



## 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.

October

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

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### "INTERNATIONAL NIGHT"

Saturday, October 13 at 7 pm

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

The General membership meeting will feature speakers from various countries highlighting different island nations.

### HOME OF OUR OWN WALK-A-THON A SUCCESS!

The "Home Of Our Own" team would like to thank CAFCI members, their families, friends and supporters who took envelopes and solicited donations and sponsors for the Walk-A-Thon. They were able to solicit over \$1,000 in donations and/or sponsorships. In recognition of their efforts, their names are listed alphabetically at the end of this article. Henworth Ferguson, Lawrence Logan, Richard Valuntas and Kathleen Lannaman were the top four fundraisers respectively, for this event. Thanks to walkers who came at various times between 6:30pm and 8:00pm to the Royal Palm Beach Veterans Park on Friday September 14, 2012 to participate in the Walk-A-Thon. The evening was not too hot and those who walked enjoyed walking and talking with each other as laps were completed. We would also like to thank all those who made contributions and sponsored those who walked. Without the participation of all involved, the event would not have been a success.

Thanks again to all who participated! Woody and Nova Brown, Jordan Davis, Winston Davis and Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Henworth Ferguson, Kathleen Lannaman, Lawrence Logan, Frances Pickney, Fred Pinto, Shirley Morrison, Shanique Peterkin, Lauriston Simms, Richard Valuntas, Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd and Percival Wood.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Sean and Julia Adams  
 Howard Stultz  
 Deborah Williams

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

#### OCTOBER

Inez McCallum	20
Babbette Millings	26

#### NOVEMBER

Barbara Sangster	02
Eaton Richardson	04
Nova Brown	07
Elke Bryan	05
Myrna Adams	11
Carmen Peterson	13
Norman Martin	16

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Marjorie Aiken \* Yvonne Lawrence  
 Hyacinth "Dolly" Lewis  
 Aubin Wade Robinson  
 Jerome Wright

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Junette Powell and family  
 on the loss of her uncle  
 Nadine White-Boyd and family  
 on the loss of her mother-in-law

### 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

## CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL 2012

Our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual friendship ball was held on September 22, 2012 at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center; and despite the rainy weather, we had a beautiful celebration with over 200 members, friends, guests and supporters in attendance. The ball, which is our signature event to raise funds for our student assistance program, got off to a wonderful start with the President's reception hosted by Ms. Genieve White. The reception room was nicely laid out with oil paintings loaned to CAFCI by artist, Karl Kelly and several other pieces of art donated to CAFCI by Frames of America for our silent Auction. There was plenty of wine, cheese and fruits for all.

The opening remarks were delivered by Ball committee chair Mr. Dennis Wright who welcomed all and gave a brief overview of CAFCI's mission, vision and values. Mr. Wright highlighted some of the goals and achievements we had in 2012 including the launch of the Home of Our Own initiative. Mr. Dennis Wright then introduced the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Leonie Escoffery, who has been the MC for 19 of the last 22 annual Friendship Ball events. Mrs. Leonie Escoffery did an excellent job as always.

The invocation was delivered by Mr. Newley Wilson. The dinner was served immediately after, with delicious food prepared by Chef G and music supplied by DJ Howard. Mr. Fredrick Pinto recognized and welcomed all of our honored guests and organizations who came from near and far to help us celebrate. Mayor Matty Mattioli and County Commissioner Jess Santamaria presented proclamations declaring September 22 as Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida Day. Proclamations were accepted by board members Nadine White-Boyd and Dennis Wright and by President Genieve White.

Greetings from the Jamaican Consul General was delivered by Deputy Consul General of Jamaica, Mr. Dale Jones, and a message from Congressman Ted Deutch was read by the Honorable Fredrick Pinto. Mrs. Nadine White-Boyd delivered a message from CAFCI's Board of Directors highlighting our achievements for 2012. Mr. Denton Gay, a young man who performed in the youth talent show, did a dance tribute to our 2012 scholarship recipients.

Port of Palm Beach Commissioner Wayne Richards presented the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award to a well deserving member Mrs. Junette Powell. Mrs. Powell was described as a person who truly is indispensable and a star

that sparkles. She brings a vibrancy and enthusiasm that defines the concept of CAFCI. She inspires others with her hard work and dedication. She was there at CAFCI's first picnic and has been a driving force behind CAFCI's talent Show. Junette is an avid supporter of numerous charities and community organizations including American Diabetes Association, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, The American Lung association and Toastmaster International. Our Citizen of the Year has helped CAFCI and other organizations make their mark year in and year out. Junette, congratulations, well deserved. Mrs. Loriann Cabrera sang "You Are My Hero" in tribute to Mrs. Powell who was not able to attend due to a death in the family. Her award was accepted by her husband, Mr. Neil Powell.

Mrs. Audrey Campbell thanked the advertisers, sponsors, guests, members and friends of CAFCI for their continued support and attendance. Mrs. Campbell thanked Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Royal Inn and Port of Palm Beach as major and consistent supporters as well as CC Metro Inc., Frames of America, Celebration Cruise Lines, Chef G Catering, Hilton Gardens Inn, Karl Kelly (art display), Prestige Auto Works, Samuel & Philogene, P.A., Wellington Jewelers and Wellington Counseling & Associates.

Mr. Radcliffe Brown gave the vote of thanks to all of the CAFCI members, family and friends who worked so hard to make this year's Ball a success. The Ball Committee members: Dennis Wright (project manager), Nova Brown, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Newly Wilson, Nadine White-Boyd, Genieve White and Jerome Wright; Journal Committee members: Audrey Campbell, Paulette Cameron, Elaine Ealy, Pat Forde, Millie Hampton, Junette Powell, Jannette Sharpe-Paul, Norma Rose, Thalia White and Genieve White (journal Chairperson)

Thanks to Mr. Radcliffe Brown and Mr. Alpha McDonald for putting together the video presentation highlighting our student scholarship recipients, CAFCI in pictures and snapshots of our major projects this year.

The evening concluded with door prizes, raffle ticket drawing and silent auction winners. DJ Howard, featuring Sweet Odyssey, had every one dancing the rest of the night away.

*Submitted by Dennis Wright*

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**MEMBERSHIP CORNER:**

The membership committee would like to thank all the members who participated in our membership drive. I am sure some of you tried to sign up new members but did not succeed but please do not give up. We would like to congratulate our winner of the competition and thank him not only for his efforts in meeting our challenge but for all he has done throughout the years for CAFCI. Without any further ado we send our congratulations to Mr. Ernie Garvey. Again thanks to all the members for their continued support of CAFCI. Everyone is a winner!

The Election Meeting normally held in November has been rescheduled to December. The December meeting will be dedicated to election of Board members as well as our Christmas Party Potluck and *Toys for Tots* collection. All CAFCI members in good standing please come out to vote. There is an urgent need for a Nominations Committee chairperson. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Genieve White or call 561-790-4002 and leave a message.

*When we are in a situation where Jesus is all we have, we soon discover he is all we really need.*

*Gigi Graham Tchividjian*

**CAFCI'S 2012 EVENTS**

- OCTOBER 13 ➤ General Meeting  
International Night
- NOVEMBER 10 ➤ General Meeting
- DECEMBER 8 ➤ Annual Meeting  
Christmas Party Potluck & Toys for Tots
- DECEMBER 31 ➤ New Year's Eve Party

***Fund-Raising Halloween Bash!***

*Hosted by a private group of CAFCI supporters  
Proceeds to benefit the Buy a Brick Campaign*

**Saturday, October 27, 2012**

7pm to 2am

FOP Lodge, 5876 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach

\$25.00 (Includes Dinner)

Cash Bar

Dance to the sounds of DJ Markie Mark

Please support this worthwhile event.

Contact Simms at 561-719-0263 for tickets.