



# NEWS

## 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.

September

2018

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Alliance ..... Genieve White  
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Picnic ..... To be determined  
Program ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
Relay for Life..... Nova Brown  
Student Assistance Program .....Junette Powell  
.....& Nadine White-Boyd  
Sunshine .....Elet Cyris  
Talent Show . Junette Powell & Nadine White-Boyd  
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**Board meetings - 4th Thursday of the month**  
**See back page for calendar of events.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Annual Friendship Ball:** Our annual Friendship Ball, which will be held at the Hilton Palm Beach Hotel, is only a few weeks away so please get your tickets now. Please see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details. The Master of Ceremony will be attorney Aubin Robinson and co-host Taniquea C. Reid. DWHAS Reggae Band will provide the entertainment along with DJ Mighty Mike. Remember that your support and contributions help to provide funds for all CAFCI's programs.

**Alliance Fund Raiser:** Thanks to Genieve White and the other members who represented CAFCI at the recent fund-raising event held by the Alliance to raise funds for disaster relief. CAFCI was well represented. The Alliance is comprised of six organizations: Caribbean Educators' Association, Inc. (C.A.R.E), Children of St. Helen Alliance Inc., Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches (JOPB), United Sports and Social Club and CAFCI. This collaboration of local charitable groups came together with one goal in mind; to provide assistance to others in need. Although each member group has its individual goals and mission, the common thread is to serve humanity, hence the partnership.

Dennis Wright, *President*



### SEPTEMBER 16-30

*Jess Santamaria	11
Vincent Elliott	18
Shauna Simms	19
Frederick Pinto	21
Jannette Sharpe-Paul	23
Elizabeth Morgan	24
Marjorie Aiken	27
Lucille Walters	30
Hugh Smith	30
*missed in previous issue	

### OCTOBER 1 - 15

Frank Watson	04
Larry Milender	05
Aldin Smith	05
Ridley L Ingram	06
Maxine Cheesman	06
William Turner	12
Sheila Wright	14
Lorna Pearson	15

### GET WELL TO:

Hazel Bird, Lloyd Grant, Hazel Harris,  
Norma Rose; Shirley Palmer,  
Tom Thornhill, Livingston Weathers,  
Hyacinth Williams, Gwendolyn Wright,  
Jerome and Sheila Wright

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Trevor and Clover Gilroy,  
on the loss of her cousin  
The family of Pansy Jackson  
Peter and Mary Scott,  
on the loss of his sister-in-law

### 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 newsletter:

Elet Cyris, Chair.....561.791.9087  
Paul Baker .....561.784.0067  
Samuel Baxter.....561.798.2864

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 7 pm**

Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center, Room C  
100 Sweet Bay Lane, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Come out to CAFCI's General Membership meeting on September 8th and don't miss this opportunity to obtain your tickets for the upcoming annual Friendship Ball which is scheduled for **Saturday, September 15, 2018** at 7 pm at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport. See details elsewhere in this newsletter or on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org)).

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### **IMPORTANT**

#### **NEW LOCATION FOR CAFCI MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Due to the demolition of the Harvin Center, our monthly General Membership meetings will be held at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center, 100 Sweet Bay Lane, Room C, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. The Recreation Center is located off Sparrow Drive, West of Crestwood Middle School. You can access Sparrow Drive from Royal Palm Beach Boulevard or from Crestwood Boulevard south of Okeechobee Boulevard.

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### **BALL UPDATE:**

**Please be sure to provide your meal preferences with your ticket reservations.**

- Chicken Bianca
- Salmon with a Grilled Pineapple Salsa
- NY Strip Steak
- Pasta Primavera with Sautéed Vegetables (vegetarian)

**There will be a Silent Auction to raise funds for CAFCI and the Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping!!!**



## **2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

**Submit your membership dues  
online at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org)**

**OR**

**Mail to CAFCI**

**Attention: Lawrence Logan  
675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd • Suite #134  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411**

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### **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.*

## CAFCI MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### “CAFCI AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, TOGETHER WE SOAR”

Greetings CAFCI Family,

Our CAFCI Delray Yacht Cruise on August 23<sup>rd</sup> was a blast! This past year there was no need to check the weather forecast for the membership and recruitment events, because it rained almost every time. We held our breath on August 23<sup>rd</sup> due to forecast of 40% chance of rain, but it did not rain. It turned out to be a lovely cool evening where we enjoyed a nice dinner while being serenaded by steel drums. Congratulations to Pamela Fraser, Membership Chairperson, for winning a “Cruise for Two” from Delray Yacht Cruises. We were pleasantly surprised that they had a drawing for all the onboard guests, and Pamela was the lucky winner. It was great to launch out and add a new event to the CAFCI traditions! Thank you to all of the members who attended the event. We plan to do another cruise in the future.

