



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

2017

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAFCI's new Board of Directors were sworn in on January 14, 2017 with a full complement of nine board members. The year began with a successful celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. This year's theme was "Love is the most durable power in the world". The Master of Ceremonies was one of our members, Dr. Cedric Lynch, who did a masterful job keeping the audience engaged and entertained. The keynote address, given by CAFCI Member Attorney Aubin Robinson, was insightful and powerful. As usual, the entertainers carried the morning. There were over 450 people in attendance at this event. Congratulations to Elet Cyris and her entire team for a well-coordinated event and for their hard work in putting this program together. The overwhelming response was positive. Thanks to the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County for partnering with CAFCI to host this event again. Thanks to all our members, supporters and friends who contributed food, money and time to make this event a memorable one. Please see highlights of MLK celebration elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dennis Wright
President



FEBRUARY 16 - 28

Julia Adams	21
Alfred Nelson	22
Dennis Wright	22
Betty Mallory	23
Stephen Williams	25
Pearline Roomes	27

MARCH 1 - 15

Richard Valuntas	03
Vinette Tracey	04
Millie Hampton	11
Winston Davis	15
KaShamba Miller-Anderson	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lloyd and Monica Grant
 on the loss of his sister

GET WELL TO:

Mavis Baxter

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
VALENTINE'S DAY & BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS
Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 7 pm
Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

The February meeting will be dedicated to our *Relay for Life* program. Remember that February is also celebration of Valentine's day as well as Black History month. Please feel free to bring your favorite dish to share with other CAFCI members after the meeting. Please remember to wear purple in support of *Relay for Life*.



RELAY FOR LIFE
WESTERN PALM BEACH COUNTY
Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 3 - 11 pm
South Florida Fairgrounds

Thank you to those who took a donation envelope or a scratch off card at our last monthly meeting. I hope you are doing well with getting donations. CAFCI's goal this year is \$3,000. This means that everyone will need to do his or her part to make it happen. More envelopes and scratch off cards are still available for anyone who wishes to join our team.

Cancer is an awful disease and just about everyone knows someone who has been touched by it. Remember, you may purchase luminarias in honor or in memory of loved ones for a suggested d

As part of our fundraising efforts, we will be raffling a "Caribbean Basket" of goodies. Thanks to all those who purchased tickets at our last meeting. If you did not, or wish to buy more, tickets will be available at our next meeting. Raffle tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for three. The drawing will take place at the event on March 11.



The Relay theme color is purple. Let us have some fun and do some fundraising at the same time. **"Paint our meeting purple" by wearing purple to our General Membership meeting on February 11th and contributing \$2 towards our goal.**

Let's go "Island Steppers" as we go "cruising for a cure" in the fight against cancer! Go team!

Nova Brown, *Chair*
Relay for Life Committee

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY
Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 6 pm
Original Wellington Mall
12794 W. Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington

Student Assistance Program Awards Application:
Graduating students interested in applying for financial assistance must have at least a 3.0 GPA and 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 February 24, 2017**
- Provide an acceptance letter from an accredited college
- **Be available for an interview on April 1, 2017**
- Be able to **attend a presentation of awards ceremony, if selected, on May 6, 2017 at 6 pm**

Address all applications and accompanying documents to:
CAFCI

Attention: Student Assistance
1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

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 11, 2017 membership meeting. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895, Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or via email at cafcibellsouth.net. The student assistance committee would like your help to solicit sponsorship funds. Please provide us with names and addresses of potential sponsors and we will send them letters. Thanks for your continued support.

Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, *Chairs*
Students Assistance Program

Ridymz Jamaican Cuisine



**15% of proceeds to benefit
Relay for Life
Western Palm Beach County**

*Offer Valid February 12 – 25, 2017
10385 Southern Blvd-Royal Palm Beach
(Same Shopping Center as Burlington)
(561) 229-2754*



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

On January 16th, we had a successful Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center with over 450 people in attendance. This year's theme "Love is the most durable power in the world" served as our guiding force to honor Dr. King's vision to make the world a better place for all. The Master of Ceremonies for the program was Dr. Cedric Lynch. Boy Scouts Troop 111 opened the celebration followed by a rendition of the National Anthem by Jade Masters. Rev. Ana Higginbotham delivered the invocation after which Mayor Fred Pinto recognized the local dignitaries. President Dennis Wright welcomed the audience. The Key Note Speaker was Aubin Robinson, Esq. who kept the audience engaged with his amazing speech. Congratulations to Elet Cyris and her entire team for a well-coordinated event and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. There were outstanding performances by The Blues Brothers, Jade Masters, duet by Laura Whiten and Ralph Pittman, the Broadway Stars, Pianist Pierre Harris, violinist Kate Deviney, Tehya Morris, Jordaine Randon and Rochelle Wright. Thanks to the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County for partnering with CAFCI to host the MLK Celebration again this year. Thanks to the members of the Cultural Committee chaired by Elet Cyris: Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Henworth Ferguson, Hope Francis, Pamela Fraser, Ernie Garvey, Margaret Granda, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison and Genieve White for their hard work in putting this program together. Bishop Thomas Masters, the Mayor of Riviera Beach, did an excellent imitation of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech which was a fantastic way to end a phenomenal event. Thanks to all our members, supporters and friends who contributed food, money and time to make this event a memorable one.



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

A couple leads are currently being investigated (one for land and the other a building in a commercial location). It is hopeful that owner financing is available alleviating the need to get a commercial bank loan. We are also investigating availability of grants to fund programs using a CAFCI owned facility. Thank you for your continued patience and support 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 cafci@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.cafcipc.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.

As We Celebrate Black History Month, Did You Know?.....

Cathay Williams was the one and only female Buffalo Soldier, posing as a man named William Cathay to enlist in the 38th infantry in 1866. She served for two years before a doctor discovered that she was a woman, leading to her discharge.

Both Condoleezza Rice and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. started college when they were just 15 years old. She studied political science at the University of Denver; he majored in sociology at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

AROUND TOWN.....

Friday, February 24th, 7 pm: St. Christopher's Church presents its Fifth Annual Gala Celebrating Mardi Gras at Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach. Entertainment by Steel Pan Orchestra & DJ. Doors open at 7 pm, Dinner served at 8 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person. Prize for the best mask; BYOB; Semi Formal. For more information, please email the Church Office at StChristophersWPB@comcast.net or call 561.683.8167.

Saturday, February 25th, 8 pm to 1 am: Grace Episcopal Church presents *Tropical Night of Love*. Music by D.J. Phil. Come and enjoy an evening of music, dancing, food and fun. Donation: \$25. Semi-formal attire. No drinks allowed. For more information, contact Cynthia Jackman at 561.801.2425.

Saturday, March 4th, 3 pm to 6 pm: Tea with Cecelia at Aero Club Clubhouse, 15675 Take-Off Place, Wellington. Great food, fashion show, giveaways, live entertainment, international teas and much more. Donation \$40. All proceeds to support Andre & Coline for their mission work in Africa. For more information, contact Cecelia at 561.602.4486.

Saturday, March 4th, 7 pm: Dinthill Technical High School presents its annual Spring Ball at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel. Cocktails 7 - 7:30 pm and dinner at 8 pm. Contribution is \$90 per person. For tickets, contact Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or Margaret at 954.729.7946.

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.

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)

- Sun., March 5th ★ Smokey Robinson
- Tue., April 11th ★ The Four Tops & The Temptations

Kravis On Broadway

- May 9th - 12th ★ Sound of Music
- April 18th - 23rd ★ Kinky Boots
- Fri., March 24th ★ Phantom of the Opera

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

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2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$60 * Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipc.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, February 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center
- Saturday, March 11: **Relay for Life**, 3 pm to 11 pm at the South Florida Fair Grounds
- Saturday, March 18: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center
- Saturday, April 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center
- Saturday, April 15, **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park
- Saturday, May 6: **General Membership Meeting Scholarship Awards Presentation**, 7 pm at the RPB Cultural Center
- 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, 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