



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.

September

2017

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Board meetings - 4th Thursday of the month
See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual Friendship Ball: Our Annual Friendship Ball has been postponed because of the widespread power outage caused by Hurricane Irma. Apologies for any inconvenience this date change may cause but this situation was beyond our control. I hope everyone survived the Hurricane intact. Please reach out to CAFCI's Board if anyone needs help. Our new date is **October 28th from 7 pm to 1 am**. This year's ball will be at the Hilton Palm Beach Hotel. The Mistress of Ceremony will be Ms. Winsome "Lady C" Charlton and we added DWHAS Reggae Band to the entertainment line-up who will be performing along with DJ Monsta. Your support and contributions help to provide funds for all of CAFCI's programs. Please purchase a ticket or two. If however you are unable to attend the Friendship Ball, we will gladly accept a donation. Please reach out to CAFCI board if anyone needs anything.

Thanks to the Talent Show Committee, co-chaired by Nadine White-Boyd and Junette Powell, for planning and executing the Annual Talent Show and to volunteers who assisted during the event. Thanks to Palm Beach County Cultural Council for providing the grant and to local community businesses for helping to make this event successful.

Our membership recognition event, held on August 11, 2017, was well attended. We commend and thank Pamela Fraser, Cindy Beckles and the Membership and Retention Committee for organizing our annual membership appreciation evening. Members played bingo and dominoes while enjoying their favorite dishes.

Dennis Wright, *President*



SEPTEMBER 16 - 30

Vincent Elliott	18
Shauna Simms	19
Barbara Chin	20
Frederick Pinto	21
Jannette Sharpe-Paul	23
Elizabeth Morgan	24
Marjorie Aiken	27
Lucille Walters	30
Hugh Smith	30

OCTOBER 1 - 15

Frank Watson	04
Larry Milender	05
Aldin Smith	05
Ridley L. Ingram	06
Maxine Cheesman	06
William Turner	12
Sheila Wright	14
Lorna Pearson	15

CONDOLENCES:

Paul Baker on the loss of a cousin

GET WELL TO:

Lauriston Simms, Livingston Weathers

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 561.791.9087
 Paul Baker 561.784.0067
 Samuel Baxter 561.798.2864

CAFCI Members & Friends: Our hearts have been heavy as we watched news reports of Hurricane Irma's destruction to the Caribbean and Florida. On behalf of the Newsletter Committee and the Board of CAFCI, we hope that you and your family did not suffer any severe damages from Hurricane Irma. If anyone is in need of any assistance or anything during the hurricane, please reach out to your CAFCI members.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT

Saturday, October 14, 2017; 7 pm

Kevin Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

Please come out to CAFCI's International Games Night on Saturday, October 14 at 7 pm at the Kevin Harvin Center. There will be no general membership meeting in October. You are invited to join your fellow CAFCI members and friends and share your favorite International dish and desserts. Please call 561-653-1586 to confirm what you will bring. Bring your favorite game (e.g., scrabble, domino, cards, ludo). We are looking forward to an evening of fun and games. There is a \$10 recommended donation, which includes refreshments and entertainment. As a reminder, all CAFCI's events are posted on CAFCI's website (www.cafcipc.org) and you may also visit CAFCI's facebook page. There will be also be updates for CAFCI's upcoming events, including the Annual Friendship Ball on October 28, 2017 or if you do not already have tickets, you can purchase tickets as well. Check out our website for more information (www.cafcipc.org).

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 28, 2017; 7 pm

Hilton Palm Beach Airport, West Palm Beach

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE. CAFCI will present its 28th Annual Friendship Ball on **Saturday, October 28, 2017** from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport in the new and larger ballroom. The theme for this year is "CAFCI and its Community, Together We Grow." Entertainment will be provided by DWHAS Reggae Band accompanied by DJ Monsta. The emcee for the evening will be Lady C of WAVS 1170 AM. Tickets are available for purchase on the CAFCI website, cfcipc.org via PayPal or from any CAFCI contact listed on the flyer. Be sure to indicate your preference for entrée. Choices are: (1) baked chicken breast; (2) cedar plank salmon; (3) prime rib or (4) baked vegetable lasagna. There will be prizes, raffles and surprises – Don't miss out! See the next issue of the newsletter for additional information and visit CAFCI's website and Facebook.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

Congratulations on the accomplishments of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baxter's family members. **Nordea K. Baxter**, graduated from Drexel University in NJ in July with an M.S. in nursing and an ARNP in women's health. **Nicole A Keene**, graduated from NYU in July with an MA in Media and Political Communications and interned at NBC.

CAFCI MEMBERSHIP CORNER

"CAFCI AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, TOGETHER WE SOAR"

August was Membership Appreciation Month. We appreciate our membership consistently working hard each year to provide our community with such programs as: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, Cultural Diversity Day, The Youth Talent Show, Friendship Ball, Student Assistance Fund, Relay for Life, Home of Our Own, as well as many other special events and initiatives. Thank you to our committee chairs and members for their "spirit of volunteerism" demonstrated by spending many hours away from their families to help CAFCI flourish in the community.

CAFCI has been "a beacon of light" in the South Florida community for over 28 years. We paused this year on August 12th for our Annual Membership Day to celebrate our members. The turnout was fantastic. Each member received special pens, gift packages and door prizes courtesy of the Palm Beach Outlets, Duffy's Sports Grill and CAFCI. Our members and guests also enjoyed an evening of dominoes, bingo, Chinese checkers, CAFCI Word Search and a fun Ice Breaker. Loraine Cargill was our MC for the entertaining bingo games. This eventful time also included dancing the electric slide, great music, food and networking.

It was truly a magical evening that ended close to midnight. Dennis and Yvonne Wright were presented with gifts to acknowledge five years of wonderful service to CAFCI. A very special thank you to Pamela Fraser (Chair), Cindy Beckles, Nova Brown, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Charmaine Henry, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard and Audrey Smith for their efforts to make this a memorable night!

Don't miss the International Games Night on October 14. This will be an exciting evening of great food, games and music. There will also be a **"Be Our Guest Contest"** with a prize for the member who brings the most guests. Tickets will only be \$10. Please invite your family and friends.

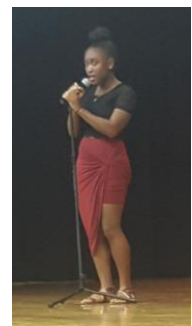
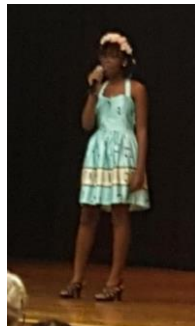
CAFCI is all about you! We are here to serve you. Feel free to email Pam Fraser, Membership and Retention Committee Chairperson, at pamela.fraser@yahoo.com if you have any questions or suggestions. Let us continue to work together to make a difference in the community. We appreciate you CAFCI.

Submitted by
Pamela Fraser, Chair and Cindy Beckles
Membership and Retention Committee

CAFCI'S TALENT SHOW

At CAFCI's Annual Youth Talent show, "Stars of Tomorrow," on August 26, 2017, the audience was entertained by our local youths ranging from 7 to 19 years of age. The vast spectrum of talent included singing, dancing, piano, string base, violin and flute recitals; a testament to over 20 years of CAFCI providing local youths an opportunity to showcase their talent. As in the past, the young performers did not disappoint. Mistress of Ceremony, Sharon Johnson, a former vice principal, and an educator who mold minds, transform lives and redefine and redesign realities, added a captivating flair as she introduced each artist. As the Mistress of Ceremony introduced the performers, the roomful of local residents, parents, friends, and family, including the Hon. Mayor Fred Pinto, Mayor of Royal Palm Beach, learned about each performer and were regaled by the performances.

