



## Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

MARCH

2025

YOU ARE  
INVITED  
TO THE

**VAFMSF  
DIVINE WINE & HIGH TEA  
PARTY**

WITH AN  
*Indian Flair*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 | 4 - 7 PM**

*Fashion Show, Hat Contest,  
Live Entertainment & More*

*Tea Party and/or Themed Attire Highly Encouraged*

*Ladies...think hats, fascinators, pearls, gloves.*

*Gents...think hats, bowties, suspenders.*



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

**Ticket Donation \$50**

Advance Reservations ONLY

To reserve your tickets contact:

Genieve White: 561.876.4161 or Rhonda Ferrin-Davis: 561.685.9836

**TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
ZELLE: INFO@VAFMSF.COM (NOTE: DWHT CONTRIBUTION)**

Host and decorate your table to showcase your talent and be crowned  
*Divine Designer of the Year!*

For more information, contact Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561.685.9836



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**VIVIAN AND ADRIENNE FERRIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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General Membership Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month  
Board Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CAFCI Family,

As we reflect on this past month, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication and support of our CAFCI family. Together, we continue to uplift and strengthen our Caribbean-American community through service, cultural engagement and outreach. Thank you to our volunteers, members and supporters for making our mission possible. Let's keep the momentum going as we plan for the months ahead.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS

**RELAY FOR LIFE - March 8, 2025:** CAFCI is proud to be an active participant in the upcoming Relay for Life event. Our fundraising goal is \$3,000 and we encourage everyone to join us in supporting this worthy cause. The event will be held at John I. Leonard High School in Greenacres between 3 and 8 pm. CAFCI will have food for sale. Donations and participation in the luminarias should be done through the event website. There will also be an online silent auction.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATION - May 10, 2025:** The event is sponsored by CAFCI, the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County and will take place at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. Join us in celebrating our rich cultural heritage and diversity.

**ANNUAL PICNIC - May 24, 2025:** Join us for our annual picnic at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach. We are looking for members to join the Picnic Committee and help make this event a success.

**ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL - September 20, 2025:** The Ball will be held at the Marriott Hotel in West Palm Beach. This is our main fundraising effort for the year to meet and exceed our financial goals.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** This month, we would like to recognize Thalia White Lauren for her outstanding contributions in designing the flyers and programs for our upcoming picnic, MLK Day event and upcoming Cultural Diversity event. Her dedication and hard work truly exemplify the spirit of CAFCI.

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

All committee chairs, please submit your budget requests for this year.

Members, please pay your monthly dues for the current year and any outstanding back dues from the last two years. Please note that our current yearly dues are \$80 for individuals and \$140 for couples.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to CAFCI's continued success. Your passion and commitment drive our mission forward, and I am confident we will achieve even greater things in the coming months. Let us stay connected, engaged, and inspired.

With gratitude,

  
Dennis Wright

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Jean McKenzie Garvey  
Marcia and Wayne Thomas  
Sylvia Sharps*

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### **March 16 - 31**

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### **April 1 - 15**

Ronald M. Dawson	1
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Lori Valuntas	8
Claudette "Pat" Christie	12
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*If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.*

### **CONDOLENCES TO:**

Babbette and Carlos Bodden on the loss of her brother, Dave Parchment and relative, Seymour Brown



### **Please Let Us Know...**

*We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:*

- *you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.*

*Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.*

Paul Baker, Chair .....561.784.0067  
 Samuel Baxter .....561.358.3737  
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## RELAY FOR LIFE

### ISLAND STEPPERS

**Saturday March 8, 2025, 4 - 10 pm**

John I. Leonard High School, Greenacres

The Relay for Life Western Palm Beach County event will be Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 4 pm to 10 pm at the John I. Leonard High School, 4701 10th Ave N, Greenacres, FL 33463. This is only five weeks away and we need your support (that includes both your monetary support and your attendance and/or participation). The theme for 2025 is "SPORTS" and each team represents a chosen sport. We chose soccer, also known as football in the islands.

