

NEWS

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.

February 2018

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On January 15th we held our sixteenth Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Royal Palm Beach High School. This was our first time hosting the event at the school and although we had a fairly good attendance, it would appear that we lost some folks who would normally attend the event at the Cultural Center. This event, supported by a grant from the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, is a collaboration between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI. The program, with the varied entertainment, was well received and the feedback was very positive. Congratulations to Ms. Elet Cyris and her entire team for a well-coordinated event. The Cultural Committee consists of the following individuals: Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris (Committee Chair), Henworth Ferguson, Hope Francis, Ernie Garvey, Margaret Granda, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison and Genieve White. Thanks to all who made contributions to our complimentary breakfast.

The 2018 Board was sworn in on January 13, 2018 by the Honorable Fred Pinto, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach. Thanks to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Cedric Lynch, and committee members Lawrence Logan and Samuel Baxter, for doing an outstanding job. We have some challenges ahead this year; specifically relating to our Home of our Own efforts. The Harvin Center is scheduled for demolition later this year, so we need to find new office space.

Please come out and celebrate Black History month with us at our next general membership meeting on February 10, 2018 at the Harvin Center. The 2018 theme, "African Americans in Times of War," commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918 and explores the complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath.

Dennis Wright, President

We are looking for some folks to join the following committees: (1) Picnic Committee; (2) Food Committee. If you are able to serve on either committee, please contact Dennis or send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net.

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

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



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CONDOLENCES:

Lawrence Logan
on the loss of his sister
Family of
The Honorable Matty Mattioli
Jannette Sharpe-Paul
on the loss of her cousin

GET WELL TO:

Livingston Weathers

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



Happy Valentines CAFCI Members and Supporters

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING VALENTINE'S DAY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 7 pm Kevin Harvin Center

The February meeting will be dedicated to our Relay for Life program. Remember that February is also celebration of Valentine's day as well as Black History month. Please feel free to bring your favorite dish to share and remember to wear purple in support of *Relay for Life*.

Black History Facts:

George Washington Carver developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, plastics, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils and cosmetics.

Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was launched in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. It became a month-long celebration in 1976.

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, March 31, 2018 11 am to sundown Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion

CAFCI's Annual Picnic will again be held at Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be lots of food, games, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun filled day for the whole family. Tickets and menu for this year's picnic will be available shortly. If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic, please contact Charmaine Henry at 561.255.0827 or Lauriston Simms at 561.719.0263. More details and tickets will be available at the March meeting.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY

Date: May 5, 2018 at 6 pm

Venue: Andros Isle Clubhouse, 2400 Victoria Point,

West Palm Beach, FL 33411

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD FUND

The application for CAFCI Student Assistance is on CAFCI's website, www.cafcipbc.org. Please encourage qualified graduating Palm Beach County high school graduates to apply for the 2018 CAFCI Student Assistance Award. To donate to the Student Assistance Awards Fund, sponsor an award and/or help the committee, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org.

Congratulations to Brandon Boyd, son of Nadine and Paul Boyd, grandson of Genieve White, nephew of Thalia White, on his acceptance to medical school.

Congratulations to Rochele Brown, daughter of Nova and Woody Brown, on her acceptance to medical school.

Due to Relay for Life on March 10, 2018
CAFCI will not be hosting an
Informational Candidate Forum
prior to the March 13th election.
We are encouraging all our members to attend
The Candidate Forum hosted by the Town Crier
February 26, 2018 at 7 pm,
Village Hall, Royal Palm Beach

CAFCI MEMBERSHIP CORNER "CAFCI AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, TOGETHER WE SOAR"

Thank you to everyone for supporting our highly successful Martin Luther King Day Celebration. CAFCI, you truly made a difference. We appreciate the efforts of Elet Cyris and her team.

As we look forward, please mark your calendar for our February 10th meeting. The Membership and Retention Committee will host this special event to commemorate Black History Month and Valentine's Day. The theme will be "Celebrating Legacy and Love."

Don't miss this special meeting! E. Anita Newman, DTM will be our Special Guest Motivational Speaker from Toastmasters International. She will make you laugh, but most importantly, Anita will inspire you. Come to also hear about Little Known Black History Facts and learn more about historians. This promises to be an educational and entertaining evening. There will be prizes and surprises! We will have an **Early Bird Drawing** and a **Be Our Guest Prize** for the person who brings the most guests.

Quote of the Month:

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." **Harriet Tubman**

Let us continue to build on CAFCI's "Legacy of Excellence"! See you on February 10th.

