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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.

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2025

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN FLORIDA, INC.

CAFCI

# 34th Annual Friendship Ball

BRIDGING GENERATIONS

*Celebrating the Past, Present  
and Future of Community Service.*

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

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General Membership Meeting  
2nd Saturday of month  
Board Meeting  
4th Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members and Friends of CAFCI:

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the summer season.

We are pleased to share that our General Membership Meetings resumed in July with great enthusiasm and a fun-filled evening of games and fellowship. It was a joy to have so many of you in attendance, and we thank everyone who participated and contributed to the energy of the evening.

Please mark your calendars for our August General Membership Meeting & Membership Appreciation Event, where we will continue our engagement and planning for upcoming events.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all the friends and supporters of our Past President and Chairman, Lawrence Logan. The service and repast were well attended. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the reception and attended his funeral. Your presence and generosity was deeply appreciated by the CAFCI family and his loved ones.

As we move forward, we are actively seeking talent to help us revamp and update our website to make it more modern, accessible and user-friendly. We are also looking for individuals with experience in communication tools, such as Constant Contact, to help us explore more efficient and effective ways to keep in touch with our membership and broader community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our signature event, the 34th Annual Friendship Ball, scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the West Palm Beach Marriott. This event is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we invite all members and friends to join us as we celebrate community, culture, and connection. Ball and raffle tickets are available for purchase.

Thank you for your continued support of CAFCI and our mission. Let us move forward together in unity and purpose.

Warm regards,

  
Dennis Wright



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*If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.*



### GET WELL TO:

Dr. Elaine Ealy  
Cynthia Hamm  
Jeff Webb

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Cynthia Beckles  
on the loss of her aunt, Patsy Barrett

Percival Wood  
on the loss of his brother, Woodburn Wood;  
sister, Jennifer Miller and  
aunt, Florence Thorpe

### Please Let Us Know...

*We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:*

- *you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.*

*Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.*

Paul Baker, Chair .....561.784.0067  
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Elet Cyris.....561.791.9087

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### Membership Appreciation Night

Saturday, August 9, 2025

In-Person & Via Zoom

10287 Okeechobee Boulevard  
Level-X Fitness Center – Suite A-5

Royal Palm Beach

(corner of Okeechobee Blvd. and State Road 7 / US 441)

**Calling all CAFCI Members! Our Annual Membership Appreciation Day is just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate you.**

**This celebration is all about YOU – our members.**

**Whether you're a new member or part of the CAFCI family for decades, this evening is a heartfelt thank-you – filled with stories, music, and unity. Friends, supporters and all others are welcome.**

**Come celebrate, reconnect, and explore how you can get involved.**

**We're building something beautiful—together.**

If you are unable to attend in person, join us via Zoom:

- Visit website: [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org)  
Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
- Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllLNEROa2JuNlhtYUZlVkJkZzYmRSdzO9>
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Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422 | Password: 478705



## MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT

• Welcome • Refreshments  
• Games • Music • Fellowship

**AUGUST 9, 2025**  
7:00 PM

**JOIN US  
ALL ARE INVITED!**

## ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

*BRIDGING GENERATIONS*

*Celebrating the Past, Present &  
Future of Community Service*

Saturday, September 20, 2025

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach

It's that time of year again! CAFCI's 2025 Annual Friendship Ball promises to be an elegant, fun and festive evening celebrating the joy of community service. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place to curate an unforgettable event. Please save the date and get your tickets early from a CAFCI member. Look out for more details on the flyer in this newsletter and on the CAFCI website ([cafciipbc.org](http://cafciipbc.org)).

### BALL SUPPORT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

**We Need Your Help:** If you or anyone you know would like to support the Ball by sponsoring, placing an advertisement or a member message in the Ball Journal, visit [www.cafciipbc.org/annual-friendship-ball](http://www.cafciipbc.org/annual-friendship-ball). Your support will help CAFCI reach its fundraising goals needed to serve our community.

For more information, please contact Genieve White via text at 561.876.4161 or [gen\\_white@msn.com](mailto:gen_white@msn.com); or [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net).

If you would like to submit a Member Message, please complete and submit the form or contact Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856 or [terrisjanice@hotmail.com](mailto:terrisjanice@hotmail.com) or Alvin Nembhard at 561.670.813 or [nalvin@bellsouth.net](mailto:nalvin@bellsouth.net).

## LET'S DO BUSINESS

*When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.*

**Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.**

### INDIA GRILL AND BAR

650 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.,  
Royal Palm Beach

561.249.7168

[indiagrillandbar.com](http://indiagrillandbar.com)

Sunday to Saturday  
10:30 am to 10 pm

*If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.*

- [junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com) or [thaliaec@gmail.com](mailto:thaliaec@gmail.com)

# Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc.



## ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARENESS NIGHT & General Membership Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2025, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
10287 Okeechobee Blvd. Level-X Fitness Center, Suite A-5  
Royal Palm Beach, next to Target Shopping Plaza.

**STRONGER  
TOGETHER**

**GROW YOUR  
BUSINESS**

**REFRESHMENTS  
SERVED**

**SUPPORT OUR  
COMMUNITY**

**DISCOVER  
EACH OTHERS'  
BUSINESSES**

**HAVE FUN**



**NETWORK**

### **JOIN US**

For more information & to have  
your business featured with us.  
Visit [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) or call us!



**Call Now**

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Norma-541-440-3932



# Member Spotlight



**Have You Met ...  
CLIFTON REID**



**JAMAICA W.I.**

Clifton Reid and his family migrated to the United States in 2003 and lived in Wellington for 5 years before moving to Royal Palm Beach where he currently resides.

Clifton attended St. George's College in Kingston and St. Jago High School 6th form in Spanish Town. He holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of the West Indies, Mona, and after graduating, he worked as an Analyst/Programmer/Manager at Price Waterhouse, T. Geddes Grant, Ernst & Young and Associates and the Caribbean Cement Company.

Clifton later started his own business, Corporate Computer Management Services with clients in Jamaica, Belize, Trinidad and Haiti, which he successfully operated until he migrated to the USA.

Upon arrival in the US, Clifton opened his own business, Clifton Reid Computer Services, before joining DSS, Inc. in 2006 where he worked as a Software Trainer for 8 years and then as Product Line Manager.

As a Software Trainer in the Healthcare industry, Clifton participated in on-site training in the VA Hospitals, where he taught Coding, Billing and Accounts

Receivables throughout the USA. In his role of Product Line Manager, Clifton led his team in the development of a web-based solution for the VA Community Living Centers.

Clifton currently serves as Founder and Operations Manager for Metiersuite (a software company) and Jammin' Patties, LLC (manufacturer and retailer of Jamaican patties). Metiersuite offers payment processing solutions, allowing businesses to create customer lists and keep track of payments, while also offering secure, scalable payment technologies tailored to each company's needs and the many ways their customers like to pay. For more information, please visit [metiersuite.io](http://metiersuite.io).

Jammin' Patties offers gourmet patties crafted to please a diverse population of all ages. Their product line currently includes eight delectable categories: mild and jerk chicken, mild and spicy beef, shrimp, two types of vegetables and a guava-cheese blend, with seasonal Jamaican favorites available upon request. For more information visit the website at: <https://www.jamminpatties.com/> or call 561.801.8886.

Clifton is married to Marlene and has two sons, Daniel and Joel. He enjoys golf, tennis and pickleball.

Written and submitted by Clifton Reid

*Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to be featured or recommend someone, please email us at:*

*[junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com) or  
[thaliaec@gmail.com](mailto:thaliaec@gmail.com).*

*Thanks, family. We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.*

## 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 it as space permits.**

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

The Student Assistance Fund Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Student Assistance Fund. See the 2025 "Thank You flyer" which is included in this newsletter and posted on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>.

**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 visit CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option. A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.

Look out for the 2025 Student Assistance Scholarship Application which will be posted on the CAFCI website by September 30, 2025 with the following link: <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>.

If you missed the 2025 awards ceremony, the video with congratulatory messages from past recipients, pictures from the award ceremony as well as a recording of the awards ceremony can be viewed on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>.

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## CAFCI 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.*

**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 the accomplishments of a close relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: [ujama4@aol.com](mailto:ujama4@aol.com) or phone 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the information to Junette Powell ([junettep56@gmail.com](mailto: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 STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

*Empowering Youth & Investing in Our Future*



*CAFCI extends heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors whose financial contributions make the 2025 Student Assistance Fund (SAF) possible. Your support empowers students to pursue their educational goals and achieve their dreams. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a difference in their lives and within our community.*

(List complete as of July 31, 2025)

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"*  
- Nelson Mandela



# CAFCI SCOUTS ♦ TROOP 111

Greetings CAFCI!

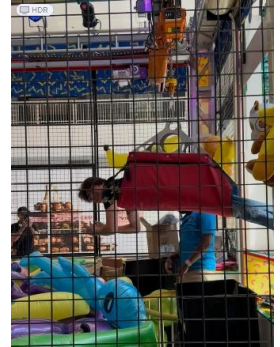
## Troop 111's Summer of Adventure: From Mall Madness to Wilderness Mastery

Troop 111 has packed more adventure into one summer than most people could imagine! From roller coasters to remote lakes, from solving escape rooms to working toward the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, this has truly been a summer to remember.



Front: Ms. Pfister, Mrs. Montoya, Kirill Montoya, Mason Scott, Mr. Girard, Caleb McNally, Jackson Eubanks, Mr. McNally, Keenan Stack  
Back: Landon Girard, Mr. Scott, Mr. Eubanks, Haroon Almasoodi, Jackson Eubanks, Micah Johnson

**BIG FUN IN THE BIG MALL:** The journey began with an exciting road trip to Minnesota, where the scouts explored the iconic Mall of America. The massive mall offered a variety of thrills, but the highlight for many was Jackson becoming a "human claw"—yes, you read that right! He was lowered into a giant prize pit just like an arcade claw machine and managed to grab a win, cheered on by the rest of the troop.



Jackson Eubanks

The fun didn't stop there. Scouts braved the Nickelodeon Universe amusement park located inside the mall, riding roller coasters that twisted and turned high above the shopping center floor. Later, they put their teamwork and brainpower to the test by completing an escape room, solving puzzles under pressure and proving just how sharp Troop 111 really is.



Kneeling: Mrs. Montoya, Kirill Montoya  
Standing: Mr. Girard, Landon Girard, Mr. McNally, Caleb McNally, Keenan Stack, Ms. Pfister  
Back: Northern Tier Troop Guide

**NORTHERN TIER:** The Ultimate Challenge -- But the excitement wasn't all about bright lights and big malls. Troop 111 also took on the legendary Northern Tier High Adventure Base—a challenging wilderness canoeing experience in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. Over the course of several days, scouts paddled across glassy lakes, portaged through rugged forest trails, and fished in some of the



Mr. Scott



Keenan Stack, Kirill Montoya

most pristine waters in the country. They caught everything from smallmouth bass to northern pike, cooked their meals over open fires, and learned advanced survival and outdoor leadership skills along the way.

This demanding trek tested their endurance, teamwork, and spirit—but every scout came back stronger, prouder and more united than ever.

**CAMP CHEROKEE CREW:** Meanwhile, several scouts headed off to Camp Cherokee, where they earned merit badges, practiced outdoor skills, and grew in confidence and independence. The Cherokee experience gave them a chance to bond with other troops, learn from skilled camp counselors, and prepare for future high adventure trips of their own.

**EAGLES IN THE MAKING:** Two of our scouts, Mohammed and Keenan, are hard at work completing their Eagle Scout projects in the coming month. These service-driven projects are the final step toward scouting's highest rank, and both scouts are putting in countless hours of planning, leadership, and hands-on work. Troop 111 looks forward to celebrating their achievements in the near future!

From thrilling rides to tranquil lakes, Troop 111's summer was filled with challenge, laughter, learning, and leadership. Whether soaring through a mall or paddling through the wilderness, these scouts are proving what it means to be prepared—for anything. Thank you CAFCI for being with us through all these journeys and adventures. Your support, encouragement and friendship is so appreciated!



Yours in Scouting,  
Keenan Stack  
Senior Patrol Leader  
Troop 111



To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111 or to volunteer for scouting, visit  
<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>



## JULY 19 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*July's monthly Membership Meeting welcomed new member, Clifton Reid with "Jammin Patties." (Clifton is featured in this month's Member Spotlight.) It was a wonderful evening with a lot of caring, sharing, food, fun and games. We look forward to seeing everyone at the August Membership Appreciation Night.*





## DID YOU KNOW?...

**AUGUST** is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Its length is 31 days.

In the Southern Hemisphere, August is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Northern Hemisphere, August falls in summer. In the Southern Hemisphere, the month falls during winter. In many European countries, August is the holiday month for most workers. Numerous religious holidays occurred during August in ancient Rome.

Certain meteor showers take place in August. The Kappa Cygnids occur in August, with yearly dates varying. The Alpha Capricornids meteor shower occurs as early as July 10 and ends around August 10. The Southern Delta Aquariids occur from mid-July to mid-August, with the peak usually around July 28-29. The Perseids, a major meteor shower, typically takes place between July 17 and August 24, with the peak days varying yearly. The star cluster of Messier 30 is best observed around August.

Among the aborigines of the Canary Islands, especially among the Guanches of Tenerife, the month of August received the name of Beñesmer or Beñesmen, which was also the harvest festival held that month.

The month was originally named Sextilis in Latin because it was the 6th month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, with March being the first month of the year. About 700 BC, it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 46 BC (AUC 708), giving it its modern length of 31 days.

