



## 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

2012

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 Relay For Life ..... TBD  
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 Talent Show ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
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Board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.  
 See over for calendar of events.

### ANNUAL PICNIC

**Saturday, April 7 at 11am to sundown**

*Micanopy Pavilion, Okeehchee Park*

CAFCI's annual picnic will again be at Okeehchee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be lots of food (BBQ chicken, yellow rice and corn on the cob), games, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. There will be a bake sale and beverages for sale. Please note, no food baskets will be allowed. This will be a fun filled day for the whole family. Tickets are now available (Donation: Adults - \$10; Children under 12 - \$5.) For tickets and more information, contact Lauriston Simms at 719-0263; Percival Woods at 514-1788; Betty Mallory at 294-0310 or Lawrence Logan at 791-0162. More details and tickets will be provided at the March meeting.

### RELAY FOR LIFE

**Saturday, April 14, 3pm to Sunday April 15**

*Royal Palm Beach High School*

CAFCI's Relay for Life Team, spearheaded by Marjorie Smikle, is working hard to have a successful event. Envelopes have been distributed and the team is working hard to obtain donations, however they still need more people to join the team. 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. This year's theme is "Hooray for Hollywood". There will be food and drinks for sale and possibly a 50/50 raffle. *Moons and Stars* to honor CAFCI survivors and those who have succumbed to cancer will be available for purchase. The Committee will also be having a bake sale at the March 10th general meeting to help to raise funds.

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

**Saturday, May 12**

*Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach Blvd.*

The Cultural Committee, chaired by Elet Cyris, is planning a wonderful Cultural Diversity event. This day is dedicated to sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage and brings our community together to share their food, language, dance and customs. More information will be in the April NEWS.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, March 10 at 7 p.m.**

*Kevin Harvin Center*

*1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, RPB*

CAFCI celebrates March as education awareness. Be educated about your candidates for election. The general meeting will feature candidates from the Western communities seeking election. Some of the candidates who will attend include: Felicia Matula, Selena Smith, Matty Mattioli and Jeff Hmara. Come to the meeting to hear your candidates' experience, and their goals and objectives. Come prepared with your questions. The meeting begins promptly at 7 pm.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

#### MARCH

Marva Saulsberry	16
Douglas McKenzie	18
Adrienne Ferin	19
Eution MacLarty	22
Fitzroy Nangle	23
Lauriston Simms	23
Lorna Hughes	27

#### APRIL

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

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Hazel McKenzie, Audrey Nelson  
 Uriah Bell

### 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, Chair ..... 791-9087  
 Paul Baker ..... 784-0067  
 Marjorie Schleifer ..... 793-4861

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**CAFCI'S 2012 EVENTS**

- MARCH 10..... General Meeting – Education Awareness
- APRIL 7 ..... Annual Picnic
- APRIL 14-15..... Relay For Life
- MAY 5..... General Meeting – Students & Junior Citizens award
- MAY 12 ..... Cultural Diversity Day
- JUNE 9..... Business Awareness Day
- JULY 14 ..... General Meeting
- AUGUST 11 ..... General Meeting – Membership Appreciation
- AUGUST 25 ..... Talent Show
- SEPTEMBER 8..... General Meeting
- SEPTEMBER 22.... Annual Friendship Ball
- OCTOBER 13..... International Night
- NOVEMBER 10..... Annual Meeting
- DECEMBER 8..... General Meeting – Christmas Party Potluck & Toys for Tots
- DECEMBER 31 ..... New Year's Eve Party

**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.

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

The Student Assistance Committee is pleased to announce that applications for the 2012 College Student Assistance Award are now available to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available on the CAFCI website ([www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org)) and also at monthly meetings. Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2012**. Garage Sale: The Student Assistance Committee needs your help/support. We are looking for your "goodies" that you no longer need but do not want to throw away! The Committee will be participating in the Village of Royal Palm Beach Community Garage Sale at the Veterans Park on **Saturday, April 14, 2012**. All proceeds will be used to help 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. We would like to help them realize their dream and also help prepare them to make our world a better place. Please donate any "goodies" with which you can part to help support this venture. Your donations will be gladly accepted at the Harvin Center, 1030 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard between 7 and 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday until April 11, 2012 and at the general meeting on Saturday, March 10. Collection dates are: 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11. Due to space limitations, suggested "Goodies" include: small household items/small appliances, new or very slightly used clothes (adults & children), shoes, toys and books. For additional information, please call: Committee Chair, Dr. Elaine Ealy at 351-0068

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Membership Committee is working to revitalize the membership of CAFCI. The Committee is planning a recruitment drive and is asking all members to participate. **The paid-up member who brings in the most new members will receive a complimentary ticket for CAFCI's signature ball in September.** The winner must bring in at least two (2) new members to qualify. If there is a tie for first place, there will be a drawing to determine the winner. The competition starts immediately and will end at the September meeting prior to the ball. The Committee is also working on having CAFCI's informational brochures included in the application packets and available for distribution at the March meeting.