



# 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.

May

2017

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Cultural Diversity Day:** CAFCI, in partnership with the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, celebrates Cultural Diversity Day on **Saturday, May 13, 2017**. This is a special day where people from many different backgrounds come to celebrate first as Americans but also highlighting our different customs and culture. What is cultural diversity? Cultural diversity, or multiculturalism, is based on the idea that cultural identities should not be discarded or ignored, but rather maintained and valued. The foundation of this belief is that every culture and race has made a substantial contribution to American history. This belief is firmly rooted in CAFCI's Mission Statement "to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage." I am inviting you to come out and be a part of this celebration. Please volunteer an hour of your time to man the CAFCI booth to give information about our organization and recruit new members. Please see other articles in this publication for a list of diversity day activities.

**Student Assistance Awards Ceremony:** On **Saturday, May 6, 2017**, we will host our Student Assistance Awards Ceremony at the Original Wellington Mall in the Village of Wellington. This is an event that we look forward to every year. We will be presenting ten students with awards this year. We look forward to a very successful event.

Dennis Wright, *President*

### 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at  
**www.cafciplibc.org OR**

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan  
1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, Royal  
Palm Beach, FL 33411



### MAY 16-31

Nadine White-Boyd	17
Audrey Gordon	18
Owen Smith	18
Tinliade "Tinu" Pena	23
Dr. Karl Russell-Brown	23
Ethel Palmer	24
Patricia Charlton	25
Colgate Gordon	25
Adrius Adams	26
Victoria Nangle	31

### JUNE 1 - 15

Glenis Chambers	04
Diana Bishop-McIntosh	07
Shirley Palmer	11
Douglas Lawton	11
Ivan Bruno-Gaston	11
Norma Rose	14

### GET WELL TO:

Gloria Edwards  
Henworth Ferguson  
Yvonne Gray  
Winsom Genus-Martin

### 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 .561.791.9087  
Paul Baker.....561.784.0067  
Samuel Baxter....561.798.2864

## NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

**Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 1 pm to sundown**

*Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach*

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, 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 supported by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. 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. The Committee is looking for vendors for the event. See the form elsewhere in this issue. For more information visit CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org).

### CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

**Saturday, June 17, 2017, 11 am to sundown**

*Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park, West Palm Beach*

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, cards, dominoes and prizes. This will be a fun-filled day for the entire family. Tickets will also be available at the general membership meetings. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. If you have questions, please call Millie Hampton, Picnic Chair, at 561.307.2612. See flyer in this issue for more information as well as CAFCI's website and in future issues of the Newsletter.

## OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY

**Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 6 pm**

*Original Wellington Mall (center court)*

*12794 W. Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington*

*(southeast corner of Wellington Trace and Forest Hill Blvd.)*

We look forward to seeing you at the Student Assistance Award Ceremony. Our keynote speaker will be **Clyde A. Bailey, PhD**. Dr. Bailey is an Ordained Bishop of the Church of God and currently holds a double-portfolio, firstly as Executive Pastor at Cooper City Church of God and correspondingly as Director of the Church's Counseling program. Come out to encourage and congratulate the recipients...they are our future. We continue to accept donations to help us give more assistance to as many deserving students as possible. All donations are welcome and 100% tax deductible. A BIG THANK YOU to all CAFCI members and friends who have donated funds to this worthy cause.

Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, *Chairs*  
Student Assistance Committee

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Congratulations to **Ifeoma "Ify" White-Thorpe**, granddaughter of CAFCI board member Genieve White and niece of CAFCI members Thalia White and Nadine White-Boyd. Ify will be graduating from Morris Hill High School in Denville, New Jersey and has been accepted to all 8 Ivy League schools as well as Stanford University. She is also the recipient of a Coca Cola scholarship and is a Coca Cola scholar.

**Kate Deviney**, daughter of Andrea McMillan, received first place as the Student Essay Winner in the 2017 Fair Housing Student Essay Contest, which was sponsored by the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity, the Realtor Association of the Palm Beaches, and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. The contest theme, "Making Dreams Come True," highlighted the 49th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which outlawed housing discrimination.

CAFCI is putting together groups for discounted tickets for performances at the Kravis Center.

***(Need minimum of 15 per performance to get discount)***

If interested, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 for group ticket prices or

Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129, Junette Powell at 561.346.2353

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> ★ Sound of Music**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> ★ Diana Ross**

*For more information on these and other performances at the Kravis Center, visit [kravis.org](http://kravis.org).*



**CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT In Florida, Inc.  
& THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH**  
Present



# **Cultural Diversity Day**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

**1:00 pm To Sundown**

**Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach**

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)

Featuring:

**Artists from Around The World**

Latin Dancers, Bands, Belly Dancers, Bounce House  
Face Painting, Dominoes, Martial Arts Performers  
Steel Drums, Hip Hop Group, Lion Dancers

- **FOOD VENDORS • DISPLAYS**
- **RAFFLE & GIVEAWAYS**

**Showtime  
3:00 PM**

**EVERYONE  
IS INVITED  
EVENT IS  
FREE**

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

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For More Information, contact:

Elet Cyris 561-791-9087 - Ernie Garvey 561-676-5664

Village Of Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center at 561-790-5149

or visit [www.caforcipbc.org](http://www.caforcipbc.org)

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# **Caribbean-American for Community Involvement**

## **CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY – 2017**

Thanks for your interest in being a part of our CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY 2017 event. Please send us an e-mail with your name and contact information, also give us a brief description of what you will be doing at your booth.

