



# CAFCI NEWS

MAY 2026

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



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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

### ANNUAL PICNIC – A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

This past month marked one of the most successful annual picnics in CAFCI's history. The event was well attended, filled with fellowship and achieved record financial success. This reflects the strength, unity and commitment of our members and supporters.

Picnic Committee Appreciation -- We extend sincere gratitude to our resolute Picnic Committee for their outstanding planning and service. Committee Members were: Paul Baker, Phyllis Charlton, Delva Miller, Caren Muir, Jennifer Powell-Pittman, Lauriston Simms, Audrey Smith, Wayne Thomas, Jeff Webb, Dennis Wright and Yvonne Wright.

Special Recognition -- Special thanks to Aldin Smith for providing music and enhancing the atmosphere of the event. We also thank Doreen Baker, Barrington Berry, Winsom Martin, Diana Bishop McIntosh, Annette Morrison, Alvin Nembhard, and Lloyd Swaby for their support on the day of the picnic.

Thank You to Our Donors -- We extend heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed through cash donations. Your generosity supports the ongoing mission and programs of CAFCI.

### PICNIC DONORS

Paul Baker  
Radcliffe Brown  
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Yvonne Gray  
Jeff & Carolyn Hmara  
Kathleen Lannaman  
Caren Muir  
Lauriston Simms  
Leo Smith  
Barbara Walker  
Nadine White-Boyd  
Marva Wilks

The success of the annual picnic sets a solid foundation for the months ahead. CAFCI remains committed to community engagement, cultural celebration and service.

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 9

#### STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD CEREMONY

Saturday, June 13

#### ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 26



Dennis Wright

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**CONDOLENCES TO**

Joan Brown-Folkes on the loss  
her husband, Damon Folkes



**May 16 - 31**

Sylvia L. Sharps	16
Nadine White-Boyd	17
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Ethel Palmer	24
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Victoria Nangle	31

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Glenis Chambers	04
Diana Bishop-McIntosh	07
Kenesha Dixon	07
Ivan Bruno-Gaston	11
Douglas Lawton	11
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**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**

**GET WELL, COMFORT & CONDOLENCES**

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  
 Elet Cyris ..... 561.791.9087

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

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.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting **CANCELLED**

Instead, join us at the annual  
Cultural Diversity Day.

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## CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 9, 2026

1 pm to Sundown

Commons Park

11600 Poinciana Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL

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! 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. Invite friends and neighbors and inform any culturally unique performers and vendors you know to register on [cafci.org](http://cafci.org) or email CAFCI at [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net). The flyer with further details, and the vendor form is in this issue of the newsletter, on the CAFCI website at [www.cafci.org](http://www.cafci.org) as well as the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement Facebook page.

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## CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

*Legacy in Motion... Celebrating 37 years of Excellence*

*Strength in Service.*

*Honoring Those Who Uplift Our Community*

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Hilton Palm Beach PBI

Majestic Ballroom

150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach

It's that time of year! Time for the signature event that you can't afford to miss: CAFCI's Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the Hilton Palm Beach PBI. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place to curate an unforgettable evening. Please be sure to save the date and get your tickets early from a CAFCI member. Look out for more details in future newsletters, on the CAFCI website ([cafci.org](http://cafci.org)) or CAFCI Facebook page.

## CAFCI 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.*

## 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.**

### SICILIAN OVEN ITALIAN RESTAURANT

*Welcome to the Sicilian Oven! Not your typical Italian restaurant! You are in for something new! Our food is cooked fresh to order and served to the table when it is hot and ready.*

10610 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington Fl 33414

561.770.1966

<https://www.sicilianoven.com/bd>

Mon - Thu: 11:30 am - 10:00 pm

Fri - Sat: 11:30 am - 11:00 pm

Sun: 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm

*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.*

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# Member Spotlight



**Have You Met  
MICHELLE MILLER?  
Jamaica, W. I.**



**MICHELLE MILLER** is from Smithfield, Manchester in Jamaica. She migrated to Amityville, New York with her parents and siblings when she was five. To hear her speak you'd think she was raised on the island. Jamaican culture runs through everything she does, from the soft Jamaican inflected accent to the music she listens to and the things she values.

