



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.

January

2016

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2016 has arrived! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy, productive and rewarding year. We are excited and ready to go forward into our 27th year as an organization. Thanks to all of you who have contributed in various ways to make our organization a success. We will need your support even more this year.

Home of Our Own will be a top priority this year, as we move towards 2018 when we absolutely have to move out of the Harvin Center. We will be redoubling our efforts to recruit more members and will be targeting younger members in particular, to strengthen our membership role. Some of our general membership meetings will be targeted towards giving members information about our various committees and their roles in CAFCI. We invite you to get involved in the activities that we have planned for this year. You are an important part of the organization and it is through your contribution that it will thrive. We need you, your expertise and your help. Your support is needed to raise the funds needed for our scholarship fund and to fulfill our mission "to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage."

Goals and Purposes. Our primary purpose and objectives are to:

- ♦ Create an atmosphere and sponsor events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among ethnic groups in our community.
- ♦ Seek out, recognize, and support persons of Caribbean ancestry residing in the regions

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may 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



JANUARY 16 - 31

Herbert Chambers	16
Berman Patterson	18
Kareem Ali	19

FEBRUARY 1 - 15

V. Alvin Nembhard	02
Yvonne Lawrence	03
Yvonne Richardson	06
Patrick McLaughlin	08
Yvonne Wright	08
Ocie Roundtree	10
Sandra A. Gordon	13
Radcliffe Brown	14

CONDOLENCES TO:

John Lewis on the loss of his sister

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Newbolt Wilson
Shauna Simms

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 Cyrus, Chair 791-9087
Paul Baker 784-0067
Samuel Baxter 798-2864

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

- ♦ Encourage involvement with other groups;
- ♦ Spearhead projects that are likely to improve the quality of life in the community at large
- ♦ Promote and or positively respond to multicultural events which complement our efforts and enhance our objects and values; and
- ♦ Contribute to educational and humanitarian needs as warranted.

Please take a moment and re-read the statements in our Goals and Purposes above. Think about how we can all do better in 2016. We would love to hear your ideas; so please feel free to send an e-mail to cafcibellsouth.net.

Toys for Tots: This year's toys for tots drive was a great success. Thanks to Mr. Simms and his team for making the program a success. Thanks also to our Boy Scouts Troop 111 and Cub Scouts Pack 120 for also collecting toys for the CAFCI toys drive.

General Membership Meeting: Please plan to attend our next general membership meeting on Saturday, January 9, 2016 when the new board will be sworn in. Looking forward to another exciting year at CAFCI.

Dennis Wright
President

*Let our New Year's resolution be this:
we will be there for one another
as fellow members of humanity,
in the finest sense of the word.*

Goran Persson

GENERAL MEETING SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 7 pm
Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

January's meeting will be the swearing in of CAFCI's new Board of Directors. Please make every effort to come and show your support for CAFCI's Board

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 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.cafcibc.org) for more details.

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.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:

STUDENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE: Applications will be available on CAFCI's website as well as the School District's website later this month. Applications will also be available to members at the February general meeting on Saturday, February 13th. The Awards Ceremony will be on May 13, 2016. Please see future issues of the Newsletter and CAFCI's website for further details.

IN THE NEWS.....After receiving over 600 entries, the Palm Beach Post declared Kate Deviney, daughter of Andrea McMillan, the winner of the ages 10-12 category in the Post's Holiday Coloring Contest. Kate's winning entry and photograph appeared on the front page of the Accent section of the Post on Christmas Eve.

CAFCI'S rings in the New Year...: Thanks to all members of the New Year's Eve committee: Pamela Fraser, Millie Hampton, Charmaine Henry, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, OG Smith, Genieve White and Jerome Wright for putting together this year's celebration. The turnout exceeded expectations and, by all accounts, everyone enjoyed the food and had a night of fun. Thanks to all our members, friends and supporters who came out to celebrate with us.



AROUND TOWN.....

January 15 – 31, 2016: SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Create lasting memories during the 17 days of the South Florida Fair. Acres of exhibits and rides beckon young and old in an explosion of sight, taste, smells, sounds and excitement. Stroll through halls and stalls and wonder at handmade crafts and prize-winning livestock, or discover the grand history of the Lake Region's agriculture. For more information, visit www.southfloridafair.com.

Saturday, January 30th: SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE, downtown West Palm Beach. Participate in the 25th Annual Susan G. Komen South Florida Race for the Cure® and show everyone whose life you are running for. Are you running for your mother, your sister, a co-worker, a friend or your own life? No matter whose life you are running for, now is the time to get involved and run for their life! It would be nice if CAFCI could have a group at this year's event. If anyone would like to put a CAFCI group together, please contact Dennis Wright or email cafcipbc.org. For more information, visit www.komensouthflorida.org.

