



NEWS

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.

January

2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 and Retention TBD
 Parliamentarian Nadine White-Boyd
 Program..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis
 Relay for Life Nova Brown
 Student Assistance Program..... Junette Powell
 & Nadine White-Boyd
 Sunshine Elet Cyris
 Talent Show Nadine White-Boyd
 Toys for Tots Lauriston Simms
 Venue/Reservations Lawrence Logan
 Vivian Ferrin Memorial Genieve White
 Website Radcliffe Brown
 Youth..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2016 was a year of challenges and opportunities. But above all else, 2016 was a year where we continued to fulfill our mission, vision and values here in the Western Community. I wish all our members, friends and supporters a happy, healthy and prosperous new year and thank each of you for all your support and contributions during our 27th year.

This year, we will place renewed focus on our Home of Our Own initiative. We will revamp our Home of our Own Committee and actively seek advice for financing and funding; and also make a serious search to find an affordable location. Thanks to all the members who helped us achieve our goal of adding new members in the past year. We invite and encourage our new members to become active in the Organization. Our goal is to continue to strengthen CAFCI with new ideas from all. We will seek to utilize the skills of our new members to ensure that their membership is not only for a year, but for a very long time. There will be more information on our goals for 2017 at our next general membership meeting.

Special thanks to our New Year's Eve Ball committee. The evening was entertaining as we rang in 2017. The committee consisted of Cynthia Beckles, Radcliffe Brown, Pamela Fraser, Audrey Gordon, Millie Hampton, Charmaine Henry, Kathleen Lannaman, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Lauriston Simms, Audrey Smith, Genieve White and Dennis Wright. Thanks to all members, friends and supporters who came out to kick off the New Year.

Please invite your friends and family to attend the swearing-in ceremony of our new board on January 14, 2017 at the Harvin Center. The Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, the Honorable Fred Pinto, will swear in the board members.

Dennis Wright
 President



JANUARY 16 - 31

Herbert Chambers	16
Berman Patterson	18
Kareem Ali	19
Lorraine Cargill	21

FEBRUARY 1 - 15

V. Alvin Nembhard	02
Yvonne Lawrence	04
Yvonne Richardson	06
Patrick McLaughlin	08
Yvonne Wright	08
Ocie Roundtree	10
Sandra A. Gordon	13
Radcliffe Brown	14

CONDOLENCES TO:

Paul Baker on the loss of his cousin

Lloyd and Monica Grant
 on the loss of her brother

Yvonne Lawrence
 on the loss of her son

Dennis and Yvonne Wright
 on the loss of his uncle

The family of Gerald Damon

GET WELL TO:

Paulette Cameron

Please Let Us Know...

Please contact one of our Sunshine Committee members if you are ill, know of anyone who is ill or would like to share any condolences and would like it to be announced in the NEWS:

Elet Cyris, Chair 561.791.9087
 Paul Baker 561.784.0067
 Samuel Baxter 561.798.2864

*On behalf of the
Board of Directors
and the
Newsletter Committee
we wish each and every member and friend of
CAFCI and their families
a Happy and prosperous New Year!*

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

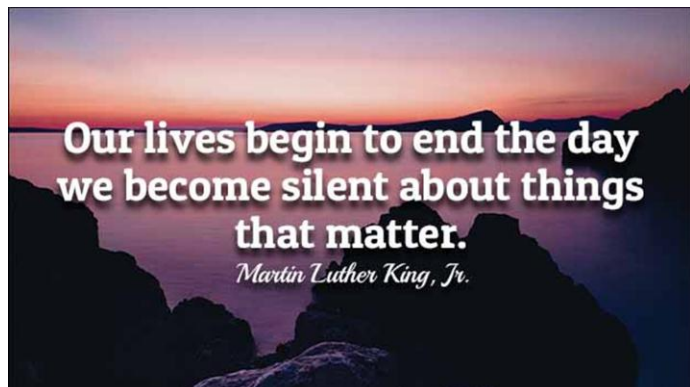
Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 7 pm
Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

January's General Membership meeting will include the swearing in of CAFCI's new Board of Directors. Please make every effort to come and show your support for CAFCI's Board. The ceremony will be conducted by the Honorable Fred Pinto, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

Monday, January 16, 2017 at 8:30 am
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

On January 16, 2016, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host the fifteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. There will be a continental breakfast from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and the program begins at 10 am. There will be performances by very talented artists, including the Blues Brothers and Broadway stars. The event remains free to all. Please see flyer elsewhere in the Newsletter and on CAFCI's website (www.cafcipc.org) for more details.



