



## 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.

June

2015

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Student Assistance:** Our student assistance awards ceremony was held at the Village Golf Club in Royal Palm Beach on May 16, 2015. This year marks twenty six consecutive years of giving awards to students in our local area. Thanks to the generosity of our members, friends and supporters, this year we were able to award seven \$1,000 scholarships to seven bright and ambitious students from our local community. These students will be going to various colleges to pursue advance degrees. The theme for this year was "Building Now For The Future". This year's recipients were given some advice and tips on college life and how to be successful, by three past recipients of the CAFCI student award, Brandon Boyd, Gillian Strowbridge and Paul Joaseus. Special thanks to Dr. Elaine Ealy, Student Assistance Committee Chair, and her committee (Dr. Cedric Lynch, Junette Powell, Pearline Roomes and Nadine White-Boyd) for all their hard work in soliciting and raising funds, for selecting the recipients and for making the evening another memorable one. The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships to seven eagle scouts on May 30, 2015. Special thanks to Chair, Genieve White and the VAFMSF committee (Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Pat Forde, Shirley Palmer and Thalia White) for their hard work and also being CAFCI's liaison to the scouts.

**Annual Friendship Ball:** We are in the process of setting up our committee for this year's Annual Friendship Ball which will be held at Binks Forest Golf Club in Wellington on September 19, 2015. We are still looking for someone to chair the committee. If you would like to serve on the committee, please leave a message on our office number at 561-790-4002.

Dennis Wright  
 President

### 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org) or Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Lawrence Logan, 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



#### JUNE 16-30

Gladys E. Brown	18
Carmen Johnson	18
Georgia Brown	19
Hyacinth M. Wilson	20
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis	21
Gerald Damon	26
Lillian McGann	28

#### JULY 1 - 15

Audrey Campbell	01
Henworth Ferguson	07
Everett Wheatley	07
Kenneth Salmon	08
Mavis Baxter	11

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Carmen Johnson and family on the passing of her husband Rupel Johnson  
 Barbara Walker loss of her husband  
 Genieve White and Family on the loss of a family member

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Gwen Osborne

### Please Let Us Know...

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

Elet Cyrus, Chair ..... 791-9087  
 Paul Baker ..... 784-0067  
 Samuel Baxter ..... 798-2864

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday, June 13 at 7 pm**

*Kevin Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach*

Our guest speaker for the June meeting will be Suzette Rochester, Manager, Florida Victoria Mutual Building Society. She will provide assistance on how to OWN YOUR OWN HOME IN JAMAICA, and build your financial independence. There will also be brief updates on CAFCI's upcoming events, including the Talent Show on Sunday, August 30th and the Annual Friendship Ball on September 19th. Details for all CAFCI events are posted on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org)).



## **CAFCI'S TALENT SHOW**

*Stars of Tomorrow*

**Sunday, August 30 at 5 pm**

*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center*

Are you a talented youth... love to perform, play an instrument, sing or dance? Know a talented youth age 5 - 21 years of age? Then here is the opportunity to showcase that amazing talent. Auditions for CAFCI's youth talent show will be held on Friday, August 21, 2015 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. CAFCI's Annual Youth Talent Show, featuring *Stars of Tomorrow*, will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 5 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. For more information, contact Nadine White-Boyd at [nwwboyd@aol.com](mailto:nwwboyd@aol.com) or 561-351-6895; Clover at 561-596-1748; Junette at 561-346-2353 or Shirley at 561-719-6508.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**September 19, 2015**

**CAFCI's ANNUAL  
FRIENDSHIP BALL**

***Binks Forest Golf Club, Wellington***

***Details on the website and on  
enclosed flyer***

## **CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH:**

Since the declaration of Caribbean Heritage in June 2005, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This year marks the eighth anniversary of June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month.

**CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT:** *Caribbean American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic background.*

*We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socio economic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.*

*DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.*

## **CAFCI MEMBERS.....**

*If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: [ujama4@aol.com](mailto:ujama4@aol.com) or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell ([junettep@hotmail.com](mailto:junettep@hotmail.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.*

## CAFCI's SCOUTS



BSA Troop 111 held their first Annual "End of Year Family Picnic" saying good bye to their graduating Scouts and recognizing those who attained Scouting's highest rank, "Eagle Scout". The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund, a subsidiary of Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc., presented each graduating Eagle Scout with a check for \$1,000.00 and an engraved crystal paperweight as a remembrance of the day and the beginning of their next chapter in life. Each scout graduated with honors and all been accepted into the University of their choice.



Presenting the awards were members and founding members of the Scholarship Fund with special guest speaker former Scoutmaster David Pantone.

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Cub Scout Pack 120 had a wonderful advancement program at Camp Davis which ended with an outdoor movie night complete with popcorn.

*Submitted by Rhonda Ferrin-Davis*

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## OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:

It is with great pleasure that I report that Brandon Boyd (son of Nadine White-Boyd and Paul Boyd, grandson of Genieve White and nephew of Thalia White) has made it to the Dean's list at FSU. Congratulations Brandon!

*Submitted by Paul Baker*

## STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS:

CAFCI did it again!

Seven monetary awards of \$1,000 each were presented to local students bound for college. Presentation of the awards was made during the recent awards ceremony hosted by the hard-working CAFCI Student Assistance Committee. The ceremony was held for the second year at Village Golf Club in Royal Palm Beach on May 16 at 7 pm. The theme for the 2015 Awards Ceremony was: "Building Now for the Future."

The seven recipients of this year's awards are: Lourdjina Auguste; Elijah Brown; Elisabeth Christie; Brandon Hernandez; Brian Phillips; Ariana Simmonds and LeOndra Strowbridge. The Simms Award for a student who plans to pursue a career in the medical field went to Brian Phillips whose career goal is to be a pediatrician. The Jess Santamaria Award for community service went to Elisabeth Christie who has already completed over 2,000 hours of community service.



Award Recipients with Student Assistance Committee and CAFCI President, Dennis Wright

The guest speaker, Dr. Ronald Romear, author, and owner/manager of several provider pediatric groups, delivered the motivational speech to the recipients. One recipient shared a "take-away" from his address, "Most people will only tell you the glamorous side of growing up and the fact that Dr. Romear took the time to be real with us, really touched me."



Dr. Ronald Romear

Special thanks to all the donors, community stakeholders, faithful and generous CAFCI members who went the extra mile and friends and family who took the time to share. To everyone who has contributed in some way to the success of this special annual event, thank you.

*"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." —Jackie Robinson*

*Submitted by Dr. Eaine Ealy*

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

For the past twelve years, CAFCI, the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council have partnered to bring together people from diverse cultural backgrounds to celebrate their culture in dance, song and various performances. This year's event was held at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach and opened with the Flag Ceremony by Boy Scouts Troop 111 followed by a welcome by CAFCI President Dennis Wright and Royal Palm Beach Mayor Matti Mattioli. The event, as usual, was well attended as the crowd enjoyed the food, fashion, history and entertainment featuring Volkstanzgruppe, German Maypole Dancers; M C M Classic Revue Band, Haitian; AfroQuena Dance Corporation; The Sensational Diva Models; Cheeky Belly Dancer, Greek; Mi Ma Lion Dancers, Chinese Kung Fu Dancers; Paul Anthony, Jr. & The Reggae Soldiers; and Emitones - Musical World Tour. This event represented our core mission "to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage". Special thanks to Elet Cyris, and her team for their hard work in putting this program together. Ms. Cyris worked through several date changes and conducted all the negotiations with our partners, the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council. The task of getting various acts from different performers and cultures is not an easy one. Once again, this team executed flawlessly. This year's Cultural Committee consisted of the following members and supporters: Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris, Henworth Ferguson, Hope Francis, Pamela Frazier, Ernie Garvey, Margaret Granda, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison and Genieve White.

