



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

2013

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**Board meetings are held the
 4th Thursday of the month.
 See back page for calendar of events.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and for most families this is a busy time of the year; but one with special significance for families and friends. I would like to say thanks to all CAFCI members, friends and supporters for your contributions during the year. Each and every one of you help CAFCI by donating time, money, goods and services to fulfill our mission. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your support and I look forward to your active participation next year. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

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 do not have the time or cannot go out and shop, we will accept cash donations and one of our CAFCI volunteers will purchase the toys.

Our New Year's Eve party will be held on December 31, 2013. 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. If you would like to chair or help with the planning of this event, please contact me at 561-653-1586. Ticket prices will be \$45; the same as the last four years. Tickets and flyers will be available shortly. More details to follow.

Please bring your favorite dish to share with the CAFCI family at our membership meeting in December.

Board Member Elections: We will be selecting board members at our upcoming meeting in December. This is an opportunity for our members to have their voices heard and to contribute to the future direction of CAFCI. I hope to see a large gathering for this meeting.

Dennis Wright
 President

2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipc.org or mail to CAFCI

Attention: Lawrence Logan
 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.,
 Box 11
 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Happy Birthday:

DECEMBER 16 - 31

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

JANUARY 1 - 15

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

CONDOLENCES TO:

Genieve White and family
 on the loss of their relative

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

ELECTIONS & CHRISTMAS PARTY POT LUCK

Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m.

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

CAFCI will have its Christmas party in conjunction with the yearly election meeting. This will be a pot luck event. Please also bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" drive.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31 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 chair or 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. For more detail go to CAFCI's website, www.cafcipc.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

On January 20, 2014, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host the twelfth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. The program will be dedicated to our youth with performances by talented young artists. Program runs from 10 a.m. to noon with a continental breakfast from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please see flyer on following page for more details.

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.*

AROUND TOWN.....

Saturday, December 14th: **Beres Hammond** concert at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. There is a bus trip which leaves the Walmart parking lot on Belvedere & 441 at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Ticket price for the bus transportation is only \$25 per person and can be purchased at Chinnys Restaurant, or call Lorane at 572-255-4055. Tickets for the Beres Hammond concert can be purchased from Ticketmaster or Seminole Hard Rock Casino directly.

Saturday, December 14th, 6:30 pm: You are invited to the **RiverWalk Toastmasters Holiday Public Speaking Symposium** at the Vintage Hotspot Restaurant. Come and learn how to take your public speaking to the next level! The cost is only \$25 (through December 12) and \$27 (at the door). A delicious Caribbean dinner will be included with several door prizes. For additional information, please contact Cindy Beckles, Vice President of Public Relations, at cindybeckles@yahoo.com. Tickets are available at <https://riverwalksymposium2013.eventbrite.com>.

CAFCI SCOUTS

TROOP 111

Food for Families: The Troop collected over 1,000 pounds of canned goods which they donated to the Royal Palm Covenant Church Food Pantry. The Troop wanted to keep their donation local.

10th Birthday Celebration/Mystery Campout: This year's Mystery Campout was a Community Scavenger Hunt. The public was so very cooperative, posing for photos, showing their over 80 ID's, loaning their children to our scouts so they can read them a book, and for singing Happy Birthday Troop 111, to name a few.

Then they came back to Camp Davis for Carnival Games and paying tribute to Mr. Pantone for 10 years of leadership. CAFCI presented the Troop with a 10th Anniversary "Ghost Patch" for each scout and registered adult - very collectable in the scouting world, designed by Jordan Davis.

Once the parents left, they prepared for an all-night party, movies on a 15 foot blown-up screen, glow in the dark football and more.

Veterans Day: The Troop participated in the Village Veterans' Day Celebration, Flag Ceremony and Veteran Tribute.

PACK 120

Theme for the month: *Citizenship*. Citizenship Belt loop will be earned by all scouts present.

Community service project for the month: Scouting for Food - Donated to another local pantry.

Campout for the month: Kennedy space campout was held on Saturday, November 16th.

Submitted by Rhonda Ferrin-Davis



CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
in Florida, Inc.

CAFCI
presents its

24th Anniversary
New Year's Eve Gala

Tuesday, December 31, 2013
8:00 pm - 2:00 am

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

\$45
per person
includes
Buffet & Champagne

BUFFET: 9:00 PM

MIDNITE CHAMPAGNE TOAST

Entertainment By:
TOP RANKING SOUND

DRESS:
SEMI-FORMAL • BYOB

50/50
Raffle



Information & Reservation

Dennis Wright: 561-653-1586
Alvin Nembhard: 561-333-8891
Junette Powell: 561-346-2353
Lawrence Logan: 561-791-0162
Jerome Wright: 561-649-8254
CAFCI: 561-790-4002

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

A big thank you to all those who came out, donned their walking shoes and did some laps on Friday November 22, 2013 at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. Special recognition to Boys Scout Pack 120 den 7 who walked along with some of our walkers (it was a treat to see the pent up energy of some of the boys who would rather run than walk). Thanks Lori for making this possible! At the end of their meeting, the boys were rewarded with candy bars for participating in the walk.



Thanks to Samuel Baxter, Johnny Davis, Henworth Ferguson, Pamela Fraser, Jeff Hmara, Millie Hampton, Charmaine Henry, Lawrence Logan, Jan Sharpe-Paul, Audrey Smith, Jeff Webb, Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd and Jerome Wright who participated by taking envelopes to solicit donations. To our donors and contributors, a very heartfelt thank you. Without your donation, the event would have not been a success. We are still collecting money and will have a final report next

month.

The Village Golf Club has been selected as the venue for CAFCI's first ever golf tournament. We are in the process of finalizing the date. *Volunteers are still needed to assist in obtaining sponsors, recruiting players, working at and promoting the event.* If you are willing and able to assist, please call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com or cafcibellsouth.net.



The Buy-A-Brick program continues and everyone is encouraged to participate. *We have made it easier to participate in the program by allowing 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.* Please visit the web page at www.cafcibc.org and click on the "Home of Our Own" tab or call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 for more information.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN FLORIDA, INC. & THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH PRESENT

The 12th Annual Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration

A DEDICATION TO OUR YOUTH

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Monday, January 20, 2014

ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER
151 CIVIC CENTER WAY • ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:45 AM - 9:30

EVENT IS FREE

12 Years of Cultural Excellence

FEATURING

- ETEHYA MORRIS
- BIANA PINCHUK
- TAMLA FISHER
- YOUNG SINGERS OF THE PALM BEACHES
- SOLEIL ROWE
- AMANDA NG
- JADE MASTERS
- DEMI MASTERS
- AND MORE...






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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.

DECEMBER 14: General Meeting, Election Pot Luck/Christmas Party & Toys for Tots at 7 p.m., Harvin Center
DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve Party at 8 p.m., Cultural Center

JANUARY 11: General Meeting & Swearing-In of new officers at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

JANUARY 20: MLK Celebration at 9 a.m., Cultural Center

FEBRUARY 8: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

MARCH 8: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

APRIL 12: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

April 19: Annual Picnic. Okeeheelee Park at 12 noon, Micanopy Pavillion

MAY 10: General Meeting & Scholarship Awards Presentation at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

JUNE 14: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 20, 2014, CAFCI's 25th Anniversary Ball.

Details will be provided on the website and in upcoming issues of the NEWS.



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!