She says, "Jamaica shaped who I am. My parents grew us up in the culture. I was about 13 years old when I realized you can visit other countries. Every summer vacation we headed to the island for two to three weeks."

A big part of that culture included helping family and being of service to others. She recalls relatives coming to live with her family.

"My dad would always help family members coming up from Jamaica. I would share my room with them before they got on their feet and moved on. So I've always seen that and so I suppose it's contributed to what I've become."

What has she become? A woman whose sense of purpose revolves around her family and helping others. Michelle is the Director of Student Services at Keiser University, a position she has held for eight years. In that role she oversees career services, communications to the student body, any and everything happening outside of the classroom, including student clubs, job fairs, special events, and graduation ceremonies.

It's a role that brings with it as many rewards as challenges. She is proud watching students evolve from young persons who are fumbling and unsure of themselves to confident young adults who discover their purpose.

Often she forges bonds with students that last beyond their college tenure. One student in particular lost both parents in a car accident. That student became like an adopted daughter to her, working as her student assistant for three years. She graduates this December.

Prior to working at Keiser, Michelle worked as the Director of Career Services at South University in Royal Palm Beach.

Recently Michelle was nominated for the prestigious Giraffe Awards by the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County. The award honors incredible women who have 'stuck their necks out for other women.'

In the awards' 30th anniversary ceremony Michelle was nominated in the Marvelous Mentor category and celebrated with some of the county's most illustrious leaders in a recognition luncheon at the Kravis Center in downtown West Palm Beach.

Outside of her service to her students, Michelle is dedicated to her family. Her two children Adrian and Adriana make her proud daily. One is in trade school and the other in college. Both work full-time simultaneously.

Michelle travels to New York often as her five siblings and nieces and nephews still reside there. Her parents who repatriated to Jamaica generally visit at least once a year. On the years when they don't, she returns to Jamaica to see them.

Going back home, down into the country where she spent countless summers as a little girl is a journey back through time and memory. She muses, "My parents live in the house my father grew up in. It's the same house that I was born in."

The visit cements for her the place that nourished her and the roots that bind her to family, culture, and community. "Like all of us, I'm proud of the black, green, and gold," she says, "and I'm proud to have been given all the opportunities I have and to have been taught the difference service can make in the life of a young person."

Michelle is active with the Sandra Cameron Foundation, a nonprofit that fosters Black female entrepreneurship and helps individuals and families through annual events such as holiday toy giveaways and clothing drives. The organization was started by the late Sandra Cameron, a close friend, who succumbed to ALS, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

A recent CAFCI member, Michelle, is on the Student Assistance Fund Committee and contributes to the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast Celebration. This year's breakfast saw her hosting tables laden with books for young children. Her eyes lit up as she encouraged them and their parents to, "Take the books you want. I think you'll find that one interesting."

Next up for her is planning a family reunion in South Manchester. Family will be attending from America, Canada, and the U.K. Already more than 300 relatives have signed up for the celebration. She laughs at the comment that it sounds overwhelming. "We've rented a high school auditorium for the festivities. Everybody will be staying locally. Me, my brother, and my cousin are planning the event."

By Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

*Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to share your story or recommend someone, please email us at:*

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

*We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.*

## 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. See enclosed letter for details to name your very own Student Assistance Fund Award. A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. Donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, via one of the following methods by May 30, 2026:

- 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.
- Donate online at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option.

Please also share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts. 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. 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.

**CAFCI**  
Caribbean-American For Community  
Involvement in Florida, Inc.


**STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND  
AWARD CEREMONY**


Featuring Keynote Speaker  
**DR. ELVIS EPPS**

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
2026 | 3:00 PM

**LET'S CELEBRATE  
THIS YEAR'S  
RECIPIENTS!**

Join us on Zoom:

 <https://zoom.us/j/88338100834>  
Meeting ID: 883 3810 0834 | Passcode: 881283



Portuguese American Cultural Society of Palm Beach County

**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026**



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.

For more details and to apply visit [cafcipbc.org/student-assistance](http://cafcipbc.org/student-assistance).