In 8 BC, the month was renamed in honor of Emperor Augustus. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt. Commonly repeated lore has it that August has 31 days because Augustus wanted his month to match the length of Julius Caesar's July, but this is an invention of the 13th century scholar Johannes de Sacrobosco. Sextilis had 31 days before it was renamed. It was not chosen for its length.



Gladiolus



Peridot gemstones



Red spinel on calcite



Sardonyx stone

August's birthstones are the peridot, sardonyx, and spinel. Its birth flower is the gladiolus or poppy, meaning beauty, strength of character, love, marriage and family. The Western zodiac signs are Leo (until August 22) and Virgo (from August 23 ).

## Coming up in September

### LABOR DAY ~ September 1<sup>st</sup>



Labor Day is a United States federal holiday, honoring working people, their contributions, achievements and sacrifices in pursuit of national prosperity and well-being. It is held annually on the **first Monday of September**.

Labor Day is celebrated with street parades, sports events and picnics held all over the country. The Labor Day weekend is generally seen to mark the end of the summer season (while the Memorial Day weekend is considered to be the beginning). Summer cultural activities end, and fall activities, such as school and sports events, start around this time. In many areas school classes resume shortly before or after Labor Day.

Labor Day has evolved into a significant shopping weekend for discounts and sales, especially for back-to-school sales, as many retailers try to capitalize on the large number of prospective customers with time to spend. It has become one of the busiest sales days of the year.

While Canada shares the date of its Labour Day with Labor Day in the US, in many other countries Labour Day is typically held on May 1.

**Why is US Labor Day celebrated in September when most other nations commemorate it on May 1?**

The first Labor Day celebration in the US took place on September 5, 1882, in New York, with a street parade followed by a picnic. In the years that followed, the holiday was recognized as an official public holiday by a number of states, until Congress declared it a federal holiday in 1894.

The first Monday in September was chosen as the holiday's anniversary because it was regarded more politically neutral and less inflammatory than the date commemorating the bloody Haymarket riots on May 1 - 4, 1886. The date was also well located on the calendar, sitting midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day public holidays.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/August>

Source: <https://www.calendarpedia.com/when-is/labor-day.html>



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

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

Please share with your friends and family.

### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:

<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI

Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Membership

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

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

### BUSINESS



Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Last month we made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to [cafcipbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipbc@bellsouth.net).

*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 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.*



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## Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2025 Events

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

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

### ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon to 6 pm

### VAFMSF DRIVE THRU BBQ

Camp Davis - 2131 F Road, Loxahatchee FL 33470

(Access through entrance of Palms West Church at 13689 Okeechobee Blvd, Loxahatchee)

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games/Elections

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots

## CAFCI GROUP EVENTS

Contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 if you would like to attend these performances at the Kravis Center with the CAFCI Group.

- Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm | **THE COMMODORES**
- Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm | **THE WIZ**

## AROUND TOWN

- August 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> | Jamaican born **BISHOP ROSE HUDSON-WILKIN**, former Chaplain to HRH Queen Elizabeth II, visits South Florida. Her tour will include worship services at Grace Episcopal Church in West Palm Beach on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Click this link to get your copy of her book: <https://a.co/d/5peCpd8>
- Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm | LOVE PEOPLE ENTERPRISES presents **PORT ST. LUCIE'S ANNUAL JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** at Cloverfield Park at The Mets Stadium, 31 Piazza Drive, Port St. Lucie; For tickets and more information <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/port-st-lucies-annual-jamaican-independence-day-celebration-tickets-1349273516409?aff=oddttdtcreator>
- Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm | CARIBBEAN AMERICAN CULTURAL GROUP (CACG) presents **RHYTHMS OF THE CARIBBEAN GALA** with silent auction at MidFlorida Event Center, 9221 SE Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie, FL. Entertainment by Rainfall Band; members \$110 and non-members \$120.
- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in Wellington, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in West Palm Beach, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>



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**2025 HURRICANE SEASON**

Eastern Pacific: May 15–November 30 | Atlantic: June 1–November 30 | Central Pacific: June 1–November.

*Take an Active Role in Your Safety Go to **Ready.gov/hurricanes** and use FEMA's Guide for Alerts and Warnings to learn more about hurricane watches and warnings.*

*Download the FEMA app to get more information about how to prepare.*

*See May 2025 issue of the NEWS for Tips to BE PREPARED*

*See June 2025 issue of the NEWS for Tips to BE SAFE*

*See June 2025 issue of the NEWS for Tips on RETURNING HOME AFTER A HURRICANE*

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