



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

2013

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are off and running in this our twenty-fourth year. I am pleased to announce that we have our full complement of nine board members with the return of Mr. Alvin Nembhard and Mr. Jerome Wright. We have a busy schedule ahead of us with our annual picnic coming up in March, Board member training and review of our bylaws.

Martin Luther King Day celebration was a very successful event, well attended and very inspirational. Congratulations to Ms. Elet Cyris and her entire team for a well-coordinated event. Thanks to the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council for partnering with CAFCI to host this event for the eleventh year.

This February, the African American community and the nation as a whole will be celebrating Black History Month using the eighty-fifth theme of: "**At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington.**"

As we celebrate, I would like all of us to reflect on how others have paved the way for us of Caribbean American descent to be successful in all areas of the American society. We have many examples of Caribbean Americans working at the highest level of government. A few come to mind. Eric Holder, current US Attorney General, Susan Rice, US representative to the United Nations. Others include: Shirley Chisholm, Godfrey Cambridge, Patrick Ewing and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Of course, in the entertainment world, you have Harry Belafonte and Sidney Poitier to name a few. They are among the many Caribbean Americans who have gained fame and success in the United States. We must remember that the pathways were paved by civil rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Rev. Jesse Jackson and all others who laid their lives on the line for us during the civil rights struggle of the fifties and sixties. Let us continue the legacy for the next generation.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Please submit your
 2013 dues to
**Lawrence Logan,
 Membership Chairperson**

Happy Birthday.

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Adrienne Ferrin
 Cynthia Hamm

CONDOLENCES TO:

Clarity Reed
 on the loss of her mother

Dorothy Bell
 on the loss of her aunt

Millie Hampton
 on the loss of her uncle

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, Chair791-9087
 Paul Baker784-0067
 Marjorie Schleifer793-4861

GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, February 16 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. Please note that the meeting has changed from the second Saturday to the third Saturday.

VALENTINE

For God so loVed the world
That He gAve
His onLy begotten Son
That whosoEVer
Believes iN Him
Should noT
Perish
But have everlastiNg
LiFE
- John 3:16



ANNUAL PICNIC
Saturday, March 30 - 11am to sundown
Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park

CAFCI's annual picnic will again be held at Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be lots of food, games, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun filled day for the whole family. Tickets and menu for this year's picnic will be available shortly. If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic, please call Lauriston Simms at 719-0263. More details and tickets will be available at the February and March meetings.



Quotes by Dr. Ealy – Excerpts from upcoming book Checkpoint

- If you need to receive
Then you should give an outstretched hand.*
- If you need to see a better tomorrow
Then you should start with the good, today.*
- If you need to have limitless possibilities
Then you should grab every opportunity.*
- If you need to see it as an obstacle
Then you should also see it as an opportunity.*
- If you need to move on to the next chapter
Then you should leave the page on which you are stuck.*
- If you need to see the sky sometimes
Then you should turn yourself upside down.*

2013 STUDENT ASSISTANCE REMINDER

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 are going on to a college, university, or an accredited institution of higher learning. If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the prospective school before receiving the award.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 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 15, 2013
- Provide an acceptance letter from a college/university (this must accompany the application)
- Be available for an interview on April 6, 2013
- Be able to attend a Presentation of Awards Ceremony on May 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. if selected

Applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked or dropped off no later than **March 15, 2013** at 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd. Box 11, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.

For more information contact Dr. Elaine Ealy, Committee Chair, at (561) 351-0068 or via email at cafci@bellsouth.net.



LETTER FROM 2012 STUDENT ASSISTANT RECIPIENT

Dear Dr. Ealy,

I hope that all is well with CAFCI. I have great news to share with you and all of the members of CAFCI. I have recently been accepted into a program called Footprints. The program selects certain individuals to volunteer in the pediatric oncology unit at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. This semester, there were 50 applications submitted to the program. Only 20 interviews were given. Of those 20, only 10 people were accepted into the program. Being a member of this program, I have a weekly three hour shift in the pediatric oncology unit. This program gives me the privilege of spending time with pediatric patients who are admitted to the hospital for long term chemotherapy treatments. Some of these children are extremely ill, and many won't make it to see another year. However, through Footprints, I am given the opportunity to develop relationships with these children and their families and also be an integral part of making these children have as close to a normal childhood considering their circumstances. Our goal is to put smiles on these children's faces and just have fun and laugh with them. Being in this program is a true honor at the University of Florida. I am very proud to call myself a member of Footprints. I hope that I have made you and all of the members of CAFCI proud. Without CAFCI, I may not have had the opportunity to do many of the things that I am doing today. Thank you so much. I hope to see you all soon when I visit home.

Sincerely,
Tiffany A. Williams

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LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACTS

In 1972 President Nixon named Benjamin Hooks, a lawyer and Baptist minister from Memphis, to the Federal Communications Commission, making him its first black member. From 1977 to 1993 he was the executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

On May 25, 1935, Jesse Owens broke 4 world records in one afternoon at the Big Ten Championships; a year later, he upstaged Adolf Hitler by winning 4 gold medals (100m, 200m, 4x100m relay and long jump) at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

In 1900, James Weldon Johnson and his brother wrote the song "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" on the occasion of Lincoln's birthday. The song became immensely popular in the black community and became known as the "Negro National Anthem."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CAFCI'S EVENTS

*Dates are subject to change so please check
the current issue of the NEWS and the website:*

- February 16 General Meeting
*Please note February meeting has been rescheduled from
February 9 due to Valentine celebration performance
"Love Struck"*
- March 9 General Meeting – Education Awareness, Harvin Center
- April 6 – 7 Relay for Life, Royal Palm Beach High School
- March 30..... Annual Picnic, Okeeheelee Park
- April NO GENERAL MEETING
- May 11..... General Meeting – Student Assistance Presentation
- May 25..... Cultural Diversity Day
- June..... NO GENERAL MEETING