Submitted by
Pamela Fraser, Chairperson and Cindy Beckles, DTM, MBA
Membership and Retention Committee

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 (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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION



On January 15, 2018, CAFCI in collaboration with the Village of Royal Palm Beach, and supported by a grant from the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, presented its 16th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at Royal Palm Beach High School. The event began with the flag ceremony by Troop 111, followed by Rochelle Wright singing the National Anthem, and the Invocation by Father Brian Campbell, after which Nadine White-Boyd introduced the emcee for the event, Attorney Aubin Robinson. Describing himself as "the conscience", Mr. Robinson delivered a powerful message to "love oneself" and entertained the audience with his many colorful jacket changes. This year's program included performances by Royal Palm Beach High School Band,



Kate Deviney, Rochelle Wright, Onyx Dance Studio, Danielle Nelson, Anima Rahman, Tehya Morris, Collaborative Artist Singing Troupe, and ending the line up was jazz pianist Copeland Davis. The keynote speaker, Susan Bucher, Supervisor of Elections, in perfect sync with MLK's message that people died to ensure the right to vote, reminded us of the importance and value of voting to ensure that our voice is heard. Thanks to the Cultural Committee: Elet Cyris (chair) Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Henworth Ferguson, Hope Francis, Ernie Garvey, Margaret Granda, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison and Genieve White for their dedication to always execute a fantastic production. From all reports, the response to the program has been overwhelming. Thanks to all the members, supporters and friends who contributed money and time to make this event a memorable one.











Photographs courtesy of Town Crier

CAFCI'S SWEARING IN CEREMONY

On Saturday, January 13, 2018, CAFCI's 2018
Board of Directors were sworn in by the Honorable
Fred Pinto. All Board members were sworn in
except Barbara Walker who was out of town. Dr.
Cedric Lynch and his members of the Nominating
Committee did an excellent job of conducting the
ceremony.







Photographs courtesy of Town Crier

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life Western Palm Beach County event will be Saturday March 10th at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd. Opening ceremonies start at 3:00 pm. The theme for 2018 is "*A BLAST FROM THE PAST FOR A FUTURE WITHOUT CANCER*". We will celebrate the 50's era with a "I Love Lucy" theme.



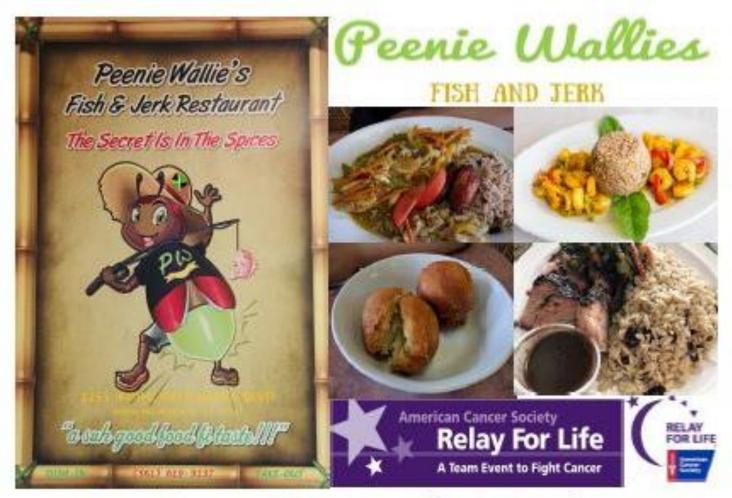
CAFCI's fund raising goal this year is \$3,000.00. This means that everyone will have to do his or her part to make it happen. Envelopes and scratch off cards are available for anyone who wishes to join our team. For the past several years CAFCI has been recognized by the Relay for Life organization for our participation and fund-raising efforts. Let's keep it going! Come out and support the fight against cancer as CAFCI participates in this community event.



Cancer is an awful disease and just about everyone knows someone who has been touched by it. Luminarias may be purchased in honor or in memory of loved ones for a suggested donation of \$5.00. These may be purchased at our next meeting. As part of our fundraising efforts, we will be raffling a "Caribbean Basket" of goodies. Tickets are one for \$2 or three for \$5, so come prepared to get your tickets. The drawing will take place at the event on March 10.

The Relay theme color is purple, so let us have some fun and do some fundraising at the same time. "Paint our meeting purple" by wearing purple to our general membership meeting on February 10 and contributing \$2.00 towards our goal. Let's go "Island Steppers" as we participate in the fight against cancer! Go team!

Nova Brown, *Chair* CAFCI Relay For Life



Mention CAFCI and 10% of your check will go to benefit Relay for Life Western Palm Beach County

Must mention CAFCI

Offer Valid February 2018 1155 Royal Palm Beach Blvd. (Winn Dixie Shopping Center) (561) 619-9237





C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, inc.

Presents

A Fun Family Day

Annual Easter Picnic

Saturday March 31, 2018 11:00 AM - Sundown Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion (Forest Hill Blvd. ¼ Mile East of the Turnpike)

This is a family affair where family and friends are all invited for a fun filled day of enjoyment.

