



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.

June

2020

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the last few months, we have been fighting the Covid-19 virus that has kept us apart and forced us to cancel most of our community events. In recent days, we watched the gruesome images repeatedly as four police officers ended the life of another human being, a black man. You are probably angry. The images have outraged almost everyone. But especially if you are a black man, you could see yourself in George Floyd. Or if you are a black woman, you could see a brother, a son, an uncle or a father in George Floyd. These events caused me to reflect on our goals and purpose here at CAFCI. I believe it is important to remind all of us why we function as an organization.

The primary purpose and objectives are to:

- Create an atmosphere and sponsor events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the ethnic groups in our community.
- Seek out, recognize and support persons of Caribbean ancestry residing in the region.
- Encourage involvement with other groups spearheading projects that are likely to improve the quality of life in the community at large.
- Promote and/or positively respond to multi-cultural events which complement our efforts and enhance our objectives and values.
- Contribute to educational and humanitarian needs as warranted.

Change begins with us. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we strive for racial equity as a fundamental belief. We have a responsibility to speak out against the injustices that lead to racial disparities in our country and our communities. "To remain silent is to be complicit."

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JUNE 16 - 30

Gladys E. Brown	18
Carmen Johnson	18
Georgia Brown	19
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis	21
Doreen Grayson	22
Shama Rhoden	27
Lillian McGann	28
Caroline Hmara	30

JULY 1 - 15

Mavis Baxter	01
Audrey Campbell	01
Angela Russell	06
Henworth Ferguson	07
Cheryl Lewis	07
Everett Wheatley	07
Marjorie Mendez	08
Kenneth Salmon	08

GET WELL TO:

Lloyd "Chef G" Grant; Carmen Johnson

CONDOLENCES TO:

Winsom Martin on the loss of her cousin

For those of you who have lost loved ones due to Covid-19 (or otherwise) within the last few months, our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Please feel free to reach out to the Sunshine committee, any board member or CAFCI member if you need to talk especially since no one can travel to attend funerals!

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Annual Friendship Ball: Our annual friendship ball for 2020 is canceled due to uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 virus and the need to ensure everyone's safety. As most members know, over fifty percent of the funds we raise for the various programs comes from the annual Friendship Ball. We generally net about \$15,000 from the ball each year. We will need to make up for the lost revenue. We will be looking at a membership appeal and other fundraising events. More details to come later this month.

Membership Dues: If you are not current with your membership dues, I am asking everyone to send in all back dues. We need the revenue to help with our overhead such as rent and office expenses that we still must pay. Please make your checks payable to "CAFCI" and mail to 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite 134, Royal Palm Beach FL 33411.

Thanks to Carolyn Hmara and her team for making and distributing over 6,000 masks during the pandemic. Carolyn has donated these masks free of charge to several community organizations. If any CAFCI member need a few masks, please let me know and I will get in touch with Carolyn.

Please continue to stay safe.

Dennis Wright, *President*

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 7 pm
VIA ZOOM

Monthly membership meetings will be conducted via Zoom until further notice. In order to participate, 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=dllLNER0a2JuNIhtYUZIvKZzYmRSdz09>

OR

Download the ZOOM App or visit website:

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

EVENT UPDATES

Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund "Divine Wine and High Tea" previously scheduled for Sunday, April 5th, has been CANCELLED.

Annual Friendship Ball, previously scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, has been CANCELLED.

CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

June is National Caribbean-American Heritage Month which honors the contributions of those with island roots – and there are a lot of them. Who are these Caribbean American people? We come in all shapes, sizes, colors, faiths and tongues. We are your neighbors and co-workers. We build walls and care for the sick. We are your contractors and landscapers. We inspire the world with music, visual arts, literature and dance. We innovate and own businesses across America. We teach and preach. We arrived at a region voluntarily and involuntarily. We legislate, govern and advocate. We have been shaping America for generations. The mission of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month is to promote the rich culture and heritage of the Caribbean-American people and their contribution to the United States of America. From John Russworm, who co-published the first Black newspaper, to James Weldon Johnson, to General Colin Powell, Hon. Shirley Chisholm, Cicely Tyson, Sanya Richards-Ross and so many more.