*Submitted by Dennis Wright*



AfroQuena Dance Corporation



M C M Classic Revue Band – Haitian



M C M Classic Revue Band – Haitian



Cheeky Belly Dancer – Greek



Members of Cultural Committee and Friends



Mi Ma Lion Dancers – Chinese Kung Fu Dancers



**Cooking up a Fundraiser for CAFCI**  
**We Want to Publish Your Favorite Recipes!**  
**We need your help to create a CAFCI Cookbook of our favorite recipes**

**CONTRIBUTOR:**

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**RECIPE TITLE:**

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**CATEGORIES**

Appetizer & Beverages<sup>(1)</sup>

Bread & Muffins<sup>(2)</sup>

Soups, Stews, Salads and Sauces<sup>(3)</sup>

Main Courses<sup>(4)</sup>

Casseroles<sup>(5)</sup>

Vegetables and Vegetarian Dishes<sup>(6)</sup>

Desserts, Pies, Cakes and Cookies<sup>(7)</sup>

**INGREDIENTS:**

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**DIRECTIONS:**

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CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR  
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT in Florida, Inc.

*Presents*



STARS OF TOMORROW  
*Youth Talent Show*

MC: Lady C of WAVS Radio

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015, AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center  
151 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411**

**ADMISSION: Adults: \$10.00; Children 12 & under: \$5:00**

**AUDITION IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015, 6PM -8 PM  
At RPB Cultural Center**

For information please contact Nadine: 561-351-6895 or [nwwboyd@aol.com](mailto:nwwboyd@aol.com)  
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Proceeds benefit  
CAFCI Student  
Assistance Program



**The Officers & Members of  
CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT in Florida, Inc.  
cordially invite you to their**

# *Annual Friendship Ball*

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

7:00 pm - until 12:00 midnight

**Binks Forest Golf Club**

400 Binks Forest Drive • Wellington, FL 33414

Dinner Served at 8:00pm

Semi Formal

**Advanced Ticket  
Sales Only**

**FOR INFO, CALL**

**Alvin Nembhard  
561-670-8113**

**Lawrence Logan  
561-791-0162**

**Dennis Wright  
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# A For C.A.F.C.I.

So far we have not been able to locate land that can be purchased for cash nor facilities with a lease to own option within the Royal Palm Beach/Acreage /Loxahatchee area. An online survey to get input from the membership to assist in deciding what our next move will be is being prepared for review and approval by the Board. If approved, the survey will be sent via email within the next four weeks. Look out for an email with a link to the survey.



*If you have experience in commercial real estate, multi-year fundraising projects, creative finance, project management or marketing, the Home of Our Own program needs your expertise.* Input from individuals with expertise in these areas are needed to assist us in revising our strategy to obtain a home for CAFCI and creating an associated plan to reach our objective. Please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at (561) 791-3344 or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) if you are able to assist in any of these areas.



The Buy-A-Brick program is still in force and provides everyone an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please visit the web page at [www.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 participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.*

## **AROUND TOWN.....**

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – Free Spirit Outreach Inc. presents **Jamaica Night** at Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. For more info, call 561-692-1508 or 561-285-8708.

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm – Sunshine Theatre Company and EVI present “**Oi Fyah Stick**, a hilarious, romantic stage play at Royal Palm Beach High School, 10600 Okeechobee Blvd., Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. For information and tickets, call 786-237-5493 or 561-929-2654 or visit [www.sunshinetheatrecompany.com](http://www.sunshinetheatrecompany.com) or [www.eviinternational.com](http://www.eviinternational.com). Outlets include: Caribbean Teaze, Caribbean Choice, Foodtown, Top Taste. Limited early bird tickets - \$29 – ends June 14, 2014.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

SATURDAY, JULY 11: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21: Auditions for Talent Show at 5 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30: Talent Show at 5 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

**CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

***Binks Forest Golf Club, Wellington***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10: General Meeting/International Games Night at 7 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14: Annual/Voting Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12: Pot Luck/Toys for Tots/Christmas Party at 7 pm, Harvin Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve Party at 7 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**WEEKLY GAMES FOR CAFCI LADIES**

CAFCI is inviting ladies to come out to the Harvin Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and play games of cards, scrabble, dominoes (including Mexican train) or other games. All who are interested please call Barbara Walker at (561) 422-0524 or Kitty Lannaman at (561) 793-4055.