



# NEWS

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

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

November

2016

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

President ..... Dennis Wright  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ..... Genieve White  
 Treasurer ..... Millie Hampton  
 Recording Secretary ..... Alvin Nembhard  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... Barbara Walker

#### DIRECTORS

Pamela Fraser ★ Junette Powell

#### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Sandra Gordon ★ Lascelles Harris  
 Lawrence Logan ★ Shirley Morrison  
 Junette Powell ★ Barbara Walker ★ Thalia White

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Alliance ..... Genieve White  
 Annual Friendship Ball ..... Dennis Wright  
 Budget ..... Radcliffe Brown  
 Bylaws ..... Barbara Walker  
 CAFCI Home ..... Radcliffe Brown  
 Cultural ..... Elet Cyris  
 Finance ..... Genieve White  
 Food ..... Alvin Nembhard  
 Grants ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
 Historian/Protocol ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 Newsletter ..... Junette Powell & Thalia White  
 Membership ..... Lawrence Logan  
 Membership Recruitment  
 and Retention ..... Elaine Ealy  
 Parliamentarian ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
 Program ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 Relay for Life ..... Nova Brown  
 Student Assistance Program ..... Junette Powell  
 ..... & Nadine White-Boyd  
 Sunshine ..... Elet Cyris  
 Talent Show ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
 Toys for Tots ..... Lauriston Simms  
 Venue/Reservations ..... Lawrence Logan  
 Vivian Ferrin Memorial ..... Genieve White  
 Website ..... Radcliffe Brown  
 Youth ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### ANNUAL BOARD "ELECTION" MEETING:

The November general membership meeting will be dedicated to election of Board members at the Kevin Harvin Center, 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach. All CAFCI members in good standing, please come out to vote. This is an opportunity for our members to get their voices heard and to contribute to the future direction of CAFCI. Ultimately, it is our responsibility to vote for the candidates at the November general membership meeting. For more information, please contact Dr. Cedric Lynch, nominations Chair.

**INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT:** Our annual International Games Night, held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, was one of fun, camaraderie and entertainment. There were quite a few friends and supporters including our friends from Grace Episcopal Church. Attendees enjoyed different ethnic food, drinks and music. Folks played their favorite games including dominos, ludo, scrabble and other card and board games. Special thanks to all our members, friends and supporters who donated food, drinks and dessert for the event. Thanks to CAFCI games night coordinators: Pamela Fraser, Lawrence Logan and Yvonne Wright; and special thanks to OG Smith for providing the music.

Dennis Wright  
 President



#### NOVEMBER 16 - 30

Norman Martin	16
Gwendolyn Biersay	17
Carlos Bodden	18
Winsom Genus-Martin	18
Dorothy Lynch	19
Junette Powell	21
Dr. Elaine Ealy	22
Norman Stephens	28
Andrea D. McMillan	30

#### DECEMBER 1 - 15

Caswell M. Brown	03
Kenneth McKenzie	03
Beverly McKenzie	03
Hazel Harris	05
Yvonne Gray	10
Ernie Garvey	11

#### CONDOLENCES TO:

Sandra Gordon  
 on the loss of her aunt

Kathleen Lannaman  
 on the loss of her husband

#### Please Let Us Know...

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

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

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
BOARD ELECTION**

**Saturday, November 12 at 7 pm**  
*Kevin Harvin Center*

All CAFCI's members in good standing, please come out and vote on Saturday, November 12, 2016 and elect some of our Board of Directors. Criteria for eligibility to run for the Board include: be a member in good standing; be a member of CAFCI for at least one year; must have actively worked on, and was an integral part of a Committee; submission of a brief bio; must commit to attend all bimonthly board meetings, monthly general meetings and special events.

For further information, please contact Dr. Cedric Lynch at 561-451-4675 or CedricMcCaulay@aol.com.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Thursday, December 31, 2016 at 8 pm**  
*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, Rooms A & B*  
*151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach*

Come celebrate New Year's Eve with your CAFCI family at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. The Board is diligently working to bring you a special evening. If you would like to serve on the New Year's Eve Party planning committee, please contact one of the board members. This is a special time of the year, let's come together and support each other as we embrace the New Year. More details to follow in the December issue of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)).

**AROUND TOWN.....**

**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>:** Sunshine Theatre presents "**Shebada Goes to School**" at Palm Beach Lakes Community High, 3505 Shiloh Drive, West Palm Beach. Please call Sunshine Theatre at 786-237-5493 for information and group discounts or log on to [www.sunshinetheatrecompany.com](http://www.sunshinetheatrecompany.com) to purchase tickets online. Pre-show entertainment will feature recording artist Fiona.

