



# 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

2015

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

President ..... Dennis Wright  
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Sandra Gordon ★ Lascelles Harris  
Lawrence Logan ★ Shirley Morrison  
Junette Powell ★ Barbara Walker  
Thalia White

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Alliance ..... Genieve White  
Annual Friendship Ball ..... Dennis Wright  
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CAFCI Home ..... Radcliffe Brown  
Cultural ..... Elet Cyris  
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Relay for Life ..... Nova Brown  
Student Assistance ..... Elaine Ealy  
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Talent Show ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
Toys for Tots ..... Lauriston Simms  
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Vivian Ferrin Memorial ..... Genieve White  
Website ..... Radcliffe Brown  
Youth ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to take this opportunity to extend season's greetings to all our members, friends and supporters. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all you do to make our organization strong and relevant. Each one of you contributed in some special way to help fulfill our mission to maintain and sustain the quality of life in our community. This year has been a good year for CAFCI. I thank one and all for your support and dedication.

As we end the year, we still have a few events on the calendar. Please support our Toys for Tots drive by bringing a new and unwrapped toy to our December 12<sup>th</sup> 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 cannot go out and shop, we will accept cash donations and one of our CAFCI volunteers will purchase the toys. As you make your year-end tax deductible donations, please consider a monetary donation to CAFCI to help support our programs for 2016.

Please come out for our New Year's Eve party and celebrate with us as we conclude another year. The party is a time for CAFCI's family, friends and supporters to come together and celebrate our achievements for this year.

**Board Member Elections:** We will elect board members at our December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. I hope to see a large gathering.

My best wishes to you and your families for a safe, happy holiday season and a very happy new year!

Dennis Wright  
President

*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!*

## Welcome New Member

*Diana Bishop-McIntosh*



### DECEMBER 16 - 31

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:

John Lewis  
on the loss of his sister  
Winsom Martin  
on the loss of her father  
Genieve White, Thalia White and  
Nadine White-Boyd  
on the loss of a relative

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

William Turner  
Elaine and Ben Ealy

### 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

**GENERAL MEETING  
ELECTIONS & CHRISTMAS PARTY POT LUCK**

**Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 7 pm**

*Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach*

CAFCI will have its Christmas "pot luck" party in conjunction with the yearly Board elections general meeting. Come out, vote, be part of the process and support your fellow members as they commit to serving CAFCI. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" drive as well as a dish to share; and don't forget to wear your Santa hat and/or Christmas attire. Tickets and information will also be available for the upcoming New Year's Eve Party.

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Thursday, December 31, 2015 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. This is a special time of the year; let's come together and support each other as we embrace the New Year. See additional details on the flyer in this issue and on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)).

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION**

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center  
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach*

On January 18, 2016, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host the fourteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. There will be a continental breakfast from 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 event remains free to all. Please see flyer elsewhere in the Newsletter as well as on CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)) for more details.

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**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Look for details on this year's Relay for Life in the coming issues of the newsletter, at the monthly meetings and of course on CAFCI's website.

**AROUND TOWN.....  
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: 1 - 5 pm; December 20

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

**West Palm Beach Waterfront**

**Now through December 31<sup>st</sup>**

WELCOME TO SANDI LAND! Our spectacular *Holiday in Paradise* celebration is located on the beautiful West Palm Beach Waterfront and filled with tons of FREE entertainment and family-friendly holiday activities. The star of the festivities is "Sandi", the world's ONLY holiday sand tree made of 600 tons of sand! This staggering 35-foot-tall holiday tree will dazzle the crowds nightly with light and music shows.

**December 13<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am,**

**December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS, Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405. This year's Breakfast with Santa program is bigger and better than ever before featuring: hot breakfast buffet with outdoor dining in the Fountain Plaza, meet 'n' greets and photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus, up-close animal encounters with photo opportunities, face painting, craft stations, complimentary rides on the Wildlife Carousel, take away gifts for all children in attendance, and holiday music provided by Be the Show Productions' Noisy Neighbors DJs. Pre-registration is required. Register early, space is limited - this event will sell-out. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.palmbeachzoo.org/santa](http://www.palmbeachzoo.org/santa).