Cancer is an awful disease and just about everyone knows someone who has been touched by it. CAFCI's fundraising goal this year is \$3000, and everyone will have to do his or her part for us to meet that goal. We have created several ways for you to help us do so.



*Everyone is encouraged to set a personal goal and ask friends and family to help you reach it. The CAFCI Relay For Life web page <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/cafcipbc> can be accessed directly at or via the CAFCI website <https://www.cafcipbc.org>. From the CAFCI Relay webpage you can make a donation, join our team, purchase Luminaria, and register as a survivor. Luminarias are \$10.00 each and can be purchased in memory or in honor of relatives and friends.*



***Please note, to solicit donations from friends and family or register as a survivor, you must first join our team.***

*For the past several years CAFCI has been recognized by the Relay for Life organization for our participation and fund-raising efforts. Let us keep it going! Come out and have dinner with us at the event and support the fight against cancer.*



***Let's go "Island Steppers" as we participate in the fight against cancer! Go team!***

*Submitted by*  
Nova Brown  
Relay for Life Chair

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**CANCELLED for March 8<sup>th</sup>**

### VAFMSF

### Divine Wine & High Tea Party

**WITH AN INDIAN FLAIR**

**Saturday, April 26, 2025 • 4 to 7 pm**

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

The Board of the Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund (VAFMSF) is delighted to present its annual fundraiser "Divine Wine & High Tea" Party with an Indian Flair. Ladies, think hats, fascinators, pearls, and gloves; Gents, think hats, bowties, and suspenders.

The afternoon will feature an elegant fashion show by Dawns Designer Collection with creations designed for all age groups; a hat contest (so come ready to strut); an auction with specialty items and more. The affair will be specially catered with a choice selection of teas and wines.

For all designers and creatives, we welcome your participation in our Table "Set In Style" Contest. Host and decorate your own table with the opportunity to be crowned "Divine Designer of the Year." There will be a special prize for the winner and one (1) complimentary ticket to the tea party for each table designed. Space is limited.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund, send Zelle to [info.VAFMSF.com](mailto:info.VAFMSF.com) (Note: Contribution) or send check payable to VAFMSF and mail to VAFMSF c/o CAFCI, 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.

Event tickets are \$50 each; advance reservation is required. Last year's event was sold out, so don't delay. Reserve your tickets now! See flyer on the cover page of this newsletter.

For more information, to reserve your event ticket(s), or to participate in the Table "Set In Style" Contest, contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561.685.9836. Thank you for your support.

## CAFCI CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

**Saturday, May 10, 2025, 1 pm to sundown**

*Veterans Park,*

*1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach*

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on what will unquestionably be a stellar Cultural Diversity Day program. The event is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. Entrance to this event is free, so come and get your culture on! Invite your friends and family to celebrate the rich culture and diverse heritage of our community. We are taking Royal Palm Beach's diverse hidden cultures out of the shadows and honoring the wealth of our different traditions. Let us come together to exchange and celebrate our multifaceted food, language, dance and cultural customs. Vendors are invited to purchase a space and sell their goods. If you are, or know anyone who may be, interested, please email CAFCI at [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net). The flyer with further details, as well as the vendor form is included in this newsletter and on the CAFCI website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org).

## LET'S DO BUSINESS

*When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.*

**Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.**

**Harborside**  
HomeCare

**2101 Vista Parkway, #282  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411**

**Email: [marketing@harborsidehomecare.com](mailto:marketing@harborsidehomecare.com)  
Website: [harborsidehomecare.com](http://harborsidehomecare.com)**

**Wendy Edwards: 561.215.3981  
Joane Thimote, NP: 561.277.6558**

*If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.*

• [junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com) or [thaliaec@gmail.com](mailto:thaliaec@gmail.com)

## CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

**Saturday, May 24, 2025, 1 pm to sunset**

*Okeeheelee Park, NC-Micanopy Pavilion  
7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach*

Plans are in the works for the annual picnic, a fun filled day for the entire family with lots of delicious food and games. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079. Tickets for this year's picnic will be available shortly. The flyer with further details is included in this newsletter and on the CAFCI website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org).

## 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 the accomplishments of a close relative (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 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the 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.*

## 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 it as space permits.**

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee offers deserving Palm Beach County high school seniors 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.

Donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, via one of the following methods by **April 30, 2025**:

1. Mail check payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF (write "SAF" on your check on 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.

*For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. Thanks in advance for your continued support.*

#### SAVE THE DATE

### STUDENTS ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

**Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ 6pm**

*You will have an opportunity to meet the award recipients, as well as view a video presentation with the current and past recipients. Please save the date and join us to congratulate the 2025 SAF Award recipients. Note: The SAF award application deadline, February 28, 2025, has passed.*

## MY GRANDMOTHER



### SAID...

- ✦ Don't let your pans shine brighter than you do.
- ✦ Don't take house cleaning so seriously.
- ✦ Life is short, have fun!
- ✦ Dust when you need to but also take time to paint a picture or write a poem, take a walk or visit a friend.
- ✦ Cook whatever you want, water your plants....
- ✦ Take time off to drink a beer, swim at the beach (or pool), climb mountains, play with dogs, listen to music, read books, spend time with your friends and enjoy life.
- ✦ Dust off if you need to, but life goes on outside. You know this day will never come back.
- ✦ Dust off if you need to' but remember that you are getting older and many things you can do now are not so easy to do in your old age.
- ✦ And when you leave, since we all leave one day, you will also become dust...
- ✦ And no one will remember how many bills you paid, not even your clean house, but they will remember your friendship, your fun and what you taught them.'

Source: Unknown



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March 3, 2025

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 35 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 32 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 CAFCI 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. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope for more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. 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 *List of Donors*. **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, 2025, to:**

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

For more information about our organization and past recipients, please visit our website at [www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram](http://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram). Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561.790.4002.

Respectfully,

*Leonie Escoffery*

Leonie Escoffery  
Treasurer, Student Asst. Committee

*Junette Powell*

Junette Powell  
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

*Dennis Wright*

Dennis Wright  
President, CAFCI





## Caribbean-American For Community Involvement (CAFCI) in Florida, Inc. **STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND**



### 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

CAFCI'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 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.

### AWARD CEREMONY

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

We invite community leaders, Student Assistance Fund Committee members (past and present), past award recipients, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.



### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 2.7 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.

To apply visit [cafcipbc.org/student-assistance](http://cafcipbc.org/student-assistance).


**Deadline to apply is February 28, 2025.**

### 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.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org) and click on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.
3. It is preferred that your generous donation be received on or before **April 30, 2025**, in preparation for our Award Ceremony.

No contribution is too small. On behalf of the students, their families and CAFCI, Thank You Very Much.

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# CAFCI SCOUTS + TROOP 111



## Greetings CAFCI!

Our first campout with me as Senior Patrol Leader was an absolute success. From the moment we arrived, everything ran smoothly, and every scout played their part in making the experience unforgettable. We worked together to cook delicious meals, proving that outdoor cooking can be just as satisfying as anything made at home. Whether it was breakfast sizzling over the fire or a well-earned dinner after a long day, every bite tasted better knowing we made it ourselves.



Back L. to R.: Zachary Wasson, SPL Mohammed Almasoodi, Micah Johnson, Benjamin Recio, Kirill Montoya, Keenan Stack  
Front L. to R.: Mr. Bryan Wasson, Ms. Rachel Pfister, Mrs. Zulema Grieser, Keil Grieser, Hadi Okkashe

The real adventure kicked in when we set out on our 15-mile biking trip. It was a challenge, but nothing we couldn't handle as a team. Along the way, we saw an incredible variety of wildlife—birds soaring overhead, deer moving through the trees, and even a few surprises that kept the ride exciting. Pushing through those miles together made us stronger. Despite the fatigue, the sense of accomplishment at the end was worth every pedal stroke.