New Year's Day Prayer for One and All

Dear Lord: So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped I haven't lost my temper; I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen!

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 3 - 11 pm
South Florida Fairgrounds

The Relay for Life of Western Palm Beach County event is only two months away and will take place on Saturday, March 11th from 3 pm to 11 pm at the South Florida Fairgrounds. This year's theme is "Cruising for a Cure" with an overall goal of \$85,000. CAFCI's goal this year is \$3,000. I would like to encourage everyone to set a personal goal for how much money they would like to collect and start thinking about all your friends and family who can help you to reach your goal. Please come prepared at our next meeting on January 14th to get your envelope and start collecting. "Scratch and Give" cards will also be available to help you with your fundraising efforts. You can also solicit donations by going to the home page of our website and clicking on the relay for life image.. As part of our fundraising efforts, we will be raffling a "Caribbean Basket" of goodies. Raffle tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for three. The drawing will take place at the event on March 11th. Our donations make a difference!

- It helps provide cancer education
- It provides patient services
- It helps find cancer's causes and cures through breakthrough research
- It helps discover new ways to prevent cancer or find it at its earliest stage
- It helps fight cancer through public policy as well as in the laboratory

Looking forward to seeing you at the general membership meeting on Saturday.

Nova Brown
Relay for Life Committee Chair

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

The Student Assistance award committee is now accepting applications from May 2017 Palm Beach County high school graduates who will be attending college in the summer/fall 2017. Applications are located on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org and on the Palm Beach School board's website. The committee is also seeking donations and/or sponsorships. If you are interested in donating to the student assistance award's fund, sponsoring an award and/or serving on the committee, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or CAFCI at 561.790.4002 or go to CAFCI's website (www.cafcipc.org).

Caribbean American For Community
Involvement In Florida, Inc.
& The Village of Royal Palm Beach
Present

The
15th
Annual

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebration

Monday, January 16, 2017

ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER
151 Civic Center Way • Royal Palm Beach, Florida

***“Love is the most durable power
in the world.”***

**EVENT IS
FREE**

FEATURING

- **BLUES BROTHERS**
- **BROADWAY STARS**
- **AND MORE...**

**CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST
8:30 AM - 9:30**

**10:00 AM
TO 12:00 PM**



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561-848-1412

CAFCI Rings in the New Year on December 31st...

Thanks to all members of the New Year's Eve Gala Committee: Cynthia Beckles, Radcliffe Brown, Pamela Fraser, Audrey Gordon, Millie Hampton, Charmaine Henry, Kathleen Lannaman, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Lauriston Simms, Audrey Smith, Genieve White and Dennis Wright for putting together this year's celebration. The Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center was decorated with beautiful 2017 hats adorned with feathers, masks and balloons.

It was an awesome night filled with great music, food, fun and door prizes. Thanks to DJ Markie Mark who had everyone rocking the night away as we rang in the New Year sipping champagne. Our Soca Train was definitely a highlight of this incredible memorable evening. Thanks to Chef G who provided some scrumptious food. The turnout exceeded expectations and, by all accounts, everyone enjoyed the night which was capped off with door prizes featuring gift cards and Caribbean baskets. Special thank you to our door prize sponsors: CAFCI members, Doherty Enterprises (Applebee's-Royal Palm Beach), Duffy's Sports Grill, The Texas Roadhouse, Zen Massage, Longhorn Steakhouse and Original Pancake House. Thanks to all our members, friends and supporters who came out to celebrate with us. Set your calendar for next year! Happy New Year! Best wishes to all CAFCI members and friends for a wonderful 2017!!

Submitted by *Cynthia Beckles*

Photographs by *Janice Morgan*





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



As we continue to raise funds to assist us in obtaining a building for CAFCI, it has become clear that short of a substantial influx of cash, additional financing will be required. In an effort to understand our options and their associated implications clearly, I am working on meeting(s) between a bank representative, the Board and Finance Committee. After these meeting(s), we hope to present our plan.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work towards finding a home for CAFCI.

If you would like to put on an event to raise funds for the Home of Our Own program, please send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net or call 561-791-4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities that you think is a good fit for CAFCI, contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.



*The Buy-A-Brick program is still in force and provides everyone an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please visit the web page at www.cafcipbc.org 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’S VALUES STATEMENT: *Caribbean American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic background.*

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socio economic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: *The views and opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI’s members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.*

CAFCI MEMBERS.....*If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the “Our Children Are Our Future” section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com 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.*



**We must accept finite
disappointment, but never lose
infinite hope.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

AROUND TOWN.....

Sunday, January 29: 800-411-Pain presents Topsy featuring Stone Love, Renaissance and Coppershot at Bicentennial Park, 190 13th Street, Riviera Beach. For more information, call 954.667.9112.

Friday, February 24: St. Christopher's Church presents its Fifth Annual Gala Celebrating Mardi Gras at Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach. Entertainment by Steel Pan Orchestra & DJ. Doors open at 7 pm, Dinner served at 8 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person. Prize for the best mask; BYOB; Semi Formal. For more information, please email the Church Office at StChristophersWPB@comcast.net or call 561.683.8167.

Saturday, March 4: Dinthill Technical High School presents its annual Spring Ball at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel. Cocktails 7 - 7:30 pm and dinner at 8 pm. Contribution is \$90 per person. For tickets, contact Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or Margaret at 954.729.7946.

Every Friday Night: Happy Hour, Reggae Night & Ladies Night at E.R. Bradley's, 104 N Clematis Street, West Palm Beach / Reggae Friday on the waterfront stage from 6-9pm. Extended happy hour pricing from 6-9pm at our outdoor rock bar. Live DJs on the main stage for Ladies Night 10pm - close. Ladies drink \$4 champagne and \$5 martini specials. Special Ladies Night menu. *Please check with Bradley's as these specials may change. For more information, call 561.833.3520 or visit www.erbradleys.com.

CAFCI is putting together groups for discounted tickets for performances at the Kravis Center.

If interested, please contact:

Genieve White at 561.876.4161

Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129

Junette Powell at 561.346.2353

(Need minimum of 15 per performance to get discount)

- Fri., January 13th ★ Michael Bolton
- Tue., January 17th ★ Gospel Gala featuring Kirk Franklin
- Sat., February 11th ★ 25th Anniversary "Night of Stars" featuring Cameron Carpenter, Darren Criss, Alan Cumming, Denyce Graves, Storm Large, Neil Sedaka and more
- Sun., March 5th ★ Smokey Robinson
- Tue., April 11th ★ The Four Tops & The Temptations

Kravis On Broadway

- May 9th - 12th ★ Sound of Music
- April 18th - 23rd ★ Kinky Boots
- Fri., March 24th ★ Phantom of the Opera

For more information on these and other performances at the Kravis Center, visit kravis.org.

CAFCI

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2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$60 * Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipbc.org OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

Saturday, January 14: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Swearing In of Officers**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Monday, January 16: **MLK Celebration**, 8:30 am at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, March 11: **Relay for Life**, 3 pm to 11 pm at the South Florida Fair Grounds

Saturday, March 18: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, April 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, April 15, **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeehetee Park

Saturday, May 6: **General Membership Meeting Scholarship Awards Presentation**, 7 pm at the RPB Cultural Center

Saturday, May 13: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm to sundown at Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, August 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, September 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 16, 2017

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL