



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.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAFCI completed two major programs during the month of May: Our student awards and our Cultural Diversity Day programs.

Student Assistance Award: Thanks to the generosity of our members, friends and supporters, we were able to award eight \$1,000 scholarships to eight bright and ambitious students from our local community. These students will be going to various colleges to pursue advanced degrees. The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund also awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to two Eagle Scouts from Troupe 111, the Boy Scout troop that CAFCI sponsors. Special thanks to Dr. Elaine Ealy, Student Assistance Program committee chair and her committee (Nadine White-Boyd, Junette Powell and Dr. Cedric Lynch) for all their hard work in soliciting and raising funds, for selecting the recipients and for making the evening special. Special thanks to Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Shirley Palmer, Genieve White and Thalia White from the Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund for their hard work and also as our CAFCI liaison to the scouts.

Robert Simms received \$400 as the recipient of CAFCI's Junior Citizen Award. This award encourages our young CAFCIers who work diligently at giving their best efforts not only in the classroom, but also as community role models.

Cultural Diversity Day: For the past eleven years, CAFCI, The Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council, have partnered to bring together people from diverse cultural backgrounds to celebrate their culture in dance, song and various performances.

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GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 7 pm
 Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

Happy Birthday

JUNE

Gladys Brown	18
Carmen Johnson	18
Marjorie Schleifer	18
Hyacinth M. Wilson	20
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis	21
Lillian McGann	28

JULY

Audrey Campbell	01
Henworth Ferguson	07
Everett Wheatley	07
Kenneth Salmon	08
Mavis Baxter	11

CONDOLENCES TO:

Eulalee Coke
 on the loss of her husband
 Sandra Gordon
 on the loss of her sister
 Alvin Nembhard
 on the loss of a relative

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Eulalee Coke
 Livingston Weathers
 Millie Hampton

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 791-9087
 Paul Baker 784-0067
 Marjorie Schleifer 793-4861

This year's event was again held at Veterans' Park in Royal Palm Beach and, as usual, the event was well attended. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the food, fashion, history and entertainment. This event represented our core mission "To maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage." Special thanks to Elet Cyris, and her team for the incredible amount of work to put this event together. Ms. Cyris worked through several date changes and conducted all the negotiations with our partners, the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council. She also obtained coverage for this event in the Palm Beach Post, The Town Crier and the Palms West Monthly. The task of getting various acts from different performers and cultures is not an easy one. Once again this team executed flawlessly. There are few committees within CAFCI that we do not have to worry about who is going to chair the committee; the Cultural Committee is one of them. This year's Cultural Committee consisted of the following members and supporters: Elet Cyris, Ernie Garvey, Winsom Martin, Paul Baker, Genieve White, Margaret Granda, Shirley Morrison, Hope Francis, Marjorie Aiken and Henworth Ferguson.

CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball: Plans are under way for this year's annual *Friendship Ball* on Saturday, September 21st at 7 pm. Once again this will be an exciting evening. The ball committee is now in place, but we are looking for volunteers. If you would like to serve on the ball committee, please send an email to cafcibellsouth.net. More details will be announced at the June meeting, and in the July and August issue of the NEWS. Information will also be available on our website shortly.

Dennis Wright
President

CAFCI has done it again! What a lovely evening it was to participate in the joy of giving and to celebrate another CAFCI milestone! On May 11, 2013, CAFCI Student Assistance Committee hosted another successful awards ceremony. Eleven well-deserving students were presented with awards. Eight students received \$1,000 each for academic excellence and community involvement. This was made possible through the generosity of 30 donors who believe in CAFCI and who are proponents of education. One student received \$400 for being the 2013 CAFCI Junior Citizen and two Eagle Scouts were awarded the prestigious Vivian A. Ferrin Scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Many thanks to the Student Assistance Committee members and to Deborah Williams. Deborah played a major role in helping to solicit funds from donors. With the help of our resident decorators (Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Nova Brown, Nadine White-Boyd, Junette Powell, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard and Ken Salmon), we transformed the Harvin Center into the Harvin Gallery with a teal and black ambiance. Our goal for next year is to offer assistance to 15 students. Make your pledge now to help us achieve this goal. To CAFCI members who helped to make the evening so successful, thank you. Thanks to Dorothy for putting on such a spread for the evening.

Dr. Elaine Ealy
Committee Chair

UP AND COMING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

Join us at the meeting to get more information about upcoming events including the annual Friendship Ball, Talent Show and how you can get involved in CAFCI activities. Get involved - many hands make light work.

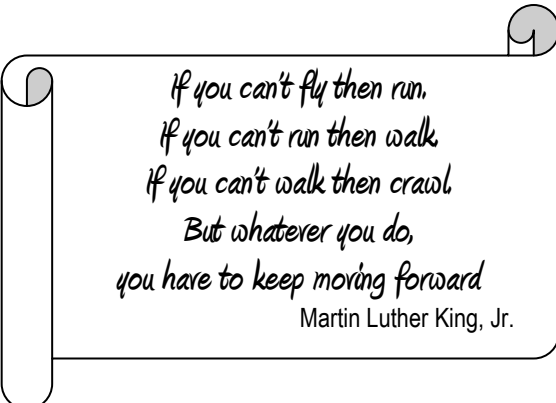


CAFCI'S TALENT SHOW

August 17, 2013

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Do you sing, play an instrument or dance? Do you know someone with a talent? Come audition to be in CAFCI's Annual Youth Talent showcase. For additional information, contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561-351-6895; email or nvwboyd@aol.com or cafcibellsouth.net if you are interested in performing or helping with the event. More details will be in the next issue of the NEWS and on CAFCI'S website cafcipbc.org.



