



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.

January

2014

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2014 has arrived! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy, productive and rewarding year. We are excited and ready to go forward into our 25th year as an Organization with much enthusiasm and hope. We are planning a number of activities to celebrate our significant milestone of 25 years serving the community. Last year was a challenging one, but we look forward with hope and great expectations to the next 25 years. Thanks to all of you who have contributed in various ways to make our Organization a success. We will need your support even more this year.

We will be looking for individuals to serve on our 25-year Celebration Committee and our Annual Ball Committee. We plan to make these events special and so will need the services and input from everyone.

We will be redoubling our efforts this year to recruit more members and will be targeting younger members in particular, to strengthen our membership role. Our goal is to bring back to the fold all members whom we have not seen for a while, create more attractions to appeal to new members and retain the current faithful and dedicated ones. We invite you to get involved in the activities that we have planned for this year. You are an important part of the Organization and it is through your contributions that it will thrive. We need you, your expertise and your help.

Your support is needed to raise the funds needed for our Financial Assistance Fund and to fulfill our mission to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage. **If you would like to serve on a committee for any of these events, please contact the committee chair or send an e-mail to cafcf@bellsouth.net.** Thank you for being a part of CAFCI.

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2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipc.org or mail to CAFCI
 Attention: Lawrence Logan
 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.
 Box 11
 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Happy Birthday.

JANUARY 16 - 31

Herbert Chambers	16
Deborah A. Williams	17
Berman Patterson	18
Audrey Nelson	24

FEBRUARY 1 - 15

V. Alvin Nembhard	02
Yvonne Richardson	06
Patrick McLaughlin	08
Ocie Roundtree	10
Sandra A. Gordon	13
Radcliffe Brown	14

CONDOLENCES TO:

Genieve White and family
 on the loss of her mother
 Alvin Nembhard
 on the loss of his mother
 Johnny Davis
 on the loss of his brother
 Marjorie Aiken
 on the loss of her relative

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Uriah Bell * Hazel McKenzie

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Toys for Tots: This year's Toys for Tots drive was one of the most successful in the history of the program. Thanks to Lauriston Simms and his team for making the program a success. Thanks also to our Boy Scout Troop 111 and Cub Scout Pack 120 for also collecting toys. This year we donated over 150 toys to three organizations: Sonshine Family Ministries (located right here in our building at the Harvin Center), Free Spirit Outreach (who sent some of those toys to needy kids in Jamaica), and the Wesleyan Community Holines Church in Belle Glade. Your donations made a lot of kids happy this past Christmas.

New Year's Eve Celebration: Thanks to all members of the New Year's Eve committee: Lawrence Logan, Junette Powell, Nova Brown, Millie Hampton, Jerome Wright, Johnny Davis and Alvin Nembhard for putting together this year's celebration. New Year's Eve is always a difficult time to get people to come out and celebrate but the party was fun and everyone enjoyed the food and entertainment. Thanks to all our members, friends and supporters who came out to celebrate with us.

Please plan to attend our next general membership meeting on January 11th where the new board will be sworn in by Vice Mayor of Royal Palm Beach Councilman Jeff Hmara. Looking forward to another exciting year at CAFCI.

Dennis Wright
President

GENERAL MEETING

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Saturday, January 11 at 7 p.m.

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

Please be reminded that January's meeting will be the swearing in of CAFCI's new Board of Directors. Vice Mayor of Royal Palm Beach Councilman Jeff Hmara will oversee the swearing-in Ceremony and will address the audience. Please make every effort to come and show your support for CAFCI's Board.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Monday, January 20 at 8:45 a.m.

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, Royal Palm Beach

CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will present the 12th annual DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION. This special 12-year celebration will be dedicated to our youth with performances by talented young artists. There will be a continental breakfast from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. and the program will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This event is free and open to the public. Please arrive early! We have had a full house over the past years. Our MLK Celebration is a great opportunity to reflect, participate and enjoy a very inspiring morning with friends and family. See the enclosed flyer for more information or you may contact: Elet Cyrus: 561-791-9087 or CAFCI: 561-790-4002; cafci@pbc.org.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE:

Applications are now available on CAFCI's website as well as the School District's website. Applications will also be available to members at the next monthly general meeting on Saturday, January 11th. PLEASE NOTE THAT the Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday, May 3, 2014 (the first Saturday in May) instead of May 10th since May 10th is Cultural Diversity Day.

