



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.

DECEMBER

2022

**CAFCI**  
Caribbean-American For Community Involvement  
*presents its annual*  
*New Year's Eve*  
**GALA**

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**  
8 pm to 1 am  
*Dinner at 9pm*  
*Midnight Champagne Toast*

at the  
**Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center**  
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, Florida

Door Prize \* 50/50 Raffle  
*Semi-Formal*

*Entertainment by*  
**DJ Richness**

**\$75**  
(Includes Dinner & Champagne Toast)  
Cash Bar

INFORMATION & RESERVATION  
Dennis Wright: 561.653.1586  
Lawrence Logan: 561.791.0162  
CAFCI: 561.790.4002 or visit [www.CAFCIPBC.ORG](http://www.CAFCIPBC.ORG)



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year we started to slowly emerge from two years of online and virtual activities. Our first in-person event was the MLK Day Celebration held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. We then moved on to our other annual activities and programs: Annual Picnic, Cultural Diversity Day and Games Day which were all outdoor events. We were able to successfully hold our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Friendship Ball. Thanks to Alvin Nembhard who secured a location, we will hold our first indoor General Membership meeting at one of our member's association club house; and conclude the year with our first Annual New Year's Eve Gala since 2019. The December General Membership meeting on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** will be held at Strathmore Gate West, 100 Indianhead Circle, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Meeting space will be a challenge for the next year as the Village of Royal Palm Beach no longer rents out meeting rooms at the Recreation Center. The Cultural Center meeting rooms are booked out for Saturday meetings through the end of July 2023. Despite all, we continue to press on to fulfill our mission "To maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community." Thanks to all CAFCI members, friends and supporters for your contributions during the year. Every one of you helped CAFCI by donating time, money, goods and services to fulfill our mission. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your support and I look forward to your active participation next year. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Please support our Toys for Tots drive by bringing a new and unwrapped toy to our **December 10<sup>th</sup>** meeting. These toys will be donated on behalf of CAFCI to several needy groups in our community. If you do not have the time or are not able to go shopping, we will accept cash donations and one of our CAFCI volunteers will purchase the toys. As you make your year-end taxable donations, please consider a monetary donation to CAFCI to help support our programs for 2023. We hope to see a large gathering for this meeting. You may bring in your favorite dish or holiday cheer to share with other members.

**BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS:** The Board of Directors have voted to suspend normal board elections for 2023 and will be appointing members for a one-year term due to lack of commitment from other members. If you are interested in serving on the board, please reach out to one of the current board members. There are several board members who are looking to step down to make way for other interested members.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA:** Our annual New Year's Eve Gala will be held at the Cultural Center in Royal Palm Beach this year. We hope you will be able to come out and celebrate with us. See the New Year's Eve flyer on the front page of this issue with all the details.

**GAMES DAY CELEBRATION:** Many thanks to the members of the Games Day Membership Committee (Casarine Susan Fevaier, Charmaine Henry, Alvin Nembhard, Audrey Smith, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown and Yvonne Wright) for all your hard work, cash, food and other donations to make the November 12<sup>th</sup> Games Day Celebration a huge success!



Dennis Wright



### DECEMBER 16 - 31

Helen Russell-Brown	18
Maxine Smith	19
Fae Smith	20
Joseph Johnson	21
Joseph Anderson	22
Lena Ferguson	26
Jerome Wright	26

### JANUARY 1 - 15

Lawrence Logan	01
Winston McDonald	02
Winston McArthur	03
Latchmin Jaramillo	05
Beverly Downes	06
Josephine McLaughlin	06
Dorothy Jacks	12
Paul Baker	15

*If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send us an email to CAFCI ([cafcib@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcib@bellsouth.net)) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.*

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Edna Morgan

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

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### Christmas Potluck & Toys for Tots Drive

Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm

IN-PERSON

Strathmore Gate West

100 Indianhead Circle, Royal Palm Beach

CAFCI will have its first in-person General Membership meeting for 2022. This will be a Christmas "potluck" party at Strathmore Gate West from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" drive as well as a dish to share.

Strathmore Gate West is located off Okeechobee Boulevard heading West it is the last left before Crestwood Boulevard. If you are heading east on Okeechobee Boulevard, cross over Crestwood Boulevard and it is the first right which is Ridgefield Drive. At the end of Ridgefield Drive, make a right on Indianhead Circle and an immediate left into the clubhouse parking lot.

If you have any issues, please call Alvin Nembhard at 561.670.8113. We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 8 pm

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

Please join CAFCI on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8 pm until 1 am to ring in the new year at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. DJ Richness will be entertaining us, so be prepared to dance the night away.