In CAFCI and life, we encourage you to try new things in spite of the challenges. We want to thank our members, who whether rain or shine, always show their dedication. Despite the tornado last year, no one can forget that incredible turnout for the 2017 Friendship Ball. We never allow things to “rain on our parade.”

We are asking our members to launch out once more to support CAFCI through volunteering for our upcoming Friendship Ball, Games Night and New Year’s Eve Ball. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dennis Wright at [denban22@aol.com](mailto:denban22@aol.com) or 203.482.5079.

#### Quote of the day

*“Do not go where the path may lead,  
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. “*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Submitted by*

Pamela Fraser, Chairperson and  
Cynthia Beckles, DTM, MBA-Communications Manager  
Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee



## **OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE**

***Congratulations to all CAFCI family and friends who have relatives (children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews) who have graduated from high school, college or university.***

**SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR THE 2019 STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATION.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Marc Simms who graduated from Florida Atlantic University on August 14, 2018 with his BA in political science and a minor in business law. Congratulations to the proud parents, Lauriston and Shauna Simms.

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### **Correspondence from past CAFCI Student Assistant Fund recipient**

August 5, 2018

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jocabed Martinez and I am a recipient of the Caribbean American for Community Involvement Award of 2017. This incoming fall semester, I'll be a sophomore at the University of Florida majoring in English. In addition, I'm minoring in Florida Teaching and still deciding between TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) or Leadership as another minor. My dream one day is to become a secondary school teacher who helps serve underrepresented youth. Perhaps, even a school administrator who helps make important decisions that benefit the academic community.

Some of my accomplishments my freshman year are the following: being a first-generation student attending a top ten institution, achieving dean's list both fall and spring semesters, getting involved with organizations and learning skills for my personal benefit and growth.


Thanks to your financial assistance, I was able to pay for essential supplies that are crucial in continuing my pursuit for further education. This semester, I am determined to work harder than ever in my academics with the hope to develop myself academically, socially, and as a global citizen. Furthermore, I also plan to get more involved.

I'm happy to announce that I will take onto leadership positions in two organizations. The first will be in the prestigious Membership Leadership Program where I will be a Mentorship Director. I'll also be a Peer Coach for the Office of Academic Support, for incoming students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Most importantly, I want to reiterate my immense gratitude for your monetary help. Without it, I wouldn't have gained the skills, knowledge, and indispensable experiences I've received at the University of Florida. Moreover, I wouldn't have been able to relieve my parents of such a financial burden.

Finally, I want to thank the Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. for being charitable and investing in the future which is our youth.

Respectfully,

  
Jocabed Martinez





## Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc. College Student Assistance Application - 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (HPA is not required)  
Counselor's Name/Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Professional Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Accredited University/College to which you have been accepted and plan to attend:**

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** You must complete the entire application, sign each page, get the required signatures on the last page of the application and submit the following with this application:

1. **Two (2)** letters of recommendation from teachers **or** one from a teacher **and** one from a guidance counselor.
2. An **official transcript** of your current academic record. Your transcript should reflect your Cumulative GPA of **3.0 or higher** for seven semesters. Official Transcript must be in a sealed envelope with the school's seal from your high school.
3. A short essay, **200-300 words, typed on standard 8 ½" x 11" paper**, including the following:
  - a. Why you desire a career in the field you have chosen and why you feel you will be successful;
  - b. Your demonstrated interest in and association with Caribbean culture and affairs;
  - c. Your interest and involvement in community and school activities; and
  - d. Evidence of financial need.
4. Provide **acceptance letter** from an accredited college/university (**this must accompany application**).
5. If you are selected, you will be required to submit a photograph (example-senior picture) and a bio, both of which will be published in our annual Friendship Ball Souvenir Program. Photos and your image will be used in media and print advertising. Photographs will remain the property of CAFCI.

### Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida.
2. Currently attend high school in Palm Beach County, expected to graduate in May 2019.
3. Demonstrate an interest in Caribbean-American affairs.
4. **Provide this completed and signed application POSTMARKED no later than JANUARY 11, 2019.**
5. Be available for an interview – Date and Time to be determined.
6. Attend Presentation of Awards Ceremony, if selected, on **MAY 4, 2019** at 6:00 p.m.

Recipients will be notified by telephone.

Recipients unable to attend award ceremony will receive the award **in person** at CAFCI's board or general meeting. The information presented must pertain only to your high school years (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) Please do not include copies of newspaper clippings, certificates, etc.

