



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

2020

# CAFCJ Celebrates Black History Month & Valentine's Day at Monthly Membership Meeting

At its monthly general membership meeting in February, CAFCI celebrated Black History Month and Valentine's Day. The meeting also focused on *Relay for Life* with guest speaker Lorna Johnson who gave a powerful and informative presentation about her experiences as a cancer survivor. Ms. Johnson was introduced by *Relay for Life* Event Chair, Nova Brown. The room was beautifully decorated with purple balloons, the theme color of *Relay for Life*. In honor of Black History month, Henworth Ferguson gave a beautiful rendition of a poem by Sir. Winston Churchill. Genieve White, who was not present for the swearing-in at the January meeting, was sworn in as first vice president by Judge Maxine Cheesman. Scrumptious food was served in celebration of all the festivities.



Nova Brown, Lorna Johnson



Dennis Wright, Genieve White, Judge Maxine Cheesman



Judge Maxine Cheesman. Nadine White-Boyd

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Board meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month See back page for calendar of events.

# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Friendship Ball - September 19:** Plans are underway for our 31<sup>st</sup> CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball. We are still looking for members who would like to help plan and execute this year's event. The Friendship Ball committee is now actively working on the venue and entertainment for this year's celebration. Please give me a call or send an email if you are willing to serve on the committee.

<u>Volunteers Needed:</u> We have an urgent need for members to serve on the membership committee. If you are willing to serve, please let me know. We are also looking for people to serve as Public Relations director and on the Talent Show committee. If you are willing to serve on a committee, please contact the committee chair or send an e-mail to cafci@bellsouth.net. Committee chairs are listed in the left column on this page.

Thank you for being a part of CAFCI!

Dennis Wright, President

**IMPORTANT**: With the immediate concerns regarding avoiding crowds due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19,) at this time the following previously scheduled events have been cancelled: CAFCI's participation in Relay for Life (3/14/2020); and Student Assistance Fund Fundraiser at Rustic Relish (3/21/2020). We will keep you updated with any future cancellations.

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.

Be safe!!





March '	16 - 31
Douglas McKenzie	18
Lauriston Simms	23
Lorna Hughes	27
Cynthia Beckles	31

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Ronald M. Dawson	01
Godwin Okalie	01
John Lewis	04
Peter Scott	06
Lori Valuntas	08
Cleveland Lewis	15

# **CONDOLENCES TO:**

Pam Fraser on the loss of her Mother-In-Law

Dorothy Lynch on the loss of her sister in Jamaica

# 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**

General membership meeting in March has been CANCELLED.

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Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund **DIVINE WINE AND HIGH TEA** With a Pintage Tair

Sunday, April 5, 2020 from 4 pm to 7 pm Original Wellington Mall, Center Court, Wellington

The VAFMSF Committee will host the annual "Divine Wine and High Tea" to raise money for the scholarship fund. Tickets are \$40 each. For tickets, contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561.685.9836. See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information. Tickets are now available and will also be available at the April general membership meeting.



# CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 11 am to sundown Okeeheelee Park. Micanopy Pavilion

CAFCI's Annual Picnic, which will feature a Domino Tournament, will again be held at Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be lots of food, games, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic or need more information, please contact Diana Bishop-McIntosh at 561.201.0782 or go to CAFCI's website (www.cafcipbc.org). There will be a prize for the winning team of the Domino Tournament. More details and tickets are now available at CAFCI's upcoming events.



The Cultural Committee is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural Diversity is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. This event is free. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. Look for further details on the CAFCI website at www.cafcipbc.org.



In light of what's going on with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19,) CAFCI's Relay for Life committee has decided to not participate in the event on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

Most of our membership is in the age group that is strongly advised to stay away from crowds. We would rather be safe than sorry.

Please know that we are still accepting donations to the American Cancer Society so we can help to find a cure for this awful disease. Donations can be brought to the next meeting or made via the CAFCI website

www.cafcipbc.org/relayforlife

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Submítted by Nova Brown, Relay for Lífe Chaír

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A TIME TO GIVE BACK, A TIME TO GIVE TO A TIME TO GIVE FOR "A HOME OF OUR OWN"

> Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 11pm

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# **Camp Davis**

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13689 Okeechobee Blvd, Loxahatchee, FL 33470 For more info please contact: CAFCI office 561-790-4002 Marjorie Aiken 561-333-8841 Elet Cyris 561-791-9087 Genieve White 561-876-4161

# You're Inbited!

Divine Mine & High Tea

Sunday, April 5th, 2020 From 4-7 pm The Original Wellington Mall, Center Court 12794 West Forest Hill Boulevard Wellington, Florida 33414

# Donation: \$40.00

Proceeds benefit the Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Wear Your Sunday Best! Ladies, Think Hats, Fascinators, Pearl Necklaces & Gloves Gentlemen, Think Hats and Bowties



Hat Contest and more... Live Entertainment Good Food Selection of Teas & Wines





CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, Inc. presents A Fun Family Day

# **Annual Easter Picnic**

**Featuring Domino Tournament** 

Saturday, April 11, 2020 11:00 am - Sundown Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion (Forest Hill Blvd. ¼ mile east of the Turnpike)

This is a family affair where family and friends are all invited for a fun filled day. Come out and join us for this year's spectacular event!

