



# 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 2011

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# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I would like to wish all CAFCI members and friends a healthy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for electing me as your new president.

As we move forward in our twenty second year as an organization, my goal is to make this year 'The Best Year of CAFCI'. We will analyze all our programs, find new ways of doing things that has not gone smoothly, improve the ones that went well, cut all the 'excess fat', regain members that were lost and attract new members.

I would like to ask our members to 'get involved' in the projects that we do, and should be 'willing and able' to continue to work for the success of CAFCI . We will find ways to make sure our members are encouraged and compensated for being members. Too often the club have events and just a 'faithful few' of our members show up, this we hope to change in 2011 and then on.

Thank you for being a loyal member of CAFCI through the years, and I hope we'll all make this year 'The Best Ever'.

Ernie Garvey President

New Year's Eve - If you did not attend CAFCI's 21st Annual New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, you missed a wonderful event. The food, catered by Dorothy Bell, was scrumptious and DJ Toots had the crowd rocking all night. There was a midnight Champagne Toast, a 50/50 raffle and lots of door prizes. Even though we would have welcomed more bodies, the consensus was that "it was like a house party" and everyone had a good time. Thanks to Chairperson Winsom Martin and her committee for taking the time out especially during the busy holiday season to put together this wonderful event.

NEXT MEETING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP January 8, 2011 at 7 pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS January 27, 2011 at 7 pm

#### **CONTACT US**

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#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Membership: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 7 pm Board: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7 pm

MEMBERSHIP DUES
If you have not paid
your 2011 dues, please
submit them to Lawrence Logan, Membership Chairperson.

#### **GET WELL WISHES TO:**

Winston Davis, Adrienne Ferrin, Alfred Nelson, Audrey Nelson

#### **CONDOLENCES TO:**

Lawrence Logan on the loss of his sister Cecil Sunanon on the loss of his father

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner on the loss of their granddaughter

### Please Let Us Know...

If you know of a member who needs cheer or support, or who would like to share some happy event, please contact a member of the Sunshine Committee:

Elet Cyris, Chair	791-9087
Paul Baker	784-0067
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**CAFCI** 

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# **UPCOMING FOR CAFCI**

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Saturday, January 8 at 7 p.m.

Kevin Harvin Center

1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach

Please be reminded that January's meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> will be the swearing-in of CAFCI's new Board of Directors. County Commissioner Jess Santamaria will be overseeing the swearing-in ceremony and will address the audience. Please make an effort to come and show your support for CAFCI's Board.

# MLK CELEBRATION Monday, January 17, 2011

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

Come join CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach at the 9th annual MLK Celebration. A continental breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. The program will include a keynote speaker and musical entertainment. The theme for this year is "Working Together is Progress." The event is free to the public. Feature artists include: Copeland Davis, Young Singers of Palm Beaches, Iona Gamble, Palm Beach Community Dance Ensemble, Jade Masters, Blue Skies and more.

**Scouts** -- Our troop 111 has a great garden that's doing very well even though they too suffered a loss of some of their vegetables because of the freezing weather. This first crop will probably not be for distribution however, as they will have first dibs on the fruits of their labor.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

	JANUARY
Lily Wray	16
Herbert Chambers	16
Kenneth Coke	17
Berman Patterson	18
Kareem Ali	19
Audrey Nelson	24
Milton Shirley	24

	FEBRUARY
V. Alvin Nembhard	02
Yvonne Lawrence	04
Ransford McGann	04
Yvonne Richardson	06
Patrick McLaughlin	08
Ocie Roundtree	10
Sandra A. Gordon	13
Radcliffe Brown	14



# MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Always remember that the Great Mystery is good; evil can come only from ourselves!"

Grandmother of Charles Eastman. SANTEE SIOUX
The Great Mystery is love, good, and principle. He is a guiding Father.
He doesn't play games. He knows only how to love. Sometimes, when things go wrong, we blame Him or others. Usually, if we are honest, we can see how decisions or things done in the past put us in a position to be hurt. It comes back to us. When this happens, it is not something the Creator caused, but something we, ourselves caused. Most of our problems are of our own making. When this happens, we should correct what we've done, ask the Great Spirit for forgiveness, and pray for guidance in the future.

Submitted by Amanayea Abraham