**Mail/Return Application to:**  
**CAFCI**  
**Attn: Student Education Assistance Committee**  
**675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite 134**  
**Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411**  
**Phone 561-790-4002**  
Applications also available online at  
[www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) and  
[www.palmbeachschools.org](http://www.palmbeachschools.org)

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**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



**Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc.**  
**College Student Assistance Application - 2019**

**SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION**

**HONORS AND AWARDS** *(State year and nature of honors or awards)*

| <b>YEAR</b> | <b>NATURE OF HONORS AND/OR AWARDS</b> |
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**SCHOOL ORGANIZATION(S) OF WHICH YOU WERE A MEMBER** *(State name of organization and year(s) of membership)*

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b> | <b>YEAR(S) OF MEMBERSHIP</b> |
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**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP** *(State name of organization, office(s) held and number of years)*

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**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

**Date**



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## College Student Assistance Application - 2019

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS** *(State year and nature of awards or honors)*

| <b>YEAR</b> | <b>NATURE OF HONORS AND/OR AWARDS</b> |
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#### **OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP** *(State name of organization(s), position held and year(s))*

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b> | <b>POSITION(S) HELD</b> | <b>YEAR(S) HELD</b> |
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#### **CIVIC ACTIVITIES AND/OR VOLUNTEER WORK** *(List organization(s) and your participation)*

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b> | <b>PARTICIPATION</b> |
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#### **WORK EXPERIENCE** *(List place/s of employment, position held, period of employment, and average time employed each week)*

| <b>PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT</b> | <b>POSITION HELD</b> | <b>PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT</b> | <b>AVG HRS / WEEK</b> |
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***I attest that the information presented in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.***

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



The search for a permanent location continues. Several leads were investigated but most were outside of our price range. Planning for several fundraising projects is underway. When these are known participation will be crucial as this will not only provide funding but will also establish our ability to generate a steady stream of funds if we need to finance our building.

You can also assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event to raise funds. Just send an email to [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net), [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) or call 561-791-4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com).

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.**



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## AROUND TOWN.....

**Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 6:30 pm to midnight:** The T&T Diaspora presents Musical Rewind, the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, FL 33446. Music by DJ Richness, plus Guest Artiste & The Lauderhill Steel Ensemble Live. For information, contact Kamal at 561.376.7251 or Sing's Roti Delight at 954.735.4686.

**September 29, 2018 from 11 am to 3 pm:** Your Bosom Buddies II Pink Ribbon presents their Champagne Brunch and Fashion Show at Madison Green Country Club, 2001 Crestwood Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. For more information and to RSVP (by September 13, 2018), send an email to [yourbosombuddies@aol.com](mailto:yourbosombuddies@aol.com).

**Every Wednesday at 7 pm:** Looking for ways to improve your public speaking skill? Join Toastmasters. Riverwalk Toastmasters meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Fire Station, 1040 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach. For more information about Riverwalk Toastmasters, contact Cindy Beckles at [cindybeckles@yahoo.com](mailto:cindybeckles@yahoo.com) or visit [riverwalk.toastmastersclubs.org](http://riverwalk.toastmastersclubs.org).

**Every Friday Night:** Happy Hour, Reggae Night & Ladies Night at E.R. Bradley's, 104 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL / Reggae Friday on the waterfront stage from 6-9pm. Extended happy hour pricing from 6-9pm at our outdoor rock bar. Live DJs on the main stage for Ladies Night 10pm - close. Ladies drink \$4 champagne and \$5 martini specials. Special Ladies Night menu. \*Please check with Bradley's as these specials may change. For more information, call 561.833.3520 or visit [www.erbradleys.com](http://www.erbradleys.com).





THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF  
CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT  
IN FLORIDA, INC.  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR

# *Annual Friendship Ball*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018  
7:00 PM - 1:00 AM

HILTON PALM BEACH AIRPORT  
150 Australian Ave • West Palm Beach, FL 33406

**Dinner Served at 8:00 pm**  
Dress: Semi-Formal

**Tickets \$100 per person**  
Advanced Ticket Sales Only

Tickets can be purchased using PayPal.

**DOOR PRIZES • RAFFLE • CASH BAR**

For information or tickets, please call:  
Alvin Nembhard 561-670-8113 • Lawrence Logan 561-791-0162  
Dennis Wright 561-653-1586 • CAFCI 561-790-4002  
[www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) • Email: [cafcipc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipc@bellsouth.net)

**DJ Mighty Mike**

**DWHAS  
Reggae Band**

POSTER BY  
**FORN**  
561-848-1402

**CAFCI**

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, September 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, RBP Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

**Saturday, September 15, 2018, 7 pm to 1 am**

**CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

Hilton Palm Beach Airport

150 Australian Ave, WPB, 33406

Saturday, October 13: **International Games Night**, 7 pm, RBP Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, November 10: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Elections**, 7 pm,

RBP Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, December 8: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm,

RBP Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

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