Bake Goods Sale Raffle & more Scrabble, Ludo ... Bring your favorite game Bring your chairs & tables Music Kids Games Bounce House Easter Egg Hunt

Adults: \$15 (includes Dinner from around the Islands & beverage) Children under 12: \$5 (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Chips) NO PERSONAL FOOD BASKETS ALLOWED

> For information and tickets contact: Committee Chair, Diana Bishop-McIntosh (561) 201-0782 Yvonne Wright (203) 733-5542 Lawrence Logan (561) 791-0162

# **OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE**

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Awards Committee would be honored to recognize its members' relatives and their accomplishments.

# STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD FUND

# **Student Assistance Awards Ceremony**

Theme:

Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

Date: May 2, 2020 at 6 pm

Venue: Original Wellington Mall 12794 W. Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington

# DONATION:

To donate to the Student Assistance Awards Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or donate on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org.

# LETTER FROM A PAST AWARD RECIPIENT

February 12, 2020

Good Evening Ms. Nadine,

It was a pleasure speaking with you several days ago regarding my accomplishments. First, I would like to thank you and the rest of CAFCI for the 2019 scholarship award. Please note that I have achieved my Associate Degree while in High School. I am currently attending University of Florida - majoring in Public Relations. I have set my goals to complete my undergraduate degree in one year. Therefore, I'm currently taking six classes per semester to complete my degree in Summer 2020. After graduating, I plan to attend law school to study Corporate Law. I've been admitted to University of Miami School of Law and Florida International University Law. I'm currently waiting for a response from University of Florida Law regarding acceptance and scholarship offer before making a final decision on which law school to attend. After my decision, I'll be starting law school Fall 2020.

Sincerely, Shevauna Dumay

# STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to Golden Krust Bakery, located at 6901 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach (Jog Road and Okeechobee Boulevard,) for generously donating 10% of their sales for the month of February to CAFCI Student Assistance Fund Committee. Golden Krust Bakery has agreed to again donate 10% of their sales during the month of May. Coupons will soon be available and can be obtained from any of the Student Assistance Committee members. Coupon must be presented at the time of purchase during the month of May.

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 11 pm**, **BJ's Brewhouse Restaurant** located at 1807 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard in West Palm Beach will be supporting CAFCI's Student Assistance Committee by participating in "Dining to Donate". The BJ's Brewhouse Restaurant flyer must be presented to the restaurant on March 12<sup>th</sup> for CAFCI to receive the 20% donation.

**GO FUND ME:** We thought you might be interested in supporting this GoFundMe, https://gf.me/u/xdcw93. Even a small donation could help CAFCI's Student Assistance Committee reach their fundraising goal. If you cannot make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word. Thanks for taking a look!

The event scheduled for **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at **Rustic Relish** has been **cancelled** due to the immediate concerns and recommendations from the CDC to avoid crowds. Special thanks to Rustic Relish for their consideration of support.



# A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

Date: March 12, 2020 - Thursday

Time: 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM

At this BJ's location:

1807 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd West Palm Beach, FL 33401 561-693-0450

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

# Carribean American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc,

with each fiver presented during this FUNDKAISING EVENT, BJ'S will donate 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials. Please do not distribute flyers on-site during the event. Digital or printed flyer must be presented to the server.





# Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI)



### Who We Are

CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our ancestral origins. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999.

CAFCI is a 501(C) (3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. Our annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

### **Our Mission**

Caribbean American for Community Involvement's mission is to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.

# Student Assistance Award Recipients - 2019

A sample of some of our star students from the Class of 2019.



# How YOU Can Help Our Students

- 1. Make **check** or **money order** <u>payable to</u>: C.A.F.C.I
- Donate via PayPal<sup>®</sup> by going to CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org and clicking on Donate to Student Assistance fund.
- 3. It is preferred that your generous donation is received no later than March 21, 2020, in preparation for our Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 02, 2020.

No contribution is too small or large and on behalf of the students and families, we *Thank You Very Much*!

#### Contact Us

Caribbean American for <u>Community</u> Involvement, Inc. (CAFCI) 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite 134 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411 Phone: 561-790-4002 Web Site: www.cafcipbc.org E-mail address: <u>cafci@bellsouth.net</u>

# Student Assistance Award Program

Each year we offer deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from our organization.

Past student awards range from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.



