

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.

May 2019

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Board meetings - 4th 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 5, 2019. This vear marks twenty six consecutive years of giving awards to students in our local area and throughout Palm Beach County. Thanks to the generosity of our members, friends and supporters and other champions for education, we were able to give awards to sixteen bright and ambitious Palm Beach County graduating students. Special thanks to Nadine White-Boyd and Junette Powell, Student Assistance Committee co-Chairs, and their committee: Doreen Baker, Leonie Escoffery, Clover Henry-Gilroy, Alpha McDonald and Alliseen Kellv-Rambeau for all their hard work in soliciting and raising funds, for selecting the recipients and for making the evening another memorable one.

<u>Cultural Diversity:</u> This year the Cultural Diversity Day program will be held at a new venue, Commons Park, Royal Palm Beach on Saturday, May 11, 2019. The Village of Royal Palm Beach will be supporting us heavily this year at the larger park. There will be more entertainment including Latin Dancers, bands, steel drums, food trucks and much more. Please invite your friends and family to participate in this day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritages.

Picnic: The annual picnic was held on Saturday, April 20th. If you were not in attendance, then you missed a fun-filled event. Thanks to all the members, friends and supporters of CAFCI who came out to make this year's picnic an enjoyable day. The kids had a ball with well-organized games, activities, treats and prizes. Special thanks to Junette Powell for organizing the games; and to Lauriston Simms and his entire recreation team for making this year's picnic a success. Thanks to Aldin Smith for providing the music and to all who donated food, money, refreshments, desserts and time. Your true spirit of volunteerism is greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to Lorraine Cargill who led the organized games and activities.

Dennis Wright, President

The Board of Directors of CAFCI extends Happy Mother's Day wishes to all its members

Welcome New Member
Barrington Berry



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Nadine White-Boyd	17
Audrey Gordon	18
Owen Smith	18
Tinu Pena	23
Dr. Karl Russell-Brown	23
Ethel Palmer	24
Patricia Charlton	25
Colgate Gordon	25
Adrius Adams	26
Victoria Nangle	31

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GET WELL TO:

Samuel Baxter, Herbert Chambers

CONDOLENCES TO:

Marilyn and Winston McArthur on the loss of his brother

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 newsletter:

Elet Cyris, Chair	561.791.9087
Paul Baker	561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter	561.798.2864

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO STUDENT ASSISTANCE ON MAY 4 AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY ON MAY 11, THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MAY.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 11 am to 7 pm

Commons Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural Diversity is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by a grant from the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. This event is free. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. Look for further details on the flyer in this issue of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org.

30[™] Anniverary ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 7 pm to 1 am

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

The excitement is building as we prepare for CAFCI's 30th Anniversary Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. The ball committee is working hard to put everything in place for a successful event. The entertainment line-up is: DJ Richness and Saxophonist Carl Lewis. Please make sure to save the date and plan to get your tickets as soon as they become available on CAFCI's website. See the flyer in this issue with more details.

AROUND TOWN.....

Saturday, May 25, at 11 am: Caribbean Educators' Association (CARE) invites you to the 2019 Lunch with an **HATTITUDE** at the Atlantic National Club. 6400 Grand Lacuna Boulevard, Lake Worth, Florida 33467. Celebrating **Academic Excellence**. Cost is \$50. Prizes and Surprises. For tickets, call 561.313.4772.

Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 9 pm: United Sports & Social Club presents its annual raffle and dance at Ramada Inn, 1901 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33409. Admission is \$20 and music is provided by DJ Principal. For more information, visit www.usscwpb.com or call 561.667.9477.

Saturday, May 26, 2019 from 4 pm to 10 pm: Cooler Fest "All White Edition" at Meyer Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, contact 772.245.6888 or www.tropicalcoolerfest.com.

Sunday June 9, 2019 from 5 pm to 9 pm: Creative Vision & decor presents a launching party at Axis Clubhouse, 3409 Pomerol Drive, Wellington, FL. For more info, call Hildreth or Cedric Brown at 561.244.9935.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

Congratulations to all CAFCI family and friends who have relatives (children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews) who have graduated or will be graduating from high school, college or university.

Congratulations to Danielle Nelson, one of our active young participants and CAFCI volunteer, who received the highest ranked Leadership Award and Scholarship prize of \$1,000 from The Solomon Leadership Program, a Partnership of the Sosnow Foundation and the Palm Beach Synagogue. Danielle, through this Program, was also honored to receive a Diploma and college credit from Palm Beach Atlantic University. The Program aims to mold potential future leaders in our community by targeting a diverse body of teenagers who exhibit leadership abilities, and are active volunteers in their local community, school, church or synagogue.

