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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.

August

2021



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CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
IN FLORIDA, INC.
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR

31st Annual Friendship Ball

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

WEST PALM BEACH

1001 S. B. ...

... at 8:00 pm

Dress: Semi-Formal

DJ UNLIMITED
aka DONOVAN

Tickets \$100 per person
Advanced Ticket Sales Only

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAFCI BBQ IN THE PARK: CAFCI's BBQ was held on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. The event was our first in-person event since the COVID-19 shutdown in March of 2020. It was a real treat to see our members, friends and supporters again. If you were not able to attend, then you missed a fun-filled event. Thanks to all the members, friends and supporters of CAFCI who came out to make this event enjoyable. Special thanks to Diana Bishop-McIntosh, the Picnic Committee chair, and her committee members: Charmaine Henry, Lauriston Simms, Jeff Webb, Percival Wood and Yvonne Wright, for their hard work to plan and execute a very successful event. Thanks to all who supported the event; and we are grateful to all who purchased tickets without attending. Thanks also to Aldin Smith for providing the music and to all who donated food, money, refreshments, desserts and time. Your true spirit of volunteerism is greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION: This year, the event will be combined with our games night and is being planned for November. We are hoping that this will also be an in-person event.

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: Due to the Delta variant of COVID-19, in an abundance of caution for the safety of our members and supporters, CAFCI's 31st Annual Friendship Ball, which was scheduled for Saturday, September 18th, has been postponed. Once it is rescheduled, the new date will be announced via the CAFCI website, the monthly newsletter and correspondence to supporters. All other plans remain in place.

Dennis Wright, President



AUGUST 16 - 31

Michael R Coleman	19
Elet Cyrus	19
Norma Morris-Thornhill	20
Cecil B. Sunanon	20
Clover Henry-Gilroy	22
Yvonne Broderick-Wilson	24
Hope Francis	25
Ledlo Powell	25
Shirley Morrison	27
Sybell Dawson	29
Prudel Belle	31
Lorna Johnson	31

SEPTEMBER 1 - 15

Margaret Berry	01
Inez Millender	02
Lydia Patterson	03
Barry Martin	08
Percival Wood	08
Hazel Hamilton	09
Dorothy Bell	11
Jess Santamaria	11
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown	11
Sherma Buck	14
Jennifer Jaikissoon	15
Olga Mason	15
Elroy Sangster	15
Eugene Wright	15

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Dorothy Lynch

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lorianne Cabrera
on the loss of her cousin
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis and
Dr. Winston Davis on the loss of a cousin
Beverly Downes
on the loss of her niece
Trevor and Clover Gilroy
on the loss of their grandson
Frederick Pinto
on the loss of his sister-in-law

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 Cyrus, Chair561.791.9087
Paul Baker561.784.0067
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 7 pm
VIA ZOOM

Join us for our General Membership meeting on Saturday, August 14th. We are conducting our monthly membership meetings via Zoom until further notice. You will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone to participate in the meeting. 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=dllNER0a2JuNIhtYUZlVkJkZmRSdz09>

OR

Download the ZOOM App or visit website:

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Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

OR

CALL-IN:

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Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

CAFCI BBQ IN THE PARK held on Saturday, July 17, 2021, was a tremendous success despite the limitations of COVID-19. The



weather was beautiful and the food was scrumptious. Attendees enjoyed great conversation after not seeing friends face to face for a long time. Enthusiasts played dominoes which is a must. Based on the feedback received, everyone enjoyed the food and had a good time. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the event.