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>: Sandi Land.** Downtown West Palm Beach Waterfront / See the world's ONLY 600 ton holiday tree sculpted from sand! The tree lighting will take place during Clematis by Night on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, call 561-822-1515 or visit [wpb.org/events](http://wpb.org/events).

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 pm - 4 pm:** Join 2016 **VSA Holiday Showcase** for a seasonal celebration of music and dance. Hosted by Alan Billingsley at Duncan Theatre at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth. For more information, call VSA Office at 561-966-7025.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>:** Celebrate as a flood of epicurean talent descends upon the area for the **Palm Beach Food & Wine Fest**. Award-winning chefs and culinary personalities, authors, winemakers, journalists, and mixologists are creating a culinary event of a magnitude never before seen on the illustrious island. For more information visit [www.pbfoodwinefest.com](http://www.pbfoodwinefest.com).

**Every Friday Night:** Happy Hour, Reggae Night & Ladies Night at E.R. Bradley's, 104 N Clematis Street, West Palm Beach / Reggae Friday on the waterfront stage from 6-9pm. Extended happy hour pricing from 6-9pm at our outdoor rock bar. Live DJs on the main stage for Ladies Night 10pm - close. Ladies drink \$4 champagne and \$5 martini specials. Special Ladies Night menu. \*Please check with Bradley's as these specials may change. For more information, call 561-833-3520 or [www.erbradleys.com](http://www.erbradleys.com).





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October 25, 2016

Dear Member:

In accordance with Article V Section 1 of CAFCI's Bylaws we, the members of the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following names, in alphabetical order, as nominees for the Board of Directors:

Charmaine Henry  
Carolyn Hmara  
Winsom Martin  
Barbara Walker.

Members are reminded that Article V Section 2 of the ByLaws states: "Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor. Nominations signed by at least five (5) members in good standing and submitted to the Nomination (sic) Committee no later than seven (7) days before the annual meeting shall be included in the slate of candidates presented to the members of the meeting."

Please note that the elections will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 (annual meeting.) We are looking forward to your attendance and participation.

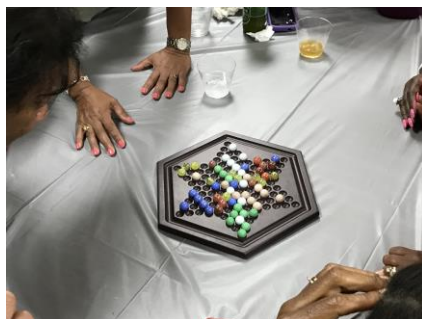
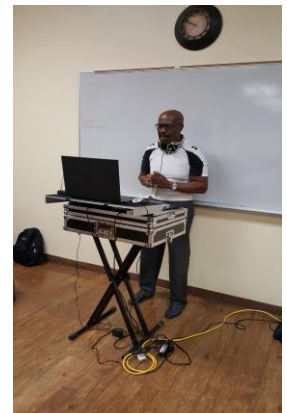
Respectfully,

Cedric M. Lynch, Ph.D.  
Chair, Nominating Committee

cc: Mr. Lawrence Logan  
Mr. Samuel Baxter  
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# CAFCI INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT



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



*As we continue to raise funds to assist us in obtaining a building for CAFCI, it has become clear that short of a substantial influx of cash, additional financing will be required. In an effort to understand our options and their associated implications clearly, I am working on meeting(s) between a bank representative, the Board and Finance Committee. After these meeting(s), we hope to present our plan.*

*Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work towards finding a home for CAFCI.*

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



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

*Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown*

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

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

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

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**CAFCI MEMBERS.....***If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the “Our Children Are Our Future” section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: [ujama4@aol.com](mailto:ujama4@aol.com) or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell ([junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com)).*

**IMPORTANT:** *Include “CAFCI NEWS” in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.*

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**2017 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 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, 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, November 12: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Board Election**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party**, 8 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017**

- Saturday, January 7: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Swearing In of Officers**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Monday, January 16: **MLK Celebration**, 9 am at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center  
Saturday, February 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday-Sunday, March 11-12: **Relay for Life**, 4 pm to 6 am at the Royal Palm Beach High School  
Saturday, March 18: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, April 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center  
Saturday, April 15, **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeehetee Park  
Saturday, May 6: **General Membership Meeting Scholarship Awards Presentation**, 7 pm at the RPB Cultural Center  
Saturday, May 13: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm to sundown at Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach  
Saturday, June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

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