



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.

AUGUST

2022



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

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THEIR

31st Annual Friendship Ball

Saturday September 17th, 2022

7:00 PM - 1:00 AM

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL

Dinner Served

at 8:00PM

Dress: Semi-Formal

Door Prizes

Raffle

Cash Bar



Music by:



Tickets \$100 per person

Advanced Ticket Sales Only



Steve Higgins, Singer/International Recording Artist

Tickets can be purchased using PayPal

For tickets or information:

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: The Ball Committee is inviting all members, friends and supporters to come out and celebrate with us at the 31st Annual Friendship Ball. This event was postponed in 2020 and twice again in 2021. The safety of our members and guests is a top priority for us and is a key driver in our planning. We are confident that we can have an exciting, safe and fun-filled Ball this Year. The Ball will be held at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in West Palm Beach on Saturday, September 17, 2022 starting at 7 pm. Please come out and support this fundraising event. The funds we raise from this event is used to fund all our programs. We now have Ball and raffle tickets on sale. See details elsewhere in the program regarding the purchase of tickets. Even if you cannot attend the Ball, we welcome your financial support.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: For the next few months, we will continue our General Membership meeting via Zoom, the second Saturday of every month at 7 pm. We are planning to have a hybrid of Zoom and in-person meetings starting in November this year; we are still working on the details. More information to come in future newsletters.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND: A big thank you to all our various committees that continue to carry on the hard work to make this organization strong and relevant as we look forward to our 34th year. Special thanks to the Student Assistance Fund Committee, co-chairs Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, and members Doreen Baker, Lavern Blackwood, Leonie Escoffery, Doreen Grayson, Alpha McDonald and Marva Wilks for raising funds and awarding grants to deserving students.



Dennis Wright

Welcome
New Member
**CASARINE SUSAN
FEVRIER**



AUGUST 16 - 31

Michael R. Coleman	19
Elet Cyrus	19
Norma Morris-Thornhill	20
Cecil B. Sunanon	20
Clover Henry-Gilroy	22
Yvonne Broderick-Wilson	24
Hope Francis	25
Ledlo Powell	25
Shirley Morrison	27
Sybell Dawson	29
Prudel Belle	31
Lorna Johnson	31

SEPTEMBER 1 - 15

Margaret Berry	01
Inez Millender	02
Lydia Patterson	03
Barry Martin	08
Percival Wood	08
Hazel Hamilton	09
Dorothy Bell	11
Jess Santamaria	11
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown	11
Sherma Buck	14
Jennifer Jaikissoon	15
Olga Mason	15
Elroy Sangster	15
Eugene Wright	15

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send us an email to CAFCI (cafcib@bellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Desmond Baxter
Winsom Genus Martin
Charlesworth "Barclay" Varlack

CONDOLENCES TO:

Babette and Carlos Borden
on the loss of her mom
Leonie and Mark Escoffery
on the loss of his brother
Kitty Lannaman on the loss of her sister
Jannette Sharpe-Paul
on the loss of her mom
Percival Wood on the loss of his niece
Eugene Wright
on the loss of his wife

Please Let Us Know...

Please contact (or ask someone else to 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. If no one tells us, we cannot share it.

Elet Cyrus, Chair..... 561.791.9087
Paul Baker..... 561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter..... 561.798.2864

CAFCI 31st ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Downtown Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach

Plans are almost complete for the CAFCI 31st Annual Friendship Ball to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in West Palm Beach. The Ball Committee is working hard to put everything in place for a successful socially distanced event. Please be sure to save the date and purchase your tickets as soon as possible from a CAFCI member or on the CAFCI website (cafcipbc.org); making sure to select your meal choice: chicken, fish or vegetarian. There will also be a silent auction (see the form elsewhere in this newsletter). Raffle tickets are also available (4 tickets per book; 4 for \$5). You need not be present to win. The prizes are as follows: 1st prize: \$300 cash; 2nd prize: \$200 cash; 3rd prize: \$100 cash. To purchase raffle tickets, please contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079. See additional details about purchasing tickets for the Ball on the front page of this newsletter and on the CAFCI website (cafcipbc.org).

BALL PROGRAM BOOKLET

The comprehensive Annual Friendship Ball Journal showcasing CAFCI's activities, community involvement and more will not be published this year; however, a condensed Ball Program will be printed for the event. We are seeking Member Messages (starting at \$20). A message idea (a maximum of 20 words) could be congratulating someone on their accomplishments. The form is included in this newsletter as well as posted on the CAFCI website, <https://www.cafcipbc.org/annual-friendship-ball>

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives; so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

2022 AWARDS CEREMONY: In case you missed the 2022 SAF Awards Ceremony, the link to the ceremony is: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram> and the direct YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdeqSmv7Hr0>.



2022 THANK YOU/CONGRATS VIDEO: You may also view a video of the 2022 SAF award recipients and messages from past award recipients at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/2022-student-assistance-video>

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the 2022 Student Assistance Fund Awards through your donations. The 2022 Donor and Sponsorship List is posted on CAFCI's website.

ONGOING SUPPORT: To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option. A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link (<https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram>) to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENT

Kate Deviney, 2022 Award Recipient

August 16, 2022

Hello CAFCI,

I hope you all are doing well and having a good summer! Thank you, again, for my two CAFCI Scholarships. I really appreciate it.

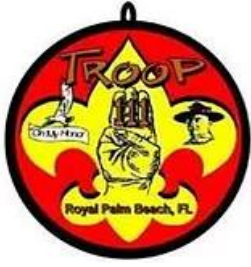
I wanted to give you all a brief update on my life and the new changes that will be happenings quite soon! Firstly, I've been pretty busy this summer. From June to July, I interned for Palm Beach County Commissioner Gregg Weiss in downtown West Palm beach. It was my second summer interning for him, and I handled constituent issues, answered the phone, and sat in on meetings Commissioner Weiss had with lobbyists and developers. I thoroughly enjoyed my summer at the County, and am very grateful for the experience.

Tomorrow, I will be moving up to Florida State University to start college! I will be majoring in Political Science on the Pre-Law track, and am very excited. I will keep in touch with you all at CAFCI as the semester progresses, and update you on my grades and campus involvement. 😊

I hope you all have a great week. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you, again, for everything.

Warmly,

Kate



CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111 WHAT A SUMMER!! In June our local council's summer camp was cut short, but Woodruff, our away camp, definitely made up for it. Upon arrival, our guide gave us a tour and then we were off to our swim test. After dinner the base camp and high adventure scouts separated until the end of the week.

Base Camp Scouts walked an average of 20,000-30,000 steps daily, enjoyed delicious buffet style meals and attended merit badge classes like miscommunication (yes, miscommunication) and horseback riding. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed a real treat of delicious Beignets at cracker barrel (not to be confused with Cracker Barrel Restaurant) prepared by the Troop sharing our site.

These Scouts also enjoyed an exciting whitewater adventure on the Nantahala River. The chilly temperature of the river was a refreshing break for the summer heat. It was a cold, exhausting experience for everyone, but each of the Scouts would gladly go back for another round!



Unfortunately, the weather was not always cooperative as there were afternoon mountain storms. However, our base camp SPL, Caleb McNally, made the best of it by having the scouts take shelter in the concrete bathhouse and play games until the storm passed.

One morning at 5:30 AM, Mr. McNally, our Scoutmaster, and two of our Scouts participated in the traditional Woodruff "Polar Bear Plunge". They returned just before the temperature dropped to the 60's. Thanks to these fearless scouts for representing Troop 111!

In the afternoons, Scouts were able to create their own adventure as they returned to favorite parts of the Camp to do some more exploration on their own or with a buddy.



The High Adventure Scouts traveled a bit further to North Carolina where we met new friends from Troop 78 in Cumming, Georgia and Troop 852 from Mesquite, Texas. Unlike the base camp scouts, we slept in air-conditioned cabins with bunk beds and plumbing. Breakfast at 7:30 am was followed by the Nantahala River Rafting adventure at 9 AM. The first round was guided with instruction on safety helmets, life jacket, up, down, forward, back and many other directions. After that we had an opportunity to self-guide which is where the true adventure began.

We tried out our new skills in the Tuckasegee River including testing every rock in the river to see if it could stop our raft. It was a great feeling to look back at the drop behind you to see what you really accomplished. We were also taken to a secret location found by our team, so it was a nice treat to show off our new Duckies and Kayak skills on the bumps and fountains. The Nantahala River also had lots of excitement at every turn.



Our last day of guided rafting was a level 3-4 in the Ocoee River located in the Cherokee National Forest. There was no playing around on this ride. The rapids were back-to-back and before we knew it, the ride was over. What great memories were made on our high adventure! We traveled to base camp to join the rest of the Troop for our final night then headed home in the morning!



Two other Scouts, Jackson Doeren and Jackson Eubanks, also did a separate high adventure at the Summit Betchtel Reserve in West Virginia. The scenic drive on the way took them on a ghost tour in Savannah, coal mine tour in West Virginia and even a relaxing game of mini golf along the way. Scouts and ASM's, Mrs. Doeren and Mr. Eubanks set up tents in a valley surrounded by majestic mountains. Rock climbing, repelling, hiking, BMX biking and skateboarding, ziplining, white water rafting, shooting sports and archery were all part of this incredible adventure. Like our Woodruff Scouts, this crew also encountered summer storms. Consequently, both Scouts are now masters of their newly acquired skill, playing the card game,



Hearts. Celebrating July 4th was truly inspirational at Summit as both boys had the honor of participating in the flag ceremony. Once again Troop 111 left their mark as is evident with the placement of our neckerchief on the Summit Wall. A final stop in St. Augustine's Museum of Torture closed out this remarkable, "all inclusive" trip on the journey home.

Many thanks to CAFCI for the support that helped to make these amazing adventures a reality for our Scouts.

By William Hicks, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 111



WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>

GoFundMe: Visit <https://gofund.me/7319cf9a> • Please share with your friends and family

HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at: <https://www.cafcipc.org/membership-dues> OR

Mail to: CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan,

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON???

Help support CAFCI when shopping online at Amazon ...

IT'S EASY!

1. Just sign into or create your account at <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Select Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida as your preferred charity.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to CAFCI, thereby helping to fund CAFCI programs such as the Student Assistance Fund for college bound students, Scouts, annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Cultural Diversity Day as well as other events that benefit the community.

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



Although changes in our criteria have resulted in more leads, we still have not found a suitable property. I am currently looking at various options that will allow us to acquire commercial property and run a business venture to cover the cost of the facility.

We will continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area based on the outlined strategy. Our preferred 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 Road to the west.

If you have information about potential investor(s) who may be able to help with funding, would like to share your ideas or provide information about available property, email cafcipbc@bellsouth.net, copying radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.790.4002 and leave a message.

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 take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy 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, CAFCI Home Of Our Own Chair



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31st Annual Friendship Ball

Celebrating 33 years of unwavering commitment to excellence in our community.

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Saturday, September 17, 2022

MEMBER MESSAGE

(Due by August 15th for inclusion in Friendship Ball Program booklet)

Be a part of CAFCI's history by placing your personalized message in the Program booklet.

Cost

\$20 Message

(text only - max 20 words)

\$75 Business Card size Message

(digital photo & text - max 40 words)

Examples of personalized message:

- *We salute and congratulate CAFCI on their commitment to the community*
- *Congratulations on Graduation, Newborn, Engagement, etc.*
- *In loving memory of*
- *Birthday greetings to*

Business Card size Message: Submit image and message to cafc@bellsouth.net. Include in the subject line "Annual Friendship Ball Business Card size Message".

Message

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

☐ Check enclosed in the amount of \$_____

Please make check payable to **Caribbean-American for Community Involvement**

Mail: *Attention - Sponsorship Committee*

CAFCI, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

☐ Credit Card in the amount of \$_____

Pay online www.cafcipbc.org/annual-friendship-ball *(additional charges may apply)*

The Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

We Need Your Help!

The Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund, an auxiliary of the Caribbean-American For Community Involvement, Inc. (CAFCI), will hold its Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, September 17th. Our last event was a tremendous success. The event was attended by many local community leaders and members of our organization. This year we are committed to making it an even bigger success and we are requesting your help.

WHAT: CAFCI 31th Annual Friendship Ball and Silent Auction
DESCRIPTION: Semi-Formal Dinner Dance, Recognition Ceremony and Silent Auction
WHEN: Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am
WHERE: The Palm Beach Marriott Ballroom, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida
PROCEEDS: Benefit the Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund for graduating High School Seniors pursuing higher education.
CONTACTS: Rhonda Davis 561-685-9836 Genieve White 561-876-4161

*The Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in memory of the founder of CAFCI's Student Assistance Program, who believed that it is our obligation to reach out, encourage, and assist our youth in reaching their goals. We invite you to be a participating auction contributor. In exchange for your generous donation, you will receive **recognition as participating donor**:*

**In all press releases; At the event; In event program; Signage at the event; Post event recognition; and
The satisfaction of knowing that you have played a role in the success of our youth.**

Below please find a Donation Agreement which helps us to ensure that you will receive the above acknowledgements. With your contribution, the Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund will be able to continue their legacy of helping the youth of our community reach their full potential.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your anticipated support.

SILENT AUCTION DONATION AGREEMENT

Donating Company/Individual:			
Phone:		E-Mail	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Authorized by:			
Print Name		Signature	Title
DONATION INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation: Value: \$		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Donation: \$	
Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Will be mailed	<input type="checkbox"/> Will be delivered	<input type="checkbox"/> Should be picked up by (date)
Restrictions of Redemption (expiration date):			



Monday, September 5th

It's the unofficial end of summer, but it doesn't mean the fun has to end. There's also a reason why most Americans are off on Monday: Labor Day honors the hard-working citizens of the United States. So, while everyone is enjoying their barbeques and brews, impress friends and family by sharing some fun facts about Labor Day, like those below.

1. Labor Day is much more than just a day off of work. It started with Peter McGuire, who is considered the Father of the Labor Day holiday, according to Purple Trail. He was an Irish-American pioneer unionist who wanted citizens that "labored" all year long be acknowledged and have a day to relax.

2. He is credited with saying the following statement during a Central Labor Union on May 18, 1882: "Let us have, a festive day during which a parade through the streets of the city would permit public tribute to American Industry."

3. Creators decided to pick the first week of September to honor Labor Day because the time is between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. The first Labor Day parade was held on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. And it wasn't on a Monday. It was a Tuesday.

4. On average, Americans worked 12-hour days, seven days a week during the Industrial Revolution, local Colorado news station KUSA-TV wrote. And it wasn't just adults. Children as young as 5 or 6 years old worked in factories and mills throughout the nation.

5. Labor Day is celebrated on a different day in most countries. Many choose May Day, which is on May 1, as their day to honor working people.

6. It takes the average American nearly 30 minutes to get to their job. The average commute is 24.3 minutes, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

7. Why is it a fashion faux pas to wear white after Labor Day? Well, there's no need to worry anymore. Thanks to trend-setters like Diddy and J-Lo, wearing white all year long is acceptable.

Source: Labor Day Trivia Facts 2015: 10 Fun Things For Kids To Know (ibtimes.com)

IN THE NEWS



CAFCI attended a press conference supporting Jamaican born Palm Beach County Circuit Court Judge Renatha Francis after Governor Ron DeSantis announced her elevation to the Florida Supreme Court.

COVID-19

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 and vaccinations visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/covid-19

For the latest COVID-19 vaccine updates in Florida visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/>

The Florida Health COVID-19 24-hour hotline is available to answer general vaccine questions: 866.779.6121

Senior Hotline: 866.201.6754

Appointment line for seniors over 65 who do not have access to a computer.

IN THE NEWS ...

COVID-19 TESTING SITES,

VACCINE INFORMATION, VACCINE LOCATIONS, OR FREE MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY THERAPY TREATMENTS

Visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>.

