



## 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.

April

2012

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Recreation.....Recreation Team  
Recruitment & Retention .....TBD  
Relay For Life.....TBD  
Student Assistance ..... Elaine Ealy  
Sunshine ..... Elet Cyris  
Talent Show .....Nadine White-Boyd  
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Board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.  
See over for calendar of events.

### ANNUAL PICNIC

**Saturday, April 7 at 11 am to sundown**

*Micanopy Pavilion, Okecheelee Park*

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic. There will be lots of food (BBQ chicken, yellow rice and corn on the cob), games, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. There will be a bake sale and beverages for sale. Please note, no food baskets will be allowed. This will be a fun filled day for the whole family. Tickets: Adults - \$10; Children under 12 - \$5. Tickets will be available for purchase at the picnic. For tickets and information, contact Lauriston Simms at 719-0263; Percival Woods at 514-1788; Betty Mallory at 294-0310 or Lawrence Logan at 791-0162.

### RELAY FOR LIFE

**Saturday, April 14 at 3 pm to Sunday, April 15**

*Royal Palm Beach High School*

CAFCI's Relay for Life Team, spearheaded by Marjorie Smikle, is working hard to have a successful event. Envelopes have been distributed and the team is working hard to obtain donations, however, more people are needed to join the team. CAFCI's website is now linked to the Internet so that you can make donations directly. Everyone's participation is needed and the committee is still in need of volunteers especially on the day of the event. This year's theme is "Hooray for Hollywood". There will be food and drinks for sale and possibly a 50/50 raffle. *Moons and Stars* to honor CAFCI survivors and those who have succumbed to cancer will be available for purchase.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*"2012 Student Assistance Award Presentation"*

**Saturday, May 5 at 7 pm**

*Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach Blvd.*

Awards will be given out to deserving students. Please come out to support and congratulate the recipients and their families. The Committee will be participating in the Village of Royal Palm Beach Community Garage Sale at the Veterans Park on **Saturday, April 14, 2012**. All funds raised by CAFCI will be used to help provide assistance to graduating seniors who plan to attend college this year. Your donations will be accepted at the Harvin Center between 7 and 8:30 p.m. on April 4 and April 11. Suggested items: small household items/small appliances, new or very slightly used clothes (adults & children), shoes, toys and books. For additional information, please call: Committee Chair, Dr. Elaine Ealy at 351-0068.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**No meeting in April** due to the multiple scheduled activities in April.  
The meeting in May has been rescheduled from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Forde  
Shanique Peterkin  
Richard Valuntas

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

#### APRIL

Lori Valuntas	08
Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Keith McKenzie	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Lloyd Campbell	26
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27

#### MAY

Monica Grant	05
Cynthia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Dr. Cedric M. Lynch	10
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Greta McMorris, Maxine Smith,  
Dennis Thomas

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Gwen Osbourne on the loss of her  
sister Mrs. Merl McGann

### 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

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*May your Easter be filled with bright feelings and may your heart be filled with the joy of the holiday. Happy Easter!*

**CAFCI'S 2012 EVENTS**

- APRIL 7 ..... Annual Picnic
- APRIL 14-15..... Relay For Life
- MAY 5 ..... General Meeting – Students & Junior Citizens award
- MAY 12 ..... Cultural Diversity Day
- JUNE 9 ..... Business Awareness Day
- JULY 14 ..... General Meeting
- AUGUST 11 ..... General Meeting – Membership Appreciation
- AUGUST 25 ..... Talent Show
- SEPTEMBER 8 ..... General Meeting
- SEPTEMBER 22..... Annual Friendship Ball
- OCTOBER 13 ..... International Night
- NOVEMBER 10..... Annual Meeting
- DECEMBER 8 ..... General Meeting – Christmas Party Potluck & Toys for Tots
- DECEMBER 31 ..... New Year's Eve Party

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

**Saturday, May 12 at 1 pm**

*Veterans' Park, Royal Palm Beach Blvd.*

CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host their eighth annual Cultural Diversity Day at the Veterans' Park in Royal Palm Beach from 1:00 p.m. until sundown. This day is dedicated to sharing our rich cultural heritage. The Park will have vendors showcasing their ethnic foods and treasures, dominoes, entertainment and much more. The day promises to be filled with excitement and celebration of our diverse cultures, so come out and enjoy this free event. A free shuttle will be provided with pick-up and drop-off for overflow parking which will be available at the Cultural Center and behind Village Hall. For further information, please contact Elet Cyris, Committee Chair at 561-791-9087 or visit CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org).

*IN THE NEWS: Fred Pinto is the village's new vice-mayor. The village council unanimously appointed Pinto during its March 15 organizational meeting. He takes over for Richard Valuntas. Pinto also is now the council's liaison to the village's Recreation Advisory Board and the Western Communities Council. The Council appointed him to those posts on March 15 as well.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Membership Committee is continuing to work to revitalize the membership of CAFCI. The Committee has started a recruitment drive and is asking all members to participate. **The paid-up member who brings in the most new members will receive a complimentary ticket for CAFCI's signature ball in September.** The winner must bring in at least two (2) new members to qualify. If there is a tie for first place, there will be a drawing to determine the winner. The competition will end at the September meeting prior to the ball. Membership application packets, including informational brochures, are provided by the committee and will be made available at upcoming events. Packets are also available from committee members. *"Congratulations to Rhonda and Ernie for bringin in the first new members!!"*