



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.

MARCH

2022



CAFCI

Picnic Committee
invites you to our annual
EASTER PICNIC

Saturday, April 16th * noon 'til sunset

Okeeheelee Park - Alligator Pavilion
7715 Forest Hill Boulevard
West Palm Beach

Raffle, Music,
Entertainment
& More

Easter Egg Hunt,
Dominoes,
Games
& More...

Jerk Chicken * Jerk Pork * BBQ chicken
*Served with Rice-n-Peas * Festival * Vegetable*
Children (under 12) ~ hamburger & hot dog

\$ Soup & Dessert on sale \$

For tickets or more information call
Diana Bishop-McIntosh ~ 561.201.0782 or
Yvonne Wright ~ 203.733.5542
Advanced ticket reservations recommended

**Come Join us for a day of Fun, Food
and Celebrating Friendships!!!**

\$20 Donation
(\$5 Children under 12)

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOARD SWEARING IN: CAFCI Board of Directors were sworn in at our February General Membership meeting by CAFCI Member, the Honorable Judge Maxine Cheesman. I will be returning as president for the 10th year. Also returning are: Genieve White, First Vice President; Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Second Vice President; Doreen Baker, Recording Secretary; Marjorie Mendez, who will be sworn in at a future date. Marjorie will assume the position of Corresponding Secretary, previously held by returning board member Carolyn Hmara. The position of Treasurer that was held by outgoing board member Diana McIntosh-Bishop, is currently vacant. Other returning board members are Winsom Genus-Martin and Barry Martin. Hildreth Stoddart-Brown is joining the board as a new director. Congratulations to all the Board members. I am also pleased to announce that Audrey Smith will chair the membership committee. Thanks, Audrey, for stepping up and volunteering to invigorate this important committee.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS GOING FORWARD:

We are currently evaluating conditions relating to Covid-19 in anticipation of resuming in-person meetings later this year. Please check the newsletter and the CAFCI website for further information on the resumption of in-person meetings or possibly a combination of Zoom meetings as well.

Join us as we resume our annual picnic at Okeeheelee Park on Saturday, April 16, 2022. For more details, see the picnic flyer in this newsletter.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: Karen Morris-Clarke, candidate for Council in Wellington, gave a presentation in honor of Black History Month. Ms. Morris-Clarke focused on the promotion of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She also shared that more information on this topic can be obtained from Human Resources experts. Barbara Walker read the poem "I Dream A World" by Langston Hughes.



Dennis Wright

CAFCI
is in the
NEWS

Congratulations to CAFCI on being featured in the January/February issue of *Royal Palm, The Magazine*. Go to pages 21-24 for the article.

<https://issuu.com/floridamagazinepublishers/docs/januaryfebruary2022royalpalmdthemagazine?e=1976104/89240648>

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

MARCH 16 - 31

Douglas McKenzie	18
Lauriston Simms	23
Lorna Hughes	27
Cynthia Beckles	31

APRIL 1 - 15

Ronald M. Dawson	01
Godwin Okalie	01
John Lewis	04
Peter Scott	06
Lori Valuntas	08
Claudette Christie	12
Cleveland Lewis	15

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

GET WELL TO:

Elaine Ealy
Sandra Gordon
Charlesworth "Barclay" Varlack

Please Let Us Know...

Please contact (or ask someone else to 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 newsletter. If no one tells us, we cannot share it.

Elet Cyris, Chair 561.791.9087
Paul Baker 561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter 561.798.2864

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 7 pm
VIA ZOOM

Join us for our General Membership meeting on Saturday, March 12th when Michelle McGovern will address us on Baptist Health and what they are doing for the community.

We are conducting our monthly membership meetings via Zoom until further notice. You will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone to participate in the meeting. You may also call in. See instructions below.

Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllLNER0a2JuNhtYUZIvZkZyYmRSdz09>

OR

Visit website: www.cafciabc.org

Select "Click to Access Zoom General Meeting"

OR

Download the ZOOM App: www.zoom.com

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

OR

Call-In:

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

MESSAGE FROM THE BALL & JOURNAL COMMITTEE

The Board and members of CAFCI are deeply grateful for the support from our sponsors and supporters. The Annual Friendship Ball is scheduled for September 2022, date to be decided. Updates will be provided in the upcoming issues of the newsletter and on our website (www.cafciabc.org). The Ball Journal will be distributed at all our events for the rest of the year. The first distribution was at the 20th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on January 17, 2022 and the journal will be distributed at the upcoming Annual Picnic on April 16th and Cultural Diversity Day on May 14th. To view the Ball Journal, visit our website at www.cafciabc.org and click on the Ball journal link. Please go to pages 20 to 23 for the Student Assistance Fund section which features pictures and bios of the 2021 recipients and pages 31-32 for the member messages.

Special thanks also to the following people who made ticket donation contributions:

A Donohue Baker

Anonymous

Doreen Baker

Paul Baker

Nova Brown

Radcliffe "Woody" Brown

Loraine Cargill

Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

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Audrey and Aldin Smith

Grasford Smith

Dennis Wright

Thank you for your continued support of CAFCI and our mission.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2022

Saturday, March 26, 2022
South Florida

Relay for Life 2022 will be held on March 26 at the South Florida Fairgrounds. At this time our committee has decided that we are not ready to participate in any in-person activity because of the COVID-19 virus. We are well aware that cancer never sleeps, and we hope you will still consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society. Please help us reach our goal of \$1,000. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. You can go to the CAFCI website at cafciabc.org. Click on the relay for life image and make your secure donation. If you are not comfortable contributing online, you may mail a check made payable to American Cancer Society to CAFCI, Attn: Relay for Life, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite 134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.

Thank you.

Nova Brown, Committee Chair

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, April 16, 2022, 11 am – sundown
Okeeheelee Park, Alligator Pavilion

Plans are in the works for the CAFCI annual picnic. There will be lots of food, fun and games, including an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. Tickets for this year's picnic are now available. If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Diana Bishop-McIntosh at 561.201.0782 or Yvonne Wright at 203.733.5542. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details and ticket information. Information will be posted on the CAFCI website (cafciabc.org) and in future publications of this newsletter.

CAFCI CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural Diversity Day is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by a grant from the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. Entrance to this event is free. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of partaking in the rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. Vendors are invited to purchase a space and sell their goods, so if you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, see the vendor form elsewhere in this issue or on CAFCI's website. Further details can be found on the flyer in this issue of the newsletter and on the CAFCI website at www.cafciabc.org.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee are honored to recognize its members and their relatives for their accomplishments, so please share your good news with us, and we will publish as space permits.

CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SAF)

Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

For more information, visit the Student Assistance Program section on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram> or contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022

Venue: Zoom Video Conferencing

Please mark your calendars to join the CAFCI Student Assistance Fund Committee as we recognize the 2022 award recipients. One of the highlights of the evening will be a special performance by Samara Lewis who has a debut single, "Mismatch Me." Samara's aim is to create music that can evade the boundaries of age, appealing to all age groups and subsequently bringing them together.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. You can sponsor an award recipient and/or donate to SAF via one of the methods listed below:

1. Mail check payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
2. CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option.

A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's SAF Committee reach its fundraising goal. Please help spread the word to family, friends, businesses and social media contacts.

A big thank you for your support to everyone who has already donated to the 2022 Awards Fund in whatever capacity (FaceBook, Popcorn fundraiser, Where's the Food, Where's the Picnic, The Goodies Factory/Poppin Popcorn). The list of 2021 Donors and Sponsors is posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram.

Thanks to Shereen White-Davis, 1998 SAF Recipient, for donating delivery fees from "Where's the Picnic" during the period February 14th through March 14th to CAFCI's SAF.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

School District of Palm Beach County
For more information on financial aid and scholarships, visit

[https://palmbeachschools.org/students-parents/scholarships and financial aid](https://palmbeachschools.org/students-parents/scholarships-and-financial-aid)

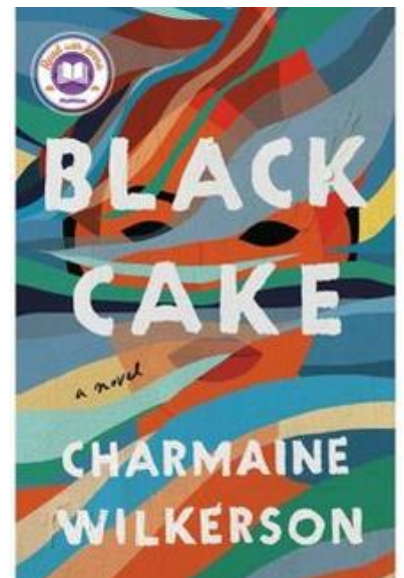
Partners for Youth Foundation \$1,000 Scholarship available for high school graduating females. Application deadline is March 31st at 12 am EST. For more information, check out their website at www.partnersforyouthfoundation.com.

MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH

National Reading Month is celebrated in March to honor Dr. Suess's birthday. In this month people, especially children, read a lot more in celebration and although some people may find the increased emphasis on reading to be boring, the increase in reading during this month has significant benefits that will continue to pay off in the future. Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, and increases imagination and boosts memory.

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-reading-month/>

A RECOMMENDED READING *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson





CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111 2022 has been a great year for Troop 111 thus far! We have welcomed two new scouts: Mason Scott and Myles Martin. In addition, two more Cub Scouts will be joining the Troop this month: Nicholas Kidder and Justin Mize. Membership is vital to the continuation of the Troop.

We are also very excited for our Life Scouts who are on track for achieving their goal of becoming Eagle Scouts: Sam Johnson, Carlos Chirino and Jacob White.



William Hicks, Mohammed Almasoudi,
Caleb McNally

In February, we celebrated the accomplishments of the Troop at our quarterly Court of Honor. Scouts earned many awards as well as rank advancements and merit badges. The culmination of these advancements occurred when former Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Cole Estevez, passed the leadership staff to new SPL, Noah Cabrera. Several amazing parent volunteers were also honored this evening: Assistant Scoutmaster, Dr. Rice, Treasurer, Mr. Kelly, Advancement & Adult Training Chair, Mrs. Estevez, and Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. Estevez. Their constant support helps to keep our

Troop going. Everyone enjoyed the tropical-Caribbean event theme complete with delicious and refreshing flavored ices from the Kona food truck. Many thanks to the Davis family for helping the Troop to facilitate this at our beloved, "Camp Davis".



Front row: Justin Mize, Keenan Stack, Landon Girard,
Luke Estevez, Cole Estevez
Back row: Jackson Eubanks, Caleb McNally,
Matthew Kidder

We look forward to our annual March "New Scout" Campout where all the new scouts and their parents learn how our "boy-led" Troop is run. Each will put up a dining fly, set up tents, cook their meals, perform songs & skits and work on their first rank advancements.

We are also looking forward to supporting CAFCI and VAFMSF at the 2nd Annual Jerk BBQ fundraiser. Scouts will be on site assisting with food distribution and earning community service hours. It is wonderful to have such a helpful Charter Organization to support our youth. Thank you CAFCI!

By Lorianne Cabrera



THE VAFMSF BOARD AND CAFCI YOUTH COMMITTEE HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL DRIVE THRU JERK DINNER

Proceeds Benefit our Youth and Scholarship Programs

Jerk Chicken Dinner
Jerk Pork Dinner
Includes :
Rice & Peas ,Vegetables & Plantain
Donation: \$15
Advanced orders requested

Sunday, March 27, 2022
12 Noon to 4pm
CAMP DAVIS(Home of Winston & Rhonda)
For Tickets or More Information call:
Genieve White: (561) 876-4161
Lori Cabrera: (561) 543 5326
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis: (561) 685 9836
Rhona Tolan-Bernard: (561) 904 1270

Help us Help the Youth in Our Community



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March 1, 2022

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 31 years of service to the community. CAFCI, a (501)(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 29 years, CAFCI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students in our communities to achieve their educational goals. Your financial donation and dedication to helping CAFCI advance our youth's higher education will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFCI will be able to award between \$500 to \$1,500 to each deserving student.

