



# 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.

March

2016

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a well-attended Valentine's Day celebration at our February general membership meeting. OG Smith provided entertainment and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who contributed by bringing special dishes, food and drinks to make the evening fun. February was also Black History Month and one of our members, Dr. Cedric Lynch, gave an interactive presentation on the life and contributions Marcus Garvey made both here in the United States and in Jamaica. We all learned a lot from Dr. Lynch's presentation.

March is health awareness as well as women's history month. Therefore, we will dedicate our monthly general membership meeting to our Relay for Life fund raising drive and other health related topics. Please plan on attending our annual picnic on March 26<sup>th</sup> and remember Relay for Life on April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please see details on both of these programs elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Bylaw changes approval:** Please review the updated bylaws which were distributed at the November general membership meeting, and be prepared to approve them at the meeting this Saturday.

Dennis Wright  
*President*

HAPPY EASTER  
TO ALL  
MEMBERS  
AND  
SUPPORTERS!!!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**September 17, 2016**

## CAFCI's ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

*Details will be provided on  
the website and in upcoming  
issues of the Newsletter.*



### MARCH 16 - 31

Douglas McKenzie	18
Adrienne Ferrin	19
Eution MacLarty	22
Lauriston Simms	23
Lorna Hughes	27
Cynthia Beckles	31

### APRIL 1 - 15

Ronald M. Dawson	01
Hilary Hurbs	01
Livingston Weathers	02
John Lewis	04
Lori Valuntas	08

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Lorna Hughes  
on the loss of her nephew  
Lawrence Logan on the loss of his aunt

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Marjorie Smikle; Margaret Granda

### 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

## **GENERAL MEETING HEALTH AWARENESS**

**Saturday, March 12 at 7 pm**  
*Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach*

March's general membership meeting will be dedicated to Relay for Life. We will also provide updates for CAFCI's upcoming events including the Annual Picnic on March 26th (tickets will be distributed), the April 23rd cruise and Cultural Diversity Day on May 7th. **Paint our meeting "purple" by wearing purple to our general membership meeting and contributing \$2 towards the goal of this year's Relay for Life.**

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## **CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC**

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**  
*Micanopy Pavilion, Okeethee Park*

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okeethee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, cards, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. Tickets will also be available at the general membership meeting. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. If you have questions, please call Lauriston Simms, Picnic Chairman, at 561-719-0263. See flyer in this issue for more information. Updates will also be posted on CAFCI's website.

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## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 pm to April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 am**  
*Royal Palm Beach High School*

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is the date for the Royal Palm Beach Relay for Life event this year, is almost here. Thank you to those who took a donation envelope or a scratch off card at our last general membership meeting. I hope you are doing well with getting donations. Last year we exceeded our goal of \$3,000.00 and have set a goal of \$3,500 this year. This means that everyone has to do his or her part to make it happen. Lots more envelopes and scratch off cards are still available for anyone who wishes to join our team.

Cancer is an awful disease and nearly everyone knows someone who has been touched by it. Remember, you may purchase luminaries in honor or in memory of loved ones for a suggested donation of \$5. As part of our fundraising efforts, we will be raffling a "Caribbean Basket" of goodies. Tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for three. The drawing will take place at the event on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year's theme is "Paint Your World Purple". Let us have some fun and do some fundraising at the same time. **"Paint our meeting purple" on March 12<sup>th</sup> by wearing purple to our general membership meeting and contributing \$2 towards our goal.** Let's go "Island Stompers" as we "stomp out cancer and round up a cure" Go team!

*Submitted by Nova Brown*

## **CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Veterans Park*

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural Diversity is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI. This event, which is free to the public, will be held at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. Look for further details in the April issue of the newsletter as well as on CAFCI's website at [www.cafciabc.org](http://www.cafciabc.org).

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## **OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:**

### **Student Assistance Awards Ceremony:**

Date: May 14, 2016 at 7 pm;

Venue: Original Wellington Mall, 12794 Forest Hill Boulevard (center court), Wellington, FL 33414

### **Student Assistance Program Awards Application:**

Students interested in applying for assistance must have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success throughout 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 March 11, 2016**
- Provide an acceptance letter from an accredited college
- Be available for an interview on **April 9, 2016**
- Be able to attend a presentation of awards ceremony, if selected, on **May 14, 2016 at 7 pm**
- Address all applications and accompanying documents to:  
CAFCI - **Attn. 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. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at (561) 351-6895, Junette Powell at 561-346-2353 or via email at [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.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.

## **AROUND TOWN.....**

**March 17 to 20, 2016: Palm Beach International Boat Show** Be In the Know: Ship ahoy, mates! Here you will find all things nautical - mega yachts to a new outboard. From that special trinket or accent piece for the family room to clothing and sailing paraphernalia, all is displayed amid the breezes of downtown West Palm Beach. For more information, visit [www.showmanagement.com/palm-beach-international-boat-show-2016/event/](http://www.showmanagement.com/palm-beach-international-boat-show-2016/event/)

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm:** Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches presents TheatreWorld's hit comedy "3 Ol' Goat" at Palm Beach Lakes High School, 3505 Shiloh Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. For information, call 561-386-8503 or 561-635-3197.

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm:** The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee presents *Devine Wine & High Tea* at the original Wellington Mall, 12794 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414. Fine wine, exotic teas, fashion, hat contest and more. See the flyer in this issue. Donation is \$30. To reserve your tickets, call Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561-685-9836 or Genieve White at 561-876-4161. No tickets will be sold at the door - Pre-Seating Only.

