



# 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.

October

2016

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL:

Our 27th Annual Friendship Ball, a truly remarkable event, was held on September 17, 2016 at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport. This was another awesome celebration of CAFCI's role and contributions to the community. Be sure to read the article elsewhere in this newsletter for full details. Special thanks to the entire Ball and Journal Committees for their hard work and dedication in hosting a successful and entertaining program. The team consisted of: Cindy Beckles, Radcliffe Brown, Nova Brown, Audrey Campbell, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Pamela Fraser, Millie Hampton, Charmaine Henry, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Barbara Walker, Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd, Thalia White, Dennis Wright and Jerome Wright.

### INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT:

Saturday, October 15 at 7 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach. Celebrate and learn more about CAFCI while playing dominoes, scrabble, bingo and card games, enjoying your favorite dish with family and friends. Entry donation is \$10 per person.

Dennis Wright  
*President*

### Fellow CAFCI Members and Friends:

*The CAFCI Board of Directors hopes that you are all safe and did not have any damages from the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Please let us know if you were adversely affected in any way.*

*Welcome New Member*

**Maxine Cheesman**



### OCTOBER 16 - 31

Charmaine Henry	16
Inez McCallum	20
Britt Deviney	23
Babbette Bodden	26

### NOVEMBER 1 - 15

Barbara Sangster	02
Eaton Richardson	04
Nova Brown	07
Myrna Adams	11
Pamela Fraser	12

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd and Thalia White  
on the loss of a 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 Cyris, Chair ..... 791-9087  
Paul Baker ..... 784-0067  
Samuel Baxter ..... 798-2864

## INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT

**Saturday, October 15 at 7 pm**

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, Rooms A & B  
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

There will be no general membership meeting in October. Instead, we have our International Games Night from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. You are invited to join your fellow CAFCI members and friends and share your favorite International dish and desserts. Please call 561-653-1586 to confirm what you will bring. Bring your favorite game (e.g., scrabble, domino, cards, ludo). We are looking forward to an evening of fun and games. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. There is a \$10 recommended donation, which includes refreshments and entertainment. DJ Top Ranking Sounds will be in the house. As a reminder, all CAFCI's events are posted on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org)) and you may also visit CAFCI's facebook page.

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*Congratulations to Dr. Elaine Ealy,*

*CAFCI's Outstanding Citizen of the Year on being the recipient of the Golden Pen award from a student Ijahala Pottinger, a recipient of the 2016 Student Assistance Award. Ms. Pottinger recognized Dr. Ealy for contributing to her past and future academic success.*

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## AROUND TOWN.....

**Saturday, October 22 at 6 pm:** Free Spirit Outreach Inc. presents annual *Jamaica Night Celebration 2016* with Johnny from Lime Tree Lane and Pluto Shirvington at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. For information, visit [www.freespirit.wildapricot.org](http://www.freespirit.wildapricot.org) or email [freespiritoutreach2016@gmail.com](mailto:freespiritoutreach2016@gmail.com). For tickets contact, Island Style Bakery at 561-842-7999; Island Basket Restaurant at 561-967-0525 or Mr. Mack Caterine at 561-352-8407.

**Sunday, October 30 at noon until:** Children of Helen Alliance Inc.'s presents 2016 in Palm Beach, a Saint Lucian Cultural Affair at the FOP Lodge, 100 Miner Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33426. For more information, contact Anastasia Fevrier at 561-714-9981 at Rose Holloway: 561-329-0553 or visit website at [www.222.chipbinc.com](http://www.222.chipbinc.com) or [facebook@childrenofhelenalliance](https://www.facebook.com/childrenofhelenalliance).

**November 3 - 4:** *Do Big Things Conference*, "Inspiring Visionaries To Take Action-West Palm Beach, FL" at EMKO in West Palm Beach, 2119 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Learn how to turn your business idea into reality and take your small business to the next level. To register go to [www.dobigthings.net](http://www.dobigthings.net).

**THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU**

*to our sponsors, donors, advertisers, and contributors of letters for the 2016 Annual Friendship Ball Journal*

To the Committee members, who went above and beyond to solicit ads, spent numerous hours to compile and prepare for printing, KUDOS to you all. Your commitment to CAFCI, the continued growth of the organization, and its members is outstanding.

The Sponsorship/Journal/Publicity committee sincerely thanks you for your continued support and generosity to make the Journal publication possible for the last 27 years.

Visit [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org) to view the journal. Remember to keep supporting our sponsors and advertisers.

Genieve White  
Sponsorship Chair

Audrey Campbell  
Journal Coordinator

## CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball

### Comment From a Guest.....

*CAFCI's 2016 Annual Friendship Ball hit all the right notes. Incredibly touching was the surprise dance tribute performed for CAFCI's citizen of the year award recipient Elaine Ealy by her own daughter. The keynote speaker most eloquently inspired us to push through life's challenges and like butterflies transform our lives for we too can find wings to fly. Keeping it real with her irrepressible humor and dynamic personality was emcee Sophia Jackson Nicholson. It's not a party without music, and DJ Markie Mark kept the dance floor full as CAFCI members showed off their best dance moves barefoot and in heels!! Fellowship, service and a commitment to community was truly celebrated Saturday night September 17th.*

Leonie Escoffery

## *CAFCI's Annual Friendship Ball -- An Incredible Affair To Remember!*

If you missed CAFCI'S 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Ball held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, you missed an awesome event. From the moment you stepped into the Hilton Palm Beach Airport ballroom adorned with the unique illuminated blue and white floral arrangements, you knew we were in for a treat. The room was beautifully decorated and the food was delicious. The Mistress of Ceremony, Sophia Jackson Nicholson, was funny and kept the crowd entertained. This was an evening of amazing meeting and greeting of old friends and was truly an elegant affair. CAFCI's 27 years' experience in presenting the Ball was on full display. This year's theme was "Celebrating 27 Years of Cultural and Intellectual Enrichment".

The Friendship Ball, being CAFCI's signature event, which raises funds for the Student Assistance Program, got off to a festive start with the President's Reception hosted by Dennis Wright. The reception featured a Silent Auction presented by CAFCI and the Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The stars truly came out for this affair. The Honorable Frederick Pinto welcomed the honored guests who brought words of greetings which included: Lisa Wilson, who represented Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKay, John T McGovern, Vice Mayor of Wellington, and The Honorable Kent Hippolyte, Consul General of Saint Lucia. Proclamations that September 17, 2016 was Caribbean American for Community Involvement Day were issued by the Palm Beach County Commissioner and the Villages of Royal Palm Beach and Wellington. This was the first time the Honorable Frederick Pinto, lifetime CAFCI Member, presented the proclamation as the newly elected Mayor of Royal Palm Beach. The Keynote Speaker, Donald Kelly, 2016 District 47 Toastmasters Speech Champion, gave an award winning speech which reminded us that "We Were Born to Fly". It was a fitting speech for this special event at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport hotel.



Dr. Elaine Ealy, former CAFCI Board member and former Chair of the Student Assistance committee, was recognized as CAFCI's 2016 Outstanding Citizen. Dr. Ealy was presented with an award and roses. In honor of Dr. Elaine Ealy, her daughter, Khamilah Brown, did a beautiful dance performance to the music of Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up."



CAFCI lifetime member, The Honorable Jess Santamaria was honored for giving a lifetime of public service to Palm Beach County and to the western communities in particular. He is by far the largest financial contributor to CAFCI. Not only does Jess contribute financially to CAFCI, but he also offers advice and moral support.

Special thanks to the entire Ball Committee for all their professionalism, hard work and dedication. They gathered weekly for months to make this memorable event a success. In addition, thank you to the CAFCI members, family, sponsors and friends who supported this event and made it possible. Special thanks to the sponsors and donors: Jess Santamaria of Royal Inn Hotel



Resort; the Kravis Center, William Caler of Caler, Donten, Levine, Cohen, Porter & Veil, PA, Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A.; and Port of Palm Beach. The evening culminated with Mrs. Kay Chong, Caribbean Airlines Sales Executive, donating a "Trip for two to the Caribbean". Door prize sponsors also included: Duffy's Sports Grill, Hilton Palm Beach Airport, Home Depot-Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Majestic Princess Cruises, Trader Joe's-Delray Beach and Whole Foods Market.

Dance music was provided by Sweet Justice Band and DJ Markie Mark. The dance floor was crowded right through the last song. It was truly an "Incredible Affair to Remember" which embraced the past, celebrated present community involvement and built a bridge to the future through raising funds for student assistance.

Don't miss CAFCI's Annual New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31, 2016. For more information about CAFCI, visit to <http://www.cafcipc.org>.

Submitted by Cynthia Beckles, MBA and Junette Powell









*Photographs by Carol Porter*



# CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN FLORIDA, INC. (CAFCI)

## INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016, 7:00 P.M. – 12:00 MIDNIGHT



CARIBBEAN  
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COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT IN  
FLORIDA INC. (CAFCI)

INTERNATIONAL  
GAMES NIGHT,  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER  
15, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.  
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\$10.00

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151 CIVIC CENTER  
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# A For C.A.F.C.I.



*As we continue to raise funds to assist us in obtaining a building for CAFCI, it has become clear that short of a substantial influx of cash, additional financing will be required. In an effort to understand our options and their associated implications clearly, I am working on meeting(s) between a bank representative, the Board and Finance Committee. After these meeting(s), we hope to present our plan.*

*Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work towards finding a home for CAFCI.*

***If you would like put on an event to raise funds for the Home of Our Own program, please send an email to [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net) or call 561-791-4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities that you think is a good fit for CAFCI, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com).***



*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](http://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.***

*Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown*

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**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.*

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

**CAFCI**

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**2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org) OR

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

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

Saturday, October 15: **International Games Night**, 7 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center (Rooms A & B)

Saturday, November 12: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Board Election**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party**, 8 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017**

Saturday, January 7: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Swearing In of Officers**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Monday, January 16: **MLK Celebration**, 9 am at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, March 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday-Sunday, March 11-12: **Relay for Life**, 4 pm to 6 am at the Royal Palm Beach High School

Saturday, April 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, April 15, **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park

Saturday, May 13: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm to sundown at Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May TBA: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Scholarship Awards Presentation**, 7 pm at the RPB Cultural Center

Saturday, June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center