



## 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.

June

2012

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

### A HOME FOR CAFCI

Saturday, June 9 at 6:30 pm

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, Royal Palm Beach

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, instead of our usual general meeting at the Harvin Center, we will be having a special event at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. This event will be a combination of a presentation followed by a games night. Members have been asking the question "When is CAFCI going to have their own place?" Come and find out how you can be a part of the effort to acquire a home for CAFCI. Come with an open mind, positive energy and your favorite game. The presentation starts at 6:30 pm and will be followed by an evening of games and fellowship. Look forward to having an evening of anticipation, excitement and fun with members and friends of CAFCI. See enclosed flyer for additional information. See you there!

### ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

Saturday, August 25 at 6 pm

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, Royal Palm Beach

CAFCI's annual youth talent show will feature the amazing talent of our youth showcasing their performing abilities. Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment as the talented youth wow us as usual with their singing and vocal variety, playing instruments, dancing and eloquent oratory skills. Please contact Nadine White-Boyd at [cafc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafc@bellsouth.net) or [nvwboyd@aol.com](mailto:nvwboyd@aol.com) if you are interested in performing or helping with the event. More details will be in the next issue of the NEWS or on CAFCI'S website [cafcipc.org](http://cafcipc.org).

### CAFCI 2012 ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

September 22, 2012

Plans for this year's Friendship Ball are in full swing. Our Ball committee is busy lining up the food and entertainment for this year's event. Tickets and flyers will be available starting June 9, 2012. We will be calling on our members to support the Ball Journal by helping with the sale of advertisement. The annual Friendship Ball is a time of celebration for the membership and friends of CAFCI to come together in the spirit of oneness and caring. This year's event will be enjoyable, elegant and representative of CAFCI's standard of excellence. Look out for more details in the upcoming issues of the NEWS or [cafcipc.org](http://cafcipc.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

September 22, 2012

Members, see back page for how to win a free ticket to the Ball.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

#### JUNE

Gladys E. Brown	18
Patricia Forde	18
Carmen Johnson	18
Marjorie Schleifer	18
Georgia Brown	19
Hyacinth M. Wilson	20
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis	21
Gerald Damon	26
Lilian McGann	28
Carolyn Hmara	30

#### JULY

Audrey Campbell	01
Henworth Ferguson	07
Everett Wheatley	07
Kenneth Salmon	08
Mavis Baxter	11

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Marjorie Aiken  
 Uriah Bell  
 Hazel McKenzie  
 Ocie Roundtree

### CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Nellie Fernandez

### 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  
 Marjorie Schleifer ..... 793-4861



In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, culminating a two-year, bipartisan and bicameral effort.

Since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This year marks the seventh anniversary of June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month. The proclamation marks the official recognition that since the 16th Century, the destinies of the peoples of the Caribbean and the American continent have been inextricably linked.

The campaign to designate June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month, was spearheaded by Dr. Claire Nelson, Founder and President of the Institute of Caribbean Studies. Through the commemoration of this month, we hope to ensure that America is reminded that its greatness lies in its diversity, with Caribbean immigrants from founding father Alexander Hamilton, to journalist Malcolm Gladwell, who have shaped the American dream.

For more information on events around the country and the world in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, go to the official website [caribbeanamericanmonth.org](http://caribbeanamericanmonth.org).

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### **CAFCI AND THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach hosted the eighth annual Cultural Diversity Day at the Veterans' Park in Royal Palm Beach. The day was dedicated to sharing our rich cultural heritage and was a very exciting and entertaining day for all who attended. Performers, domino players, arts and crafts for the children, and several vendors showcased our different cultures and ethnicity. This year it was noticeable that we had a very diverse audience. Our CAFCI members came out in droves. The evening ended with dancing to the Latin Band. Thanks to our fantastic committee and members for another successful celebration of our different cultures with good food, music and entertainment. Continue to WALK GOOD.

Visit CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) for pictures at the event.

### **CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PALM BEACH COUNTY GRADUATES**

On May 5, 2012, CAFCI held its annual student assistance ceremony at the Harvin Center. Seven students from Palm Beach County Schools were awarded \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 financial assistance by CAFCI. This year marks the 20th year of CAFCI's Student Assistance program recognizing students' achievement in Palm Beach County schools and colleges. To date, CAFCI has given 85 monetary awards totaling \$35,490.00. The seven students awarded 2012 financial assistance are: Alexandra D'Haiti; Anthony Woodside; Ashley Connor; Bernadine Simeus; Natalya Miller-Odum; Tiffany Williams; Wilderson Vernet. The student assistance awards are made possible through the contribution and dedication of members and supporters of the organization's annual Friendship Ball and family picnic. Through the generosity of lifetime members of CAFCI, Shauna and Lauriston Simms, Bernadine Simeus, who plans to pursue studies in nursing, received the Simms Award for Academic Excellence. The Winn-Dixie Foundation partnered with CAFCI and provided funds through a grant written by CAFCI Student Committee Chair Dr. Elaine Ealy. It is the second year of partnership between CAFCI and Winn-Dixie in providing assistance to students in Palm Beach County. "We are pleased to partner with CAFCI, as together we work to make our neighborhoods a better place." said Mary Kellmanson, marketing group vice president of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. and president of the Winn-Dixie Foundation. Ms. Mary Deniliack representing Winn-Dixie Foundation presented the \$2,500.00 check to CAFCI. Donations to the scholarship fund were also made by Port of Palm Beach Commissioner Wayne Richards; Royal Palm Beach Councilman Jeff Hmara; Junette and Ledlo Powell, founding members of CAFCI; Peter and Helen Inniss and Dr. Colette Brown-Graham, community business partners.

Mayor Matty Mattioli of the Village of Royal Palm saluted the recipients and wished them well. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Palm Beach County School Board Member Marcia Andrews. Mrs. Andrews congratulated the students for their high achievement and gave a remarkable motivational speech that brought the audience to its feet at the end of her speech. Contributors to the student assistance fund were presented with certificates of appreciation. By the end of the ceremony, contributions, including an annual pledge, were made to the Student Assistance Fund for 2013 financial assistance to graduating students in Palm Beach County Schools. For more information about CAFCI, and future Student Assistance Awards, please visit [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) or call Dr. Elaine Ealy at 561-790-4002. For more information about Winn-Dixie Foundation, visit [www.winndixie.com](http://www.winndixie.com).

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*The Officers and Finance Committee of*  
*Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI)*  
*Celebrating over 22 years of • Educational Assistance*  
*• Health Awareness*  
*• Volunteerism • Cultural Diversity • Community Outreach • Youth Development*

*Cordially invite you to an evening of*

**Courage, Affirmation, Fortitude, Commitment, Ingenuity**

*as we unveil plans to acquire a home for CAFCI*  
*to be followed by a time of*

**Camaraderie, Activities, Fun, Chow, Interaction**

**When:** *Saturday June 9, 2012*  
**Where:** *Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center*  
*151 Civic Center Way*  
*Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411*  
**Time:** *6:30 p.m.*

**CAFCI**

1030 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard  
Box 11  
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**MEMBERSHIP:**

The Membership Committee is continuing to work to revitalize the membership of CAFCI. The Committee is asking all members to participate. **The current member who brings in the most new members will receive a complimentary ticket for CAFCI's signature ball in September.** The winner must bring in at least two (2) new members to qualify. If there is a tie for first place, there will be a drawing to determine the winner. The competition will end at the September meeting prior to the ball. Membership application packets, including informational brochures, will be made available at upcoming events. Packets are also available from committee members.

Congratulations to the following members who have brought in new members in May: Ernie Garvey, Hyacinth and Newbolt Wilson, Dr. Elaine Ealy, Lawrence Logan

**CAFCI'S 2012 EVENTS**

- JUNE 9 ..... Special Event - Unveiling of Plans for New Home for CAFCI
- JULY 14..... General Meeting
- AUGUST 11 ..... General Meeting – Membership Appreciation
- AUGUST 25..... Talent Show
- SEPTEMBER 8 .... General Meeting
- SEPTEMBER 22.. Annual Friendship Ball
- OCTOBER 13 ..... International Night
- NOVEMBER 10 ... Annual Meeting
- DECEMBER 8 ..... General Meeting – Christmas Party Potluck & Toys for Tots
- DECEMBER 31 ... New Year's Eve Party



**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**  
Marcia Andrews  
Jeff & Carolyn Hmara  
Dr. Carmen McKenzie  
Roy Suraton