See flyer with additional details on the front page. For tickets, contact: Dennis Wright (561.653.1586); Lawrence Logan (561.791.0162) or CAFCI (561.790.4002).

Share and invite your friends and family and let's ring in the New Year together.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

"Love is the Most Durable Power in the World"

Monday, January 16, 2023 at 10 am

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee and the Village of Royal Palm Beach are planning an exciting 21<sup>st</sup> Annual MLK Day Celebration program. See flyer on page 4 for more information. Additional information will also be posted in the January issue of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org).



**KWANZAA** is an annual celebration of African-American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day.

The seven candles in a kinara (Swahili word that means candle holder) symbolize the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Each of the seven days of Kwanzaa is dedicated to one of the principles, as follows

1. Umoja (Unity)
2. Kujichagulia (Self-determination)
3. Ujima (Collective work and responsibility)
4. Ujamaa (Cooperative economics)
5. Nia (Purpose)
6. Kuumba (Creativity)
7. Imani (Faith)

May the spirit of Kwanzaa fill your heart and home.

**Happy Kwanzaa.**



## HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

When the busiest shopping time of the year arrives, if you'll be one of the millions of holiday shoppers, take some extra precautions with your personal information and purchases to protect yourself.

Be sure to check out these holiday savings tips (<https://www.statefarm.com/simple-insights/financial/holiday-savings-tips>) too before you shop.

Consider these holiday shopping safety tips:

- Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Don't argue or fight over an item.
- Don't take your money out until asked and don't flash a lot of cash.
- Use only one credit card. Data breaches have occurred in the past at major retailers and credit card companies. Should something similar occur, you can reduce the risk of having multiple cards compromised.
- Save your receipts and monitor your credit card activity by reviewing your bill immediately or periodically checking the online app.
- Ask for help moving and loading large items if needed.
- If shopping with children, select a central location to meet in case you are separated. Teach kids how to ask a security guard or employee for help if they're lost.

Source: Holiday Shopping Safety Tips | State Farm®



**Caribbean American For Community  
Involvement in Florida, Inc.  
& The Village of Royal Palm Beach**

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Celebration**

**“LOVE  
IS THE MOST  
DURABLE  
POWER  
IN THE  
WORLD”**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Monday, January 16, 2023**

**10:00 am  
FREE EVENT**

**featuring Avery Sommers, Copeland Davis & Broadway Stars**

**Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center**

**151 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach, Florida**



## OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee provides deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from CAFCI

**We need your help!** A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's SAF Committee reach its fundraising goal. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. We appreciate your support.

To donate or support the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, you can use one of the methods listed below:

1. **MAIL CHECK** payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF (write "for SAF" on your check in the notes line to make sure it is posted to the SAF program), 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
2. **DONATE ONLINE** at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option.
3. **GOLDEN KRUST "DINING TO DONATE"**: Patronize Golden Krust (located at the Northeast corner of Okeechobee Blvd. and Jog Road) from **November 15 through December 20, 2022** and 5% of your purchase (excluding seafood and oxtail meals) will be donated to CAFCI's SAF. See coupons on page 11 in this newsletter. **Very Important: Coupon must be presented at time of purchase.**
4. **GIVING TUESDAY**: On Giving Tuesday, please support CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund by donating **every Tuesday from through December 27, 2022**. For more information about the project and how to donate visit the CAFCI website [www.cafcipc.org/donation-center](http://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center) and select the Student Assistance option. If you have questions or encounter problems making your donation, contact Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895.
5. **POPPIN POPCORN & GIFTS FUNDRAISER**: Purchase popcorn, chocolate, cheese, kitchen tools and enjoy time with family and friends while supporting CAFCI SAF via <https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/store.php?slD=HXKUUR>. Please also share the fundraiser link (<https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>) to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts. **The deadline to purchase is Tuesday, December 20, 2022.**

**COLLEGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for 2023. The **DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 3, 2023**. The 2023 Student Assistance Application is posted on CAFCI's website. The link is <https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>.

This past year we spoke with a few friends of CAFCI whose child, grandchild or a relative graduated from high school and when asked, "Did you have them fill out the application?", the response was "we forgot." Don't let that be you! Please share the Student Assistance Fund application with your family and friends.

### MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### Deborah Germain, 2018 Award Recipient

November 14, 2022

Hi Junette and Nadine!