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 1 pm to sundown

Venue: Veterans Park, 1036 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411  
(Sparrow Drive & Royal Palm Beach Blvd.)

### **TRY TO COMPLETE SET-UP BEFORE 1:00 PM**

#### **Event Contacts:**

Elet Cyris: Performance & General Information, 561.791.9087 (elvcy@bellsouth.net)

Ernie Garvey: Vendor Booth & Technical Support, 561.676.5664 (ernitones@comcast.net)

Paul Baker: Vendor & General Information, 561.784.0067

**Complete the registration form and mail it along with your fee of \$40.**

**We will notify you as soon as we can with availability and booth details.**

**Mail check or money order payable to:**

**C.A.F.C.I.**

c/o: Ernest Garvey

121 Raven Court,

Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

#### **Vendor Check-List (Space provided is 10 x 10)**

- Bring table(s), chair(s), tenting (if desired)
- Sunscreen
- Table skirts, banners
- Audio/video equipment for any displays
- Cash (to make change for guest who purchase with cash); Credit Card Machine.
- At conclusion of event all vendors are responsible for cleaning around their space
- Low Noise Generator or power source. (No electricity provided).

**If your booth generates smoke or emissions which may be harmful or offensive to other vendors, you may be placed in separate location if available.**

If you are a "PERFORMER", please speak directly to our Director, Ms. Elet Cyris.

Thanks,

*Ernie Garvey*

Ernie Garvey





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### VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR/ ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL OWNER/OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF BOOTH/DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

***Be sure to bring your chairs, tables and portable tents if necessary for your display.***

#### **Instruction from the Health Department to Food Vendors:**

Pre packaged cake, cookies etc. Please have gloves and tools for handling food.

A thermometer is required. Hot food to be at 140 degrees. Cold food to be at 40 degrees.

#### **Registration Fee**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Release and Hold Harmless:**

In consideration of allowing my participation in the \_\_\_\_\_ for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, I waive, and release (CAFCI) Caribbean American for Community Involvement & The Village of Royal Palm Beach and its employees, agents, volunteers, and sponsors of this event from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in the event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver. I grant permission to all the forgoing entities and persons to use any photography, motion picture, recording, and all or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes. I understand the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI are not responsible for any monetary losses that may incur is all or part of the event is cancelled due to weather or if I do not attend the event.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information contact:  
Elet Cyris (561) 791-9087 • Ernie Garvey (561) 676-5664



# C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, Inc.

**Presents**  
**A Fun Family Day**

## Annual Picnic

*Saturday, June 17, 2017*

*11am - Sundown*

*Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion*

*(Forest Hill Boulevard, 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**

**Dominoes, Scrabble, Ludo ...**

**Bake Sale**

**50/50 Raffle & More**

**Bring your favorite game**

**Music**

**Kids Games**

**Bounce House**

**Bring Your Chairs & Table**

**No Personal Food Baskets Allowed**

**Adults: \$15 (includes dinner from around the Islands & beverage)**

**Children under 12: \$5 (includes hamburger, hot dogs and chips)**

**For information, contact Committee Chair Millie Hampton (561) 307-2612**

**For tickets, contact Lawrence Logan (561) 791-0162**

**Percival Woods (561) 596-7768**

**Alvin Nembhard (561) 670-8113**

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



*We investigated leads for two pieces of land and one commercial building. Unfortunately, these leads did not yield positive results. Our biggest hurdle continues to be financing. We have not been able to secure a grant or identify a program that we can execute that will provide grant funding. Commercial loans were not an option and owner financing was not available. We will continue to investigate availability of grants to fund programs using a CAFCI owned facility and creative ways to obtain financing. Despite the disappointment, let us continue to be patient and hopeful as we work towards finding a home for CAFCI.*

***If you would like to put on an event to raise funds for the Home of Our Own program please send an email to [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net) or call 561-791-4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities that you think is a good fit for CAFCI, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com).***



*The Buy-A-Brick program is still in force and provides everyone an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please 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.***



Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, Chair  
CAFCI Home

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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.

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**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.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

*Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.*

- Saturday, May 6: **Student Assistance Awards Ceremony**, 6 pm at the Original Wellington Mall, Wellington  
Saturday, May 13: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm to sundown at Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach  
Saturday, June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, June 17 (NEW DATE), **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeetchee Park  
Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, August 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, September 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**SAVE THE DATE  
Saturday, September 16, 2017  
CAFCI's ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

- Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**AROUND TOWN.....**

**Saturday, May 13, 9 pm to 2 am:** World Class Entertainment presents Pre-Mother's Day *Black Tie Cocktail Party* at Plush Hall. Catered by Don Smith. 2845 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. For information, call 561.682.9014.

**Sunday, May 14, 10 am 'til:** Caribbean Choice Restaurant presents *Seafood Reggae Festival* featuring guest artist from Jamaica, Mother's Day Celebration//Soccer Match at 2845 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. For information, call 561.682.9014

**Monday, May 29, 2 - 10 pm:** FullAVybez presents its 14<sup>th</sup> annual *Palm Beach Jerk and Caribbean Cultural Festival* at South Florida Fairgrounds featuring Tarrus Riley; Wayne Wonder and more. Tickets are available at most Caribbean restaurants. For more information, visit [palmbeachjerkfestival.com](http://palmbeachjerkfestival.com).

**Saturday, June 17, 7 pm:** St. Christopher's Episcopal Church presents "*An Evening of Jazz*" featuring Copeland Davis, Avery Sommers, Christopher's Steel Pan and Reginald Ellison. For more information, contact the church at 561.683.8167 or Elet Cyrus at 561.352.7040.