



# 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.

December

2014

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**Board meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
**See back page for calendar of events.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014 was an exciting year for CAFCI as we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> year as an organization. We continued and enhanced our mission to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage. This year, we awarded more scholarships to graduating students in our community. We recognized and thanked our members, friends and supporters for their many contributions over the past years and we celebrated our success with our annual friendship ball at the Kravis Center. This was indeed not only a "September to Remember" but a year to remember.

I would like to say thanks to all CAFCI members, friends and supporters for your contributions during the year. Each and every one of you helped CAFCI by donating time, money, goods and services to fulfill our mission. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your support and I look forward to your active participation next year. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

As we end the year, we still have several events on the calendar. Please support our Toys for Tots drive by bringing a new and unwrapped toy to our December meeting. These toys will be donated on behalf of CAFCI to several needy groups in our community. If you do not have the time or are not able to go shopping, we will accept cash donations and one of our CAFCI volunteers will purchase the toys. As you make your year-end taxable donations, please consider a monetary donation to CAFCI to help support our programs for 2015.

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### DECEMBER 16-30

Helen Russell-Brown	18
Maxine Smith	19
Fae Smith	20
Joseph Johnson	21
Lena Ferguson	26
Jerome Wright	26

### JANUARY 1 - 15

Lawrence Logan	01
Lloyd Grant	02
Winston McDonald	02
Latchmin Jaramillo	05
Josephine McLaughlin	06
Beverly Downes	06
Margaret Granda	13
Paulett Cameron	13
Paul Baker	15

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Henworth Ferguson  
on the loss of their grandson

Sean Adams  
on the loss of his brother

### 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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)**

Our New Year's Eve Party will be held on December 31, 2014. Please save the date and plan to celebrate with us as we conclude another year. The party is a time for CAFCI family, friends and supporters to come together and celebrate our achievements for this past year.

Board Member Elections: We will be selecting board members at our upcoming meeting in December. This is an opportunity for our members to have their voices heard and to contribute to the future direction of CAFCI. I hope to see a large gathering for this meeting.

Dennis Wright  
President



## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Elections & Christmas Party Pot Luck**  
**Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 7 pm**  
*Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach*

CAFCI will have its Christmas "pot luck" party in conjunction with the yearly election meeting. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" drive as well as a dish to share. Tickets and information will be available for the upcoming New Year's Eve Party.



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**December 31, 2014 at 8 pm**  
*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center,  
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach*

Come celebrate New Year's Eve with your CAFCI family at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. Tickets are \$45 per person and includes a buffet dinner and midnight champagne toast. You may contact the following individuals for tickets: Dennis Wright (561-653-1885); Ernie Garvey (561-676-5664); Junette Powell (561-346-2353); Jerome Wright (561-649-8254) or CAFCI (561-790-4002). Music selectors are Ermitones and DJ Valho. Look for additional details on the flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter as well as on CAFI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)). This is a special time of the year, let's get together and ring in the New Year with CAFCI!



## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION**

**January 19, 2015**  
*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center  
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach*

On January 19, 2015, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host the thirteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. There is a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 am until 9:30 am and the program follows from 10:00 am until noon. There will be performances by very talented local artists. The keynote speaker is Eric Gordon of the Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club. The event remains free to all. Please see flyer elsewhere in the Newsletter as well as on CAFI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)) for more details.

**Welcome  
New Members**  
Charmaine Henry  
Clover Henry-Gilroy

### **2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

*You may submit your  
membership dues online at  
[www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) or mail to  
CAFCI*

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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*





**CAFCI**  
PRESENTS



25TH ANNIVERSARY  
**New Year's Eve**  
*Gala*

**Wednesday, December 31, 2014**  
**8:00 pm - until...**

**\$45**  
per person

includes  
**Buffet & Champagne**

at the Royal Palm Beach  
Cultural Center

151 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach, Florida

**DOOR  
PRIZES**

Entertainment By:

**ERNITONES**

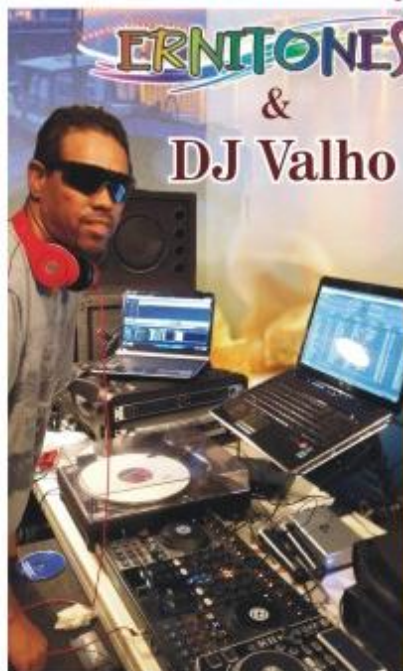
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**DJ Valho**

**Buffet: 9:00 PM**  
**Midnite Champagne Toast**

**Dress Code:**  
**Semi-Formal • BYOB**

**50/50  
Raffle**



**Information & Reservation**

Dennis Wright: ..... 561-653-1586  
Ernie Garvey ..... 561-676-5664  
Junette Powell: ..... 561-346-2353  
Lawrence Logan: .... 561-791-0162  
Jerome Wright: ..... 561-649-8254  
CAFCI: ..... 561-790-4002

FLYER BY **PORT** 561-948-1402



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

# The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration

**"LOVE...MOST DURABLE POWER IN THE WORLD"**



**EVENT IS  
FREE**

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



**Monday, January 19, 2015**

**ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER**  
151 CIVIC CENTER WAY • ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

*13 Years  
of Cultural Excellence*



**FEATURING**

- AVERY SOMMERS
- BLUE DIAMONDS STEP TEAM
- BROADWAY KIDS
- JADE & DEMI MASTERS
- KATE DEVINEY
- SONS OF MYSTRO
- TEHYA MORRIS
- AND MORE...

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

## THE HISTORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

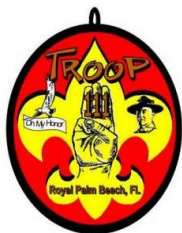
It took 15 years to create the federal Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Congressman John Conyers, Democrat from Michigan, first introduced legislation for a commemorative holiday four days after King was assassinated in 1968. After the bill became stalled, petitions endorsing the holiday containing six million names were submitted to Congress.

Conyers and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, Democrat of New York, resubmitted King holiday legislation each subsequent legislative session. Public pressure for the holiday mounted during the 1982 and 1983 civil rights marches in Washington.

Congress passed the holiday legislation in 1983, which was then signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. A compromise moving the holiday from Jan. 15, King's birthday, which was considered too close to Christmas and New Year's, to the third Monday in January helped overcome opposition to the law

- 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated; Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., introduces legislation for federal holiday to commemorate King
- 1973 Illinois is first state to adopt MLK Day as a state holiday
- 1983 Congress passes, President Reagan signs, legislation creating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1986 Federal MLK holiday goes into effect
- 1987 Arizona governor Evan Mecham rescinds MLK Day as his first act in office, setting off a boycott of the state.
- 1989 State MLK holiday adopted in 44 states
- 1991 The NFL moves the 1993 Super Bowl site from Phoenix, Ariz., to Pasadena, Calif., because of the MLK Day boycott.
- 1992 Arizona citizens vote to enact MLK Day. The Super Bowl is held in Tempe, Ariz. in 1996.
- 1993 For the first time, MLK Day is held in some form—sometimes under a different name, and not always as a paid state holiday—in all fifty states.
- 1999 New Hampshire becomes the last state to adopt MLK Day as a paid state holiday, replacing its optional Civil Rights Day.
- 2000 Utah becomes the last state to recognize MLK Day by name, renaming its Human Rights Day state holiday.  
South Carolina becomes the last state to make MLK Day a paid holiday for all state employees. Until now, employees could choose between celebrating it or one of three Confederate-related holidays.

by Shmuel Ross and David Johnson



## End of the year Youth Report For CAFCI's Troop 111

### The Troop 111 Family is growing...

This year they welcomed 8 new scouts into Troop 111's family, bringing the number of active scouts to 41, along with 1 Scoutmaster, 10 active Assistant Scout Masters, and 11 Committee members.



### 2014 Campouts

During this past year, the Troop attended two summer camps. Their first summer camp was at Tanah Keeta where they had 27 scouts and 5 Assistant Scout Masters attend. During the week the Troop earned a perfect score every day for camp inspections. One scout received the Climbing Camper of the week. A team of older scouts placed third in the triathlon. To top off a fun week, Troop 111 won the SPL/ Scoutmaster Challenge.

A couple of weeks later, 18 Scouts and four Assistant Scout Masters attended their second summer camp in Rainey Mountain, North Georgia. Three scouts went on the Epic Adventure where they went horseback riding, whitewater rafting, mountain backpacking and swimming, high ropes course, climbing tower and rappelling. One scout took the COPE course, the Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience that teaches teamwork, confidence building, and challenge by choice, leadership and initiative. Three scouts went on the Scoutland Aquatic Outpost where they learned motor boating, water skiing, sailing, and whitewater canoeing. One scout went on the Gold Rush adventure, where he lived in the 1800's for the week, living like the early settlers. He slept in a rustic cabin built in true pioneer fashion, learned tomahawk and knife throwing, mountain basketry, black powder rifle, fishing, blacksmithing, period craft and art, and learned the history and heritage.

The Scouts also had planned Campouts at **Fort Wilderness**, and **Camp Sikorsky** where they worked on the aviation, composites, engineering and fire safety merit badges. They hiked and learned skills at **Camp Dupuis**; worked on the oceanography and railroad merit badges at **Camp Pigeon Key**; and worked on skills and the line rescue for rank advancement at Campgrounds on the **Fort Pierce Inlet**. During the **Highlands Hammock campout**, they had patrol competitions that consisted of four stations: first aid, camp gadgets, emergency shelter/ knots, and camp set-up/fire making station. Typical Troop 111 style, they completed a service project for the Campgrounds, and had a cooking competition.

Finally, to celebrate Troop 111's Birthday in November, they had an awesome Surprise Mystery Campout in Orlando where the Scouts were treated to Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios.

### Fund Raisers

Once again, the Troop participated in the Gigantic Garage Sale, where scouts made a total of \$1,244.

### Service to the Community

The Troop participated in numerous service projects.



Memorial Day



MLK, Jr. Ceremony with Scout Jonathan Claridge as Co-MC

The Lord's Place Christmas Party  
Relay for Life  
Cultural Diversity Day  
2 Car Washes for the District  
Martin Luther King Ceremony  
Memorial Day  
Scouting for Food  
Veteran's Day Ceremony.



## Parents Sharing Their Knowledge and Talents



**Mr. Paul Brown** coordinated a special merit badge day for the Moviemaking Merit Badge, where scouts produced and acted in their own movie clip.  
**Mr. Onofry** taught the Engineering merit badge.  
**Mr. Epstein** coordinated the Stock Market Game as part of the Personal Finance merit badge, which is currently being conducted, and will end on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for the winning investors.

## Training



- \* Three scouts and one Assistant Scoutmaster completed the Order of the Arrow Ordeal.
- \* Three leaders and three youth proudly chosen for Woodbadge staff
- \* The Troop had a significant presence at the NYLT – National Youth Leadership Training in August
- \* The Troop conducted a CPR training for 20 adults/scouts
- \* Two Assistant Scoutmasters attended a training course for Wilderness Survival.

## Housekeeping and Equipment

- \* New patrols names were selected and patrol flags were made.
- \* New camp stoves and flag poles were purchased.
- \* Earned the “critter” award at the September roundtable, for having the second highest T111 representatives present.
- \* The Troop bus was painted through a donation. Troop 111 decals were purchased and applied to the bus, and the windows have been tinted, (make their trips much cooler)

## Ranks and Advancements

- \*\*Scouts earned **39** rank advancements and **208** merit badges.
- \*\*6 scouts earned the World Conservation Patch.
- \*\*3 scouts and 1 ASM earned the 100 Camping Night Patch

In addition, over the past year, the Troop has had 6 scouts earn the Rank of Eagle Scout.  
Congratulations to: Casey Whalen, Sam Cavaleri, Ryan Collins, Christopher Claridge, Tommy Smith, and Daniel Gouge.

*It is **CAFCI's** responsibility to make sure that the Leaders of Troop 111 are providing a positive quality program for the young men of our community. They are not only doing that but much, much more.*

Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
December 2014

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

There is not much to report since our last report. With a better understanding of the challenges that we face (ability to finance the property without one or more guarantor(s) and zoning constraints in non-commercial areas where the prices are not as high), our strategy and approach is being looked at and revised. Suggestions are welcome; especially if you have expertise in the area of fund raising or creative ways of acquiring commercial property.



Until such time, we are looking to ***purchase land for cash and then build, or find a location with a lease to own option.*** In either case the property would have to be in an area with the appropriate zoning or where it could be changed relatively easily. Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) if you know of any property, land or facilities that meet the above criteria.

***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.*** 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](http://www.cafcipbc.org) and ***click on the "Home of Our Own" tab*** or call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 for more information.



## AROUND TOWN.....

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9 pm** - **Lorna Stanley** invites all CAFCI members and friends to join her in celebration of her **Order of Distinction Award** at the Cultural Center of Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches, 408 17<sup>th</sup> Street, West Palm Beach. The school she founded in Trench Town is also celebrating its twentieth anniversary and she wants to recognize and thank you all who have seen her through these remarkable twenty years. Keshan Parkins, a teacher at the school, will be sharing on the significant life-transforming impact the school has had on her life.

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 8 pm** – CARE presents **Taste of the Caribbean** at Caribbean Tease Restaurant, 6295 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres. For information, call 561-313-4772.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

**CityPlace** (Now through December 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Snowfall on the Plaza:** Monday - Wednesday, 6 pm & 7 pm; Thursday - Sunday, 6 pm, 7 pm & 8 pm

**Holiday Train Rides:** Wednesday - Thursday, 3 pm - 9 pm; Friday, 3 pm - 10 pm; Saturday, 11 am - 10 pm; Sunday, Noon - 8 pm

**Sunday Holiday Music Series:** Noon – 4 pm

For more information visit [www.CityPlace.com](http://www.CityPlace.com) or call 561.366.1000

### West Palm Beach Waterfront

**"Sandi" The World's Only 600 Ton Sand Tree**

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Screen on the Green from 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Waterfront from 4 to 6 pm

See Sandi come to life nightly during music and light shows on the quarter hour. Sandi's kingdom of Sandi Land boasts more family friendly activities than ever! Back by popular demand is the nine hole, Peppermint Putt Putt mini golf course and holiday themed photo boards. For more information, please visit [www.wpb.org/sand-and-sea-sun](http://www.wpb.org/sand-and-sea-sun) or call 561-822-2222.

### Palm Beach Zoo

**Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus**, December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am, December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am – Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405 / Ring in the holidays at the Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society with amazing animals and breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus! "Breakfast with Santa" will feature a scrumptious hot buffet breakfast that includes waffles, eggs, bacon, sausage, omelets, pastries, coffee and juice with mimosas available for purchase. The event also features private, up-close animal encounters, a meet and greet plus photo opportunities with Santa and all-day admission to the Zoo. For more information or purchase tickets visit [www.palmbeachzoo.org/santa](http://www.palmbeachzoo.org/santa).

**CAFCI**

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Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

*On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Newsletter Committee  
we wish each and every member of CAFCI and their families  
a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holiday season!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

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

DECEMBER 13: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve Celebration at 8 p.m. until..., Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

JANUARY 10: General/Swearing in of new officers at 7 pm, Harvin Center

JANUARY 19: MLK Celebration at 8:30 am, Cultural Center

FEBRUARY 14: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

MARCH 14: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

APRIL 11: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

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

MAY (date tbd): General/Scholarship Awards Meeting

JUNE 13: 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.***