JUNETEENTH

(A combination of June and nineteenth)

On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation — which had been issued on January 1, 1863 — was read to enslaved African Americans in Texas by Union Army General, Gordon Granger. Texas was the last Confederate State to have the proclamation announced after the end of the American Civil War in April of that year.

"Juneteenth is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, a pride-filled day. It is a moment in time taken to appreciate the African American experience. It is inclusive of all races, ethnicities and nationalities - as nothing is more comforting than the hand of a friend."

"Juneteenth serves symbolically, and in reality, as a reference point from which to measure and appreciate the progress and contributions made by African Americans to this society."

"Juneteenth is a day on which honor and respect is paid for the sufferings of slavery. It is a day on which we acknowledge the evils of slavery and its aftermath. On Juneteenth we talk about our history and realize because of it, there will forever be a bond between us."

"On Juneteenth we think about that moment in time when the enslaved in Galveston, Texas received word of their freedom. We imagine the depth of their emotions, their jubilant dance and their fear of the unknown."

"Juneteenth is a day that we commit to each other the needed support as family, friends and co-workers. It is a day we build coalitions that enhance African American economics."

"On Juneteenth we come together young and old to listen, to learn and to refresh the drive to achieve. It is a day where we all take one step closer together - to better utilize the energy wasted on racism. Juneteenth is a day that we pray for peace and liberty for all."

Source: <https://www.juneteenth.com/>

THE HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day has relatively light roots—and was actually created by a woman. According to History.com, back in 1909, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, "tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents." She went around to local businesses to gather support for her idea, and on June 19, 1910, the state of Washington celebrated the first ever Father's Day.

Although the event inspired President Woodrow Wilson and President Calvin Coolidge to urge Americans to acknowledge a day for dads during their administrations, it still wasn't an official holiday. Unfortunately, the enthusiasm for the commemoration didn't last long. During the '20s and '30s, people tried to do away with both Mother's Day and Father's Day and replace them with Parents' Day instead.

Then, during the Great Depression, retailers made a push to commercialize the holiday in an attempt to make money during dire financial times. And as World War II started, people began to use Father's Day as a way to pay respect to American troops.

Finally, several decades later, on May 1, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Proclamation 4127, which declared Father's Day as a national holiday, with the first official celebration on June 18, 1972. "Let each American make this Father's Day an occasion for renewal of the love and gratitude we bear to our fathers, increasing and enduring through all the years," he wrote in the document.

Source: *Country Living*, January 16, 2020, By Jennifer Aldrich

Fun Ideas to Celebrate Father's Day (6/21)... ... All Quarantine-Approved

1. Start his Father's Day out on the right note by sending him one of these 50 funny and inspiring quotes about dads. <https://parade.com/847109/viannguyen/fathers-day-quotes/>
2. Spoil him with breakfast in bed
3. Have an indoor picnic
4. Create an At-Home Wine Tasting
5. Tackle a task together
6. Go on a bike ride
7. Fire up the backyard grill
8. Go on a virtual tour
9. Cook something adventurous
10. Take him online shopping
11. Privately message Dad's family, friends, and loved ones, and surprise him with a Zoom meeting or FaceTime call.

For more ideas and details visit:

<https://parade.com/1032345/marynliles/best-fathers-day-ideas/>

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by Rudyard Kipling

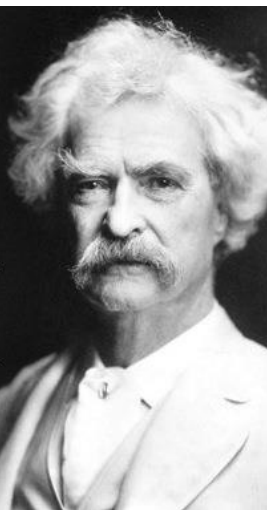
If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."
— Mark Twain



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.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

This year CAFCI awarded a total of \$11,500 to 16 students. The awards ranged from \$700 to \$1,000. On behalf of the Board of Directors, CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund committee and members of CAFCI, congratulations to all CAFCI 2020 Student Assistance Fund award recipients listed below.

