



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.

April

2017

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual Picnic: The date for the annual picnic has been changed to June 17th. See full details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Student Assistance: Our Student Assistance Awards Ceremony will be held at the Original Wellington Mall, on **Saturday, May 6, 2017**. Please contact Nadine White-Boyd or Junette Powell if you would like to contribute or would like to give a scholarship to one of the applicants in your name. All donations are welcome and tax deductible.

Cultural Diversity Day: The Cultural committee is working hard on our Cultural Diversity Day program to be held at Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach on **Saturday, May 13, 2017**. Invite your friends and family to participate in this day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritages. Vendor booths are available if you would like to sell products or services at this event.

Relay for Life: CAFCI participated in the American Cancer Society's combined Western Region Relay for Life fundraising event at the South Florida Fairgrounds on March 11, 2017. Special thanks to Nova Brown, Elaine Ealy, Winsom Martin, Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White, Yvonne Wright and all the members who worked tirelessly to continue our participation in raising funds for Relay for Life. As usual, CAFCI members, friends and supporters stepped up to make this happen. Special thanks to everyone who contributed food, refreshments, time, entertainment, materials, cash and supplies for this event. See details of Relay for Life elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dennis Wright, *President*

Welcome New Members
 Karen and Brian West



APRIL 16 -30

Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Joan Bisator	17
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Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
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Alva Weathers	27
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MAY 1 - 15

Monica Grant	05
Cythia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Cedric Lynch	10
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15
Audrey Smith	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Yvonne Gray
 on the loss of her cousin

GET WELL TO:

Mavis Baxter, Yvonne Gray,
 Ocie Roundtree, Lauriston Simms

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 8, 2016 at 7 pm

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

The April General Membership Meeting will be dedicated to CAFCI's upcoming events: Student Assistance Award Ceremony on May 6th and the Cultural Diversity Day on Saturday, May 13th. Additional information about the picnic will be provided.



CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 3 - 11 pm

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural diversity is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and supported by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. This event is free. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. The Committee is looking for vendors for the event. See the form elsewhere in this issue. Further details of the event will be in the next issue of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org.



CAFCI ANNUAL EASTER PICNIC

Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 11 am (NEW DATE)

Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, cards, dominoes and prizes. This will be a fun-filled day for the entire family. Tickets will also be available at the General Membership meetings. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. If you have questions, please call Millie Hampton, Picnic Chair, at 561.307.2612. For more information, see flyer in this issue or visit CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 6 pm

Original Wellington Mall

12794 W. Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington

The Student Assistance Committee would like your help to solicit sponsorship funds. Please provide us with names and addresses of potential sponsors. Also, the Student Assistance Committee has put together a brochure which makes it a lot easier to solicit donations (the brochure is included in this issue). For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895, Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or visit CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org. Thanks for your continued support.

Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, *Chairs*
Student Assistance Committee



YOUTH REPORT:

This is the time of the year when the 11 year-old Cub Scouts crossover to Boy Scouts where many of them will soar to Eagle. Troop 111 is very proud to have nine Crossover Scouts this year, with some from a Wellington Pack and some from our very own Pack 120. Kudos to Troop 111!

Submitted by
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

SAVE THE DATE!

September 16, 2017

CAFCI's

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

*Details will be provided on the website and
in upcoming issues of the Newsletter.*

RELAY FOR LIFE 2017



Relay for Life 2017 is in the history books! This year we exceeded our goal and raised over \$3,000. A very big thank you to everyone who solicited donations and contributed time, money and other resources as we cruised to our "port of call", Ocho-Rios Jamaica. For those of you who came out to support the event, I hope you had a good time and the memories of Relay 2017 will linger long in your minds. As usual, the highlight of the evening for me was the luminaria ceremony.

Thank you to my awesome committee members, Mrs. Yvonne Wright, Mr. Alvin Nembhard, Ms. Winsom Genus-Martin, Ms. Genieve White, Dr. Elaine Ealy and special thanks to Mr. Jeff Hmara who was also an intricate part of our team. Job well done! CAFCI Relay would not have been a success without you!



Boy Scout Troop 111 was very visible throughout the whole event. They also helped CAFCI walk laps around the track, and to setup and tear down our booth. Thank you to all the scouts for your willingness to help.

Congratulations CAFCI on doing our part in the fight against cancer and being consistent with our mission to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

Submitted by
Nova Brown, *Chair*
Relay for Life Committee

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)

- April 18th - 23rd ★ Kinky Boots
- May 9th - 12th ★ Sound of Music
- June 24th ★ Diana Ross

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

AROUND TOWN.....

Sunday, April 9, 2017; 3 - 6 pm: The Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Fund presents Divine Wine & High Tea at Madison Green Golf and Country Club Madison Ballroom, 2004 Crestwood Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33444. Featuring live entertainment, good food, selection of Caribbean teas and wines, hat contest and more.... Wear your Sunday Best ~ Ladies, think Hats, Fascinators, Pearl Necklaces and Gloves; Gentlemen, think Hats and Bowties. Tickets are \$40. For tickets or more information, contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561.685.9836.

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 7 pm: The Caribbean Educators' Association invites you to the twelfth Celebration of Academic Excellence at Atlantic National Golf Club, 6400 Grand Lacuna Boulevard, Lake Worth. Tickets \$65 per person. For more information, contact Dr. Janice Cover at 561.313.4772.

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 to 9 pm. Extended happy hour pricing from 6 to 9 pm at our outdoor rock bar. Live DJs on the main stage for Ladies Night 10 pm - 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.

Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI)



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

Caribbean American for Community Involvement'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 Award Recipients – 2016

A sample of some of our star students from the Class of 2016.



How YOU Can Help Our Students

1. Make **check** or **money order** payable to:
C.A.F.C.I
2. It is preferred that your generous donation is received no later than **April 3, 2017**, in preparation for our Award Ceremony on Saturday, **May 06, 2017**.

No contribution is too small or large and on behalf of the students and families, we **Thank You Very Much!**

Contact Us

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Student Assistance 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 range from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.



Student Eligibility Requirements

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 3.0 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.

Award Ceremonies

Each year CAFCI holds a formal award ceremony in May for the students, their families, and friends.

We invite Community Leaders, Guest Speakers, Student Assistance Committee Members Past and Present, the general public, and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the Event.



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Present



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Cultural Diversity Day

Saturday, May 13, 2017

1:00 pm To Sundown

Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)

Featuring:

Artists from Around The World

Latin Dancers, Bands, Belly Dancers, Bounce House
Face Painting, Dominoes, Martial Arts Performers
Steel Drums, Hip Hop Group, Lion Dancers

- **FOOD VENDORS • DISPLAYS**
- **RAFFLE & GIVEAWAYS**

**Showtime
3:00 PM**

**EVERYONE
IS INVITED
EVENT IS
FREE**

Bring your chairs, blankets, tents
and the entire family
and be prepared to have a good time.

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For More Information, contact:

Elet Cyris 561-791-9087 - Ernie Garvey 561-676-5664

Village Of Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center at 561-790-5149

or visit www.caforcipbc.org

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CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY – 2017

Thanks for your interest in being a part of our CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY 2017 event. Please send us an e-mail with your name and contact information, also give us a brief description of what you will be doing at your booth.

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 1 pm to sundown

Venue: Veterans Park, 1036 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
(Sparrow Drive & Royal Palm Beach Blvd.)

TRY TO COMPLETE SET-UP BEFORE 1:00 PM

Event Contacts:

Elet Cyris: Performance & General Information, 561.791.9087 (elvcy@bellsouth.net)

Ernie Garvey: Vendor Booth & Technical Support, 561.676.5664 (ernitones@comcast.net)

Paul Baker: Vendor & General Information, 561.784.0067

Complete the registration form and mail it along with your fee of \$40.

We will notify you as soon as we can with availability and booth details.

Mail check or money order payable to:

C.A.F.C.I.

c/o: Ernest Garvey

121 Raven Court,

Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Vendor Check-List (Space provided is 10 x 10)

- Bring table(s), chair(s), tenting (if desired)
- Sunscreen
- Table skirts, banners
- Audio/video equipment for any displays
- Cash (to make change for guest who purchase with cash); Credit Card Machine.
- At conclusion of event all vendors are responsible for cleaning around their space
- Low Noise Generator or power source. (No electricity provided).

If your booth generates smoke or emissions which may be harmful or offensive to other vendors, you may be placed in separate location if available.

If you are a "PERFORMER", please speak directly to our Director, Ms. Elet Cyris.

Thanks,

Ernie Garvey

Ernie Garvey



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VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

VENDOR/ ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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

\$ _____

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 in cur 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:
Elet Cyrus (561) 791-9087 • Ernie Garvey (561) 676-5664



C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, Inc.

Presents
A Fun Family Day

Annual Picnic

Saturday, June 17, 2017

11am - Sundown

Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion

(Forest Hill Boulevard, ¼ mile east of the Turnpike)

This is a family affair where family and friends are all invited for a fun filled day.

Come out and join us for this year's spectacular event

Dominoes, Scrabble, Ludo ...

Bake Sale

50/50 Raffle & More

Bring your favorite game

Music

Kids Games

Bounce House

Bring Your Chairs & Table

No Personal Food Baskets Allowed

Adults: \$15 (includes dinner from around the Islands & beverage)

Children under 12: \$5 (includes hamburger, hot dogs and chips)

For information, contact Committee Chair Millie Hampton (561) 307-2612

For tickets, contact Lawrence Logan (561) 791-0162

Percival Woods (561) 596-7768

Alvin Nembhard (561) 670-8113

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



We investigated leads for two pieces of land and one commercial building. Unfortunately, these leads did not yield positive results. Our biggest hurdle continues to be financing. We have not been able to secure a grant or identify a program that we can execute that will provide grant funding. Commercial loans were not an option and owner financing was not available. We will continue to investigate availability of grants to fund programs using a CAFCI owned facility and creative ways to obtain financing. Despite the disappointment, let us continue to be patient and hopeful 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 cafcipbc@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.***



Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, Chair
CAFCI Home

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.*

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

Saturday, May 6: **Student Assistance Awards Ceremony**, 6 pm at the the Original Wellington Mall, Wellington

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, June 17 (NEW DATE), **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park

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

Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

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

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center