



CAFCI NEWS

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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.



CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
in Florida, Inc.

CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball

LEGACY IN MOTION

CELEBRATING

37

YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

STRENGTH IN SERVICE

Honoring Those Who Uplift Our Community.



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
7 PM - 1 AM



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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 Members and Friends,

As we welcome the month of August, I extend warm greetings to each of you and thank you for your continued commitment to Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. Together, we continue to strengthen our organization through fellowship, volunteerism, and service to our community.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION MEETING: One of the highlights of this month will be our Membership Appreciation Social on Saturday, August 8. This special event is dedicated to you—our valued members—whose continued support and participation make CAFCI the vibrant organization it is today.

Please join us for fellowship, light refreshments, fun games, prizes, laughter and great conversation. Whether you are a long-time member or recently joined our CAFCI family, we hope you will come out and enjoy this opportunity to reconnect with friends and celebrate the spirit of togetherness that defines our organization.

WELCOMING CARIBBEAN TEACHERS: On July 27, 2026, CAFCI proudly participated in the Palm Beach County School District's Welcome Program for New Teachers from the Caribbean. This annual outreach allows us to extend a warm Caribbean welcome to educators beginning their careers in Palm Beach County and introduce them to the support and fellowship offered by CAFCI. I extend my sincere appreciation to our volunteers who have committed their time to represent CAFCI at this important event. Your dedication and community spirit continue to make us proud.

REMEMBER TO VOTE: As engaged citizens, I encourage every eligible member to participate in the upcoming Election. Voting is one of the most meaningful ways we can contribute to the future of our communities. Please make your voice heard by casting your ballot and encouraging your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same.

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: Excitement continues to build as we prepare for our Annual Friendship Ball on Saturday, September 26, 2026, Celebrating 37 Years of Excellence. This elegant evening is CAFCI's premier fundraising event and supports our Student Assistance Fund program, community outreach initiatives, cultural and educational programs, and humanitarian efforts.

Our Friendship Ball Committee is working diligently to make this year's event another outstanding success. We encourage every member to purchase tickets early, invite family and friends, secure sponsorships and journal advertisements, and volunteer to assist during the final weeks of preparation.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and belief in the mission of CAFCI. Your volunteerism, generosity and commitment allow our organization to make a lasting impact throughout Palm Beach County and beyond.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Membership Appreciation Social on August 8 and at our Annual Friendship Ball on September 26.

Until then, may God continue to bless you and your families.

Warm regards,



Dennis B. Wright

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GET WELL TO

Kathleen Lannaman • Genieve White



CONDOLENCES TO

John Lewis on the loss of his wife, Hyacinth

Dominique and Alpha McDonald
on the loss of her mother, Violette Renaud



August 16 - 31

Michael R. Coleman	19
Elet Cyris	19
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Cecil B. Sunanon	20
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Dorothy Bell	11
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Audley Eugene Wright	15

PLEASE LET US KNOW...

GET WELL, COMFORT & CONDOLENCES

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, Chair 561.784.0067
 Samuel Baxter 561.358.3737
 Elet Cyris 561.791.9087

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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 (cafc@bellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT

Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 7 pm

In-Person & Via Zoom

10287 Okeechobee Boulevard

Level-X Fitness Center - Suite A-5, Royal Palm Beach
(corner of Okeechobee Blvd. and State Road 7 / US 441)

Calling all CAFCI Members! Our Annual Membership Appreciation Day is just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate you. This celebration is all about YOU — our members. Whether you're a new member or part of the CAFCI family for decades, this evening is a heartfelt thank-you — filled with stories, music, and unity. Friends, supporters and all others are welcome. Come celebrate, reconnect, and explore how you can get involved. We're building something beautiful—together.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for our upcoming Annual Friendship Ball as well as an opportunity to provide a member message and/or advertise in the ball journal.

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

- Visit website: www.cafcipc.org; Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
- Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dILNEROa2JuNIhtYUZIVkZzYmRSdz09>
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CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

LEGACY IN MOTION

Celebrating 37 years of Excellence

STRENGTH IN SERVICE

Honoring Those Who Uplift Our Community

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Hilton Palm Beach PBI ~ Majestic Ballroom

150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach

It's that time of year! Time for the signature event that you can't afford to miss: CAFCI's Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the Hilton Palm Beach PBI. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place to curate an unforgettable evening. More information about the Ball and ways to support are on pages 1, 9-10 in this issue of the newsletter; on CAFCI's webpage and Facebook page. Please be sure to save the date and get your tickets early.

SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION • HONOR THE LEGACY

PROMOTE YOUR BRAND

The Ball Journal Committee is asking all members and friends to assist with the solicitation of sponsorship, ads and support for the Journal. If you know anyone who would like to sponsor or place an advertisement, please request a packet or submit the name and contact information and we will send a request to them. You may also place a Member Message in the Ball Journal; If you would like to submit a Member Message, please complete and submit the form or contact Jennifer Powell-Pittman at 561.729.5747 or jenpowrn2@gmail.com or Alvin Nembhard at 561.670.8113 or nalvin@bellsouth.net. Ads and Member Messages are due by August 14 or sooner.

Forms detailing Ball support opportunities (sponsorship, advertising and member message) are included in the newsletter and are available on CAFCI's website. For more information, please contact Genieve White via text at 561.876.4161 or gen_white@msn.com; or cafcip@bellsouth.net.

CAFCI

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR



MEMBER
Appreciation Night

Saturday August 8, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

All are Welcome

Refreshments **Games**Music** Fellowship

*Our greatest strength has always been our members.
Your dedication, generosity, and commitment to serving
our community have made our mission possible.
Together, we celebrate our shared accomplishments,
honor our rich heritage, and look forward to
an even brighter future.*

Thank you for being the heart of our organization.

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.

BULL TOP TASTE RESTAURANT

1232 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach
561.795.8440

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561.557.8198

Mon-Sat: 10 am – 8 pm

Visit www.bulltoptaste.com for additional locations in West Palm Beach & Boynton Beach

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

Member Spotlight



Have You Met MICHELE KELLIER?



JAMAICA

Where Others See Need, MICHELE KELLIER Sees Opportunity

There are people who measure a life by titles, promotions or possessions. Michele Kellier measures hers by something far quieter: the number of people she has been able to help along the way.

Service is not simply what Michele does—it is how she moves through the world. Long before she became a volunteer leader, a trusted colleague, a wife and mother of three, or a familiar face in Palm Beach County, that instinct was already taking shape in St. Ann, Jamaica.

Raised by parents who believed that having a little more meant sharing with those who had less, Michele started giving early. At school, she packed extra pencils and notebooks for classmates who needed them. Even though she brought her own lunch every day, she stood in the lunch line to receive a meal she could give to someone else.

Giving, she learned, was the natural response to noticing someone else's need. That lesson followed her when, at 21, her mother encouraged her to leave Jamaica after Hurricane Gilbert disrupted the country's tourism industry.

Michele came to South Florida to study hospitality management and business administration. Like many, she arrived carrying ambition, faith and the determination to make the most of every opportunity.

Her professional journey would take unexpected turns. After graduating college instead of working in hospitality, an opportunity arose at First Data, a credit card payment processing company.

Michele spent two decades with First Data, advancing from customer service representative to account management and employee training. The work demanded precision, patience and unwavering integrity.

Behind every financial transaction was a responsibility to protect businesses, banks and customers.

When the company downsized after twenty years, Michele faced a crossroads. Instead of allowing disappointment to define her, she adapted.

She volunteered, joined the School District of Palm Beach County, and later became a media clerk, attendance clerk and administrative secretary. It was there that her greatest work began.

Her office became known among students as a safe place. Students who felt unseen found someone willing to listen. Those facing difficult circumstances discovered a trusted adult.

Michele quietly collected donated clothing, school supplies and everyday necessities, filling a closet that students could access without embarrassment.

Sometimes a child needed food or clean clothes. Sometimes it was simply someone who believed they mattered. "I wanted to be there for them, Michele says. 'I didn't want to know that I missed one,' she says.

That sentence says everything.

Today, Michele serves at the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Office, where she continues helping people navigate complicated situations with patience and compassion. While the work is different, the mission isn't: helping people find their way through problems rather than judging how they got there.

Outside of work, her life reflects the same commitment. For more than a decade, she has volunteered nearly every Saturday helping distribute food to families throughout the community.

Through her church, she co-leads a women's Bible study, participates in outreach ministries and supports organizations that provide clothing and household items to migrant workers, families experiencing homelessness and women rebuilding their lives after crisis.

When friends clean out closets or children leave for university, Michele is already thinking about who else could benefit from what they no longer need.

Michele also finds joy in creating. An avid crafter, she makes handmade cards, jewelry and gifts—often from recycled materials. She laughs that she is "not very good at selling" because she enjoys giving her creations away far more than selling them.

That generosity extends to her family. Married for more than three decades, Michele and her husband raised three children by making deliberate sacrifices. She remained in a lower-paying position for years because its stability and benefits helped make university more affordable for her children.

At one point, she rode the bus for months so her son could use the family car while attending university in Miami.

Rather than viewing those sacrifices as hardship, Michele sees them as providing perspective. Riding the bus introduced her to people whose struggles were greater than her own. It reminded her that gratitude grows when we no longer just look ahead but begin looking around.

As she puts it, whenever we are tempted to complain, we should remember there is always someone carrying a heavier burden. It is a philosophy rooted in faith, strengthened by experience.

That same spirit drew Michele to CAFCI, where she found an organization whose commitment to cultural diversity and community service mirrored her own values.

She looks forward to contributing thoughtfully, taking time to learn about CAFCI's different programs so she can commit where she is best needed.

Perhaps that is what makes Michele Kellier so inspiring. She does not believe kindness requires extraordinary resources or perfect circumstances. She believes it begins by paying attention.

A conversation. A warm meal. A donated coat. An encouraging word. To Michele, these are never small things. They are the quiet acts that change lives.

And in a world that often celebrates those who stand in the spotlight, Michele reminds us that some of the brightest lights are the ones that spend their lives helping others find their way.

By Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to share your story or recommend someone, please email us at:
- junettep56@gmail.com or
- thaliaec@gmail.com.

We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.

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

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee offers deserving Palm Beach County high school seniors the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from CAFCI. A donation of any amount helps CAFCI's SAF Committee reach its yearly fundraising goal.

- Mail check payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF (write "SAF" on your check on the notes line to make sure it is posted to the SAF program), 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
- Donate online at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option.

For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

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.*

Message from Past Recipient

Dear Ms. White-Boyd, Ms. Powell, Ms. Blackwood, Ms. Baker, and the CAFCI Scholarship Committee:

I hope you all have been well, and you had a nice holiday weekend. I wanted to thank you again for your generosity and share a brief update.

I graduated from Florida State University in May 2026 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science through the Honors Program. During my undergraduate career, I was honored to be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and selected as a 2025 Social Science Scholar.

Since graduating, I have accepted a full-time position as a pre-litigation paralegal. I intentionally chose to spend the next few years gaining hands-on legal experience before pursuing law school. I have already begun developing experience in client communication, medical case management, and the litigation process, and I am grateful for the opportunity to build a strong foundation for my future legal career.

Thank you again for investing in my education. Your support played an important role in helping me reach this milestone, and I remain deeply appreciative.

Kate S. Deviney
2022 SAF Award Recipient



STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND



Empowering Youth & Investing in Our Future

CAFCI extends heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors whose financial contributions make the 2026 Student Assistance Fund (SAF) possible. Your support empowers students to pursue their educational goals and achieve their dreams. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a difference in their lives and within our community.

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

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

Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

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



For C.A.F.C.I.

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.

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 cafcibellsouth.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



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2026 SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

GOLD SPONSOR • \$5,000

Six (6) Event Tickets

Gold Sponsor Receive

Recognition on CAFCI's website for one year with direct link to sponsor's website, plus;

SILVER SPONSOR • \$2,500

Four (4) Event Tickets

Silver Sponsor Receive

Opportunity to distribute branded merchandise, plus;

BRONZE SPONSOR • \$1,250

Two (2) Event Tickets

Bronze Sponsor Receive

Full page color sponsorship ad in Ball Journal, Recognition in video presentation at the Ball, Introduction at event, Ball Journal recognizing sponsorship on CAFCI's website for one year, Recognition in all public relations distributed & Social Media Highlights

TABLE SPONSOR • \$1,500

- Ten (10) Event Tickets (*Tickets may be used for your guests or donated to organization*)
- Recognition at table and in Ball Journal as Table Sponsor.

ADVERTISING SUPPORT

Camera Ready Ad. Additional charges apply for ad design or editing.

- Outside Back Cover (8½"x11") • \$750
- Inside Front Cover (8½"x11") • \$750
- Inside Back Cover (8½"x11") • \$700
- Full Page (8½"x11") • \$600
- Half Page (8½"x5½") • \$325
- Quarter Page (4¼"x5½") • \$180
- Business Card (3¼"x2") • \$85

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY SELECTED: _____

SUBMIT FULL COLOR AD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 14TH TO CAFCI@BELLSOUTH.NET.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY|STATE|ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Pay Online: www.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball

Zelle: cafcipbc@bellsouth.net (*Include in the memo the purpose of payment*)

Mail Check: CAFCI

Journal Committee, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

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2026 MEMBER MESSAGE

*Be a part of CAFCI's history by placing your
personalized MESSAGE in the 2026 Friendship Ball Journal.*

☐ **MESSAGE \$30**
(text only – max. 20 words)

☐ **BUSINESS CARD SIZE MESSAGE \$85**
(text and image - 2" x 3 ¼")

Examples of personalized message:

- We salute and congratulate CAFCI on their commitment to the community
- Congratulations on Graduation, Newborn, Engagement, etc.
- In loving memory of
- Birthday greetings to

MESSAGE:

**Submit message and image (if applicable) to cafcib@bellsouth.net.
Include "CAFCI 2026 BALL Message" in the Subject line.**

MESSAGE DUE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 14, 2026.

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY|STATE|ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

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Pay Online: www.cafcibc.org/annual-friendship-ball

Zelle: cafcib@bellsouth.net (Include in the memo the purpose of payment)

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AUGUST... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness

VOTE...
It's Your Right!
It's Your Responsibility!

2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 7 am - 7 pm
- **Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation:** Monday, July 20, 2026
- **Deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you:** Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 5 pm
- **Early Voting:** Saturday, August 8, through Sunday, August 16, from 7 am - 7 pm
- **Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot:** Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 7 pm to our Main Office or at 5 pm to a Branch Office or Secure Ballot Intake Station

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7 am - 7 pm
- **Deadline to register to vote:** Monday, October 5, 2026
- **Deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you:** Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 5 pm
- **Early Voting:** Monday, October 19, through Sunday, November 1, 7 am - 7 pm
- **Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 7 pm to our Main Office or at 5 pm to a Branch Office or Secure Ballot Intake Station

Source: <https://www.voteplmbeach.gov/191/Election-Dates-Deadlines>

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

LABOR DAY
Monday, September 7, 2026

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans and is celebrated with parties, street parades and athletic events.

Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day? Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

Source: Labor Day 2026: Facts, Meaning & Founding | HISTORY



HURRICANE SEASON 2026 After a Hurricane ...

Atlantic Hurricane Season | Jun 1 – Nov. 30

- ✓ Pay attention to local officials for information and special instructions.
- ✓ Be careful during cleanup. Wear protective clothing and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris. People with asthma and other lung conditions and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled, even if these individuals are not allergic to mold. Children should not help with disaster cleanup work.
- ✓ Wear protective clothing and work with someone else.
- ✓ Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock.
- ✓ Do not wade in flood water, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses. This water also can contain debris, chemicals, waste and wildlife. Underground or downed power lines can electrically charge the water.
- ✓ Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems often are down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- ✓ Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company for assistance.

For a detailed guide to prepare Before, During and After a Hurricane, visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2026 Events

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

Saturday, August 8 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation
Saturday, September 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Scout Night & VAFMSF

Saturday, September 26 CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Hilton Palm Beach PBI - Majestic Ballroom
150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL

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Saturday, October 10 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness
Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games Night
Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots & Holiday Potluck

SAVE THE DATE Thursday, December 31 CAFCI NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Mark Your Calendar AROUND TOWN

- **Sunday, August 9 at 10 am** | JAMAICANS OF THE PALM BEACHES (JOPB) INDEPENDENCE SERVICE at Grace Episcopal church, 3600 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. Refreshments will be served immediately after in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Delcie Clarke at 561.836.1873.
- **Saturday, September 5 at 6 pm** | CARIBBEAN AMERICAN CULTURAL GROUP (CACG) presents the 42ND ANNUAL GALA - A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE AND CULTURE at MidFlorida Event Center, 9221 SE Event Center Place, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. For Tickets and more information contact Dawn Bloomfield at 954.636.9067
- 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/>
- Events in PALM BEACH COUNTY, go to <https://www.thepalmbeaches.com/events>

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