CAFCI SCOUTS

Troop 111

- The Troop re-chartered 43 scouts and 26 adults.
- The December Campout was held at Tanakeetah Scout Camp in Jupiter. A fun-filled weekend to teach skills, with watersports, shooting range and cooking.
- The Troop participated in the Holiday Christmas Dinner with Santa with resident children and their family at The Lord's Place.

Pack 120

- The Pack re-chartered 43 scouts and 11 adults
- The Pack held their Christmas Bar-B-Que at a park in the acreage.
- The Campout for the month was held at the Kennedy Space Center.
- Scouts from the Pack participated in the CAFCI Toys for Tots Drive, donating a lot of toys to the cause. They also participated in CAFCI's Walk-a-Thon for the Building Fund, "Laying of Wreaths Across America" and in the Wellington Parade.

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 (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.

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

May 31, 2014 has been selected as the date for CAFCI's first ever golf tournament. As stated previously, the venue will be the Royal Palm Beach Golf Club. Look on the website in late January for registration and sponsorship forms. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this event. If you are willing and able, please call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com or cafcibellsouth.net..



How do you build a house one may ask? With a foundation and one brick at a time. In an effort for CAFCI to find a home, every "brick" counts. The Buy-A-Brick program provides everyone an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please visit the web page at www.cafcibc.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 allowing 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.

We raised \$702 from our Walkathon. A very big thank you to those who solicited donations and/or walked. To our donors and contributors, a very heartfelt thank you. The event would have not been a success without everyone's participation.



Thank You!

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN FLORIDA, INC. & THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH PRESENT

The 12th Annual Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration

A DEDICATION TO OUR YOUTH

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Monday, January 20, 2014

ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER
151 CIVIC CENTER WAY • ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

EVENT IS FREE

12 Years of Cultural Excellence

FEATURING

- ETEHYA MORRIS
- BIANA PINCHUK
- TAMLA FISHER
- YOUNG SINGERS OF THE PALM BEACHES
- SOLEIL ROWE
- AMANDA NG
- JADE MASTERS
- DEMI MASTERS
- AND MORE...

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:45 AM - 9:30

FLYER BY 

CAFCI

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

- JANUARY 11: General Meeting & Swearing In of new officers at 7 p.m., Harvin Center
JANUARY 20: MLK Celebration at 9 a.m., Cultural Center
FEBRUARY 8: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center
MARCH 8: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center
APRIL 12: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center
APRIL 19: Annual Picnic. Okeeheelee Park at 12 noon, Micanopy Pavillion
MAY 3: General Meeting & Scholarship Awards Presentation at 7 p.m., Harvin Center
MAY 10: Cultural Diversity Day
MAY 31: Golf Tournament, Village Golf Club
JUNE 14: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 20, 2014, CAFCI's 25th Anniversary Ball.

Details will be provided on the website and in upcoming issues of the NEWS.

AROUND TOWN.....

January 17th - February 2nd: **SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR** at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Fairs are always fun. With over 100 years of entertainment practice under their belt, this fair is one of the top-rated events in South Florida. Be sure to ride the midway and check out all the known bands that stop by this annual Palm Beach event. And while you're there... enjoy a warm funnel cake. For more information visit www.southfloridafair.com.

January 25th: **SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE**, downtown West Palm Beach. Participate in the 23rd Annual Susan G. Komen South Florida Race for the Cure® and show everyone whose life you are running for. Are you running for your mother, your sister, a co-worker, a friend? Are you running for your own life? Or are you running for the future? No matter whose life you are running for, now is the time to get involved and run for their life! For more information visit www.komensouthflorida.org.