



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.

February

2015

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On January 19th we held our thirteenth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center; and as in past years, we had a large and overflowing crowd. This event is a joint collaboration between the Village of Royal Palm Beach, the Palm Beach County Cultural Council and CAFCI. The program, with the varied entertainment, was well received and the feedback was very positive. Congratulations to Ms. Elet Cyris and her entire team for a well coordinated event. The Cultural Committee responsible for this event consists of the following individuals: Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris (Committee Chair), Henworth Ferguson, Hope Francis, Ernie Garvey, Margaret Granda, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison and Genieve White. Thanks to all who made contributions to our complimentary breakfast.

Our new Board is off and running. Special welcome to new board members, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell and Barbara Walker. Thank you returning board members Millie Hampton, Jeff Webb and Genieve White for your continued service.

Dennis Wright
President

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may submit your
membership dues online at
www.cafcifl.org or mail to
CAFCI

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

GENERAL MEETING

Pot Luck

Valentine's Day/Black History

Saturday, February 14 at 7 pm

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

February is the season of love and to remember our history. The meeting will be a time to enjoy friends and family. We will have a pot luck so come out and spend Valentine's Day with your CAFCI family.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL
MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF CAFCI!**



FEBRUARY 16-28

Julia Adams	21
Alfred Nelson	22
Betty Mallory	23
Stephen Williams	25

MARCH 1 - 15

Richard Valuntas	03
Vinette Tracey	04
Marjorie Smikle	10
Millie Hampton	11
Winston Davis	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Norma and Tom Thornhill on the loss of
Norma's brother

Inez McCallum on the loss of her nephew

GET WELL WISHES TO:

William (Bill) Turner who had surgery
Audrey Nelson who is hospitalized

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 791-9087
Paul Baker 784-0067
Samuel Baxter 798-2864

ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, April 4 at 11 am to sundown

Micanopy Pavilion, Okeehetee Park

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okeehetee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. Tickets will also be available at the general membership meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2015. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. If you have questions, please call Lauriston Simms, Picnic Chairman, at 561-719-0263. More information will be posted on CAFCI's website and in the March issue of the Newsletter.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, April 25 at 4 pm

Royal Palm Beach High School

CAFCI are you ready to Relay? It's that time again. Relay for Life Royal Palm Beach begins on **Saturday, April 25th 4 pm through Sunday, April 26th, 6 am.** Please start thinking about how you will participate this year. As usual, CAFCI would like to be well represented at the event and this year it would be nice if we could outdo ourselves in contributions.

Your donations make a difference!

- ✓ 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

Come hear all the details at our General meeting on Saturday, February 14th.

Submitted by Nova Brown

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION:

CAFCI's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration was held at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center on January 19, 2015 and we had a full house. This year's theme was "Love: the Most Durable Power in the World." Boy Scout Troop 111 opened the celebration which was followed by Demi Masters and Lauren Galin giving a rendition of the National Anthem. Father Willie Davila of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church delivered the invocation after which Councilman Fred Pinto recognized the local dignitaries. Mayor Matty Mattioli gave a welcome address to all. Newly elected County Commissioner, Melissa McKinley was in attendance. President Dennis Wright welcomed the audience. The Master/Mistress of Ceremonies for the program were Councilman Fred Pinto and Nadine White-Boyd, Esq. There were several volunteers for the continental breakfast and the program. To the Cultural Committee and our volunteers, thanks for contributing to a very good program. The program ended with Bishop Thomas Masters, Mayor of Riviera Beach, delivering an excerpt from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Submitted by Elet Cyris

STUDENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE:

Awards Ceremony:

Date: May 16, 2015 at 7 pm;

Venue: Village Golf Club,

122 Country Club Drive, Royal Palm Beach, FL

Scholarship Application:

Students interested in applying must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must demonstrate continuous academic success through their high school tenure. Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities, and must also show an interest in the Caribbean community. The monetary assistance is awarded to students who plan to attend a college, university or other accredited institution of higher learning. Proof of acceptance from the prospective institution must accompany the application.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida
- Currently attend high school in Palm Beach County, and is expecting to graduate within one year
- Demonstrate an interest in Caribbean-American affairs
- Provide a completed application **postmarked no later than March 21, 2015**
- Provide an acceptance letter from an accredited college
- Be available for an interview on **April 18, 2015**
- Be able to attend a presentation of awards ceremony, if selected, on **May 16, 2015 at 7 pm**

Applications are available on the CAFCI website; Palm Beach County School District website; at the Harvin Center and also from committee members. Applications will also be available at February and March membership meetings. ***Applications and accompanying documents must be addressed to CAFCI, 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411; **Attn. Student Assistance.** For more information, please contact Committee Chair, Dr. Elaine Ealy, at (561) 351-0068 or via email at cafci@bellsouth.net.

