



## 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.

May

2012

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Board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.  
See over for calendar of events.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

"2012 Student Assistance Award Presentation"  
**Saturday, May 5 at 7 pm (NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)**  
Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach Blvd.

This meeting will be extra special featuring the Student Assistance Awards presentation to seven (7) graduating seniors who have excelled in several areas during their high school years. The guest speaker for the occasion will be School Board member, Mrs. Marcia Andrews. Mayor Matty Mattioli will address the recipients and Councilman Jeff Hmara along with a representative from Winn-Dixie will present the CAFCI awards.

CAFCI has been chosen by the Winn-Dixie Foundation to be a grant recipient. Together, we are making the community stronger. The funds provided by the Winn-Dixie Foundation (\$2,500) will benefit three of the seven students who were accepted to attend their college of choice after graduating high school this year.

Come out and show your support for these young adults who are trying to keep their dream alive and who, against all odds, will graduate from high school and move on to higher institutions of learning.

*Donations will be appreciated for the Student Assistance Fund to help with future awards.*

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

**Saturday, May 12 at 1 pm**

Veterans' Park, Royal Palm Beach Blvd.

CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host their eighth annual Cultural Diversity Day at the Veterans' Park in Royal Palm Beach from 1pm until sundown. This day is dedicated to sharing our rich cultural heritage. The Park will have vendors showcasing their ethnic foods and treasures, dominoes, entertainment and much more. The day promises to be filled with excitement and celebration of our diverse cultures, so come out and enjoy this free event. A free shuttle will be provided with pick-up and drop-off for overflow parking which will be available at the Cultural Center and behind Village Hall. For further information, please contact Elet Cyris, Committee Chair at 561-791-9087 or visit CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org. More details on the enclosed flyer.

### SAVE THE DATE

**CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**  
September 22, 2012

*Preliminary plans are in progress for this year's annual Friendship Ball.*

*The Ball Committee is planning an exciting event so please*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*and look for further details in the upcoming issues of the NEWS and on CAFCI's website www.cafcipc.org.*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

#### MAY

Vera Barker	16
Nadine White Boyd	17
Audrey Gordon	18
Owen Smith	18
Vernon Simpson	22
Dr. Karl Russell-Brown	23
Ethel Palmer	24
Patricia Charlton	25
Colgate Gordon	25
Adrius Adams	26
Shanique Peterkin	29

#### JUNE

Glenis Chambers	04
Ray Davis	07

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Ocie Roundtree  
Lilian and Ransford McGann

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Pastor and Mrs. Michael Rose on the loss of mother-in-law and mother

Marcia Bodden and

Carlos and Babbette Bodden on the loss of Calvin Bodden

### Please Let Us Know...

*Please contact one of our Sunshine Committee members if you are ill, know of anyone who is ill or would like to share any condolences and would like it to be announced in the NEWS:*

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

**CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT In Florida, Inc.**

and

**THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH**

**PRESENT**



CAFCI



# Cultural Diversity Day

**Saturday, May 12, 2012**

**1:00 pm to Sundown**

**Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach**

**(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)**



Featuring Artists from:  
**Ecuador, USA, Jamaica,  
Trinidad, India,  
Dominican Republic,  
Haiti & More...**

**MUSIC ★ DANCE ★ FOOD  
DISPLAYS ★ DOMINOES  
CHILDREN ART TENT-JEWELRY  
AND MORE...**

*La Tuna de  
West Palm Beach  
Mariachi Band*

**EVENT IS  
FREE**  
**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

★ **Enjoy food, fashion, history, arts, entertainment  
and cultural programs of our diverse communities.**

**Bring your chairs, blankets, tents and entire family and be prepared to have a good time.**

*For More Information, contact:*

**Elet Cyris, CAFCI at 561-791-9087 - Ernie Garvey 561-676-5664  
Village Of Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center at 561-790-5100**

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**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**CAFCI**

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**CAFCI'S 2012 EVENTS**

- MAY 5..... General Meeting – Students & Junior Citizens award
- MAY 12..... Cultural Diversity Day
- JULY 14..... General Meeting
- AUGUST 11..... General Meeting – Membership Appreciation
- AUGUST 25..... Talent Show
- SEPTEMBER 8.... General Meeting
- SEPTEMBER 22 ..Annual Friendship Ball
- OCTOBER 13..... International Night
- NOVEMBER 10.... Annual Meeting
- DECEMBER 8..... General Meeting – Christmas Party Potluck & Toys for Tots
- DECEMBER 31.... New Year's Eve Party

***Live Life to the Fullest!!***

*As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let us down, probably will. You'll have your heart broken and you'll break others' hearts. You'll fight with your best friend or maybe even fall in love with them, and you'll cry because time is flying by. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, forgive freely, and love like you've never been hurt. Life comes with no guarantees, no time outs, no second chances. You just have to live life to the fullest. Tell someone what they mean to you and tell someone off. Speak out, dance in the pouring rain, hold someone's hand, comfort a friend, fall asleep watching the sun come up, stay up late, be a flirt, and smile until your face hurts. Don't be afraid to take chances or fall in love and most of all, live in the moment because every second you spend angry or upset is a second of happiness you can never get back.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Membership Committee is continuing to work to revitalize the membership of CAFCI. The Committee is asking all members to participate. **The current member who brings in the most new members will receive a complimentary ticket for CAFCI's signature ball in September.** The winner must bring in at least two (2) new members to qualify. If there is a tie for first place, there will be a drawing to determine the winner. The competition will end at the September meeting prior to the ball. Membership application packets, including informational brochures, will be made available at upcoming events. Packets are also available from committee members.