## 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.

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

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**CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD PROGRAM  
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Thank you for your interest in sponsorship with Caribbean-American For Community Involvement of Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) Student Assistance Fund Program. **Please complete the form below to help us process your generous contribution.**

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Gold Sponsor \$5,000 or more
- Silver Sponsor \$ 2,500 to \$4,999
- Bronz Sponsor \$1,000 to \$2,499
- Donation/Support - any amount under \$1,000.

DONATION AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donations can also be made online or by mail.

- CAFCI's website [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) and clicking on the link [Click here to donate to the Student Assistance Program](#)

- By check payable to **CAFCI**

Mail to: 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.

Kindly reference Student Assistance Fund in the memo section of the check.

**Donations received by April 30, 2026 will be applied to the 2026 Program.**

**Donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated year-round.**

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**Contact Information:** CAFCI SAF Committee Co-chairs  
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Junette Powell at 561-346-2353 | [junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com)

# CAFCI SCOUTS ✦ TROOP 111

Greetings CAFCI,

Troop 111 has had a very exciting last month in the Troop. We celebrated the success of our scouts with another wonderful Court of Honor ceremony. We congratulate our new Senior Patrol Leader, Hani Almasoodi.



Dennis Wright, Ryan McNally

CAFCI President, Dennis Wright, presented our former Scoutmaster, Mr. Ryan McNally, with a lovely statue acknowledging and thanking him for his 17 years of service in Scouts BSA, Pack 120 (now 111) and Troop 111. Mr. McNally has been an outstanding role model for our youth. We wish him well and thank him for staying on as a Merit Badge Counselor for the Troop. This role is so essential as it helps the youth to earn the thirteen Eagle required merit badges as well as explore a myriad of other interests with more of the 141 available topics.



SPL Hani Almasoodi



ILST Youth Training

Our new Scoutmaster, Mr. Patrick Kelly, was also acknowledged and thanked for taking on this very important leadership role. One of his first goals was to train the scouts in their new leadership positions to empower them with knowledge, skills, and encouragement to fulfill their duties effectively. He led a youth leadership training, Introduction to Leadership Skills Training (ILST), for youth in Troop 111 and Troop 116. All scouts earned their "Trained" patch after an afternoon of listening, discussing, participating, collaborating, strategizing and using teamwork to attain deeper understanding of their new leadership roles.



Scoutmaster Patrick Kelly, Zakary Wasson, Alyvia Wasson, Hosanna James, Mrs. D'Angela James, Mrs. Lorianne Cabrera, Lucas Schnick Baker

It has certainly been the month for celebrating our adult volunteers. Mrs. McKinney Clarke from Troops 116 & 111 also taught the Disability Awareness merit badge class. Knowledge, understanding, inclusion and acceptance were just a few of the learning goals of this class. Scouts building bridges of understanding and respect while advocating for others is key to the principles of scouting.

In addition to all these learning opportunities, we have also had an opportunity to meet other youth in the community at a recent recruitment event at Royal Palm Beach High School. Scouts were able to teach knot tying and share some of the many wonderful adventures they have had in Troop 111 to incoming 9th graders. We look forward to some new scout visits.

We are looking forward to participating at CAFCI's Cultural Diversity Day with the flag ceremony and some fun games to play with youth from the community.

Thank you CAFCI for your interest, dedication and support of Troop 111.

Lorianne Cabrera  
Troop 111  
Committee Chair



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

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

**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."

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

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

**Please share with your friends and family.**

### **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???**

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

Submit your membership dues online at:

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

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI

Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Membership

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.

We made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set 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 [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net).

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.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.



## THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

present



# CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

CELEBRATING CULTURES \* CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

## LIVE BAND & GLOBAL VENDORS

Experience a festive day filled with cultural performances, international cuisine, interactive experiences for all ages, prizes and surprises and...

**IT'S FREE.**

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 9, 2026  
1 pm – Sundown**

**COMMONS PARK  
11600 POINCIANA BLVD.  
ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL**



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## VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY DATE: MAY 9, 2026

ADDRESS: Commons Park, 11600 Poincianna Blvd, Royal Pam 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 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.

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

**Release and Hold Harmless:**

In consideration of allowing my, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, participation 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 its 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.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org).

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# MAY... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness

## MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 25, 2026

For many, Memorial Day means a cookout, a day at the beach or a surefire three-day weekend. It's widely considered the unofficial start of summer in the U.S., and it's the next three-day weekend of 2026. But the federal holiday is a day of remembrance and commemoration for military members who lost their lives in service.

