



## 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.

December

2016

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

Interim President ..... Dennis Wright  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ..... Genieve White  
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 Corresponding Secretary ..... Carolyn Hmara

#### DIRECTORS

Pamela Fraser \* Winsom Genus-Martin  
 Charmaine Henry

### 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  
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 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

As we conclude another year in CAFCI, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all CAFCI members, friends and supporters for your contributions during the year. Each one of you have helped CAFCI by donating time, money, goods and services to fulfill our mission. For all who stepped up to chair committees and raise needed funds, on behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your support and I look forward to your active participation next year. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

### Toys for Tots/Christmas "Pot Luck" Get Together:

As we end the year, we still have several events on the calendar. Please support our Toys for Tots drive by bringing a new and unwrapped toy to our December meeting. These toys will be donated on behalf of CAFCI to a needy group in our community. If you would like to make a cash donation, we will be happy to purchase the toys. Please bring your favorite dish to share with the CAFCI family at our membership meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**New Year's Eve Party:** Our New Year's Eve party will be held on December 31, 2016. Please save the date and plan to celebrate with us as we conclude another year. The party is a time for CAFCI family, friends and supporters to come together and celebrate our achievements for this year. See elsewhere in this issue for additional information. Tickets and flyers will be available shortly.

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*On behalf of the Board of Directors  
 and the Newsletter Committee  
 we wish each and every member of  
 CAFCI and their families  
 a Merry Christmas and a safe and  
 Happy Holiday season!*



### DECEMBER 16 - 31

Helen Russell-Brown	18
Maxine Smith	19
Fae Smith	20
Joseph Johnson	21
Joseph Anderson	22
Lena Ferguson	26
Jerome Wright	26

### JANUARY 1 - 15

Lawrence Logan	01
Lloyd Grant	02
Winston McDonald	02
Latchmin Jaramillo	05
Josephine McLaughlin	06
Beverly Downes	06
Dorothy Jacks	12
Margaret Granda	13
Paulett Cameron	13
Paul Baker	15

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Lorianne Cabrera on the loss of her aunt, Adrienne Ferrin  
 Rhonda and Winston Davis on the loss of her mother, Adrienne Ferrin  
 Junette and Ledlo Powell on the loss of his aunt  
 Shauna and Lauriston Simms on the loss of his aunt  
 Jerome Wright on the loss of his sister

### 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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *(cont'd)*

**Board of Directors:** I would like to welcome new board members: Carolyn Hmara, Charmaine Henry and Winsom Martin. We will make this a rewarding experience for you. To our returning board members, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White and Barbara Walker, I want to express my deep appreciation for your support throughout the year. Thanks to outgoing board members, Millie Hampton and Junette Powell. We truly appreciate your service and contribution and look forward to your continued support. Special thanks to nominations committee chair, Dr. Cedric Lynch and his team, Lawrence Logan and Samuel Baxter, for a successful and on time board selection and election.

Dennis Wright  
*Interim President*



## **STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND**

The application for CAFCI Student Assistance will be published on CAFCI's website. Encourage qualified graduating PBC High School graduates to apply for the 2017 CAFCI Student assistance award. If you are interested in donating to the student assistance award's fund, sponsoring an award and/or serving on the committee, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or CAFCI at 561.790.4002.



## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Look for details on this year's Relay for Life in the coming issues of the newsletter, at the monthly meetings and of course on CAFCI's website.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **TOYS FOR TOTS/POT LUCK**

**Saturday, December 10 at 7 pm**

*Kevin Harvin Center*

CAFCI will have its Christmas "pot luck" party. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" drive as well as a dish to share; and do not forget to wear your Santa hat and/or Christmas attire. Tickets and information will also be available for the upcoming New Year's Eve Party.



## **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*

Don't miss CAFCI's New Year's Eve Celebration at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. This is a special time of the year, let's get together to ring in the New Year and support each other! Tickets are only \$50 per person which includes a buffet dinner and midnight champagne toast. You may contact the following individuals for tickets: Dennis Wright (561.653.1885); Junette Powell (561.346.2353); Lawrence Logan (561.791.0162); Jerome Wright (561.649.8254) or CAFCI (561.790.4002). Markie Mark from Memory Lane Night Club will provide the entertainment. This special evening will also feature a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Look for additional details on the flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter as well as on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)). It is time to end the year with a bang!



## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION**

**Monday, January 16, 2017 at 8:30 am**

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

On January 16, 2016, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host the fifteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. There will be a continental breakfast from 8:30 am until 9:30 am with the program from 10 am until noon. There will be performances by very talented artists including the Blues Brothers and Broadway stars. The event remains free to all. Please see flyer elsewhere in the Newsletter as well as on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)) for more details.

*The Newsletter Committee and all the members of CAFCI would like to congratulate the CAFCI's newly elected Board of Directors and thank them for their service to our wonderful organization.*

Ring in



**CAFCI**

PRESENTS

27TH ANNIVERSARY

# New Year's Eve *Gala*

**Saturday,  
December 31, 2016  
8:00 pm - until...**

**\$50**  
per person  
includes  
Buffet & Champagne

at the Royal Palm Beach  
Cultural Center  
151 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach, Florida

Entertainment By:  
**Markie Mark**  
From Memory Lane Night Club

**Buffet: 9:00 PM**  
**Midnite Champagne Toast**

**B.Y.O.B.**

**Dress Code: Semi-Formal**

Information & Reservation  
Dennis Wright: . . . . 561-653-1586  
Junette Powell: . . . . 561-346-2353  
Jerome Wright: . . . . 561-649-8254  
Lawrence Logan: . . 561-791-0162  
CAFCI: . . . . . 561-790-4002

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**DOOR  
PRIZES**

**50/50  
Raffle**

PLAY BY  
PARTY  
561-448-0072



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

**The  
15<sup>th</sup>  
Annual**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Celebration**

**Monday, January 16, 2017**

**ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER  
151 Civic Center Way • Royal Palm Beach, Florida**

***“Love is the most durable power  
in the world.”***

**EVENT IS  
FREE**

**FEATURING**

- **BLUES BROTHERS**
- **BROADWAY STARS**
- **AND MORE...**

**CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST  
8:30 AM - 9:30**

**10:00 AM  
TO 12:00 PM**



FLYER BY **POKI** 561-948-1412

# 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.*



## *With Gratitude and Appreciation*

No words can express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who, without hesitation, assisted, visited, telephoned, embraced, prayed, encouraged, and helped to make our grieving process less difficult. We will forever cherish these expressions of your kindness as we, too remember her.

*Love, Adrienne's Family*

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

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>:** WELCOME TO SANDI LAND! Our spectacular Holiday in Paradise celebration is located on the beautiful West Palm Beach Waterfront and filled with tons of FREE entertainment and family-friendly holiday activities. The star of the festivities is "Sandi", the world's ONLY holiday sand tree made of 600 tons of sand! This staggering 35-foot-tall holiday tree will dazzle the crowds nightly with light and music shows. For more information, call 561.822.1515 or visit [wpb.org/events](http://wpb.org/events).

**Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 4 pm** - Hi-Class Promotions of WAVS Radio 1170AM present Christmas High Tea at Grace Fellowship Church, 8350 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Hat Parade, Prizes and Surprises. Tickets are available at most Caribbean outlets or call Lady C at 561.333.8853.

**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).

CAFCI is putting together groups for discounted tickets for performances at the Kravis Center.

If interested, please contact:

Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or  
Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129.

*(Need minimum of 15 per performance to get discount)*

- Wed., January 4<sup>th</sup> ★ Dirty Dancing
- Fri., January 13<sup>th</sup> ★ Michael Bolton
- Tue., January 17<sup>th</sup> ★ Gospel Gala featuring Kirk Franklin
- Sat., February 11<sup>th</sup> ★ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Night of Stars" featuring Cameron Carpenter, Darren Criss, Alan Cumming, Denyce Graves, Storm Large, Neil Sedaka and more
- Sun., March 5<sup>th</sup> ★ Smokey Robinson
- Fri., March 24<sup>th</sup> ★ Phantom of the Opera
- Tue., April 11<sup>th</sup> ★ The Four Tops & The Temptations

#### **Kravis On Broadway**

- May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> ★ Sound of Music
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> ★ Kinky Boots

*For more information on these performances, visit [kravis.org](http://kravis.org)*

**CAFCI**

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Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

**2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

(Single - \$60 \* Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.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, 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
- 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, March 11: **Relay for Life**, 4 pm to 11 pm at the South Florida Fair Grounds
- 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, Okeeheelee 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
- Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center
- Saturday, August 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center
- Saturday, September 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

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