



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.

MAY

2025



Picnic in The Park

Join us for a day of
Fyn, Food and Friendships!!!

SAT., MAY 24, 2025

1 pm
'til sunset



Okeeheelee Park
NC-Micanopy Pavilion
7715 Forest Hill Blvd.
West Palm Beach



MEALS: \$20

FISH: \$25

CHILDREN: \$7

(UNDER 12)

Jerk Chicken * Jerk Pork * BBQ Chicken * Fish
Served with Rice-n-Peas * Festival * Vegetable
Hamburger & Hot dog for the children
SOUP & DESSERT FOR SALE

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION CALL
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Thalia Lauren
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General Membership Meeting
2nd Saturday of month
Board Meeting
4th Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CAFCI Family,

The season of celebration is here – and there is much to look forward to! At CAFCI, we are proud to honor the vibrant mosaic of cultures that make our community shine. Our diversity is our strength, and we are excited to celebrate it with all of you! Mark your calendars – you will not want to miss these amazing upcoming events:



Cultural Diversity Day – May 10th

Get ready for a colorful day of music, dance, delicious foods, and the incredible spirit of our global family! Come celebrate the beauty of our traditions and heritage.



Member Picnic – May 24th

It's time for a Day in the Park! Bring your family, your friends, and your good vibes for an afternoon filled with food, fun, games, laughter, and community spirit.



Student Assistance and Scholarship Awards – June 14th

Let us come together to recognize and support the bright young minds shaping our future. Your presence will inspire and uplift our amazing scholarship recipients.



Friendship Ball Major Fundraiser – September 20th

Our biggest night of the year! An elegant evening filled with entertainment, inspiration, and an opportunity to support CAFCI's invaluable work in the community.

We are asking for recommendations and ideas of what you would like to see on our website and other social media accounts as we look to redesign these platforms in the next few months. Thanks to all who have offered to help with this. We can still use more volunteers.

We encourage all members to stay connected, get involved, and share your energy! Every event is a chance to celebrate, give back, and build lasting friendships. Let us make this season unforgettable together!

With gratitude,


Dennis Wright

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May 16 - 31

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Nadine White-Boyd	17
Audrey Gordon	18
Owen Smith	18
Andrew Blackwood	20
Tinu Pena	23
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Colgate Gordon	25
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Victoria Nangle	31

June 1 - 15

Glenis Chambers	04
Diana Bishop-McIntosh	07
Kenesha Dixon	07
Iuan Bruno-Gaston	11
Douglas Lawton	11
Shirley Palmer	11
Norma Rose	14

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lavern Blackwood on the loss of her stepmother, Carrine Livingston



Please Let Us Know...

We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:

- *you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.*

Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.

Paul Baker, Chair561.784.0067
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 10th Meeting CANCELLED

CAFCI CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 10, 2025 • 1 pm to sundown

Veterans Park

1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on what will unquestionably be a stellar Cultural Diversity Day program. The event is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. Entrance to this event is free, so come and get your culture on! Invite your friends and family to celebrate the rich culture and diverse heritage of our community. We are taking Royal Palm Beach's diverse hidden cultures out of the shadows and honoring the wealth of our different traditions. Let us come together to exchange and celebrate our multifaceted foods, language, dance and cultural customs. Vendors are invited to purchase a space and sell their goods. If you are interested and/or know anyone who may be, please email CAFCI at cafcibellsouth.net. The flyer with further details is included in this newsletter and on the CAFCI website at www.cafcipc.org.

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, May 24, 2025, 1 pm to sunset

Okeehetee Park, NC-Micanopy Pavilion

7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach

Plans are in the works for the annual picnic, a fun-filled day for the entire family with lots of delicious food and games. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079. Tickets for this year's picnic will be available shortly. The flyer with further details is included in this newsletter and on the CAFCI website at www.cafcipc.org.

Reveal from April Issue
YVONNE WRIGHT

CAFCI's Annual FRIENDSHIP BALL

*Bridging Generations: Celebrating the Past, Present
and Future of Community Service*

Saturday, September 20, 2025

West Palm Beach Marriott,

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach

It's that time of year again! Time for the signature event that you can't afford to miss: CAFCI's Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the West Palm Beach Marriott. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place to curate an unforgettable evening. Please be sure to save the date and get your tickets early from a CAFCI member. Look out for more details in future newsletters and on the CAFCI website (cafcipc.org).