Thanks to Diana Bishop-McIntosh and her entire team: Charmaine Henry, Lauriston Simms, Jeff Webb, Percival Wood and Yvonne Wright. Special thanks to Kareem Bishop, Radcliffe and Nova Brown, Audrey Campbell, Phyllis and Trevor Charlton, Johnny Davis, Annette Grant, Yvonne Gray, Hazel Hamilton, Kitty Lannaman, Winsom Martin, Ricardo Reynolds, Norma Rose and Alvin Nembhard for contributing to making the BBQ the success it was. Thanks to everyone, although not on the committee or a CAFCI member, who stepped up to the plate to help in whatever capacity they could. Thanks to all who donated food, time and funds. Thanks also to Aldin Smith who was fantastic playing the right music, and to Winston and Rhonda Davis who opened up their home to allow for all food preparation. An extra special thanks to our President Dennis Wright for going above and beyond - as usual.



CAFCI'S 31ST ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

POSTPONED from September 18th
West Palm Beach Marriott

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As of now, only the date is being changed, all else remains the same. The Ball will be held at the West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach and entertainment will be provided by DJ TD's Unlimited aka DJ Donovan.

We look forward to coming back together and celebrating a special evening with you.

Message from the CAFCI BALL Journal Committee

As indicated throughout this newsletter, due to the Delta variant of COVID-19, in an abundance of caution and for the safety of our members, supporters and friends, CAFCI's 31st Annual Friendship Ball, which was scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021, has been postponed. Once it has been rescheduled, the new date will be announced via CAFCI website, the monthly newsletter and correspondence to members and supporters.

Thanks to all our supporters and our members and friends for all the sponsorships, advertisements and member messages we have received so far and the ones that are in progress. The Ball Journal showcasing our sponsors, advertisers and supporters will be published and distributed at the Ball on the new date. We will be contacting supporters to formally seek permission to hold advertisements, messages, sponsorship and funds for the new date. If a refund is preferred, we will of course understand. As of now, only the date is being changed; all else remains the same.

As the preparations for the Ball are continuing, please help us raise needed funds by purchasing a personal greeting in our 31st Annual Friendship Ball Journal for \$20 and/or let us know if you know anyone who would be interested in sponsorship or advertising in the Journal. A sample greeting (a maximum of 20 words) could be congratulating someone on their accomplishments. Forms are included in this newsletter. **Please note, the deadline for inclusion in the Ball Journal has been extended.**

The Ball will again feature the VAFMSF Silent Auction. The auction donation form is also included in this newsletter for you or anyone you know who may be interested in making a donation.

Genieve White, Journal Committee Chair

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee are honored to recognize its members and their relatives for their accomplishments, so please share your good news with us, and we will publish as space permits.

CAFCI Student Assistance Fund

Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

For more information, visit the Student Assistance Program section on CAFCI's website <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 donate on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option.

SAF GO FUND ME:

Visit https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/student-assistance-fund-for-2020-graduates/cloverhenry-gilroy?utm_campaign=ocdonate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=crowdrise.

Even a small donation 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. All donations help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. A big thank you to everyone who has already donated and thank you for your continued support.

The Student Assistance Fund Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Student Assistance Fund. See the 2021 "Thank You flyer" which is included in this newsletter and posted on CAFCI's website.



CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111 has enjoyed two amazing summer adventures: Tanah Keeta, our Council Camp and Northern Tier High Adventure camp. At Tanah Keeta, scouts earned many merit badges and the Troop once again earned Honor Troop under the leadership of Scoutmaster Ryan McNally, Senior Patrol Leader, Jacob White, Assistant Patrol Leader, Cole Estevez and our amazing Assistant Scout Masters, Mr. Kris Johnson, Mr. Chad Girard and Ms. Rachel Pfister.



Landon Girard & Caleb McNally,
Tanah Keeta-Archery



Jonathan Schnick Baker,
Tanah Keeta- Rifle

The Northern Tier trek presented a host of challenges that were not only met but overcome by our High Adventure Team led by Assistant Scout Masters, Mrs. Bonnie Doeren, Mr. Greg Eubanks, and Crew Leader, Sam Johnson. Scouts experienced breathtaking scenery, got a true taste of "Survivor", minus the video crew, and even celebrated two birthdays: Jackson Doeren and Jackson Eubanks. We are incredibly proud of them! Next month we will plan our entire camping year, including a seven-day Sea Base high adventure trip aboard a sailing vessel in the Keys. We have also had our Popcorn Kickoff which helps to fund these "once in a lifetime" experiences. We are looking forward to another fantastic scouting year. We thank you, CAFCI, for your continued support, without which none of this would be possible.

By Lorianne Cabrera



Troop 111, Tanah Keeta



Northern Tier: Mrs. Bonnie Doeren, Sam Johnson, Jackson Doeren, Jackson Eubanks, Mr. Greg Eubanks, Minihaha Falls, Minnesota



Thank You **2021 Donors & Sponsors**

*Thank you for your financial support and commitment to
CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund.*

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***Denotes Past Recipient*

Special thanks to VyBen Entertainment for putting together the students' Thank You and congrats video. Thanks to the Student Assistance Fund Committee for their dedication and investment to CAFCI: Doreen Baker, Leonie Escoffery, Doreen Grayson, Clover Henry-Gilroy, Barry Martin, Alpha McDonald, Junette Powell (co-chair) and Nadine White-Boyd (co-chair).



31st Annual Friendship Ball

Our Resilience Is Our Strength

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

MEMBER MESSAGE

Be a part of CAFCI's history by placing your personalized message in the souvenir journal.

Cost

\$20 Message

(text only - max 20 words)

\$75 Business Card size Message

(digital photo & text - max 40 words)

Examples of personalized message:

- *We salute and congratulate CAFCI on their commitment to the community*
- *Congratulations on Graduation, Newborn, Engagement, etc.*
- *In loving memory of*
- *Birthday greetings to*

Business Card size Message: Submit image and message to cafcipbc@bellsouth.net. Include in the subject line "Annual Friendship Ball Business Card size Message".

Message

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

☐ Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Please make check payable to **Caribbean-American for Community Involvement**

Mail: *Attention - Sponsorship & Journal Committee*

CAFCI, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

☐ Pay Online www.cafcipbc.org *(additional charges apply)*

☐ Charge my credit card the amount of \$ _____ ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Card Number:

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West Palm Beach Marriott
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JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST

Please check (✓) the type of advertisement required and complete the Payment and Setup Section below. We request that the Advertiser retain a copy of this document for his records.

Type of Advertisement	Price	(✓)
Outside Back Cover (8½" x 11")	\$650	
Inside Back Cover (8½" x 11")	\$600	
Inside Front Cover (8½" x 11")	\$600	
Full Page (8½" x 11")	\$450	
Half Page (5½" x 8 ½")	\$250	
Quarter Page (4 ¼" x 8½")	\$125	
Business Card (2" x 3 ¼")	\$75	

All advertisements which are not type-set and photo ready will be subject to additional setup charges.
Send final ad to cafci@bellsouth.net; Include in the subject line "Annual Friendship Ball Ad".

Name of Advertiser <hr/>		PAYMENT Type of Ad, Setup Charges, Donation	
Contact Person <hr/>		Ad Price checked Above: \$	
Address <hr/>		Picture(s) \$10 each: \$	
City, State Zip <hr/>		Complete Ad Setup Charges:	
Telephone <hr/>		Bus. Card - \$15 \$	
E-Mail <hr/>		¼ page - \$20 \$	
Signature of Advertiser _____ Date _____		½ page - \$25 \$	
Signature of CAFCI Member _____ Date _____		Full page - \$35 \$	
Journals are available upon request and based on availability, following the event.		Typeset changes to copy (\$5 minimum) \$	
		Additional Tax Deductible Donation \$	
		Total payment enclosed \$	
Make check or money order payable to: Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc. Attention - Sponsorship & Journal Committee 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411 or Pay Online (additional charges apply) Website: www.cafci.org			



31st Annual Friendship Ball

Our Resilience Is Our Strength

West Palm Beach Marriott
1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

SPONSORSHIP & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

☐ **GOLD SPONSOR: \$5,000 or more**

- Six (6) tickets for the Annual Friendship Ball
- Full page color advertisement in Ball Journal
- Recognition in video presentation and in Ball Journal
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor on CAFCI's website for one year with direct link to sponsor's website