*My name is Deborah Germain. We met a few times at the CAFCI recipient scholarship dinner. I was a recipient in 2018. I graduated from college and I am currently a program manager for the Alzheimer's Association.*

*I was reaching out to see if CAFCI was interested in having a free educational program held for your volunteers, members or community. In Palm Beach County, cases and signs of Alzheimer's have been rising and we wanted to reach out to see if you wanted to host an educational talk. I know that diverse communities like ours have even less access to information. We do a variety of topics like Healthy Living for the Brain and Body, Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, Tips for Caregivers and more. We know this disease affects every age on every level so we want to make sure the information is accessible to all. I know CAFCI has impacted my life so much and I would love to make sure everyone has all the information they could ever need on the disease. Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or if you are interested. Have a great day!*

#### Rachel Rose, 2021 Award Recipient

November 9, 2022

Good evening Ms. White-Boyd,

*I'm emailing you to give an update on my school life. Firstly, over the summer, I interned for the School District of Palm Beach County in the Choice and Careers Department. I also interned with a French organization in DC called Comité Tricolore in which I helped them prepare for their annual Bastille Day event. This school year, I am the treasurer of Young Black Professionals in International Affairs. I am taking classes in economic development, anthropology, French, and Russian.*





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December 1, 2022

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 32 years of service to the community. CAFCI, a (501)(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 30 years, CAFCI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students in our communities to achieve their educational goals. Your financial donation and dedication to helping CAFCI advance our youth's higher education will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFCI will be able to award between \$500 to \$1,500 to each deserving student.

Many ambitious students are denied access to a college education due to financial constraints. As you can imagine, many high school students may hold the key to a cure for a disease but may never have the opportunity to maximize their potential. Many have innovative ideas for probable solutions to social problems, yet may never have a chance to expand on them. Others are discouraged simply because the first step to higher education may seem financially impossible.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee is requesting your financial help. We invite you to partner with CAFCI in financially assisting our youths to make their educational goals a reality. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope to more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. Please find accompanying information about our organization and past recipients.

We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to help with assisting students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. We will publicly acknowledge you on our *Donors' List*. **You may make your donation online by going to [www.cafcipc.org/donation-center](http://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center) and select Student Assistance or by mailing your donation by April 30, 2023 to:**

CAFCI  
Attn: Student Assistance Fund  
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561.790.4002.

Respectfully,

*Nadine White-Boyd*  
Nadine White-Boyd  
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

*Junette Powell*  
Junette Powell  
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

*Dennis Wright*  
Dennis Wright  
President



## 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 Fund 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 payable to:** C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website **[www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)** and clicking on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.
3. It is preferred that your generous donation be received on or before **April 30, 2023**, in preparation for our virtual Award Ceremony.

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

### Contact Us

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc. (CAFCI)  
675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite 134  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411  
Phone: 561.790.4002  
Web Site: [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)  
E-mail address: [cafcipc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipc@bellsouth.net)

## Student Assistance Fund 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 ranged 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 Fund Committee members past and present, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.



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## CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111

November was a surprising month. Our annual mystery camp out became a mystery day trip due to Hurricane Nicole. During this mystery day trip, we went to Aquatica to celebrate a very special birthday, the Troop's. What a great way to celebrate 19 years. We had lots of fun as a Troop. Some of the Assistant Scoutmasters rode water slides and tunnels all day long.

Along with fun, we have also had lots of advancement progress with several scouts attending the Scout Advancement Weekend (SAW) at Camp Tanah Keeta. Scouts can go for either a day or weekend to work on merit badges.


Additionally, we held our Order of the Arrow elections for the troop. This scouting honor society *recognizes those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives*. Luke Estevez, Caleb McNally and Jonathan Schnick Baker were voted in, so congratulations to them.

We are thankful to CAFCI for their continued support.

By Ryan Goldberger  
Troop 111, Senior Patrol Leader



Jonathan Schnick Baker, Luke Estevez, Caleb McNally



# COME OUT AND VISIT

# TROOP 111

We would like to invite youth, age 11-17, interested in joining Scouts BSA to come and visit Troop 111.



- Troop 111 was founded on November 1, 2003.
- We currently have 21 active scouts
- We meet every Tuesday at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center
  - We go on exciting campouts every month
  - We are a Scout led Troop

We're excited to meet you and hope that our Troop will be the perfect fit for your new Scouting adventures.

<p><b>October 25th</b></p> <p><b>November 15th</b></p> <p><b>November 29th</b></p> <p><b>December 13th</b></p> <p><b>December 20th</b></p>	<p><b>January 10th – Court of Honor</b></p> <p><b>January 24th</b></p> <p><b>January 31st</b></p> <p><b>February 21st</b></p> <p><b>February 28th</b></p>
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If you have any questions or wish to schedule a visit, during one of the above dates, please email our Member Chair at [Troop111.MemberChair@gmail.com](mailto:Troop111.MemberChair@gmail.com)

We hope to see you soon!