The Annual Youth Talent Show helps to raise funds for CAFCI's Student Assistance Program. Thanks and congratulations to the co-chairs, Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, Esq.; committee members: Cindy Beckles, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Ernie Garvey, Clover Gilroy, Audrey Gordon, Charmaine Henry, Winsom Martin, Delva Miller, Owen "OG" Smith, Hildreth Stoddard-Brown and Genieve White for planning the event. Special thanks to Dr. Elaine Ealy for securing the location and to Audrey Gordon, Shirley Morrison, Shauna Simms, Norma Morris-Thornhill, Thalia White, Ashlee Reynolds and Mali Lyons, who assisted on the evening of the show. Thanks also to our judges Andrea Ali, Nova Brown and Yvonne Wright for helping to narrow down the audience's favorite for a performer to receive a prize donated by Alan Burger, Esq. Last but certainly not least, thanks to those who made financial donations to the event and to Little Caesars Pizza – Royal Palm Beach, Top Taste Restaurant and Port Printing for their generous donations.



Photography by Charmaine Henry

Submitted by
Nadine White-Boyd and Junette Powell, Co-Chairs
Talent Show Committee

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.*



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

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR

Annual Friendship Ball

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
7:00 PM - UNTIL 1:00 AM

**NEW
DATE**

HILTON PALM BEACH AIRPORT
150 AUSTRALIAN AVE • WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406

Dinner Served at 8:00 pm
Dress Semi-Formal

Tickets \$90.00 per person
Advanced Ticket Sales Only

*Tickets can be
purchased
using PayPal.*

MC: Winsome "Lady C" Charlton
(Hi Class Promotions of 1170 AM WAVS Radio)



DJ Mansta

**DOOR PRIZES
CASH BAR**



**DWHAS
Reggae Band**

For information or tickets, please call:
Alvin Nembhard 561-670-8113 • Lawrence Logan 561-791-0162
Dennis Wright 561-653-1586 • CAFCI 561-790-4002
www.cafcipc.org • Email: cafcipc@bellsouth.net

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

We are currently targeting other potential opportunities and working on a different approach to acquire something. As usual, confidentiality must be maintained so that the deal is not jeopardized. Properties west of the Seminole Prat Whitney and in West Palm Beach are being checked out to see if further pursuit is feasible. The search continues in earnest.



*Participation in the Home of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at 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 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 to raise funds. Just send an email to cafcibellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561-791-4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.



Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, Chair
CAFCI Home Of Our Own

AROUND TOWN.....

Saturday, September 30th from 3 pm to 12 am: *"Happy Birthday, Riviera Beach"* Whether you sell conch fritters, jewelry or the book you wrote, come celebrate the 95th anniversary of the founding of the lovely little city on the ocean: 'Happy Birthday, Riviera Beach!' Interested? This all-day, family-friendly, live-music event is perfect for having fun and making money! For more about the event, the 'Taste of Riviera Beach' bi-monthly concert series and admission tickets (only \$10, including a free drink!): visit www.RBTasteFest.net, email info@RBTasteFest.net or call 561.902.1669.

Sunday, October 15th from 4 pm to 10 pm: *Tropical Cooler Fest*, the ultimate Reggae, Soca, Kompa and RNB Event. Pack your cooler with your favorite drinks, hard or soft, and come have a fantastic time. Bicentennial Park, 190 E. 13th Street, Riviera Beach, Florida. For more information, call 772.245.6888 or 561.352.5042 or visit website at tropicalcoolerfest.com.

Sunday, October 29th from 10 am to 5 pm: *Palm Beach Vegfest* at the outdoor Meyer Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach. Come enjoy the good vibes, play games, and spoil your taste buds with your favorite vegan treats. It's not just food! There will be a variety of vendors selling yoga apparel, tea, essential oils, jewelry, skincare, and more. Bring a friend who loves eating, shopping, and lawn games! Want to be a vendor? Please email mike@pbvegfest.com. This event is FREE!

Sunday, November 5th at 6 pm: EVI presents *"Across the Bridge"*, a soul searching theatrical stage play starring Leonie Forbes at Palm Beach Central High School Auditorium, 8499 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33411. Early bird: \$27; general admission: \$30; reserve - \$35; VIP - \$40. CAFCI members will be granted a 10% discount if purchased directly from designated CAFCI representative. For more information, contact 561.929.2654 or visit www.eviinternational.com.

CAFCI

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2017 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, October 14: **International Games Night**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**NEW DATE
Saturday, October 28, 2017
CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL
Hilton Palm Beach Airport**

Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center