☐ **SILVER SPONSOR: \$2,500**

- Four (4) tickets for the Annual Friendship Ball
- Full page color advertisement in Ball Journal
- Recognition in video presentation
- Acknowledgment in Ball Journal

☐ **BRONZE SPONSOR: \$1,000**

- Two (2) tickets for the Annual Friendship Ball
- Full page color advertisement in Ball Journal
- Recognition in video presentation
- Acknowledgment in Ball Journal

☐ I/We would like to support CAFCI's Annual Friendship Ball and its mission with a contribution of:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$_____

☐ I/We would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$100 each.

☐ I/We would like to reserve a table of ten (10) for \$1,000

Tickets are also available via our website at www.cafcipbc.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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**Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund
SILENT AUCTION**

at

CAFCI's 31st Annual Friendship Ball

WEST PALM BEACH MARRIOTT

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida

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VALUE	

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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, 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 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



DONATE TO "CLINICS CAN HELP": DO YOU HAVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR UNOPENED MEDICAL SUPPLIES YOU NO LONGER NEED, OR ARE YOU IN NEED OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES? If so, check out "Clinics Can Help," a local nonprofit organization that accepts gently used durable medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, shower chairs, commodes, nebulizers, oxygen concentrators, etc.) and unused medical supplies (adult diapers, wound care materials, etc.) donated by the community. "Clinics Can Help" cleans and refurbishes the equipment it receives, and redistributes it, along with donated medical supplies, to Palm Beach County residents who need it. "Clinics Can Help" stores the equipment and supplies at its warehouse at 2560 Westgate Avenue in West Palm Beach. Last year it provided over 3,000 children and adults in Palm Beach County with medical equipment and supplies. CAFCI members can donate medical equipment or unused medical supplies to "Clinics Can Help," or seek needed medical equipment and supplies. To learn more, click on this link: <https://www.clinicscanhelp.org/>. You can also call "Clinics Can Help" at 561.640.2995 to see if it has the equipment or supplies you need.

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 (eg. 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.

LABOR DAY

TEN FASCINATING FACTS

The first Monday in September is celebrated nationally as Labor Day. So how did we get the holiday and why is no one quite sure who created it?

The Labor Day holiday grew out of the late 19th century organized labor movement, and it quickly became a national holiday as the labor movement assumed a prominent role in American society. Here's how it all started, with the facts as we know them, supplied by the Labor Department, the Library Of Congress and other sources.

1. The idea first became public in 1882. In September 1882, the unions of New York City decided to have a parade to celebrate their members being in unions, and to show support for all unions. At least 20,000 people were there, and the workers had to give up a day's pay to attend. There was also a lot of beer involved in the event.

2. The New York parade inspired other unions. Other regions started having parades, and by 1887, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Colorado made Labor Day a state holiday.

3. How did the Haymarket Affair influence Labor Day? On May 4, 1886, a bomb exploded at a union rally in Chicago's Haymarket Square, which led to violence that killed seven police officers and four others. The incident also led to May 1 being celebrated in most nations as Workers Day. The U.S. government chose Labor Day instead to avoid a celebration on May 1 and New York's unions had already picked the first Monday in September for their holiday.

4. Two people with similar names are credited with that first New York City event. Matthew Maguire, a machinist, and Peter McGuire, a carpenter, have been linked to the 1882 parade. The men were from rival unions; in 2011, Linda Stinson, a former U.S. Department of Labor historian, said she didn't know which man should be credited - partially because people over the years confused them because of their similar-sounding names.

5. Grover Cleveland helped make Labor Day a national holiday. After violence related to the Pullman railroad strike, President Cleveland and lawmakers in Washington wanted a federal holiday to celebrate labor - and not a holiday celebrated on May 1. Cleveland signed an act in 1894 establishing the federal holiday; most states had already passed laws establishing a Labor Day holiday by that point. Sen. James Henderson Kyle of South Dakota introduced S. 730 to make Labor Day a federal legal holiday on the first Monday of September. It was approved on June 28, 1894.