# **Student Eligibility Requirements**

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success in their high school tenure to be eligible.
- Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities.
- Applicants must show interest in the Caribbean community.
- The monetary assistance is awarded to students who are going on to a college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning.
- If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the school before receiving the award.

# Award Ceremonies

Each year in May CAFCI holds an award ceremony for students, their families, members and friends of CAFCI.

We invite community leaders, guest speakers, Student Assistance Committee Members past and present, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the Event.



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We have raised some funds to purchase some property, however we need more to purchase something in the current market. During this month, we will be investigating a new possible source of financing. Being prequalified will make it easier to acquire property and easier to close a deal when that time comes. However, we continue to search for that ideal gem in our stated search but are open to reasonable opportunities outside the immediate western community.



# Financing is our biggest hurdle at this time. You can assist in the effort to find a

home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promote an activity to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002.

Participation in the Home Of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at 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 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.

To share your ideas on or information about available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com. Our preferred search area 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; but we will also investigate leads in other areas.

Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI Home Chair

<u>CAFCI Cultural Committee Fundraiser</u>: Join the Cultural Committee at Camp Davis on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 6 pm to 11 pm for a fun filled BBQ to give back, give to, give for CAFCI's Home Of Our Own Campaign. Contribution is \$15 which includes food, drinks, games and music to move you. For more information, please contact Marjorie Aiken at 561.333.8841 or Elet Cyris at 561.791.9087. See additional details elsewhere in this Newsletter as well as CAFCI's website.

# 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 socioeconomic 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 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).

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.

# AROUND TOWN.....



If you would like to join the CAFCI group to see performances from March, 2020 through May, 2020 at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or gen\_white@msn.com or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 with the name of the performance you would like to attend along with preferred seating section. To go as a group, tickets must be reserved/paid for weeks in advance. Visit the Kravis Center website (kravis.org) for a full calendar of performances and pricing. To date, groups are being booked for the following:

- Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 11 am and 2 pm *Forever Motown*
- Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8 pm *The Price is Right Live*
- Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 8 pm Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles
- Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 8 pm Johnny Mathis
- Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 8 pm Fela! The Concert

**Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 11 am to 2 pm:** Join Cecelia for "Tea with Cecelia" at Grace Fellowship Church with great food, live entertainment, giveaways, international teas and much more. For more information, call Cecelia at 561.602.4485.

**Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 4 pm:** Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches present their annual fundraising tea party at 408 17<sup>th</sup> Street, West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, contact Pat at 914.319.8727 or Ann Marie at 561.385.1621.

**Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 1 pm:** Join Children of Helen Alliance for their Easter Picnic/Egg Hunt at John Prince Park (Tim Granowitz Pavillion) in Lake Worth. For more information, call 561.707.7394.

**Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 10 pm**: Women Care's of Palm Inc., in association with Caribbean Teeze Restaurant, presents the second annual VIP Red Edition at Caribbean Teeze Restaurant. For more information, call 561.414.7106 or 561.667.3239.

**Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 11 am:** Caribbean Educators' Association (CARE) presents its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Academic Excellence. Please dress to represent a culture of your choosing. Fee is \$50 per person (non-refundable). For more information, contact Dr. Janice Cover at 561.313.4772.

**Saturday, June 6, 2020:** Join Children of Helen Alliance for their Scholarship Awards Dinner at Dunes Country Club in Boca Raton. For more information, please call 561.707.7394.

**Saturday, June 20, 2020:** Allspice: Flavors of the Caribbean "Community Change Makers 2020." Please send nominee names and bios for "Community Change Makers 2020" to Sophia Nelson sopnel@aol.com for consideration by the AllSpice: Flavors of the Caribbean Committee.

**Saturday, October 17, 2020:** Join Children of Helen Alliance for their Jounen Kweyol at 1200 Miner Road, Boynton Beach. For more information, please call 561.707.7394.

**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 Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach. For more information about Riverwalk Toastmasters, contact Cindy Beckles at cindyebeckles@yahoo.com or visit riverwalk.toastmastersclubs.org.

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### **2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

(Single -  $60 \approx \text{Couple} - 100$ )

Submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipbc.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. NO GENERAL MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Saturday, March 28: Cultural Committee BBQ Fundraiser for Home Of Our Own, 6 pm, Camp Davis Sunday, April 5: Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund "Divine Wine and High Tea," 4 pm, Original Wellington Mall Saturday, April 11: Annual Picnic, 11 am, Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park Saturday, April 18: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, 100 Sweet Bay Lane (NOTE DATE CHANGE) Saturday, May 2: Students Assistance Award Ceremony, 6 pm, Original Wellington Mall Saturday, May 16: Cultural Diversity Day, 11 am to 8 pm, Veterans' Park, Royal Palm Beach Saturday, June 13: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, July 11: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, August 8: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, September 12: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday, September 19, 2020 CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 10: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, November 14: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, December 12: General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Potluck, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Thursday, December 31: New Year's Eve Gala, 8 pm, Location to be announced