Many ambitious students are denied access to a college education due to financial constraints. This year, because of COVID-19 resulting in the loss of jobs and loss of family members, there is an overwhelming number of students facing financial challenges in achieving their college goals. As you can imagine, many high school students may hold the key to a cure for a disease but may never have the opportunity to maximize their potential. Many have innovative ideas for probable solutions to social problems, yet may never have a chance to expand on them. Others are discouraged simply because the first step to higher education may seem financially impossible.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee is requesting your financial help. We invite you to partner with CAFCI in financially assisting our youths to make their educational goals a reality. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope to more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. Please find accompanying information about our organization and past recipients.

We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to help with assisting students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. We will publicly acknowledge you on our *Donors' List*. **You may make your donation online by going to www.cafcipc.org/donation-center and select Student Assistance or by mailing your donation to:**

CAFCI
Attn: Student Assistance Fund
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134
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-Boyd

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Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Junette Powell

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Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Dennis Wright

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President

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For C.A.F.C.I.



Last month the City of West Palm Beach notified CAFCI of its Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) property for lease or sale in the Styx Promenade project located near downtown West Palm Beach along 7th Street between Rosemary and Sapodilla Avenues in the Historic Northwest District. Unfortunately, it was determined that this project was not a good fit. Specifically, the ITN was geared more toward businesses or an organization that will provide direct services and benefits to the neighborhood. In addition, CAFCI currently does not have the manpower to take on such a project.

We will continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.

You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promoting an activity to raise funds. To share your ideas or provide information regarding available property, or if you have a question, please send an email to cafcibell@south.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002 and leave a message.

*Participation in the Home of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcibc.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, CAFCI Home of Our Own Chair

COVID-19

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 and vaccinations visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/covid-19

For the latest COVID-19 vaccine updates in Florida visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/>
The Florida Health COVID-19 24-hour hotline is available to answer general vaccine questions: 866.779.6121
Senior Hotline: 866.201.6754 - Appointment line for seniors over 65 who do not have access to a computer.

IN THE NEWS ...

TESTING

Check to see if you're eligible for this COVID-19 testing program at no cost to you when billed to your insurance or the government.

- Same-day appointments often available
- For ages 2+, regardless of symptoms
- Our test can detect COVID-19 regardless of strain, including the Omicron variant
- Those experiencing symptoms may request a COVID-19 and Flu Test

TESTS

- The village of Wellington has partnered with SynergyDx to provide free, drive-thru, COVID-19 PCR testing. Patients can stay in their vehicles, and self-swab tests are available. Results are available in 24 to 48 hours. No appointments are necessary. Tests are available for symptomatic and asymptomatic patients aged 6 months and older. The testing site, located at Wellington Green Park, 2175 Wellington Green Drive, Wellington, 33414, is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. For more information, call SynergyDx at 954.835.5198.
- **Order free tests** at <https://www.covidtests.gov/> Free tests are also available through [local health departments](#).
- **Buy tests** online or in pharmacies and retail stores. Private health insurance may reimburse the cost of purchasing self-tests. Visit [FDA's website](#) for a list of authorized tests.
- At-home kits and in-person collection tests are available for your purchase at [QuestDirectTest.com](https://www.questdirecttest.com).
- If you're not able to obtain a self-test when you need it, you might also visit a community testing site, or call your local health department for more options.

For the full list of testing sites in Palm Beach County, visit [Palm Beach County Testing Sites \(pbcgov.org\)](https://pbcgov.org)

A TIME IN HISTORY

Knitting the Threads of History Together

No event happens in a vacuum, though in recorded history, it is written as if each is a stand-alone phenomenon. Interestingly, most material found from a name search in Google will contain other googlable names. Sometime this is expected; google Medgar Evers and it is understandable that the resulting article will include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; both are known civil rights giants. Around a decade or more ago, I learned that nine months before Rosa Parks was arrested for not relinquishing her seat to a white person, fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin, a Parks mentee, had refused to give up her seat with the same results. Now in articles found through googling Rosa Parks, Claudette's name will surface. By googling the little known (to me anyway), Claudette Colvin, the even lesser known (to me) Jeremiah Reeves (also googlable), was mentioned as a factor in Claudette's refusal to move. Here are both stories; Ms. Colvin's was copied from the website, rosaparksbiography.org, and Mr. Reeve's was copied from the Library of Congress. It includes a letter written by Rosa Parks to her mother in which she writes "It was sad to read about Jeremiah Reeves getting the electric chair, I suppose you already know about it." Ms. Parks had apparently left out the word "electric" but then inserted it.

Barbara Walker
Newsletter Committee



"On March 2, 1955, **Claudette Colvin** boarded a bus home from school. Fifteen years old, the tiny Colvin attended Booker T. Washington High School. She'd been politicized by the mistreatment of her

classmate Jeremiah Reeves and had just written a paper on the problems of downtown segregation. On the bus home that day, the white section filled up. A white woman was left standing. The driver called out, and the three students sitting in Colvin's row got up, but Colvin refused. "We'd been studying the Constitution...I knew I had rights."

"The standing white woman refused to sit across the aisle from her. "If she sat down in the same row as me, it meant I was as good as her," Colvin noted. The driver yelled out again, "Why are you still sittin' there?" Colvin recalled. "A white rider yelled from the front, 'You got to get up!'" A girl named Margaret Johnson answered from the back, "She ain't got to do nothin' but stay black and die." There were thirteen students on the bus that day, most of them her classmates.

"Two cops roughly arrested her and pulled her off the bus. Other black people on the bus said Colvin "fought like a little tigress", but Colvin maintained that she went limp and "didn't fight back." In the patrol car, the officers mocked her and made comments about parts of her body. Colvin worried they might try to rape her; she tried to cover her crotch and put her mind on other things. "I recited Edgar Allan Poe, Annabel Lee, the characters of *Midsummer's Night Dream*, the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm."

"Various civil rights activists in Montgomery were outraged by the arrest and began to organize. Rosa Parks and white ally

Virginia Durr began fundraising for young Colvin's case, and more than one hundred letters and a stack of donations streamed into Parks' apartment. Parks was hopeful that the young woman's arrest would embolden other young people to action and spark interest in the NAACP youth meetings. She encouraged Colvin to get active in the youth council.

"Black community members met with the city, and various promises were made. At a second meeting with city officials, they took a petition to the bus company and city officials which asked for more courteous treatment and no visible signs of segregation on the bus. Tired of the city's "run-around", Parks refused to join them: "I had decided I would not go anywhere with a piece of paper in my hand asking white folks for any favors."

"Colvin's case went to trial in May. Colvin had been charged with three crimes. The judge strategically dropped two of the charges (for disturbing the peace and breaking the segregation law) but found her guilty on the third for assaulting the officers who arrested her. Since Colvin had only been convicted of assault, appealing her case could not directly challenge the segregation law. The community was outraged. Some people stayed off the buses. But Colvin was young and seen as "feisty" and "uncontrollable" by many adults and lived on the wrong side of town. Ultimately, civil rights leaders deemed her not the right kind of plaintiff to organize around.

"There is a myth, however, that they dropped her because she was pregnant. Colvin was not pregnant when the community decided not to pursue her case. Later in the summer, Colvin found out she had become pregnant by an older man. When this news came to light, many felt further convinced they had done the right thing in not pursuing her case. Over time, the stories would change so Colvin would be pregnant at the time of her arrest and trial — which was not the case.

"According to Colvin, Mrs. Parks was the only adult leader who kept up with her that summer. Colvin had been a member of

the NAACP Youth Council before the arrest and continued to attend Youth Council meetings. Parks made Colvin secretary of the council, trying to nurture the young woman's spirit and budding leadership. Claudette Colvin recalled that she only went to Youth Council meetings "if I could get a ride" and sometimes she would "stay overnight at Rosa's — she lived in the projects across the street." Parks exhibited a certain forcefulness and strictness with the young people. According to Colvin, Parks "was very kind and thoughtful; she knew exactly how I liked my coffee and fixed me peanut butter and Ritz crackers, but she didn't say much at all. Then when the meeting started, I'd think, Is that the same lady? She would come across very strong about rights. She would pass out leaflets saying things like 'We are going to break down the walls of segregation.'" Parks would make Colvin tell the story of her bus arrest over and over. "After a while they had all heard it a million times," Colvin recalled, "They seemed bored with it."

"Colvin would become one of the plaintiffs on the federal case, *Browder v Gayle*, filed in February 1956 during the boycott which ultimately led to the desegregation of Montgomery's buses.

Source: <https://rosaparksbiography.org/bio/claurette-colvin/> (*The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* by Jeanne Theoharis)

The Jeremiah Reeves Case -- "In 1952, sixteen-year-old Jeremiah Reeves, a talented drummer and grocery delivery boy, was having a consensual relationship with a white female customer on his route. When the affair was discovered, she cried rape. He was convicted and sentenced to death. The Montgomery NAACP interceded. Rosa Parks corresponded with Reeves and helped get his poetry published. But despite the persistent efforts of the NAACP and Martin Luther King, Jr., Reeves was executed on March 28, 1958, at age twenty-two."

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibitions/rosa-parks-in-her-own-words/about-this-exhibition/detroit-1957-and-beyond/the-jeremiah-reeves-case/>



During the month of March, we give a little extra attention to all the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women. Since 1987, the United States has

formally recognized March as National Women's History Month. Every woman has a story to tell and gifts to share with the world. So, get ready, because this month is about honoring magnificent ladies, and we are ready to celebrate it to the fullest.

Women's History Month celebrates the often-overlooked contributions of women in history, society and culture. It has been annually observed every March since 1987 in the United States and other countries, including the United Kingdom and Australia. It is observed in October in Canada. March is selected as the month for observing Women's History Month to correspond with International Women's Day on March 8, and Canada observes it in October in correspondence with Persons Day on October 18.

The month-long commemoration started with Women's History Day in 1978, organized by the school district of Sonoma, California. Hundreds of students participated in the essay competitions, many presentations were given, and a parade was held in Santa Rosa. The idea caught on and, a few years later, school districts, communities, and organizations all over the country were celebrating the day. In 1980, the National Women's History Alliance championed for the holiday to be observed as a national week, and this was backed by

President Jimmy Carter, who issued the first proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The following year, Congress forwarded a resolution establishing a national observance. Six years later, the expansion of the event to the whole month of March was successfully petitioned by the National Women's History Project.

Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-womens-history-month/>

Women's History

The month of March celebrates the contributions women have made throughout history in science, politics, law, sports, the arts, entertainment, and many other fields. While figures such as [Elizabeth Cady Stanton](#), [Harriet Tubman](#), [Amelia Earhart](#), [Eleanor Roosevelt](#), [Margaret Thatcher](#), [Rosie the Riveter](#) and [Betty Friedan](#) are often associated with Women's History Month, there are countless extraordinary women who have earned their place at the table. Consider inventor/actress [Hedy Lamarr](#), scientist [Dian Fossey](#) and mathematician [Katherine Johnson](#), astronauts [Sally Ride](#) and [Mae C. Jemison](#), authors [Maya Angelou](#) and [Amy Tan](#), and contemporary directors [Kathryn Bigelow](#) and [Ava Duvernay](#). Explore biographies, videos and articles that celebrate all of these women's historic achievements.

Source: www.biography.com/tag/womens-history

21 Fascinating Women's History Month Facts

<https://www.womansday.com/life/a34908026/womens-history-month-facts/>

WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI

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

GoFundMe: Visit <https://gofund.me/7319cf9a> • Please share with your friends and family.



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

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

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OR

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POP UP LUXURY PICNICS

Relax.... It's time for a picnic your way. You choose the location in the West Palm Beach area ... Your backyard, the beach, the park or if you do not have a place, we can recommend one for you. We do all the work and you just show up with your guests (2 -16 people).

Help support CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund when you book your picnic. Every Picnic booked Where's The Picnic will donate \$25 between February 14 through March 14, 2022.

All you have to do is mention **CAFCI** at check out. For reservations visit us at www.wheresthepicnic.com or call 561.440.4083.



DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON???

Help support CAFCI when shopping online at Amazon ...

IT'S EASY!

1. Just sign into or create your account at <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Select **Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida** as your preferred charity.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to CAFCI, thereby helping to fund CAFCI programs such as the Student Assistance Fund for college bound students, Scouts, annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Cultural Diversity Day as well as other events that benefit the community.

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement
& The Village of Royal Palm Beach
presents



Cultural Diversity Day



Saturday, May 14, 2022

1 pm – sundown

Veterans Park

1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL

A diverse array of live entertainment and much more!

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

Food Vendors | Displays | Raffles



For additional information please contact:

Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, CAFCI Cultural Committee Chair at 561-889-1143



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VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY DATE: MAY 14, 2022

ADDRESS: VETERANS PARK, 1036 Royal Palm Beach, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

VENDOR / ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

PRINCIPAL OWNER / OFFICER: _____

TYPE OF BOOTH / DISPLAY: _____

Be sure to bring your chairs, tables and portable tents if necessary for your display.

Instruction from the Health Department to Food Vendors:

Pre-packaged cake, cookies, etc. Please have gloves and tools for handling food.

A thermometer is required. Hot food to be at 140 degrees. Cold food to be at 40 degrees.

Registration Fee

\$ 50

Release and Hold Harmless:

In consideration of allowing my participation in the _____ for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, I waive, and release (CAFCI) Caribbean American for Community Involvement & The Village of Royal Palm Beach and its employees, agents, volunteers, and sponsors of this event from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in the event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver. I grant permission to all the forgoing entities and persons to use any photography, motion picture, recording, and all or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes. I understand the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI are not responsible for any monetary losses that may incur is all or part of the event is cancelled due to weather or if I do not attend the event.

Applicant Signature

Date

For additional information contact:

Hildreth Stoddart-Brown 561-889-1143 • Paul Baker 561-784-0067 • Winsom Genus-Martin 561-379-9611
Payment can be made via check payable to CAFCI or visit www.cafcipc.org/cultural-diversity-day

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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, March 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Sunday, March 27: **VAFMSF 2nd Annual Drive Thru Jerk Dinner**, noon to 4 pm, Camp Davis
- Saturday, April 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, April 16: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, Alligator Pavilion
- Saturday, May 14: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm, Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach
- Saturday, June 11: **Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony** 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, July 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, August 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, September 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, October 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, November 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

AROUND TOWN

- Visit **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the **Kravis Center** at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161. Current group performances are Chris Botti on March 15th and Gospel Concert featuring Tye Tribbett on April 8th. If you are interested in seeing other shows, please send text message with the name of the performance, date and preferred seating.
- The **Norton Museum of Art** is open with free admission on select days to City of West Palm Beach residents, Healthcare Professionals and First Responders, Florida Educators and Bank of America Cardholders. Visit the Norton's website for advance, timed-ticket reservations and additional information at <https://www.norton.org>.
- Virtual Entertainment:** If you enjoy looking at animals you can do so anytime by visiting <https://explore.org/livecams>
- See the Earth:** Open the following link (<http://radio.garden/live>). You will see the entire earth. There are numerous green spots around the earth. These green dots are local radio stations. Touch the green dot and play the local radio station. It is overwhelming. You can listen to any radio station in the world...including Nigeria! Some stations are too good. Technology gone beyond imagination!!!
- March 12-13: 15th Annual Jazz in the Gardens Music Fest** in Miami. For more information, go to www.jazzinthegardens.com.
- April 11 & May 9 at 5 pm:** The Cultural Council presents its 17th season of **Cultural Conversations** at The Ben, Blue Heron Ballroom, 251 N. Narcissus Avenue, West Palm Beach. Tickets are \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door. For more information, call 561.471.2901 or click on this link: [More Info & RSVP](#).
- June 11, 2 pm until sundown:** Free Spirit presents their **Back-To-School Barbecue and Fish Fry** at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. For more information, contact Ms. Chinny's at 561.692.1508.

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 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 any accomplishments of close relatives (eg. 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.*

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Spring makes its appearance in March with the vernal equinox, and with it comes a lot of activity in nature. Birds migrate. Animals begin to mate. (They give us the phrase, "Mad as a March hare," too.) Plants begin to grow. Even the full moon gets involved. The full moon in March is called the Worm Moon. It earns this name because of all the insects beginning to hatch.