6. The holiday has evolved over the years. In the late 19th century, celebrations focused on parades in urban areas. Now the holiday is a celebration that honors organized labor with fewer parades, and more activities. It also marks the perceived end of the summer season.

7. Can you wear white after Labor Day? This old tradition goes back to the late Victorian era, where it was a fashion faux pas to wear any white clothing after the summer officially ended on Labor Day. The tradition isn't really

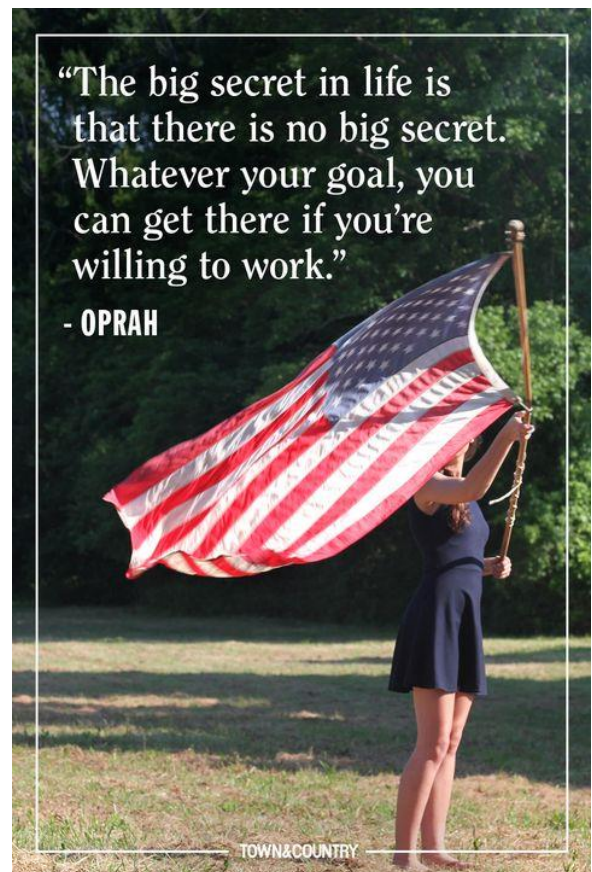
followed anymore. [EmilyPost.com explains the logic](#) behind the fashion trend - white indicated you were still in vacation mode at your summer cottage.

8. Labor Day is the unofficial end of Hot Dog season. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council says that between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans will eat 7 billion hot dogs.

9. How many people are union members today? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 14.8 million union members in the workforce in 2017. There were 17.7 million in 1983.

10. What is the biggest union today? The National Education Association has about 3 million people who are members, including inactive and lifetime members.

Source: [10 fascinating facts about the Labor Day holiday - National Constitution Center](#)



A TIME IN HISTORY

MARIE VAN BRITTAN BROWN

INVENTOR OF THE FIRST CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION SECURITY SYSTEM

Talk about necessity being the mother of invention. Because of an African American woman's response to having to travel home late hours from work to a neighborhood with rising crime and slow police response, we have today's nearly five billion dollar closed circuit TV security industry.

Barbara Walker, Newsletter Committee member.



Marie Van Brittan Brown • 1922- 1999

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marie_Van_Brittan_Brown

On August 1, 1966, Marie and her husband submitted a patent application for her invention. It would be the first patent of its kind...“ Even now, over fifty years later, her invention is still being used by small businesses and living facilities”

After perfecting her design and creating the specifications and artwork herself, Marie Brown filed a patent for the system in 1966. By 1969, the patent application was approved and she was instantly recognized for her achievements in design and innovation. Brown received an award from the National Scientists Committee and was interviewed by the New York Times, demonstrating how the invention was a revolutionary idea in how we think about security.

How Marie Brown Helped Change the World

Over the last 50 years, Brown's patent for the complete home security system may have led to intercom and buzzer systems like ones used at apartments, automatic door locks, and alarm systems that notify the police. In addition to all that, Brown's invention was controlled by a central hub — one that could switch between cameras, position the cameras, communicate and record audio, lock or unlock doors, and so much more.

The following article is from the Secure Data website:

INVENTORS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: MARIE BROWN

"Marie Van Brittan Brown was a nurse who lived in Queens, NY and often found herself home alone. Along with her husband, Albert, she created a system that would give her more peace of mind and more security control in her own home. Brown invented what she referred to as the "Home Security System Utilizing Television Surveillance," but that wasn't all it was. Her system contained:

- *Video cameras outside that are viewed from a television inside.*
- *Cameras that could pan up and down using a motor.*
- *Cabinets that concealed the cameras from being seen.*
- *Audio intercommunication inside and outside to speak to a person outside the door.*
- *Door locks that can be locked or unlocked from a distance using springs and a lever system.*
- *Peep holes created for different heights.*
- *A central hub that controlled the video view between cameras, door locking mechanism, microphone, recorder, and alarm.*

Today, no home security system is complete without this centralized command center idea. Brown's patent has been referenced in at least 13 other patent applications for home security systems and other advancements, citing a portion of her original work in their own patents. This security system was the inspiration and model for the home security industry as we know it today."

Secure Data: <https://www.securedata.com/blog/inventors-that-changed-the-world-marie-brown>

Also, it has led to a nearly five billion dollar home and business security industry in which Mrs. Brown did not share. (Barbara Walker)

Brown received a patent (US 3482037A) for her home security system in 1969. That patent has gone on to be cited by 35 other patents, including a patent granted in 2014 (US 9584775B2) for a "wireless entrance communication device" called Doorbot, now known as Ring.

Digitaltrends:

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/features/troubling-evolution-from-marie-van-brittan-brown-ring/>



ARE YOU READY???
Ready Or Not,
Hurricane Season Is Here!

Atlantic Hurricane Season
June 1-November 30

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>.

Hurricanes are dangerous and can cause significant damage because of storm surge, wind damage, rip currents and flooding. They can happen along any U.S. coast or in any territory in the Atlantic or Pacific oceans. Storm surge is historically the leading cause of hurricane-related deaths in the United States.

PREPARE FOR HURRICANES

Know your Hurricane Risk -- Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water, even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. [Start preparing now.](#)

Make an Emergency Plan -- Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands [your hurricane plan](#). In your hurricane plans include the [office, kids'](#)

[daycare, and anywhere you frequent](#). Ensure your business has a [continuity plan](#) to continue operating when disaster strikes.

Discuss the latest [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidance on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) and how it may affect your hurricane planning.

Know your Evacuation Zone -- You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. [Learn your evacuation routes](#), practice with household, pets, and identify where you will stay.

- Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

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.

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.

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 -- De-clutter 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

Gather Supplies -- [Have enough supplies](#) for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies, [masks](#), [pet supplies](#) in your go bag or car trunk. After a hurricane, you may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks.

- Remember that not everyone can afford to respond by stocking up on necessities. For those who can afford it, making essential purchases and slowly building up supplies in advance will allow for longer time periods between shopping trips. This helps to protect those who are unable to procure essentials beforehand and must shop more frequently. Only take the items you and your family may need so that others who rely on these products can also access them.

STAY SAFE DURING A HURRICANE

Stay Informed

- Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.
- If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and local officials tell you to evacuate, do so immediately.

Dealing with the Weather

- Determine how best to protect yourself from high winds and flooding.
- Take refuge in a designated storm shelter, or an interior room for high winds.

- If trapped in a building by flooding, go to the highest level of the building. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Personal Safety

- If you must go to a community or group shelter remember to follow the latest recommendations from [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) for protecting yourself and family from COVID-19](#). Be sure to review your previous evacuation plan and consider alternative options to maintain physical distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and update your plan accordingly.
- If you must evacuate, if possible, bring with you items that can help protect you and others in the shelter from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, cleaning materials, and two clean, well-fitted masks that have two or more layers for each person.