<https://www.t111.org>

[Troop111RPB](https://www.facebook.com/Troop111RPB)





## WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>

GoFundMe: Visit <https://gofund.me/7319cf9a> • Please share with your friends and family

### HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues> OR

Mail to: CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan,

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



### DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON???

Help support CAFCI when shopping online at Amazon ...

IT'S EASY!

1. Just sign into or create your account at <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Select **Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida** as your preferred charity.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to CAFCI, thereby helping to fund CAFCI programs such as the Student Assistance Fund for college bound students, Scouts, annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Cultural Diversity Day as well as other events that benefit the community.

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



There were no viable leads to acquire land or property this past month. High prices and interest rates are making our search more difficult. We will continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area based on the outlined strategy. 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.

If you have information about potential investor(s) who may be able to help with funding, share your ideas or provide information about available property, email [cafcipbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipbc@bellsouth.net), copying [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) or call 561.790.4002 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.cafcipbc.org](http://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 take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy 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 Of Our Own Chair

*During these times, more than ever, please help us put a smile on our children's faces.*



## **CAFCI's TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

*Deadline  
Dec. 15, 2022*



*Also Need....  
Wrapping Paper  
Gift Bags  
Tape & Tags*

**NEWBORN TO 18 YEARS**

**Drop-off unwrapped toys at the CAFCI Office**

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

**or**

**Donate online and we will shop for you.**

**Go to [cafciipbc.org/donation-center](http://cafciipbc.org/donation-center) and select "Toy Drive"**

**or**

**Call Simms at 561.719.0263 for pick-up.**

**Your donation will help make a difference  
in the life of a child from our surrounding communities.**





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## DINING TO DONATE

Dine at Golden Krust, present this coupon and

5% of your bill will be donated to

**Caribbean-American For Community Involvement  
In Florida, Inc.**

**Valid: 11/15/2022 to 12/20/2022**

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\* Valid ONLY at the location mentioned above. Must present this coupon for the organization to receive credit. Excludes seafood and oxtail meals.

## DOING BUSINESS

*Let's Support Businesses in our Community*

### ROYAL INN HOTEL

*The Royal Inn Hotel features 166 guest rooms & suites spread out in nine buildings within our large property. At the center of most of our buildings is an Olympic size pool surrounded by tropical landscaping and a spacious deck.*

675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

561.793-3000

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## COVID-19

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](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)

**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.

## IN THE NEWS ...

**Planning to fly or cruise for the holidays?**

Know before you go, visit.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

### COVID-19 & Boosters

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines including boosters for people ages 5 years and older

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

## Christmas Trivia

- \* "Xmas" isn't a recent term. The word actually dates back to the mid-1500s and gets its roots from the Greek letter X—which is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ.
- \* The history of Santa Claus dates all the way back to the third century, to a Turkish monk named St. Nicholas who was famous for helping the poor and sick.
- \* Germany started the Christmas tree tradition in the 16th century, when Christian families set up trees in their homes and decorated them with lighted candles, according to the History Channel.
- \* 'Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space.
- \* Eating KFC for Christmas is a Japanese tradition.
- \* Tinsel used to be made of real silver.
- \* Santa has his own postal code in Canada.
- \* Christmas has been banned in the past. In the mid-17th century, the Puritan-led English Parliament banned Christmas celebrations in favor of a day of fasting.
- \* In America, the tradition of leaving cookies and milk for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve took root during the Great Depression, when parents encouraged children to keep their charitable spirit alive in the face of financial hardship.

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/g37330418/christmas-facts/>

## 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

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

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan, 675 Royal Palm Beach 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, December 10: **General Membership Meeting + Toys for Tots**, 6:30 pm, Strathmore Gate West, 100 Indianhead Cir., Royal Palm Bch.

Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 8 pm

### CAFCI New Year's Eve Gala

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, January 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Monday, January 16: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration**, 10 am, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, March 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, April 8: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion

Saturday, May 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

Saturday, June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion

Saturday, August 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

Saturday, September 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion

Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, - Via Zoom

## AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm - 1:30 am: United Sports & Social Club** invites to its **Annual Christmas Ball** at St. Christopher's Event Hall, 1063 Haverhill Rd., West Palm Beach. For Tickets, call 561.312.5972.
- Visit the **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. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161 with the name of the performance, date and preferred seating.
- For information on what's going on around Wellington, go to **AroundWellington.com**.
- **Mondays & Fridays, 12 pm to 1 pm: Senior Meal Program** – Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center Senior Games & Activities are held before and after starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, 3:30 pm to 5 pm: FREE Technology Workshops** for Seniors at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center.

### 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 socioeconomic 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](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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On behalf of  
CAFCI Board and  
Newsletter Committee  
we wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas  
&  
all the best for 2023!