1. **Samirah Abellard** ★ CAFCI Award
2. **Eureka Appolon** ★ Cassie's Castle/Simms Award
3. **Andrea R. Carey** ★ CAFCI Award
4. **Bria Coppin** ★ CAFCI Award
5. **Lauren Deering** ★ CAFCI Award
6. **Estaliana Jean-Baptiste** ★ CAFCI Award
7. **Michely Julno** ★ Amanayea Abraham Award
8. **Anjal McKenzie** ★ CAFCI Award
9. **Kenjela Mullings** ★ Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Award
10. **Jeanica Ossiny** ★ Cassie's Castle/Simms Award
11. **Alexcia Plunkett** ★ CAFCI Award
12. **Leroy Alexander Pryor** ★ CAFCI Award
13. **Melissa Rodriguez** ★ CAFCI Award
14. **Jeffrey Saint-Vil** ★ CAFCI Award
15. **Christmanie Senat** ★ Norman Kelly Award
16. **Farjana Yasmin** ★ CAFCI Award

Because the awards ceremony was cancelled, checks were mailed to each recipient on June 5, 2020. Thank you videos from the 2020 award recipients as well as congratulations videos from past recipients will be posted on CAFCI's website and Facebook page shortly.

The Student Assistance Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the Student Assistance Fund. Special thanks to the hard-working committee members: Doreen Baker; Leonie Escoffery; Doreen Grayson; Clover Henry-Gilroy; Alpha McDonald; Junette Powell, Co-Chair; and Nadine White-Boyd, Co-Chair.

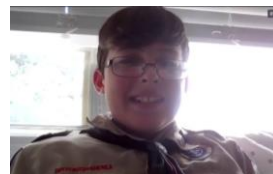
See next page for Thank You notes received from the 2020 award recipients.

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**Very special thanks to Golden Krust Bakery, located at 6901 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach, for generously donating 10% of their sales made with dining-to-donate coupons in the month of May to CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund.**

*Congratulations*  
**2020 Graduates!**

*On behalf of the Board of Directors, congratulations to all CAFCI family and friends who have relatives who have graduated or will be graduating from high school, college or university.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CAFCI'S TROOP 111



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jackson Eubanks, Troop 111's very first scout to achieve rank advancement via a Zoom meeting. We never dreamed that scouting would or could be done virtually. We are proud to report to our charter, CAFCI, that our scouts meet weekly to work on advancements. Our parents meet monthly to plan the best course of action for the scouts. Our committee communicates weekly to review current practice, effectiveness of our program and ways to encourage our scouts to continue on their scouting adventure.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our latest Troop 111 Eagle Scout, Ethan Estevez. We are very proud that Ethan was able to see this through despite all the challenges that occurred as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. Ethan never lost sight of his goal. We also congratulate him on his recent high school graduation and final season with Young Singers of the Palm Beaches.

## STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Messages from 2020 Recipients

Samirah Abellard ★ I would just like to say thank you for this award because it will allow me to attend my dream school! Thank you.

Eureka Appolon ★ I just wanted to thank all the wonderful people who interviewed me. I want to say thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity and for taking your time to do my interview. I would just like to say thank you for this award.

Bria Coppin ★ I am so sorry I missed your call but thank you so much for this opportunity. I truly appreciate it!

Andrea Carey ★ Thank you all so much for this wonderful opportunity! I would be honored to do a thank you video.

Lauren Deering ★ I hope this email finds you well and that you are staying safe during this time. Thank you so much again and please do not hesitate to email me if you need anything else.

Estaliana Jean-Baptiste ★ I thank you guys so much for the opportunity. It means a lot.

Michely Julno ★ Thank You CAFCI for this opportunity and allowing me to be a part of this phenomenal team. I will forever be pleased with the time and effort that you have placed into the Caribbean-American community.

Anjal McKenzie ★ THANK YOU SO MUCH to you and the other members of the CAFCI organization! Once again, thank you!

Kenjela Mullings ★ I would like to thank you and the scholarship committee for granting me this scholarship and opportunity to further my collegiate studies. I cannot thank you all enough! Thanks again and continue to stay safe!

Jeanica Ossiny ★ Thank you so very much for this award and this opportunity, I am very much grateful.

Alexcia Plunkett ★ Thank you CAFCI for your support in helping me turn my passion into a career. I will always remember your generosity and faith towards my education.

Leroy Alexander Pryor ★ Thank you so much for this award and opportunity. I am going to use it to do amazing things!

Melissa Rodriguez ★ I'm so thankful for the team at CAFCI for this opportunity!

Jeffrey Saint-Vil ★ I was calling to inform you that I spoke with Ms. Baker today and she informed me that I will receive an Award. I want to also say thank you all for this opportunity and I am truly grateful.

Christmanie Senat ★ I am confirming that I was called/notified of my scholarship acceptance. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!

Farjana Yasmin ★ I just received the good news from Doreen Baker, that I have been selected for the Caribbean American For Community Involvement scholarship. I am very happy to hear such good news and I really appreciate your funding. Thank you so much once again for this wonderful opportunity.

### Message from Past Recipient

Leevens Cherisma ★ Hello Mrs. White-Boyd, I hope you are well. My semester went well, in spite of this crisis I still managed to be on the "DEAN'S LIST". I have done about 190 hours of community service total. I was accepted into my major. I participated in many activities on campus. I look forward to another great semester!



## ARE YOU READY???

### Atlantic Hurricane Season June 1-November 30

Ready or not, hurricane season is here! To be sure you are prepared here are some tips. Click on the blue underlined text for more detailed information. For complete information, visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.

#### Know your Hurricane Risk

Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water could happen where you live [so you can start preparing now](#).

#### Make an Emergency Plan

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands [your hurricane plan](#). Discuss the latest [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidance on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) and how it may affect your hurricane planning. Don't forget a plan for the [office, kids' daycare, and anywhere you frequent](#).

#### Gather Supplies

[Have enough supplies](#) for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies, [cloth face coverings](#), [pet supplies](#) in your go bag or car trunk.

#### Those with Disabilities

If you or anyone in your household is an [individual with a disability](#) identify if you may need additional help during an emergency.

#### Know your Evacuation Zone

You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane. [Learn your evacuation routes](#), practice with household, pets, and identify where you will stay.

#### Recognize Warnings and Alerts

Have several ways to receive alerts. [Download the FEMA app](#) and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. [Sign up for community alerts](#) in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)- which requires no-sign up.

#### Review Important Documents

Make sure your [insurance policies and personal documents](#) like ID are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password protected digital space.

#### Strengthen your Home

Declutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, consider hurricane shutters.

#### Get Tech Ready

[Keep your cell phone charged](#) when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

#### Help your Neighborhood

Check with neighbors, [senior adults](#), or those [who may need additional help](#) securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others.

#### Prepare your Business

Make sure your business has a [continuity plan](#) to continue operating when disaster strikes.

#### 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.*

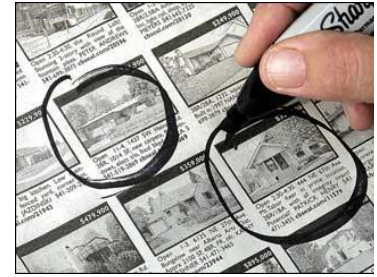
*DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter committee members.*

**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](mailto: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](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.*

# 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 [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.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.cafcibc.org](http://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 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

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov/covid-19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)

COVID-19 RESOURCE DIRECTORY  
<https://thrivingat.homethrive.com/covid-19-resource-directory>

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcibc.org](http://www.cafcibc.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, June 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, July 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, August 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, September 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

### CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

CANCELLED

~~Saturday, September 19, 2020~~

Saturday, October 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, November 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, December 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7pm, Location to be announced

Thursday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location to be announced