By the time we packed up, everyone knew this campout had set the bar high. We worked as a team, had fun, and proved our capabilities. As SPL, I made sure this wasn't just another trip—it was an adventure filled with camaraderie, challenges, and memories we'll never forget. And this is just the beginning.



Mohammed Almasoodi  
Senior Patrol Leader

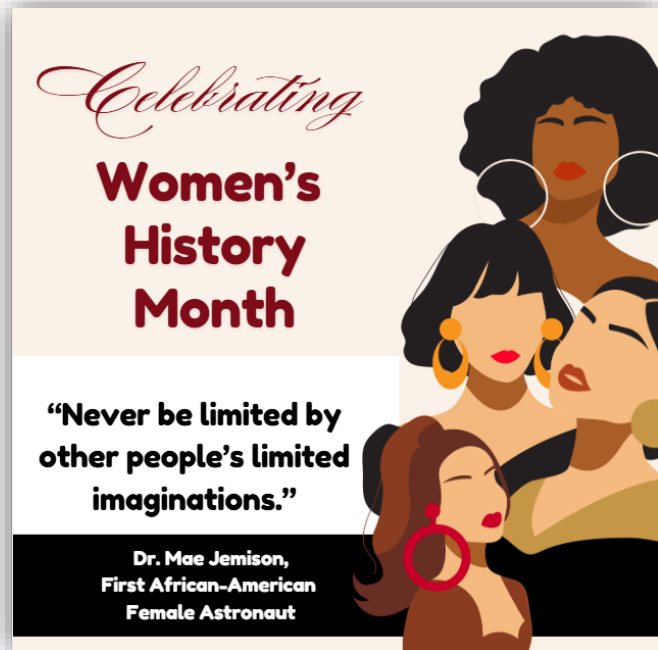


**SCOUT LAW** | *"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."*

To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111 or to volunteer for scouting, visit <https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>

**SCOUT OATH** | *"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."*

## MARCH... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness



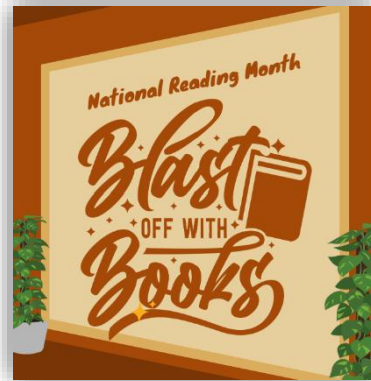
**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** is the month dedicated to reflecting on the often-overlooked contributions of women in U.S. history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

During the month of March, we give a little extra attention to all the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women. Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized March as National Women's History Month. Every woman has a story to tell and gifts to share with the world. So get ready, because this month is about honoring magnificent ladies, and we are ready to celebrate it to the fullest.

On March 8, 2025, join us to celebrate International Women's Day under the theme, "FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS: RIGHTS. EQUALITY. EMPOWERMENT." This year's theme calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind.

Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-womens-history-month>

Women's History Milestones: A Timeline | HISTORY



### NATIONAL READING MONTH

The month is meant to encourage people of all ages to read every day.