LET'S DO BUSINESS

When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.

Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.

MASALA MANTRA INDIAN CUISINE

*Contemporary take on Indian street food
presented in an informal setting.*

Southern Palm Crossings

11051 Southern Blvd, Unit 210

Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

561.328-7497

mmantrarpb@gmail.com

Mon., Tue., & Thu. | 11:30 am – 3 pm; 5 pm – 10 pm

Wed., | closed; Fri. | 11:30 am - 3 pm; 5 pm - 10:30pm

Sat. | 11:30 am to 10:30 pm; Sun. | 11:30 am to 10 pm

If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.

- junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com

Can you name this
CAFCI member?



CAFCI AND OUR SCOUTS ATTEND DEDICATION FOR MAYOR FRED PINTO



Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners Dedicate Building to Late Mayor Fred Pinto

A building dedication and unveiling ceremony was held Wednesday, April 9 to dedicate the former Midwestern Communities Service Center on Civic Center Way in Royal Palm Beach in honor of the late Fred Pinto, longtime councilman and mayor of Royal Palm Beach until his untimely death last year. The event included a family tribute by his widow, Donielle Pinto, as well as remarks by Palm Beach County Vice Mayor Sara Baxter, Clerk & Comptroller Joseph Abruzzo, Deputy County Administrator Patrick Rutter and County Commission District 6 Chief of Staff Jon Carter. The facility will now be known as the Mayor Fred Pinto Midwestern Community Building.

Courtesy, Denise Fleischman.

Source <https://gotowncrier.com/2025/04/county-building-in-rpb-renamed-to-honor-fred-pinto/>

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM CAFCI BOARD MEMBERS
Fred was a dear friend and a dedicated member. In fact, he was family. He is sorely missed. As always, we send our love to his family and are heartened that the PBC County Board of Commissioners saw fit to honor him and his legacy.

Mayor Fred Pinto
Midwestern Community
Building

This building is named in honor of the late
Mayor Fred Pinto
of the Village of Royal Palm Beach
where he spent much of his life
joyfully serving God and the residents.

CAFCI Attends Troop 111 Court of Honor

Nova and Radcliffe Brown hand out Community Service Certificates for their Scout help at Relay for Life and Rhonda Ferrin Davis thanks Mohammad and Hanni Almasoodi for their attendance and participation at CAFCI's April Monthly Meeting featuring Scout Night.



Member Spotlight



**Have You Met ...
JEAN M. MCKENZIE GARVEY**



JAMAICA W. I.

Jean M. McKenzie Garvey has had a fantastic life; not because she was the wife of Marcus Garvey, Jr.—the elder son of Marcus Garvey, progenitor of the Back-to-Africa movement—but because she's been driven by enthusiasm and a fearless optimism that propels her to seek out new adventures.

Jean was born in Kingston, Jamaica, one of the rare Kingstonians who is not a transplant. She was 'born under the Clock,' as they used to say about those born at Kingston's Victoria Jubilee Hospital because of the hospital's proximity to a 33-foot-tall Victorian clock known as Half Way Tree Clock Tower.

One of five children, Jean's mother drilled into them that "education is a ticket out of poverty." Jean took that to heart. After marriage to her first love, she immigrated to the U.S., with him and their four-year-old daughter, so that he could study engineering, while she pursued a BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) followed by an MBA (Master of Business Administration.)

It was an exciting time. While attending school, Jean worked as a secretary at the international headquarters of Philip Morris—then one of the world's largest food and beverage corporations—eventually becoming an analyst, then a senior analyst, and finally a manager in market research, and sales and pricing.

For a lifelong city girl, the company's location at 42nd and Park Avenue in Manhattan was ideal, allowing her to frequent museums and theater productions. It was a vibrant time, and she took full advantage of it.

After 14 years of marriage, Jean and her husband divorced. Eleven and a half year later she met Marcus Garvey, Jr. Though he was 15 years older than her, the two hit it off instantly. Two years later they got married.

