



## 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

2015

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 26th annual **Friendship Ball** was held on Saturday, September 19 at the Binks Forest Golf Club in Wellington and by most accounts it was a huge success. Once again, our members, friends and supporters came out to support this worthy cause. I wish to thank **everyone** who worked so hard to make this event a success. Special thanks to Genieve White and Audrey Campbell, team leaders for the journal, and all the other team members: Nova Brown, Junette Powell, Fae Smith and Thalia White for getting out a quality product. Thanks to all our advertisers and sponsors who helped us to raise much needed funds. Special thanks to our Ball Committee members (Cindy Beckles, Radcliffe Brown, Audrey Campbell, Pamela Fraser, Millie Hampton, Charmaine Henry, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Owen "OG" Smith, Barbara Walker, Genieve White, Thalia White, Nadine White-Boyd, Newbolt Wilson, and Jerome Wright) for putting this whole event together. To all our ticket sellers, and everyone who came out to help, a hearty thank you. Thanks to all who donated items to the Vivian Ferrin silent auction. This was truly a team effort. Please see a detailed report of the ball in this newsletter.

This year's **International Games Night** will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2015, 5:00 pm until 12:00 midnight** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center and we invite other local organizations to participate. The goal is to bring together people from as many Caribbean islands as possible to share games, food and traditions that represent their respective island. This is also part of CAFCI's effort to diversify our membership and to let other organizations know about CAFCI and what we are doing in the local community. For more information, please contact **Lawrence Logan at 561-791-0162; Henworth Ferguson at 561-315-9566; Lauriston Simms at 561-719-0263 or Percival Wood at 561-596-7768.**

Dennis Wright  
President

## INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT

**Saturday, October 17**

**5 pm until midnight**

*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center*

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, we will have an evening of fun and games at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. Bring your favorite games – dominoes, scrabble, cards. There is a \$10 recommended donation which includes refreshments. See the flyer in this issue with details.



### OCTOBER 16 - 30

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| Charmaine Henry | 16 |
| Inez McCallum   | 20 |
| Babbette Bodden | 26 |

### NOVEMBER 1 - 15

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

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Paulette Cameron and Eula Lee "Betty"  
Coke on the loss of their mother  
as well as a cousin

Audrey and Lloyd Campbell  
on the loss of Lloyd's mother;

Elet Cyrus on the loss of her cousin

Winston Morgan  
on the loss of his mother

### 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 Cyrus, Chair.....791-9087  
Paul Baker .....784-0067  
Samuel Baxter .....798-2864

## WHAT A BALL!

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Ball held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Binks Forest Golf Club in Wellington was truly an evening of excellence and elegance. CAFCI's 26 years' experience in presenting the Ball was on full display. From the lovely illuminated floral decorations, to the delicious food, to the mesmerizing music right down to the choice of mistress of ceremony, professionalism shined through.

The Friendship Ball, which is CAFCI's signature event to raise 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.

Mistress of Ceremony, Dr. Sue, smoothly guided the evening through the presentations with humor and charm. Dignitaries included officials from the Consulate of St. Lucia, Palm Beach County and the Villages of Royal Palm Beach and Wellington. Proclamations that September 19, 2015 was Caribbean American for Community Involvement Day were issued by Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners, the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Village of Wellington.

Nadine White-Boyd, former Board member and current Chair of Grants and Talent Show committees, was recognized as CAFCI's 2015 Outstanding Citizen. Nadine was presented with an award and roses then serenaded by Yashika Everett Morris. It was moving to see Nadine holding the roses as she was saluted for the culmination of all her hard work for CAFCI and the community.

Special thanks to the CAFCI Ball Committee for all their professionalism 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.

Dance music was provided by Sweet Justice Band and DJ Mansta and Toots. The dance floor was crowded right through the last song. It was truly an awesome evening to "party with a purpose".

The question asked by attendees throughout the evening was, "when is the next one?"

*Submitted by Barbara Walker and Cynthia Beckles*



*Thank you CAFCI for honoring me with the Citizen of the Year award and allowing me to be a part of the CAFCI community. It has been and is my pleasure to serve CAFCI. It is an extremely rewarding experience for me as I join forces with all the members in serving, contributing to and improving our community. I look forward to continuing to work with the CAFCI family.*

*Nadine V. White-Boyd*





## WHAT A BALL! (continued)



**You're invited to an evening of fun with friends!**

**Presenting...**

## **CAFCI INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015  
5 PM – 12 AM**

**Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center  
151 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411**

**Bring your favorite games... Cards, Dominoes, Scrabble, etc.**



***\$10 recommended donation includes refreshments***

**For more information contact:  
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**THANK YOU...THANK YOU....THANK YOU**  
***to our Sponsors, Donors, Advertisers, and Contributors of Articles for the***  
***2015 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 26 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

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

So far we have not been able to locate land that can be purchased for cash nor facilities with a lease to own option within the Royal Palm Beach/Acreage /Loxahatchee area. An online survey to get input from the membership to assist in deciding what our next move will be is being prepared for review and approval by the Board. If approved, the survey will be sent via email within the next four weeks. Look out for an email with a link to the survey.



*If you have experience in commercial real estate, multi-year fundraising projects, creative finance, project management or marketing, the Home of Our Own program needs your expertise.* Input from individuals with expertise in these areas are needed to assist us in revising our strategy to obtain a home for CAFCI and creating an associated plan to reach our objective. Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at (561) 791-3344 or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) if you are able to assist in any of these areas.



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 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.**

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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.

**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 ([junettep@hotmail.com](mailto:junettep@hotmail.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.

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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, October 17: INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT at 5 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, November 14: ANNUAL/VOTING MEETING at 7 pm, Harvin Center

Saturday, December 12: POT LUCK/TOYS FOR TOTS/CHRISTMAS PARTY at 7 pm, Harvin Center

Thursday, December 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY at 7 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**WEEKLY GAMES FOR CAFCI LADIES**

CAFCI is inviting ladies to come out to the Harvin Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and play games of cards, scrabble, dominoes (including Mexican train) or other games. All who are interested please call Barbara Walker at (561) 422-0524 or Kitty Lannaman at (561) 793-4055.

**AROUND TOWN.....**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm:** Caribbean Educations Association ("CARE") presents Murder Margaritaville Mystery at Canyon Springs, 8111 Emerald Winds Circle, Boynton Beach. For information, please call 917-842-8955 or 561-364-5640.

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 10 pm & Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 1 pm to 11 pm:** Fall Fest at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park.

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon to 6 pm:** Caribbean Choice invites you to their annual "Customer Appreciation Event" at Caribbean Choice Bakery and Restaurant, 2845 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Real Life Productions presents "The Double Twisted Life" gospel stage play at the Royal Palm Beach High School, 10600 Okeechobee Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach. Doors open at 6 pm and show time is at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance. For information, please call 321-438-9845 or 407-592-0630; or you may purchase tickets on-line at [www.DrRosePlay.Eventbrite.com](http://www.DrRosePlay.Eventbrite.com).

**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 11 pm** – Operation Restoration wishes to thank you for 21 years with a dinner/concert at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. There will be performances by Cheryl Spence-Levy, Jamaican Gospel Jazz singer and Gospel DJ "Mr. Gallimore" and the hilarious Dr. Chris "Sarge" Parker. The guest speaker will be Ms. Denise Adams; Chair Advisory Board – SWOTT; MC. Donation: \$35.00 towards getting the youth off the streets in Trench Town.