Garage Sale:

We are now accepting donations to support the CAFCI Student Assistance Committee at the Village-sponsored Garage Sale at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach on **Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9 am – 1 pm.** Invite your family and friends to come out and support this very worthy cause. All contributions will go to the scholarship fund.

Submitted by Dr. Elaine Ealy

CAFCI SCOUT REPORT



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CUB SCOUT PACK 120

1. Activities for the Month
 - 1/11 Building their cars for the Pinewood Derby
 - 1/25 Pinewood Derby @ Bob Hoefl Park, Acreage
2. Service Projects - MLK Flag Ceremony
3. Achievements
4. Events Requiring CAFCI presence:
 - Blue & Gold Banquet February 15 at 6 pm



BOYSCOUT

1. Campout for the Month - Ocala National Forest, in Ocala, FL
2. Service Projects
 - MLK Flag Ceremony,
 - Josh Marker Eagle Project at St. Ritas
 - Manning the Scout Booth at the South FL Fair
3. Achievements-
4. Events requiring CAFCI presence
 - Tommy Smith's Eagle COH at Mounts Botanical Gardens on February 15 at 5 pm

***The Troop Trailer Kitchen Boxes are in need of silverware.
If you have old silverware you are not using
please consider donating them.***

THANK YOU!!!

Submitted by Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

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 (junettep@hotmail.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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!
2015 RELAY FOR LIFE
OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
NEEDS YOU TO JOIN
THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!

WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015
TIME: 4:PM UNTIL 6:AM
WHERE: ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH SCHOOL





C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, inc.

Presents

A Fun Family Day

Annual Easter Picnic

Saturday April 4, 2015

11:00 AM - Sundown

***Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion
(Forest Hill Blvd. ¼ Mile East of the Turnpike)***

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

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

- **Dominoes**
- **Scrabble, Ludo ...**
- **Bake Goods Sale**
- **50/50 Raffle & More**
- **Bring your favorite game**

**Music,
Kids Games,
Bounce House
Easter Egg Hunt
Bring Your Chairs & Table**

No Personal Food Baskets Allowed

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

Children under 12: \$5 (Hamburger, Hot Dogs and Chips)

For info, contact Committee Chair Lauriston Simms (561)719-0263

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

Percival Woods (561)596-7768

Betty Malory (561)294-0312



IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH WE REMEMBER BOB MARLEY

The world marks Bob Marley's legacy 70 years after his birth

On Friday February 6th, people around the world remembered Jamaican reggae icon Bob Marley on what would have been his 70th birthday. "His legacy is not complete. His influence continues to grow and expand. It has not met its full potential," Ray Hitchins, a lecturer in the Institute of Caribbean Studies at the University of West Indies, told Efe.

Born in 1945 in Nine Miles, the future superstar nurtured his musical skills during adolescence in Trench Town, a poor Kingston suburb, where he met the members of The Wailers. Marley's turn to writing songs about social and political issues followed a mid-1960s sojourn in the United States, where his mother was then living, according to Chris Salewicz, author of "Bob Marley: The Untold Story." "He worked in a car factory in Delaware in a time where racial segregation was very strong," Salewicz told Efe. The racial situation Marley encountered in the United States inspired the lyrics of many of the songs that he recorded with The Wailers on his return to Jamaica, the author said. But it was Island Records founder Chris Blackwell's strategy of emphasizing Marley's Rastafarian-tinged mystique that helped the 1972 album "Catch a Fire" gain international recognition. Stephen King, author of "Reggae, Rastafari and the Rhetoric of Social Control" said in an interview with Efe that the decision to deliver Marley's music via albums rather than singles - then the dominant form in Jamaica - contributed to the rapid globalization of reggae. Marley's songs about social transformation, rejection of colonialism and emancipation resonated in a decade of decolonization and national liberation struggles. "Reggae became the soundtrack for political dissent," said Carolyn Cooper, professor of Literary and Cultural Studies at the University of West Indies. Although he did not enjoy a special celebrity status in his native country, according to Hitchins, Bob Marley's music did manage to influence the Jamaican elections of 1972, 1976 and 1980. "Politicians started to use reggae and Rastafari to find a new market of voters, low class and middle class which in the end, paved the way for both reggae and Rastafari to be legitimized," King said. Hitchins said the artist was one of the first reggae singers to publicly embrace the Rastafari faith in a country where Rastas faced open discrimination. "Bob Marley definitely propelled the image of the Rastafari movements in the world and for that, we must give thanks," Burnet Sealy, chairman of the Caribbean Rastafari Organization, told Efe in a telephone interview.

In 1978, Bob Marley made his first trip to Africa, visiting Kenya and Ethiopia, the home of the late Emperor Haile Selassie, revered by Rastafarians as the second coming of the messiah. He returned to the continent in 1980 to perform at Zimbabwe's independence ceremony and at a subsequent free concert for some 80,000 people. The show in Zimbabwe was among the last Marley would ever perform, as he died May 11, 1981, after a long battle with cancer. He was 36. "One of the major attractions of Bob Marley's history is who he is, where he comes from and how he reached people," Hitchins said. Marley, according to Hitchins, is more famous now than before his death, due in large part to the systematic marketing - promoted by his own family - of his image and brand to the point of making it a "synonym for Jamaica." The sale of T-shirts, albums, coffee and even cannabis under the brand of Bob Marley indicate that the reggae icon's popularity will only increase, Hitchins said. In his opinion, Marley is "the most significant figure of the culture of Jamaica" and the singer's homeland is celebrating the 70th anniversary of his birth with a symposium at the museum that bears his name and a massive tribute concert in Kingston. In many other corners of the world, from Pennsylvania to Dubai, San Juan to Bucharest, there are activities planned to commemorate Marley's life and anthems such as "One Love," "No Woman, No Cry" and "Exodus." The Grammy Museum in Los Angeles proclaimed Feb. 6 as Bob Marley Day, while Universal Music plans to launch on Feb. 17 a never-before-released CD and video from a 1978 Marley concert in Boston. EFE

By Natalia Bonilla

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

If you have experience in commercial real estate, multi-year fundraising projects, creative finance, project management or marketing, the *Home of Our Own program needs your expertise*. Input from individuals with expertise in these areas is needed to assist us in revising our strategy to obtain a home for CAFCI and creating an associated plan to reach our objective.



As previously communicated, efforts to purchase property in the Acreage or Loxahatchee encountered zoning issues and/or regulations that prevented us from acquiring property for non-residential purposes. We are looking into areas with the appropriate zoning (or where it can be changed easily) to purchase land for cash and then build, or find a location with a lease to own option. Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com if you know of any property, land or facilities that meet the above criteria.



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 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.**

AROUND TOWN.....

Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11:30 am: The F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association and Nadine White-Boyd cordially invite you to attend the **FMCA's 14th ANNUAL WILLIAM M. HOLLAND SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON** featuring guest speaker, Nontombi Naomi at The Raymond F. Kravis Center, Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida. The cost of the Luncheon is \$100 per person and \$50/judiciary. If you wish to attend, payment may be made via PayPal on our website www.cunninghambar.org or check payable to FMCBA and mailed to P.O. Box 153, West Palm Beach, FL. If you have any questions you may contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561-626-4700 or by email at fmcbarassoc@cunninghambar.org.

Saturday, February 21, 2015: The Consulate General of Saint Lucia in collaboration with the nonprofit Children of Helen Alliance, Inc. is pleased to announce its hosting of **SAINT LUCIA'S 36th ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE GALA** at the Signature Grand in Davie. This event shall be a grand affair starting with chef creations and an open bar and an exciting line up of entertainment. For more information contact Dana Non at 954-243-6140; Rose Holloway at 561-329-0553 or Victor Simelina at 561-312-0559.

Saturday, March 21, 2015: Awake-n-Image Productions, Inc. brings back "**INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA & ENTREPRENEUR EXPO (IE3)**", a Multicultural Fashion and Talent Showcase, with International Foods-n-Fusion, Fashion Designs and Incredible Talent, highlighting Music, Culture, Art, Theatre, Dance, Sports, History & Business from across the globe and all ages, in a celebration of cultural diversity in Palm Beach County! Sponsorship Packages and Family Passes (up to 8 family members) are available now for \$65, for a limited time. Contact Barbara Powery at 561-779-0125 or 561-203-9767 or e-mail at awakenimage@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 7:00 pm: Caribbean Educators' Association, (C.A.R.E.) presents the **TENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** at Marriott West Palm Beach Hotel, 1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL. Tickets \$60 per person (No Refunds); Dress - Semi-Formal. Sponsorships available. For more information call 561-313-4772, 561-329-9835, or 561-351-6855.

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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.

FEBRUARY 14: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

MARCH 14: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

APRIL 4: Picnic at 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavillion

APRIL 11: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

APRIL 25-26: Relay for Life, 4 pm to 6 am, Royal Palm Beach High School

MAY 9: Cultural Diversity Day, Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

MAY 16: General/Scholarship Awards Meeting at 7 pm, Village Golf Club

JUNE 13: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

JULY 11: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

AUGUST 8: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

AUGUST 29: Talent Show (Venue TBD)

SEPTEMBER 12: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 19, 2015

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

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

OCTOBER 10: General Meeting/International Games Night at 7 pm, Cultural Center

NOVEMBER 14: Annual/Voting Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

DECEMBER 12: Pot Luck/Toys for Tots/Christmas Party at 7 pm, Harvin Center

DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve Party at 7 pm, Cultural Center