*If you can't fly then run,
If you can't run then walk
If you can't walk then crawl.
But whatever you do,
you have to keep moving forward*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

JUNE IS CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

This month we celebrate the contributions of Caribbean Americans in the United States and recognize the bonds that unite the U.S. and the Caribbean countries. South Florida has one of the largest Caribbean populations in the U.S. A number of events have been planned throughout the month of June from West Palm Beach to Miami.

June 6: Caribbean Youth Forum - One Community, One Family, One Future; 11 am to 3 pm, South Regional Broward College Library, Pembroke Pines. 786-349-2584.

June 6: Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival, 12 noon to 8 pm, Grand Avenue and Douglas Road, Coconut Grove. 305-448-9501.

June 10: Commemoration of Caribbean American Heritage Month and Jamaican Diaspora Day, 5:30 pm, Miami Gardens City Hall, Miami Gardens. 786-349-2584.

June 20: West Palm Beach Carnival, 11 am to 11 pm, South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach. 561-584-6554.

June 21: Father's Day Fashion Show, Dinner and Dance; 5 pm, The Grand Ballroom of Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale. 786-356-0869.

June 21: Multicultural Show, 4 pm, Miramar Cultural Center, Miramar. 954-602-3000 or 754-224-8150.

June 21: "Which Way is Out?" – A play, 6 pm, Royal Palm Beach High School, Royal Palm Beach. 561-929-2654 or 561-422-3284.

June 27: Miss Jamaica Florida Pageant, 6 pm, Coral Springs Center for the Arts, Coral Springs. 954-600-0334.

June 28: "Sheep in Wolf's Clothing" – A play featuring Oliver Samuels, 6 pm, Royal Palm Beach High School, Royal Palm Beach. 561-633-3789 or 786-237-5493.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS - BE READY

June 1st marks the beginning of hurricane season. Two keys to weather safety are to **prepare** for the risks and to **act** on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials. Refer to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Ready.gov/hurricanes for comprehensive information on hurricane preparedness at home and in your community.

Some highlights on how to prepare and take action:

Gather Information

Know if you live in an evacuation area. Assess your risks and know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Contact your local National Weather Service office and local government/emergency management office. Find out what type of emergencies could occur and how you should respond.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS *(continued)*

Contacts

Keep a list of contact information for reference.

Risk Analysis

Online hazard and vulnerability assessment tools are available to gather information about your risks.

Plan & Take Action

Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children or parents are safe? You may have to evacuate or be confined to your home. What will you do if water, gas, electricity or phone services are shut off?

Supplies Kit

Put together a basic disaster supplies kit and consider storage locations for different situations. Help community members do the same.

Emergency Plans

Develop and document plans for your specific risks.

Protect yourself and family with a Family Emergency Plan; Be sure to plan for locations away from home; Business owners and site locations should create Workplace Plans; Make sure schools and daycares have School Emergency Plans; Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention offer information on animal health impacts in evacuation shelters; Prepare your boat and be aware of marine safety if you are on or near the water.

Health & Environment

Follow guidelines to guard your community's health and protect the environment during and after the storm.

Evacuation

- Review the FEMA Evacuation Guidelines to allow for enough time to pack and inform friends and family if you need to leave your home. FOLLOW instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered!
- Consider your protection options to decide whether to stay or evacuate your home if you are not ordered to evacuate.

When waiting out a storm be careful, the danger may not be over yet...

Be alert for:

- Tornadoes – they are often spawned by hurricanes.
- The calm "eye" of the storm – it may seem like the storm is over, but after the eye passes, the winds will change direction and quickly return to hurricane force.

Recover

- Wait until an area is declared safe before returning home.
- Remember that recovering from a disaster is usually a gradual process.

Source: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CAFCI'S 2013 EVENTS

Dates are subject to change.
Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

- June 8..... General Meeting, Harvin Center
- July 13..... General Meeting, Harvin Center
- August 10..... General Meeting ~ *Membership Appreciation*,
Harvin Center
- August 17..... Talent Show, Cultural Center
- September 14..... General Meeting, Harvin Center
- September 21..... Annual Friendship Ball
- October 12..... General Meeting, Harvin Center
- November 9..... General Meeting ~ *Election*, Harvin Center
- December 14..... Pot Luck/Christmas Party & Toys for Tots
- December 31..... New Year's Eve Party



AROUND TOWN.....

Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 7 pm:
 The Caribbean Democratic Club presents "*AllSpice - Flavor of the Caribbean*" at the West Palm Beach Lake Front Pavilion, featuring chefs from the Caribbean, a Vacation Village, live music and much more. For tickets (\$75 pp or \$130 per couple), contact Sophia Nelson at 561-531-1876 or sopnel@aol.com, Junette Powell at 561-346-2353 or Genieve White at 561-876-4161. You don't want to miss this awesome event.

Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 9 am to 2 pm:
 Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches will have a free health fare at The Mollie Wilmot Center at Palm Healthcare Pavilion, 5205 Greenwood Avenue, West Palm Beach.

Saturday August 3, 2013 at 7 pm:
 Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches will have their independence dance at The Embassy Suites, 1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach.