



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

2015

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the year, with Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, I thought it would be appropriate to use my message to reflect on what it means to be a volunteer. As all of you know, our organization is 100% volunteer run with no one receiving any compensation to serve as a board member, a committee chair or any other functions. With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer; however, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to us, our families and our community. The right match can help us find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance our careers. One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the communities. Volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. It allows us to connect to our communities and make them better places. Here are a few of the benefits from volunteering (Source Joanna Saisan, M.S.W., Melinda Smith, M.A., and Gina Kemp, M.A).

- *Volunteering connects you to others*
- *Volunteering is good for your mind and body*
- *Volunteering can advance your career*
- *Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life*

In the next few weeks, we will be reaching out to our members to volunteer to serve as board members and officers for the next year. I truly believe that as we start 27 years of service to our community, we need the input, ideas and service of many more of our members to make our organization stronger and more vibrant.

Board Member Nominations: We will be selecting board members at our upcoming December meeting. All CAFCI members in good standing are eligible to be nominated. This is an opportunity for you, our members, to get your voices heard and to contribute to the future direction of CAFCI. Ultimately, it is our responsibility to vote for the candidates at the general membership meeting on Saturday, December 12, 2015.

Dennis Wright
 President

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may 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



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:

Elet Cyrus on the loss of a relative

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Hyacinth and Newbolt Wilson

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, November 14, 2014 at 7 pm
Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

The November meeting will focus on planning for the New Year's Eve Party and discussion and selection of various committees. Members will also have the opportunity to vote on the changes to CAFCI's By-Laws.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 8 pm
*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center,
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach*

Come celebrate New Year's Eve with your CAFCI family at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. 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 and on CAFCI's website (www.cafcipc.org).



RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life Royal Palm Beach held their wrap up meeting for 2015 and kickoff party for 2016 on October 5th at the Royal Palm Beach High School. Last year, thirty five teams registered and raised over \$40,000. This year, they hope to raise \$45,000 with 50 teams. CAFCI was recognized for raising the second highest in total contributions. The exact amount was \$3,856.33. We were also awarded first place for the best camp site. Congratulations CAFCI! Thank you to everyone who gave their time and resources to help make this possible. We know the reason we participate in Relay for Life is to do our part to help find a cure for cancer and help ease the pain of people diagnosed with this terrible disease. This year, Relay for Life Royal Palm Beach will be held on April 2, 2016 at Royal Palm Beach High School. The theme this year is "Paint Your World Purple." I know I can depend on everyone to do their part as we seek to improve on what we did last April and help Relay for Life Royal Palm Beach reach their goal. Look out for more details in the coming issues of the newsletter, at the monthly meetings and of course on CAFCI's website.

Submitted by Nova Brown

INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT

Our annual International Games Night, held on Saturday, October 17th, was one of fun, comradery and entertainment. We had quite a few friends and supporters in attendance, including a large contingent from the Royal Red Hatters (a chapter of the Red Hat Society) invited by board member Barbara Walker. We also had our friends from Grace Episcopal Church in attendance. Attendees enjoyed different ethnic food, drinks and music. Folks played their favorite games of dominos, ludo, scrabble and various 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: Lawrence Logan, Chairman, Henworth Ferguson, Lauriston Simms, Jeff Webb, Percival Woods and Jerome Wright. Thanks to OG Smith for providing the music.

Submitted by Dennis Wright



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 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.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 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.*

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 (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.*

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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, November 14, 2015: General Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 12: Toys for Tots ♦ Pot Luck ♦ Election of Officers Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Thursday, December 31: New Year's Eve Celebration, 8 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, January 9, 2016: General Meeting ♦ Swearing-In of Officers, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Monday, January 18: MLK Celebration, 9 am at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 13: General Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, March 12: General Meeting, 7 pm at Harvin Center

Saturday-Sunday, April 2-3: Relay for Life, 4pm to 6am at the Royal Palm Beach High School

Saturday, April 9: General Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, May 7: Cultural Diversity Day, 1pm to Sundown at the Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May 14: General Meeting ♦ Scholarship Awards Presentation, 7 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, June 11: General Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 17, 2016

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

WEEKLY GAMES FOR CAFCI LADIES

CAFCI ladies are now meeting at the Harvin Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5 pm to 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.

AROUND TOWN.....

Friday, November 13th from 7 pm to 11 pm – Operation Restoration wishes to thank you for 21 years with a dinner/concert at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. There will be performances by Cheryl Spence-Levy, Jamaican Gospel Jazz singer and Gospel DJ "Mr. Gallimore" and the hilarious Dr. Chris "Sarge" Parker. The guest speaker will be Denise Adams; Chair Advisory Board – SWOTT; MC. Donation: \$35 towards getting the youth off the streets in Trench Town, Jamaica.