RETURNING HOME AFTER A HURRICANE

- Pay attention to local officials for information and special instructions.
- Be careful during clean-up. Wear protective clothing, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning [mold or other debris](#), and maintain a physical distance of at least six feet while working with someone else. People with [asthma and other lung conditions](#) and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled, even if they do not have an allergy to mold. Children should not take part in disaster cleanup work.
- Continue taking steps to protect yourself from COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, such as washing your hands often and cleaning commonly touched surfaces.
- Wear protective clothing and work with someone else.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock.
- Do not wade in flood water, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses, debris, chemicals, waste and wildlife. Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.
- Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company for assistance.
- Engage virtually with your community through video and phone calls. Know that it's normal to feel anxious or stressed. Take care of your body and talk to someone if you are feeling upset. Many people may already feel fear and anxiety about the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). The threat of a hurricane can add additional stress. Follow CDC guidance for [managing stress during a traumatic event](#) and [managing stress during COVID-19](#).



COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS

The United States is facing a COVID-19 surge this summer as the more contagious delta variant spreads. More than 613,000 Americans have died from COVID-19 and over 4.2 million people have died worldwide, according to real-time data compiled by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

[MORE: Statistics show the stark risks of not getting vaccinated against COVID-19](https://twitter.com/HealthyFla/status/1421202028261412869/photo/1)
<https://twitter.com/HealthyFla/status/1421202028261412869/photo/1>

The CDC, citing new science on the transmissibility of the delta variant, offered new mask guidance to everyone in areas with substantial or high levels of transmission -- vaccinated or not -- wear a face covering in public, indoor settings.

All persons 12 years of age and older are eligible to receive the vaccine in Florida.

The Food & Drug Administration has approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 12 years of age or older.

The Moderna and Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) vaccines are authorized for persons age 18 and up.

To obtain the vaccine in Florida, individuals 12-18 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian.

For the latest COVID-19 vaccine updates in Florida visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/>

The Florida Health COVID-19 24-hour hotline is available to answer general vaccine questions: 866.779.6121

Senior Hotline: 866.201.6754 - Appointment line for seniors over 65 who do not have access to a computer.

For those with no internet access, the Health Care District's helpline at 561.804.4115 is available to assist in English, Spanish and Creole. Appointments are available based on demand and vaccine supply that is received weekly.

VACCINES FOR HOMEBOUND SENIORS: The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is providing vaccine appointments for homebound seniors. The state encourages homebound individuals to email HomeboundVaccine@em.myflorida.com or call 833.930.3672. Palm Beach County residents who are mobility-limited may use www.mymobilevax.com to register for in-home vaccination appointments or email HomeboundVaccines@cdrmaguire.com.

HEALTH CARE DISTRICT MOBILE CLINIC SCHEDULE: To expand access to COVID-19 vaccinations for all eligible ages, including adolescents 12 through 15, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's Mobile Clinic Schedule is posted at this link. A parent or guardian must be present at the vaccination appointment of those who are 17 years old and younger.

For vaccination locations near you, please visit [Palm Beach County's COVID-19 Vaccination webpage](#).

VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County has streamlined its online COVID-19 vaccine appointment request process to make it more user-friendly and efficient. The new scheduling system is available at <http://vaccine.hcdpbc.org>

ADDITIONAL VACCINE RESOURCES

1. Palm Beach County Vaccine information: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/Pages/vaccine.aspx>
2. Palm Beach County Vaccine Sites: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/PDF/COVID19/PBC-Vaccination-Sites.pdf>
3. Palm Beach County Healthcare District: <https://www.hcdpbc.org/>
4. Information on vaccines: <https://getvaccineanswers.org>
5. VA Medical Center: 561.422.6838 (veterans only)
6. Call now (888) 436-6665 if you have any related Covid-19 Vaccine Questions. Doctors and Nurses from AdventHealth LIVE to answer your questions.