Jean says it was one of her best decisions. They remained married for 31 years until he died five years ago. "My life has had unexpected turns," she says marveling. "I never gave any thought to being in a historical family. It led me to places and experiences I never expected, but I embraced it; and Marcus always expressed his appreciation."

Although Jean had always traveled for work, once she married Marcus her travels increased exponentially, with trips to the Caribbean, Africa, the United Arab Emirates, Southeast Asia, and Europe for vacations or while he lectured.

There were responsibilities that came with being married to a Garvey. While he directed the UNIA—the Universal Negro Improvement Association—with its many chapters located throughout the U.S and abroad—she helped him with its administration.

She says, "He always let everyone know how happy and proud he was of me. He would say that I was the type of person he had always looked to marry."

Throughout their lives together Jean experienced singular moments: meeting the president of Ghana and Fidel Castro; having a luncheon conversation with Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

It all seems a bit mind-blowing, but she is unfazed by the glamour. More than anything she says she loved being in an evenly matched partnership with her husband.

Notwithstanding his death, life has far from slowed down. Jean travels constantly. Last year's vacation took her to Dubai, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, and Qatar. This March she journeyed to Nepal, India, and the Maldives.

"I love my life," she says. "I've been blessed and I'm incredibly grateful. I have a daughter who calls me at least twice a day; a son-in-law who's always there for me; four lovely grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews who call me constantly. And guess what?" she laughs. "I have a new role in the family. I'm the matriarch. My uncle Edgar, who is 93 years young, is the patriarch!"

In addition to her travels, Jean is a veteran in volunteerism. She is active in her church, is a member of her high school alumni association, and supports several charities.

Jean moved to America in 1969 and has lived in Florida since 2002. She considers America home. Surprisingly, after some 22 years of attending CAFCI events, it's only recently that she became a member. She says, "I like their mission, their commitment to community service, and their professionalism. Perhaps it's the businesswoman in me, but I respect that."

Since her husband's death Jean has resumed using the name, McKenzie, in addition to Garvey. She says, "The one thing that has remained with me through everything is my maiden name. It's my way to acknowledge my roots and ancestry."

By Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to be featured or recommend someone, please email us at: junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com. Thanks, family. We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.

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OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND *EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE*

On behalf of the Board of Directors and CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee, congratulations to all CAFCI family and friends who have relatives who have graduated or will be graduating from high school, college, university or other institutions of higher learning. A big thank you to everyone who has supported the fund by donating to the 2025 SAF Awards. The list of 2025 supporters will be in the June issue of the newsletter and posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram.

Kudos to the SAF's hard working committee: Nadine White-Boyd (co-chair) and Junette Powell (co-chair) and members, Doreen Baker, Lavern Blackwood, Leonie Escoffery, Robin Ferguson, Norma Smith-Hill, and Marva Wilks.

STUDENTS ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ 2pm

(In-person & Virtual)



ese American Cultural Society of Palm Beach

13265 Okeechobee Blvd, Loxahatchee Groves, FL



DYNAMIC KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KAREN HINDS

(www.karenhinds.com)

As CEO for over 24 years, author of 5 books, motivational speaker and an executive coach transforming lives, Karen Hinds will inspire and provoke the genius in the award recipients to launch into their next level of excellence.

Please save the date and join us to congratulate our outstanding 2025 SAF Award recipients.

This ceremony will be an opportunity to meet the award recipients and hear from our dynamic keynote speaker who will encourage the recipients as well as attendees.

If you are unable to attend in person, join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177002085?pwd=4FmKHW5tWDZe8VmVkB1WwC9TtZMc2X.1>

Meeting ID: 851 7700 2085; Passcode: SAF2025

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Caribbean-American For Community Involvement (CAFCI) in Florida, Inc. **STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND**



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

CAFCI'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 FUND 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 ranged from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.

AWARD CEREMONY

Each year in the month of May or June, CAFCI holds an award ceremony for students, their families, and members and friends of CAFCI.

We invite community leaders, Student Assistance Fund Committee members (past and present), past award recipients, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 2.7 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.

To apply visit cafcipbc.org/student-assistance.

Deadline to apply for 2025: February 28, 2025.

How YOU Can Help Our Students

1. Make check or money order payable to:
C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org and click on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.

No contribution is too small. On behalf of the students, their families and CAFCI, Thank You Very Much.

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CAFCI SCOUTS + TROOP 111

Greetings CAFCI!

As I complete my final days as Senior Patrol Leader in Scouts BSA Troop 111 I wanted to share a personal message about my scouting experience.

Scouting has been one of the most important parts of my life. It has taught me how to lead, how to serve, and how to stay true to my values. I have learned skills I never thought I would need — from tying knots to saving lives, from building fires to building character.

But more than anything, Scouting has helped me grow. I have become more confident, more responsible, and more aware of the world around me. Scouting is not just about earning badges or attending camping trips — it is about becoming the kind of person others can count on.

Through every challenge, every campout and every service project, I have learned what it really means to be a Scout. Scouting is not just something I do — scouting is part of who I am.

Thank you so much CAFCI for supporting me and our entire Troop as we navigate this amazing journey, SCOUTING!



Yours in Scouting,
Mohammed Almasoodi
Senior Patrol Leader



To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111 or to volunteer for scouting, visit
<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>

Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, Loxahatchee Run



Caleb McNally, Keenan Stack



Nael Issa, Allen Arthur, Zachary Wasson,
Kirill Montoya, Hadi Okkashe, Christopher
Clarke, Keenan Stack, Caleb McNally



Christopher Clarke, Kirill Montoya

MEMORIAL DAY | May 26th

It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff from dawn until noon. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is combined with Jefferson Davis' Birthday in Mississippi.

Memorial Day has become less of an occasion of remembrance. Many people choose to hold picnics, sports events and family gatherings on this weekend. This day is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season for cultural events. For the fashion conscious, it is seen as acceptable to wear white clothing, particularly shoes from Memorial Day until Labor Day. However, fewer and fewer people follow this rule and many wear white clothing throughout the year.

Source:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/memorial-day>

HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Haitian Heritage Month is a lively celebration that honors Haitian communities' vibrant culture, rich history, and significant contributions. Through various festivities, such as music festivals, art exhibitions, and food tastings, people come together to appreciate the beauty and resilience of the Haitian culture. It's a time for Haitians and non-Haitians to engage in cultural exchange, deepening their understanding and appreciation of this remarkable heritage.

REASONS FOR CELEBRATING HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Haitian Heritage Month celebrates more than just cultural pride; it acknowledges the historical significance and contributions of Haitians. The month includes Haitian Flag Day, symbolizing Haiti's hard-fought independence and the strength of its people. Celebrations highlight Haitians' art, music, cuisine, and social justice achievements, offering a platform to share these successes with a wider audience.

HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH (continued)

This month is also an opportunity to educate others about Haiti's impact on global history and foster a sense of unity and respect among diverse communities.

Learn more at

<https://www.haitianheritagemuseum.org/haitian-heritage-month/>.

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

In the month of May we take time to reflect and celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) have played in our shared history. Explore Smithsonian events happening online and in-person and find resources, podcasts, and collection items to learn more about AANHPI contributions to our nation at <https://www.si.edu/events/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month>

NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

Learning F.A.S.T. Can Save Lives

When you spot a stroke warning sign, act fast. Recognizing the stroke warning signs and calling 911 immediately may make the difference between a strong recovery or long-term disability, survival or death.

Use the letters in F.A.S.T. to spot a Stroke

- **F = Face Drooping** – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- **A = Arm Weakness** – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **S = Speech Difficulty** – Is speech slurred?
- **T = Time to call 911** – Stroke is an emergency. Every minute counts. Call 911 immediately. Note the time when any of the symptoms first appear.

Source: <https://www.stroke.org/en/about-stroke/stroke-symptoms>

2025 HURRICANE SEASON – PREPARE NOW!!!

Eastern Pacific: May 15–November 30 | Atlantic: June 1–November 30 | Central Pacific: June 1–November.

- **KNOW YOUR AREA’S RISK** of hurricanes and consider your personal risk of experiencing impacts.
- **REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE POLICY** for hurricane-related hazard coverage. Standard insurance policies do not cover flooding – you may need to purchase additional policies.
- **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS** from your local emergency management office. Learn what common alerts and warnings mean before you are impacted by a hurricane.
- **MONITOR WEATHER REPORTS** and updates from the National Hurricane Center. Be on alert for heavy rain.
- **PRACTICE GOING TO A SAFE SHELTER** for high winds, such as a FEMA safe room, an International Code Council (ICC) 500 storm shelter or a small, interior windowless room in a sturdy building. Make sure your safe shelter is on the lowest level that will not be affected by floodwater.
- **DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN** that you can use to contact family, friends and neighbors during a hurricane. Plan to text or message because you may not be able to make or receive phone calls.
- **DEVELOP AN EVACUATION PLAN BASED ON YOUR EVACUATION ZONE.** Consider where you will evacuate to and how you will get there. Practice your plan using your evacuation route.
- **GATHER ENOUGH FOOD, WATER AND EMERGENCY SUPPLIES** to last you several days. Keep in mind each person’s specific needs, including medication. Don’t forget the needs of pets.
- **KEEP IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS IN A DRY, SAFE PLACE** such as a fireproof and waterproof box, and create password-protected digital copies.
- **PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.** Install hurricane shutters or reinforce windows. Declutter drains and gutters. Secure outdoor items and furniture or move them indoors.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety Go to [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) and use FEMA’s Guide for Alerts and Warnings to learn more about hurricane watches and warnings. Download the FEMA app to get more information about how to prepare.

Source: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes#before>

CAFCI 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 socioeconomic background. We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic 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 the accomplishments of a close relative (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 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the 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.

WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>

Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:

<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI

Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Lawrence Logan,

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

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

BUSINESS



Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Last month we made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net.

*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 take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.*



Scan QR Code to Support
CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, CAFCI Home Of Our Own Chair

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement In Florida, Inc.



&

The Village of Royal Palm Beach

present



Cultural Diversity Day

OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

Come Join Us

It's Free.

Saturday, May 10, 2025
1 pm – sundown

at

Veterans Park

1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.,
Royal Palm Beach, FL

Food Vendors | Creative Displays | Prizes | & Much More

**A diverse array of
live entertainment**

**Featuring
DJ RICHNESS**

*Bring your chairs, blankets & tents
for a fun-filled day.*



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Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2025 Events

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

May 10th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, May 10th, 1 pm to sundown

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May 24th, 1 pm to sundown

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Okeeheelee Park, NC-Micanopy Pavilion, West Palm Beach

7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach

June 14th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, June 14th, 2 pm

SAF AWARDS CEREMONY

Portuguese American Cultural Society of Palm Beach County

13265 Okeechobee Blvd, Loxahatchee Groves

Saturday, July 12th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 9th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 13th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, September 20th, 7 pm

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 11th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 25th, 12 noon to 6 pm

VAFMSF DRIVE THRU BBQ

Camp Davis - 2131 F Road, Loxahatchee FL 33470

(Access through entrance of Palms West Church at 13689 Okeechobee Blvd, Loxahatchee)

Saturday, November 8th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games/Elections

Saturday, December 13th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots

AROUND TOWN

- **Friday, May 9th at 6 pm** | JAMAICANS OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC. **PRE-MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET** at 190 E 13th Street, Riviera Beach. Entertainment provided by Leroy Sibbles, Silver Bird Steel Band and Mello Sounds International. Donation \$100. For information, call 561.386.8503 or 561.836.1873.
- **Sunday, May 25th | 19TH ANNUAL BEST OF THE WEST CONCERT** at Bayfront Park in Downtown Miami. Featuring Buju Banton and Beres Hammond. For more information, call the hotline at 305.438.9488 or visit the website <https://bestofthebestconcert.com/>
- **Saturday, June 7th at 12 pm** | FREE SPIRIT OUTREACH, INC. presents its annual **BLACK GREEN & GOLD FAMILY FUN DAY** at The Wall, 4664 Schall Way, West Palm Beach. Music by DJ Mansta & Island Vibes. For information, call 561.692.1508.
- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in Wellington, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in West Palm Beach, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>

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*Happy Mother's Day
to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts
and all who have been Mothers to our Children!*