Come out and join us for this year's spectacular event

- Dominoes
- Scrabble, Ludo ...
- Bake Goods Sale
- Entertainment
- 50/50 Raffle & More
- Bring your favorite game
- Karaoke Cash Prize

Music, Kids Games, Bounce House Easter Egg Hunt Ticket includes Meal Bring Your Chairs & Table

Adults: \$15 (including BBQ Chicken meal & beverage)
Children under 12: \$5 (Hamburger, Hot Dogs and Chips)
NO PERSONAL FOOD BASKETS ARE ALLOWED

For info, contact Committee
For Tickets, contact Lawrence Logan (561)791-0162
Lauriston Simms (561)719-0263
Charmaine Henry (561)255-0827

Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI)



Who We Are

CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our ancestral origins. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999.

CAFCI is a 501(C) (3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. Our annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

Our Mission

Caribbean American for Community Involvement's mission is to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.

Student Assistance Award Recipients – 2016

A sample of some of our star students from the Class of 2016.



How YOU Can Help Our Students

Make check or money order payable to:

C.A.F.C.I

 It is preferred that your generous donation is received no later than April 3, 2018, in preparation for our Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 05, 2018.

No contribution is too small or large and on behalf of the students and families, we *Thank You Very Much*!

Contact Us

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Web Site: www.cafcipbc.org E-mail address: <u>cafci@bellsouth.net</u>

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Student Assistance Award Program

Each year we offer deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from our organization.

Past student awards range from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.



Student Eligibility Requirements

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success in their high school tenure to be eligible.
- Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities.
- Applicants must show interest in the Caribbean community.
- The monetary assistance is awarded to students who are going on to a college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning.
- If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the school before receiving the award.

Award Ceremonies

Each year CAFCI holds a formal award ceremony in May for the students, their families, and friends.

We invite Community Leaders, Guest Speakers, Student Assistance Committee Members Past and Present, the general public, and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the Event.



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DONATE TO CAFCI'S STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD FUND

CAFCI members and friends:

Thank you for your financial support of Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) Student Assistance Fund. For the past 25 years, CAFCI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students to achieve their educational goals. Your commitment to helping CAFCI advance our youth's higher education help to open college doors to students. With your continued financial support, CAFCI will be able to award between \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 to each deserving student.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Committee is again requesting your financial help. We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to assist students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. You will be publicly acknowledged on our *Donors' List*.

You may make your donation online by going to www.cafcipbc.org and clicking on the link "Click here to donate to the Student Assistance Program" or by mailing your donation to:

CAFCI

Attn: Student Assistance 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at 561-790-4002.

Respectfully,

Nadine White-BoydJunette PowellDennis WrightNadine White-BoydJunette PowellDennis WrightCo-Chair Student Asst. Comm.Co-Chair Student Asst. Comm.President



Caribbean American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc. College Student Assistance Application for 2018

DO YOU KNOW A PALM BEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO PLANS TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN 2018? ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY FOR CAFCI'S STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD.

APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE ON CAFCI'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CAFCIPBC.ORG

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicant must submit the application with the following by Wednesday, February 28, 2018:

- 1. **Two (2)** letters of recommendation from teachers <u>or</u> one from a teacher <u>and</u> one from a guidance counselor.
- An <u>official transcript</u> of your current academic record. Your transcript should reflect your Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for seven semesters. Official Transcript must be in a sealed envelope with the school's seal from your high school.
- 3. A short essay, 200-300 words, typed on standard 8 ½" x 11" paper, including the following:
 - a. Why you desire a career in the field you have chosen and why you feel you will be successful;
 - b. Your demonstrated interest in and association with Caribbean culture and affairs;
 - c. Your interest and involvement in community and school activities; and
 - d. Evidence of financial need.
- 4. Provide acceptance letter from an accredited college/university (this must accompany application).
- 5. If you are selected, you will be required to submit a photograph (example-senior picture) and a bio, both of which will be published in our annual Friendship Ball Souvenir Program. Photos and your image will be used in media and print advertising. Photographs will remain the property of CAFCI.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant must:

- 1. Be a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 2. Currently attend high school in Palm Beach County, expected to graduate in May 2018.
- 3. Demonstrate an interest in Caribbean-American affairs.
- 4. Provide complete signed application postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
- 5. Be available for an interview Date and Time to be determined.
- 6. Attend Presentation of Awards Ceremony, if selected, on May 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.



Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc. College Student Assistance Application for 2018

Name: Phone:						
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City:		State:	Zip:			
Email A	ddress:	Date of Birth:				
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Current	: High School:					
Address	s:					
Gradua	tion Date (Month/Year):/	GPA:	(HPA is not required)			
Counse	lor's Name/Phone #:					
Professi	ional Career Goal:					
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City:	Start Date:					
 Instructions: You must submit the following with this application: Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers or one from a teacher and one from a guidance counselor. An official transcript of your current academic record. Your transcript should reflect your Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for seven semesters. Official Transcript must be in a sealed envelope with the school's seal from your high school. A short essay, 200-300 words, typed on standard 8 ½" x 11" paper, including the following: Why you desire a career in the field you have chosen and why you feel you will be successful; Your demonstrated interest in and association with Caribbean culture and affairs; Your interest and involvement in community and school activities; and Evidence of financial need. Provide acceptance letter from an accredited college/university (this must accompany application). If you are selected, you will be required to submit a photograph (example-senior picture) and a bio, both of which will be published in our annual Friendship Ball Souvenir Program. Photos and your image will be used in media and print advertising. Photographs will remain the property of CAFCI. 						
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	Recipients unable to attend award ceremony will rec	eive the award in person	at CAFCI's board or general meeting.			
	The information presented must pertain only to your high school years (9th through 12th grades) Please do not include copies of newspaper clippings, certificates, etc.					
-	APPLICANT'S SIG	NATURE	Date			



Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc. College Student Assistance Application for 2018

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

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Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc. College Student Assistance Application for 2018

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I would like to acknowledge CAFCI member Peter Scott who has volunteered to assist us in finding a "home" for CAFCI by visiting and assessing potential properties. Welcome to the team!

Unfortunately the two leads in Loxahatchee mentioned last month did not work out for us. The 2.25 acre lot was not in a favorable location and the 5 acre lot with a building was much more than we could afford. However we are investigating 2 other 5 acre lots with more favorable asking prices.

You can also assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

As has been the case, financing still remains a challenge. Participation in the Home of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. 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 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.

Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, Chair CAFCI Home Of Our Own

AROUND TOWN......

CAFCI is putting together groups for discounted tickets for performances at the Kravis Center. If interested, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161, Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 to get the discounted price. Please see the shows below:

George Benson (2/17)

African American Film Festival - To Sir, With Love (2/26)

Mancini, Mercer and Manilow! (3/11)

National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba (3/12)

The Righteous Brothers (3/18)

Lil Buck and John Boogz (3/21-3/22)

Bodyguard (4/10-4/15)

An Evening with Chris Botti (4/18)

The Mountaintop (4/20-21)

The Silk Road Ensemble With Yo-Yo Ma (4/21)

Shenyun (4/24-4/25)

Here and Now An Evening of Luther Vandross starring Ruben Studdard (5/13)

Preview the line up at www.kravis.org and let us know which show you want to attend. Must have 15 or more for discounted group rate. Note, not all shows are discounted.

<u>Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 6 pm:</u> The Hummingbird of Grace, Inc. presents a gospel concert at Grace Fellowship, 8350 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL. For tickets, call 561-309-2688 or 561-707-9728.

<u>Saturday, February 17, 2018</u>: Kareem Ali & Bull invite you to "This Thing Call Love" with live music by DWHAS Band and a musical tribute to Dennis Brown at Top Taste Lounge, 10233 Okeechobee Blvd., Royal Palm Beach, FL. Doors open at 10:00 pm and show time 11:00 pm. For table and bottle reservations, call 561-929-2654 or www.evienterprise.com.

<u>Saturday, March 17, 2018, 2 pm to 10 pm:</u> The Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast and Young Starr Movement present their second annual Reggae4Cure Family Fun Day and Food Festival Benefit Concert at the Wellington Amphitheater. See more information at: www.reggae4cure.com.

<u>Sunday, March 18, 2018, 4 pm to 10 pm:</u> Xinfinity Taxes presents Palm Beach Tropical Cooler Fest "All White Edition" at Bicentennial Park, 190 E. 13th Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404. For more information, contact 561-379-7837 or www.tropicalcoolerfest.com.

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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, February 10: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Harvin Center Saturday, March 10: Relay for Life, 3 pm to 11 pm, South Florida Fairgrounds Saturday, March 17: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Harvin Center

Sunday, March 25: Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund "Devine Wine & High Tea," 3 pm, Madison Green Country Club

Saturday, March 31: Annual Picnic, 11 am to sundown, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion

Saturday, April 14: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Harvin Center

Saturday, May 5: **Student Assistance Awards Ceremony**, 6 pm, Andros Isles Clubhouse

Saturday, May 12: Cultural Diversity Day, 1 pm to sundown, Commons Park

Saturday, June 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center Saturday, July 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center

Saturday, August 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center

Saturday, September 8: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 15, 2018 CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 13: **International Games Night**, 7 pm, Location to be announced Saturday, November 10: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Elections**, 7 pm, Harvin Center Saturday, December 8: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm, Harvin Center Monday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location to be announced