### WHY CELEBRATE NATIONAL READING MONTH?

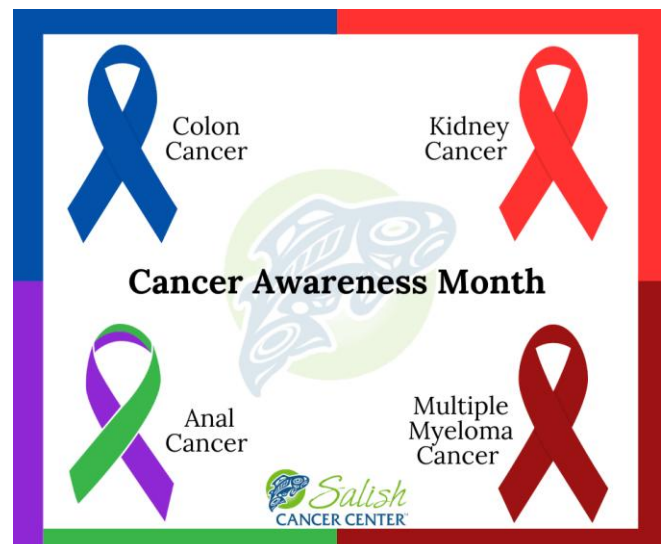
#### READING MONTH?

- Reading helps develop language skills, critical thinking, and empathy
- Reading can improve memory, cognitive function, and reduce stress
- Reading is a key part of education and professional development
- Reading can help children learn to focus, concentrate, socialize, and communicate

#### HOW TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL READING MONTH:

- Read aloud
- Start a book club
- Go on a book hunt
- Track how many books you read
- Make bookmarks
- Dress up as your favorite book character
- Read diverse books

Source: AI Overview



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

*Immigration agents or ICE may come to your workplace, school, or even place of worship. You have rights, regardless of where you are at!*

## UNDERSTAND WHAT ICE CAN AND CANNOT DO!

Anyone can enter public spaces, including ICE agents. However, to enter PRIVATE spaces, agents must receive an authorization or have a valid JUDICIAL warrant.

For example, ICE can enter the main dining room of a restaurant, but CANNOT search an area that is closed to the public, such as the kitchen, a storage room, or a private office without a Judicial Warrant giving them the power to do so.

### 1. If ICE comes to your work, school or place of worship:

- **Stay calm and do not run.** Running may be viewed as an admission that you have something to hide.
- **Do NOT answer any question** or ONLY ask to “speak to a lawyer”.
- **Say aloud “I do not consent to a search”** and encourage others to do the same. If ICE agents try to search property, bags, or the pockets of someone at the work site, this could be challenged later in court.
- Ask if you are free to leave - if the agents say no, say: **“I want to remain silent and want to speak with my lawyer.”**

### 2. Prepare your coworkers and peers - remind everyone to:

- **Stay calm and to NOT answer any questions**
- **NOT help ICE agents sort people** by their immigration status or the country they are from.
- Watch the agents and see if they are complying with what’s written in the Judicial Warrant if they have one.
- **NOT hand over any IDs or papers to ICE.** All workers have this right.

#### INFORM COWORKERS AND PEERS!

*Talk with your coworkers, inform them of their rights!*

*Share <http://flic.fyi/kyr> with them so they can print their own “Know Your Rights” cards.*

### 3. If possible, prepare your workplace, school, and place of worship:

- **Identify an assigned spokesperson to be in charge of talking with agents.** This person must ask to see a Judicial Warrant and is responsible for reviewing its scope and validity.
- ICE can only gain access to private areas that are listed in the Judicial Warrant.
- **Have FLIC’s Hotline number -1-888-600-5762 in a place where everyone can see it.** Call the Hotline as soon as possible to report the raid.
- If ICE arrests any of your peers, ask agents where they are being taken to. This information will help the person’s family and lawyer find them.
- Train everyone to NOT interact with ICE agents. If ICE agents have questions or requests, your workers and peers should say nothing, or say: “You are not allowed to enter. Talk to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the assigned spokesperson)”

#### WARNING:

ICE agents may try to stop, question, or even arrest a worker without the proper authority. **The best way for workers to protect their rights is to stay silent and ask for an attorney.**

By informing yourself and the people around you, you are helping to protect everyone. **Letting your coworkers, employer, and peers know about these rights will make a big difference**

Share our **Know Your Rights** website with your coworkers, friends, family members and neighbors because we, as a community, can and will make a difference even when all the anti-immigrant policies are coming at us!

**This information is ONLY a recommendation and should NOT be substituted for legal advice.**

Call or text 1.888.600.5762 for any questions.

Source: FLIC (Florida Immigrant Coalition);  
<https://floridaimmigrant.org/>



## 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???

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:

<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI

Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Lawrence Logan,

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

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

### BUSINESS



Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Last month we made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, setting up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net).

*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.*



Scan QR Code to Support  
CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, CAFCI Home Of Our Own Chair

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement In Florida, Inc.



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The Village of Royal Palm Beach

present



# Cultural Diversity Day

## OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

Come Join Us

*It's Free.*

Saturday, May 10, 2025  
1 pm – sundown

at

**Veterans Park**

1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.,  
Royal Palm Beach, FL

**Food Vendors | Creative Displays | Prizes | & Much More**

**A diverse array of  
live entertainment**

**Featuring  
DJ RICHNESS**

*Bring your chairs, blankets & tents  
for a fun-filled day.*



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:  
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# VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: **CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

DATE: **MAY 10, 2025**

ADDRESS: **VETERANS PARK, 1036 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411**

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

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

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

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

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Be sure to bring your chairs, tables, portable tents and portable electric generator if necessary for your display. The park provides no access to electricity.**

**Food vendors to follow instructions from the Health Department, including but not limited to the following:**

- Pre-package 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.

**DONATION**  
**\$ 50**

### Release and Hold Harmless:

In consideration of allowing my participation, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, in the **Cultural Diversity Day**, I waive, and release (CAFCI) Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. & The Village of Royal Palm Beach and their employees, agents, volunteers, and sponsors of this event from all claims and/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 image, photograph, motion picture, recording, and all or any other record of me or anyone acting on my behalf at this event for legitimate purposes. I understand the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI are not responsible for any monetary losses that I or my assigns may incur if all or part of the event is cancelled due to weather or if I and/or my assigns do not attend the event.

Applicant Signature

Date

Payment may be made via check, payable to CAFCI or visit [www.cafci.org](http://www.cafci.org).

For additional information contact:

Jannette Sharpe-Paul at 561.229.5733 | [jaunette69@gmail.com](mailto:jaunette69@gmail.com) • Paul Baker at 561.385.0737 | [ujama4@aol.com](mailto:ujama4@aol.com)





# Picnic in The Park

Join us for a day of  
**Fun, Food and Friendships!!!**

**SAT., MAY 24, 2025**

**1 pm  
'til sunset**



**Okeeheelee Park  
NC-Micanopy Pavilion  
7715 Forest Hill Blvd.  
West Palm Beach**



**MEALS: \$20**

**FISH: \$25**

**CHILDREN: \$7  
(UNDER 12)**

**Jerk Chicken \* Jerk Pork \* BBQ Chicken \* Fish  
Served with Rice-n-Peas \* Festival \* Vegetable  
Hamburger & Hot dog for the children  
SOUP & DESSERT FOR SALE**

**FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
AUDREY SMITH 561.601.8856 OR YVONNE WRIGHT 203.733.5542  
ADVANCED TICKET RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED.**

Thalia Lauren  
DESIGNS

## Mark Your Calendar

### CAFCI's 2025 Events

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

March 8<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 10 pm

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

John I. Leonard High School, Greenacres

April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 7 pm

**VAFMSF DIVINE WINE & HIGH TEA PARTY**

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

May 10<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm to sundown

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm to sundown

**CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC**

Okeeheelee Park, NC -Micanopy Pavilion, West Palm Beach

June 14<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm

**SAF AWARDS CEREMONY**

Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

**ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

West Palm Beach Marriott,

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL, 33401

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon to 6 pm

**VAFMSF DRIVE THRU BBQ**

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games/Elections

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots

## AROUND TOWN

- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming events and activities.
- Events in Wellington, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in West Palm Beach, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>



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