**Amazing Plants:**

*A local farmer in West Palm Beach cultivates some of the most amazing plants right in his backyard. He claims he uses minimal fertilizers. The nutrients come from leaves in his rain forest-like setting. Plants grow tall and the leaves make mulch and fertilizer and keep the ground moist and fertile. His yucca - which will be entered in the Guinness Book of Records - and his "Praying Hands Bananas" are some of his new projects. Last year, he had a banana tree that bore three bunches from the same stalk.*

Submitted by Ernie Garvey

# 2016 CAFCI

PRESENTS

## 26TH ANNIVERSARY New Year's Eve Gala

Thursday,  
December 31, 2015  
8:00 pm - until...

**\$50**  
per person  
includes  
Buffet & Champagne

Entertainment By:  
DJ Top Ranking Sound  
and Tri Star

B.Y.O.B.

at the Royal Palm Beach  
Cultural Center  
151 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach, Florida

Buffet: 9:00 PM  
Midnite Champagne Toast

Dress Code: Semi-Formal

Information & Reservation

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

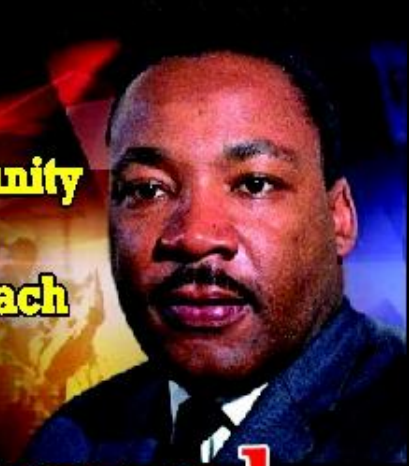
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PORTLAND  
561-440-1402

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



# **The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration**

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER**

**151 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach, Florida**

**"DIGNITY, JUSTICE, EQUALITY & LOVE"**

## **FEATURING**

- **BLUES BROTHERS**
- **JADE AND DEMI MASTERS**
- **BROADWAY STARS**
- **COPELAND DAVIS**
- **AND MORE...**

**CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST**

**8:30 AM - 9:30**

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

**EVENT IS  
FREE**



**CAFCI**



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

So far we have not been able to locate land that can be purchased for cash nor facilities with a lease to own option within the Royal Palm Beach/Acreage /Loxahatchee area. An online survey to get input from the membership to assist in deciding what our next move will be is being prepared for review and approval by the Board. If approved, the survey will be sent via email within the next four weeks. Look out for an email with a link to the survey.



*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 are needed to assist us in revising our strategy to obtain a home for CAFCI and creating an associated plan to reach our objective. Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at (561) 791-3344 or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) if you are able to assist in any of these areas.



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.cafciabc.org](http://www.cafciabc.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.*

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**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.*

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**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.*

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**2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

You may submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.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, December 12:** Toys for Tots ♦ Pot Luck ♦ Election of Officers Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**Thursday, December 31:** New Year's Eve Celebration, 8 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**Saturday, January 9, 2016:** General Meeting ♦ Swearing-In of Officers, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**Monday, January 18:** MLK Celebration, 9 am at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**Saturday, February 13:** General Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**Saturday, March 12:** General Meeting, 7 pm at Harvin Center

**Saturday-Sunday, April 2-3:** Relay for Life, 4pm to 6am at the Royal Palm Beach High School

**Saturday, April 9:** General Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**Saturday, May 7:** Cultural Diversity Day, 1pm to Sundown at the Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

**Saturday, May 14:** General Meeting ♦ Scholarship Awards Presentation, 7 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

**Saturday, June 11:** General Meeting, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL****WEEKLY GAMES FOR CAFCI LADIES**

CAFCI ladies are now meeting at the Harvin Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5 pm to play games of cards, scrabble, dominoes (including Mexican train) or other games. All who are interested please call Barbara Walker at 561-422-0524 or Kitty Lannaman at 561-793-4055.