January 13 - April 03: WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL. The event brings together the partnership of horse and rider during the thrills and grace of show jumping and the elegance of dressage. Enjoy the best and most experienced individuals in the largest and longest running horse show in the world. In dressage, horse and rider become one in a ballet of balance and beauty where horse and rider dance to a melody heard only to them, while flying over fence and stile, show jumping is exciting as well as entertaining.

<http://www.palmbeachfl.com/events-palm-beach/sporting-recreation/fti-winter-equestrian-festival/>.

Friday, February 5th at 7 pm: ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL GALA CELEBRATING MARDI GRAS at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. Tickets are \$75 and there is a prize for the "best mask." For more information, contact the church at 561-683-8167 or stchristopherswpb@comcast.net.

Saturday, February 6th at 2 pm: 9TH ANNUAL LOUISE BENNETT-COVERLEY READING FESTIVAL; Broward College (South Campus) 7200 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines. For more information, visit www.louisebennett.com.

**SAVE THE DATE
&
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR
CAFCI's Fundraiser Casino Cruise
Saturday, April 23, 2016
11 am - 4pm
The Blue Horizon
Sailing out of the
Port of Palm Beach**

Invite your friends from Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Port St. Lucie, your gym groups, co-workers, walking partners, and affiliated clubs and groups to join us on what promises to be a fun-filled, relaxing day. You can purchase tickets as birthday and Anniversary gifts, but must sail on April 23rd, 2016.

The cost of \$40 per person includes:

- ♦ \$20 free slot play
- ♦ Lunch, coffee, water and beverage
- ♦ Port charges and fees
- ♦ Free alcohol and beverages while playing in the casino. For non-players, alcohol is available at Cash Bar.

Please note: No children under 18 years old allowed.

Deadline to purchase tickets is April 9, 2016

Tickets are available by contacting:

- ♦ Genieve White at 561-876-4161
- ♦ Audrey Campbell at 561-792-1129
- ♦ Pamela Fraser at 561-506-2348
- ♦ Ernie Garvey at 561-676-5664
- ♦ Millie Hampton at 561-790-1751
- ♦ Charmaine Henry at 561-255-0827
- ♦ Alvin Nembhard at 561-333-8891
- ♦ Junette Powell at 561-346-2353
- ♦ CAFCI at 561-790-4002 OR
- ♦ CAFCI website cafcipbc.org

See flyer for additional information.

Each cafcI member is encouraged to take at least 10 tickets as our goal is to sell 300 tickets. With your participation and support, we can make this happen.



Sailing Schedule:
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Final purchase date: April 9, 2016

- ♦ **SLOTS:** Over 250 favorite slots
- ♦ **BLACKJACK:** Play and win
- ♦ **CRAPS:** Let 'em roll
- ♦ **ROULETTE:** The only game in town
- ♦ **SPORTS BOOK:** Only Sports Book in South Florida
- ♦ **BINGO:** Pick your lucky numbers
- ♦ **FREE:** Drinks while gambling
- ♦ **NON SMOKING CASINO**
- ♦ **OUTDOOR SMOKING BAR**



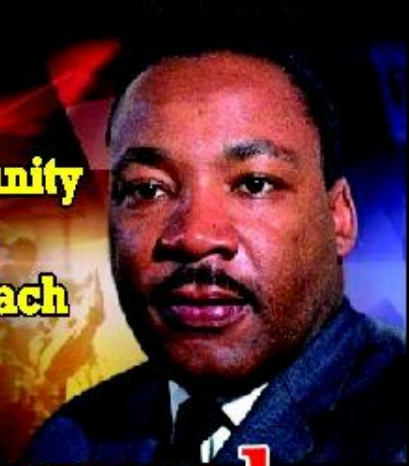
Reservations:
561-876-4161, 561-792-1129, 561-676-5664 or 561-790-4002

PORT OF PALM BEACH
ONE EAST 11TH STREET • RIVIERA BEACH, FL 33404

Rate includes cruise, meal, entertainment, free drinks while gambling, always free coffee, tea and soda, all port charges and taxes. Menus subject to change at Chef's discretion due to market availability. Rates, schedule, amenities subject to change without notice. Must be 18 years old to gamble and 21 years old to drink. Must present a valid, official ID, Ship's Registry U.S.

Gambling problem, call 888.ADMIT IT

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



The 14th 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**



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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 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 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.*

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 (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

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

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

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, April 23: **Blue Horizon Cruise**

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

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

Saturday, August 13: **Membership Appreciation Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, August 27: **Youth Talent Show** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, September 10: **General Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 17, 2016

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 8: **International Games Night/General Meeting**, at 7 pm at the Harvin Center

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

Saturday, December 10: **Toys for Tots/Pot Luck Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party** at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

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.