### Key Points:

- Memorial Day is a federal holiday to remember military members who died in service.
- Originally called Decoration Day, it began after the Civil War to honor fallen soldiers.
- The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May, marking the unofficial start of summer for many.

Source: Memorial Day 2026. What to know about the unofficial start of summer

## STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

May is Stroke Awareness Month and is dedicated to educating the public on stroke prevention, symptoms, and the critical "B.E. F.A.S.T." warning signs, this annual campaign aims to raise awareness and reduce the long-term impact of strokes.

- **Official Focus:** The American Stroke Association promotes "American Stroke Month," highlighting the B.E. F.A.S.T. acronym.
- **Common Awareness Actions:** Campaigns, such as "Make May Purple" by the Stroke Association UK, encourage wearing purple and fundraising to support survivors.
- **Key Action to Take:** Recognize the signs (Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time to call 911)

Source: stroke awareness month 2026 - Google Search

## ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

In the month of May we take time to reflect and celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) have played in our shared history. Explore Smithsonian events happening online and in-person and find resources, podcasts, and collection items to learn more about AANHPI contributions.

## HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Haitian Heritage Month is celebrated annually in May to honor the history, culture, and contributions of the Haitian community, particularly in the United States. Originating in 1998, it highlights Haiti's independence, vibrant traditions, and contributions in arts, business, and education, featuring events like festivals and Haitian Flag Day on May 18th.

### Key Aspects of Haitian Heritage Month:

- **Significance:** The month aims to promote awareness of Haitian heritage, celebrating the first Black independent nation.
- **Haitian Flag Day:** Celebrated on May 18th, this is a major highlight recognizing the creation of the Haitian flag in 1804.
- **Origin:** The commemoration started in Boston in 1998 and has grown into a national observance in the U.S.
- **Celebrations:** Events include parades, festivals, concerts, and educational events, with major activities in cities like Miami and Boston.

### How to Celebrate:

- **Engage in Cultural Activities:** Attend local, community-organized events like Haitian Times' curated events.
- **Learn About History:** Explore the history of the Haitian revolution and its independence, such as through the Haitian Heritage Museum.
- **Support Haitian Businesses and Art:** Engage with local Haitian businesses and artists, for example, via the Haitian Art Society.
- **Attend Flag Day Celebrations:** Participate in local, cultural parades and community gatherings.

Source: haitian heritage month - Google Search

## Get Ready For... HURRICANE SEASON 2026

Visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes#before>



Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season  
May 15 - November 30



Atlantic Hurricane Season  
June 1 - November 30



Central Pacific Typhoon Season  
June 1 - November 30

## **Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2026 Events**

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

### **NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MAY**

**Saturday, May 9 • 1 pm to Sundown  
CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

Commons Park, 11600 Poinciana Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL

### **NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE**

**Saturday, June 13 • 3 pm  
STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY**  
Portuguese American Cultural Center

Saturday, July 11 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 8 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Scout Night & VAFMSF

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, September 26  
CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

Hilton Palm Beach PBI - Majestic Ballroom  
150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL

Saturday, October 10 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games Night

Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots & Holiday Potluck

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday, December 31  
CAFCI NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**

## **Mark Your Calendar AROUND TOWN**

- **Sunday, June 21, 2-6 pm | ISLAND SPACE MANGO FESTIVAL 2026.** Join us for a day of delicious fun at Broward's ONLY Mango Fest! Charles F Dodge City Center, 601 City Ctr Way, Pembroke Pine. For more information call 954.999.0989 or email [museum@islandspacefl.org](mailto:museum@islandspacefl.org).
- Visit the CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in WELLINGTON, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in WEST PALM BEACH, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>

Calling all Creative Cats to The Palm Beaches! MOSAIC (Month of Shows, Art, Ideas and Culture) is coming back for its ninth year of fun in 2026! The one and only monthlong celebration of arts and culture in The Palm Beaches features more than 35 cultural offers for you to enjoy throughout the month of May. Visit [MOSAICPBC.COM](http://MOSAICPBC.COM) to plan your MOSAIC experience today!