 dues to
 Lawrence Logan,
 Membership Chairperson**

Happy Birthday:

MARCH

Douglas McKenzie	18
Adrienne Ferrin	19
Eution MacLarty	22
Lauriston Simms	23
Lorna Hughes	27

APRIL

Ronald M. Dawson	01
Hilary Hurbs	01
Livingston Weathers	02
Rupel Johnson	04
John Lewis	04
Lori Valuntas	08

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Adrienne Ferrin

CONDOLENCES TO:

Junette and Neil Powell
 on the loss of his uncle

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 Cyris, Chair791-9087
 Paul Baker784-0067
 Marjorie Schleifer793-4861

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Stooch Productions/CAFCI Partnership ~ Thanks to all our members who came out to support our fund raising efforts in partnership with Stooch Productions. There were a lot of CAFCI members at the Valentine's Day concert highlighted by Steve Higgins and his presentation entitled--Love Struck. For each ticket that was sold by CAFCI, we received \$5. The grand total we received from this partnership was \$725.00. Special thanks to Genieve White for coordinating this effort and to Junette Powell and Lawrence Logan (major sellers) and to the others who assisted, Millie Hampton, Newbolt Wilson, Dorothy Bell and Shauna Simms.

Committee Needs ~ We have an urgent need for a Membership Chairperson. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let me know. We are also looking for chairpersons for Fundraising, Nominations, Public Relations, Recreation, Relay for Life and the Talent Show. If you would like to serve on a Committee, please contact the Committee Chair or send an e-mail to cafcibellsouth.net.

Thank you for being a part of CAFCI.

Dennis Wright
President

CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
We need your help and support!!

We are looking for your "goodies" that you no longer need but do not want to throw away! You can donate them. The Student Assistance Committee will be participating in the Village of Royal Palm Beach's Community Garage Sale at the Veteran's Park on Saturday, April 13, 2013. All proceeds will be used to provide assistance to graduating seniors who plan to attend college this year. Due to the economy, many ambitious students experience hardship in preparing for college and we would like to help them realize their dream. They are our future. Please donate any "goodies" with which you can part and help support this venture. Your donations will be accepted at the Harvin Center, 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday until April 10, 2013 and on Saturday, March 9 at our next general meeting. (Collection dates are 3/6, 13, 20, 27, 4/3 and 4/10).

Due to space limitations, suggested "Goodies" include: small household items/small appliances; new or very slightly used clothes (adult & kids); shoes (adult & kids); toys; books.

The Student Assistance Committee appreciates your generous donations. For additional information, please contact Committee Chair, Dr. Ealy at 561-351-0068 or neblek@aol.com.

UP AND COMING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, March 9 at 7 pm

Kevin Harvin Center
1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach

CAFCI celebrates March as Health Awareness Month. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to the upcoming picnic as well as ticket sales for the event.

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**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
**Saturday, March 30 at 11 am to sundown**

*Micanopy Pavilion, Okechee Park*

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okechee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun filled day for the whole family. Tickets (\$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10) are currently available and will also be available at the March meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2013. The menu will be barbecue chicken for adults and hamburgers and hot dogs for children. Other food will also be on sale. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. More information will be posted on CAFCI's website. For more information, please call Lauriston Simms, Picnic Chairman at 561-719-0263 or contact committee members (Percival Woods 561-514-1788; Pat Forde 561-762-3914, Betty Mallory 561-294-0310, Millie Hampton 561-307-2612 and Henworth Ferguson 561-315-9566).

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RELAY FOR LIFE
Saturday to Sunday, April 6 - 7, 2013

Royal Palm Beach High School.

Help raise awareness and funds to cure cancer and to support cancer survivors. CAFCI is still looking for someone to chair CAFCI's team for Relay for Life as well as people to coordinate the team's activities. Please contact the CAFCI Liaison, Shirley Palmer at 790-1499 if you are willing to serve on the Relay for Life Committee. CAFCI's website is now linked to the Internet so that you can make donations directly. Everyone's participation is needed and the committee is still in need of volunteers especially on the day of the event.

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**CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**  
**Saturday, May 25, 2013**

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity event. Look out for further details in the upcoming issues of the NEWS as well as the CAFCI website.



# C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, inc.

**Presents**

## **A Fun Family Day**

# Annual Easter Picnic

*Saturday March 30, 2013*

*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**
- **Entertainment**
- **50/50 Raffle & More**
- **Bring your favorite game**

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

**Adults: \$10 (including BBQ Chicken meal & beverage)  
Children under 12: \$5 (Hamburger, Hot Dogs and Chips)  
NO PERSONAL FOOD BASKETS ARE ALLOWED**

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

**For Tickets, contact Lawrence Logan (561)791-0162**

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

**Betty Malory (561)294-0312**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
CAFCI'S 2013 EVENTS**

*Dates are subject to change.*

*Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.*

- March 9..... General Meeting ~ Health Awareness, Harvin Center
- March 30..... Annual Picnic, Okeeheelee Park
- April ..... NO GENERAL MEETING
- April 6 – 7 ..... Relay for Life, Royal Palm Beach High School
- May 11..... General Meeting ~ Student Assistance Presentation, Harvin Center
- May 25..... Cultural Diversity Day
- June..... NO GENERAL MEETING
- July 13 ..... General Meeting, Harvin Center
- August 10 ..... General Meeting ~ Membership Appreciation, Harvin Center
- September 14 ..... General Meeting, Harvin Center
- September 21 ..... Annual Friendship Ball
- October 12 ..... General Meeting, Harvin Center
- November 9 ..... General Meeting ~ Election, Harvin Center
- December 14 ..... Pot Luck/Christmas Party & Toys for Tots