The Student Assistance Committee would like to say A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO....

All who came out to support our fund raiser at Applebee's on Thursday, April 11^{th} .

All who gave to GreatGive on Wednesday, April 24th.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE:

Good news! With your help, CAFCI has surpassed our 2019 Relay For Life goal of \$3,000. Our total contribution to Relay this year was \$3,082. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

YOUR DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

\$100 could help provide six personalized information kits to newly diagnosed cancer patients.

\$125 could help five people get access to free information and support via the phone and online chats 24/7.

\$150 could help provide six rides to treatment or a follow-up appointment.

\$250 could provide a cancer patient and their caregiver five nights of free lodging at an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge community when treatment is far from home.

\$350 could help provide seven breast cancer patients with oneon-one peer support from a breast cancer survivor.

\$1,000 could give six patients a trained navigator to guide them through treatment.

Thanks again CAFCI!

From your CAFCI Relay For Life Committee: Nova Brown, Elaine Ealy, Winsom Genus-Martin, Delva Miller, Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White and Yvonne Wright

CAFCI MEMBERSHIP CORNER "CAFCI AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, TOGETHER WE SOAR"

Greetings CAFCI Family,

Happy Mother's Day to all of our CAFCI mothers on May 12th! Have a lovely day.

This is CAFCI's 30th Anniversary year. Please make a special effort to attend monthly meetings. It is a great opportunity to keep you abreast of CAFCI and its continued support of the community.

As you look around CAFCI, you see many people who are not just friends, but now feel just like family. Although we have had our share of ups and downs, we are still grateful for so many wonderful memories. We will commemorate our Annual Membership Appreciation Day on August 10th and Friendship Ball on September 28th.

As we look forward to spring, it is hard to believe that we are almost at the midpoint of the year. Now is a great time to Spring Clean Your Life! Try your best to set priorities for your life so that you can move your dreams and goals forward.

Here are a few things you can do to Spring Clean Your Life!

- 1. Clearly understand "your why" for doing your spring cleaning. It will keep you motivated.
- 2. Dedicate time to decluttering and deep cleaning.
- 3. **Do a "Digital Detox" to decrease usage of your phone and social media**. Are there apps or social media sites occupying too much of your time? Upon figuring out what to limit, embrace your new quiet time.
- 4. **Develop a list of projects that need to be done with realistic deadlines.** What are the most important projects? In prioritizing things, you will feel lighter. We carry far too much in our minds, but must always find the ways to lighten our loads.
- 5. **Do something and learn something new.** Take this time to change your exercise routine to make it more fun and effective. Learn a new language or skill.

As we declutter our lives and homes, it is so nice to make room for new things and experiences.

*Membership Announcement

The Friendship Ball Committee is looking for volunteers. Please contact Dennis Wright at denban22@aol.com or call him at 203.482.5079 if you would like to assist.

Submitted by

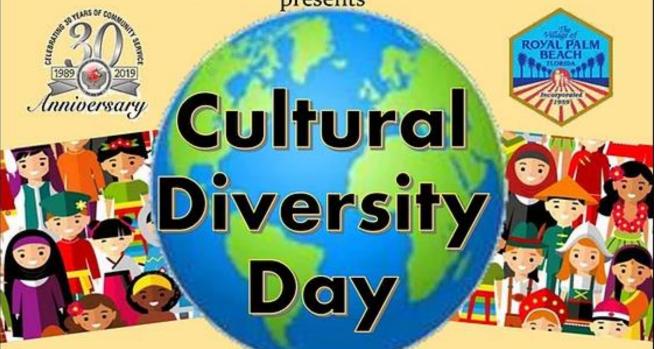
Cindy Beckles, MBA, DTM and Pamela Frasier, Chairperson

Quote of the Month

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow".
-Albert Einstein



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



Saturday, May 11, 2019 11am – 7pm

Royal Commons Park, Royal Palm Beach, FL

Latin Dancers, Bands, Bounce House, Face Fainting, Dominoes,
Martial Arts Performers, Steel Drums, Lion Dancers and much more
Bring your chairs, blankets & tents for a fun-filled day.
Food Vendors | Displays | Raffles



For additional information please contact: Royal Commons Park at 561-753-1232



THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN FLORIDA, INC.

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR

30thAnnual Friendship Ball

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM

ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER

151 Civic Center Way Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Dinner Served at 8:00 pm

Dress: Semi-Formal



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Tickets \$95 per person Advanced Ticket Sales Only Saxophonist

Tickets can be purchased using PayPal.

DOOR PRIZES • RAFFLE • CASH BAR

For information or tickets, please call:
Alvin Nembhard 561-670-8113 • Lawrence Logan 561-791-0162
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Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund DIVINE WINE AND HIGH TEA

The Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee hosted their 4th Annual Divine Wine and High Tea on Sunday, April 14th, this year with an Oriental Flair. Guests were welcomed and entertained throughout the evening by Mistress of Ceremonies, Leonie Escoffery. The ladies and gents were treated to a menagerie of oriental teas along with a fabulous fashion show with fashions from My Lovely Couture, accessorized with jewelry by Sheran Paparazzi and complemented with Make-Up by Kenesha Dixon. The evening was topped-off with a magnificent Hat Fashion Show with hats provided by Audrey Smith and hat competition by attendees, all to the tunes of DJ Aldin Smith of Soul Rebels. Special thanks to our youth volunteers, volunteers from the Troop and all who donated their time and efforts. Thanks to the support of everyone who attended and made contributions, the event was an overwhelming success, raising over \$5,000 in scholarship monies for local graduating Seniors.

















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CAFET ANNUAL PICNIC

Despite the low attendance, due to other activities all over, CAFCI's Annual Easter Picnic held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 was a lot of fun. The weather was beautiful and of course the food was scrumptious. After the egg hunt, the kids and adults participated in organized games including hula hoop competition, musical chairs, egg and spoon race and karaoke. There were prizes for the kids and the winner of the karaoke was Sha'nya Allen, Shauna and Lauriston Simms' granddaughter, who knocked it out the park with her rendition of "Hello." During this time, the adults enjoyed great conversation while viewing the activities. Some also engaged in playing dominoes and other board games with family and friends. Of course, as in the past years, the adult musical chairs created a lot of excitement. Thanks to Lauriston Simms and his entire recreation team, Diana Bishop-McIntosh, Johnny Davis, Pamela Fraser, Yvonne Gray, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Audrey Smith, William Turner, Jeff Webb, Percival Wood and Yvonne Wright, for making this year's picnic a huge success. A lovely Caribbean basket was raffled which was won by Lorraine Cargill. We also thank everyone, although not on the committee, who stepped up to the plate to help out, in whatever capacity they could, including Audrey Campbell and Winsom Genus-Martin. Thank you also to Aldin Smith who was awesome, playing the right music for each activity as well as participating in the karaoke. Special recognition to MC Lorraine Cargill who as usual worked her magic in keeping the activities going. Thanks to Alicia Wong (who single-handed filled all the eggs with candy) and her friend Jessica Dahpaul (visiting from Jamaica) for helping with entertaining the kids. If you were not in attendance, you missed a fun-filled day, so please mark your calendar for next year and don't miss it!



















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STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, CAFCI held its twenty-sixth Annual Student Assistance Award Ceremony at Village Golf Club. Sixteen outstanding Palm Beach County high school seniors were recognized for their commitment to community service and academic performance with financial awards towards their college education. The students received inspiring messages of congratulations and encouragement from the Honorable Jeff Hmara, Councilman from the Village of Royal Palm Beach, and School Board District 6 member, Marcia Andrews.



Mark Shim, Guest Speaker; Leonie Escoffery, MC

Keynote speaker, Mark Shim, delivered a powerfully motivational message to the students and to the audience. He shared with them three simple yet profound principles that they should apply throughout their lives. First, *Know your "Why"* –know what motivates you and be true to it in everything that you do—it is the foundation upon which success will be built. Second, *Adopt a growth mindset*. You cannot always control the things that happen to you, but you CAN control how you respond to them. Make that response be one that helps you to learn and grow from challenging experiences. Third, *make sure that you give your best effort in everything that you do*. Even when you believe that you have achieved success – do not rest on your laurels –if something is worth doing then put forth your best effort. Let that become your reflex.

Another highlight of the evening was the musical tribute performed by Jordaine Randon, Suzanna Thompson and Danielle Leslie of The Irie Angels. True to their

name, the young ladies' heavenly voices delighted the audience as they sang their rendition of "Hero."

A past award recipient, Jordaine Randon, spoke eloquently to the 2019 recipients by acknowledging the hard work and sacrifice that they made in order to accomplish their academic and civic goals. She reminded them that graduation is not the end, but rather a new beginning. Despite the doubts, challenges, and failures that they may experience on their college journey, they must always believe in themselves and know that even failures are opportunities for learning! The awardees were also treated to a wonderful video tribute prepared for them by past award recipients. Each vignette gave the students a glimpse into different aspects of college life, as well as words of encouragement, congratulations and practical advice from their fellow students who shared with them a little bit of their college experience.



Award Recipients:

Front row (from left): Aidan J.C. Dixon, Kennedy Bonner, Nia'Symone Franciso, Tamya Barnett, Katleen Jolicoeur, Ritzamaelyn Augustin, Francesca Dulysse, Shevauna Dumay, Bianca Bryce, Kevin Bruno

Second row (from left): Loncey Elle, Wesleigh Jarrell, Alexia Panier, Presley Narcisse, Myles Lewis

2019 CAFCI Award Recipients:

- ★ Aidan Dixon, recipient of Amanayea Abraham Award, presented by Shirley Palmer
- ★ Tamya Barnett, recipient of Cassie's Castle Award, presented by Lauriston Simms.
- ★ Marie Ange Sintulaire, recipient of Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Award, presented by Rhonda Ferrin Davis.
- ★ Alexia Panier and Nia'Symone Francisco, recipients of Audrey C. Martin Memorial Awards, presented by Sean Escoffery and Raymond Martin
- ★ Ritzamaelyn Augustin, recipient of the Jess and Victoria Santamaria Award, presented by Rhonda Ferrin Davis
- ★ CAFCI President Dennis Wright, the Honorable Jeff Hmara and committee member Clover Henry Gilroy presented awards to: Kennedy Bonner, Kevin

Bruno, Bianca Bryce, Francesca Dulysse, Shevauna Dumay, Loncey Elie, Wesleigh Lilliana Jarrell, Katleen Jolicouer, Myles A. Lewis and Presley Narcisse.

Each award recipient gave heartfelt and, at times, humorous 30 second speeches, in true millennial fashion...read from their smart phones, outlining, quite impressively, where they plan to attend college, their own career goals and thanking their parents for their continued love and support and CAFCI for the awards.

As the ceremony came to a close, the students were encouraged to stay in touch with CAFCI, to share their successes, and to continue to use their time and talent to make a positive difference in the world. Education is the strongest weapon for change and growth. The ceremony closed with committee member, Alpha McDonald thanking Mistress of Ceremony, Leonie Escoffery, for her humor, enthusiasm and energy, the parents, families and friends of the recipients, and CAFCI's members and supporters for their generosity and continued support of the Student Assistance fund.

At the ceremony, Committee member, Doreen Baker, provided a brief history of the birth and growth of the student assistance fund. CAFCI is proud to have donated over \$128,490 to Palm Beach High school seniors over the past 26 years. Creating opportunities to help young people advance their educational goals has been an abiding part of CAFCI's mission, and it would not be possible without the generosity of our donors.



Audrey Gordon; Committee Members Leonie Escoffery, Clover Henry-Gilroy, Alpha McDonald, Nadine White-Boyd, Co-chair, Junette Powell, Co-chair and Doreen Baker

The Student Assistance Fund committee members Nadine White-Boyd, Esq. (co-chair), Junette Powell (co-chair), Alpha McDonald, Leonie Escoffery, Clover Henry-Gilroy and Doreen Baker extend a heartfelt thanks to all the donors and everyone (including volunteers Radcliffe "Woody" Brown for his technical skills, decorator Audrey Gordon for artistically and beautifully decorating the venue, DJ Aldin Smith, and Yvonne Gray and Delva Miller for setting up the venue) who contributed time and talent to make a memorable evening.

Submitted by: Students Assistance Program Committee

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This past month was very quiet again as there was no activity relating to new or existing opportunities. We continue to look for and investigate opportunities that present themselves. Our search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney to the west.

Participation in the Home Of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at 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.

You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promoting an activity to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002. To share your ideas or information on available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

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 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).

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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2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$60 ★ Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at 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, May 11: Cultural Diversity Day, 11 am, Commons Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, June 8: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane,

Saturday, July 13: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, August 10: **General Membership Meeting** ~ **Member Appreciation,** 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, September 14: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, September 21: International Games Night, 6 pm to 11 pm; RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, September 28, 2019 CAFCI's 30TH ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER

Saturday, October 12: **General Membership Meeting,** 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, November 9: **General Membership Meeting,** 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, December 14: **General Membership Meeting** ~ **Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve Gala, 8 pm, Location to be announced