If you are still having a hard time finding what you need you can always contact the Florida Department of Health at 866-779-6121 or by e-mail at COVID-19@flhealth.gov



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!!!

**Atlantic Hurricane Season
June 1 – November 30**

Be Prepared and . . .

Know Your Hurricane Risk - Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now.

Make an Emergency Plan - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Include the office, kids' day care, and anywhere else you frequent in your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.

Know your Evacuation Zone - You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay.

Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies, and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

Recognize Warnings and Alerts - Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Sign up for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

Those with Disabilities - Identify if you may need additional help during an emergency if you or anyone else in your household is an individual with a disability.

Review Important Documents - Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, such as ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

Strengthen your Home - De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, and consider hurricane shutters.

Get Tech Ready - Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

Help your Neighborhood - Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others.

Gather Supplies - Have enough supplies for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk. You may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane.

To be sure you are prepared, visit
<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>



VOTE . . . It is your civic duty, your responsibility to yourself, your community and the future generation.

VOTING IS IMPORTANT

Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights.

Be informed! Read up on political issues (both local and national) and figure out where you stand.

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/why-voting-important>

It's Never Been Easier To Vote In Palm Beach County! There Are 3 Different Ways To Cast Your Vote.

VOTE BY MAIL... Voting by mail is the easiest and most convenient way to vote. Make an online request that your ballot be mailed to you, or call 561.656.6200. Completing your ballot at home allows you to take your time making your selections. You can return your ballot by mail, at an early voting location, or in person at any of our four offices.

<https://palmbeach.electionsfl.org/Voters/Mail-Ballot-Request-Service>

EARLY VOTING... Early Voting is another easy and convenient way to vote. Any eligible registered voter in Palm Beach County can vote in any of the Early Voting sites open. Early Voting differs from Election Day voting because, on Election Day, you must vote in the polling place assigned to your precinct.

<https://www.pbcelections.org/Voters/Early-Voting>

VOTE ELECTION DAY... Many voters choose to cast their vote on Election Day. On Election Day, you must vote at the polling place that is assigned to your precinct. Your precinct and polling place is printed on your Voter Information Card and available online. Polling places are open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Election Day. Click on the link below to find your correct precinct and voting location.

<https://www.pbcelections.org/Voters/Precinct-Finder>

For more information, visit <https://www.pbcelections.org/>

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

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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, September 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 7 pm to 1 am

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Downtown Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 8: **General Membership Meeting/International Games Night / Membership Appreciation**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, November 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via hybrid of Zoom and in-person

Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via hybrid of Zoom and in-person

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location TBA

AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, August 27th, 6:30 to midnight:** Trinidad & Tobago Diaspora, Inc. presents **Trinidad & Tobago 60th Independence Anniversary Celebration**, South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Admission: \$15 (advance); \$20 (at the door). For information, contact Gigi at 305.815.5705.
- **Sunday, October 2nd, 6 pm:** Steve Higgins Productions in association with Fowler, Samuels & Associates Group presents **Love & Nostalgia, A Jamaica 60 Celebration Event**. Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach. General Admission \$45, Preferred Seating \$60, VIP \$80. For tickets or more information call 561.603.4204.
- Visit **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the **Kravis Center** at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161 with the name of the performance, date and preferred seating.
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 9 am to 11 am:** **Feeding South Florida** – Drive-Thru Food Distribution Site Commons Park, 11600 Poinciana Blvd. To ensure the health and safety of volunteers and community members, we must adhere to the COVID-19 CDC guidelines. Please remain in your car and open the trunk when it is your turn in line. Food is distributed first come, first served while supplies last. If you are unable to get food, please visit feedingsouthflorida.org/covid19 and use the agency locator to find a food pantry in your zip code.
- **Mondays & Fridays, 12 pm to 1 pm:** **Senior Meal Program** – Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center Senior Games & Activities are held before and after starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm
- **1st Tuesday of every month, 3:30 pm to 5 pm:** **FREE Technology Workshops** for Seniors at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center

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 socioeconomic background.

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic 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.

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CAFCI MEMBERS.....*If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (eg. 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).*

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