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

MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

COVID-19 TESTING SITES

<https://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx#testing>

<https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>

<https://www.walgreens.com/topic/findcare/coronavirus.jsp?>

COVID-19 VACCINE MYTH VS FACT

With the vaccines now available, you probably have questions.
We're here to help separate the myths from the facts
so you can make the best decision.

MYTH

You can get COVID-19 from the vaccines.



FACT

You can't get COVID-19 from the vaccines. But you may feel some side effects for a day or two, like arm pain/swelling where you got the shot, a low-grade fever, chills, tiredness, headache or muscle aches. These are normal signs the vaccines are working.

MYTH

The vaccines can't be safe if they were developed so quickly.



FACT

Thanks to a global effort with existing infectious disease research, more financial support and focused scientific efforts, a vaccine was developed quickly, with safety a top priority. All races, cultures and ethnicities, and those with chronic health conditions were included in the clinical trials. Vaccines have been proven safe and effective.

MYTH

If you already had COVID-19, you don't need to be vaccinated.



FACT

Even if you've had COVID-19, experts still recommend getting vaccinated so you're protected long-term. It's still unclear how long natural immunity lasts if you've been sick and recovered. The vaccines will increase your ability to protect yourself and loved ones.

MYTH

The COVID-19 vaccines will alter your DNA.



FACT

This is simply not true. The COVID-19 vaccines use a substance called mRNA. It helps your body make large amounts of antibodies that help protect you from the virus. Once the mRNA does its job, your cells break it down and get rid of it.

MYTH

It's not safe for people with allergies to get vaccinated.



FACT

While there have been a few reports of severe allergic reactions to the COVID-19 vaccines, these instances are extremely rare, and easily treated. If you've had a severe allergic reaction in the past, talk to your doctor for reassurance that the vaccine is safe for you.





























Learn more at floridablue.com/vaccine. Our Florida Blue Center Neighborhood Nurses can also assist anyone in the community with questions at 1-877-352-5830.

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Choosing Safer Activities

		Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor		
Safest			Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
			Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
			Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe			Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe			Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor		
Less Safe			Visit a barber or hair salon	
			Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
			Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
			Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe			Go to an indoor movie theater	
			Attend a full-capacity worship service	
			Sing in an indoor chorus	
			Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
			Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask
Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at www.cafciabc.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, August 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

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

POSTPONED FROM SEPTEMBER 18TH

31ST ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

West Palm Beach Marriott

Saturday, October 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, November 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, December 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Friday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala** (*To be confirmed*)

AROUND TOWN

- Visit Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the Kravis Center at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events.
- The Norton is open six days a week and free admission for Palm Beach County residents with a valid ID on Saturdays through Labor Day. Guests can enjoy offerings such as yoga classes, Sculpture Garden tours, artist workshops, Art After Dark's Jazz Fridays, family studio, and more which will activate the Museum's galleries and garden. Visit the Norton's website for advance, timed-ticket reservations and additional information at <https://www.norton.org>.
- **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm:** The Fifth Annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards will take place at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts Cohen Pavilion. The celebration will honor Palm Beach County nonprofit organizations, staff and volunteers who are dedicated to the business of doing good in our community. The awards will showcase Nominees in 10+ categories and one Honoree from each category will be announced *live* during the celebration. For more information, visit www.nonprofitsfirst.org.
- **Saturday, October 2, 2021:** The Caribbean American Cultural Group 37th Anniversary Ball will be at the #MidFloridaEventCenter in Port Saint Lucie. This year will feature a Silent Auction with awesome dream vacation destinations to Greece, Iceland, Wine Country in San Francisco and Tuscany. Tickets are available NOW!!! Contact: Ms. Dawn Bloomfield at 954.636.9067. \$100 per person and \$900 for a table of 10 people. <https://www.facebook.com/brevard.caribbean>.

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