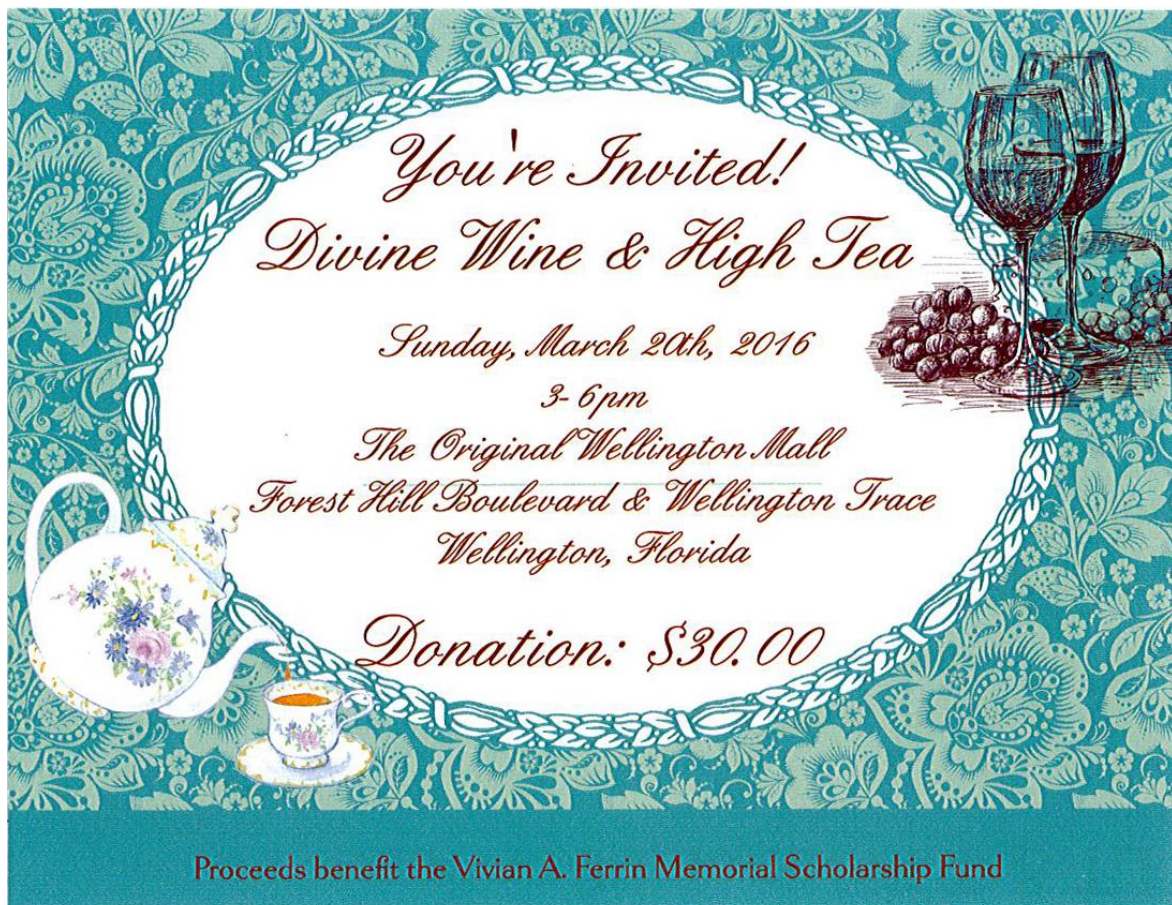
**April 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>:** *Delray Affair* - Palm tree-lined vistas welcome you to South Florida's oldest and largest outdoor festival. Filled with entertainers, top-notched artists and exhibitors, the Delray Affair is a true affair to remember. Stroll the bricked sidewalk of Atlantic Avenue as art, music and food specialties open before you. The Delray Affair runs Friday and Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm. For more information visit [www.delrayaffair.com](http://www.delrayaffair.com).

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm:** The Caribbean Educators' Association, (C.A.R.E.) will host the Eleventh Annual Celebration of Academic Excellence, Scholarship Dinner at the Atlantic National Golf Club, 6400 Grand Lacuna Boulevard, Lake Worth, Florida. \$65.00 per person. Dress Semi-formal. For more information, contact 561-313-4772, 561-329-9835 or 561-351-6855.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>:** **SunFest** - It's Florida's largest waterfront music and art fest. A first-rate festival with top-rated bands for all ages and genres, with fabulous food and incredible art. Party down to the beat or be seen at the scene on the floating bars or rock out next to three live stages. It's where music meets the waterfront. For more information, visit [www.sunfest.com](http://www.sunfest.com).

**Sunday, May 8, 2016** - Children of Helen Alliance, Inc. will be hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show at the Lakes of Sherbrooke Clubhouse in Lake Worth. More details to follow. Spread the word. Great event for the whole family.









# C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, inc.

Presents

## ***A Fun Family Day***

# Annual Easter Picnic

***Saturday March 26, 2016***

***11:00 AM - Sundown***

***Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion***

***(Forest Hill Blvd. ¼ Mile East of the Turnpike)***

**This is a family affair where family and friends are all invited for a fun filled day of enjoyment.**

**Come out and join us for this year's spectacular event**

- **Dominoes**
- **Scrabble, Ludo ...**
- **Bake Goods Sale**
- **50/50 Raffle & More**
- **Bring your favorite game**

**Music,  
Kids Games,  
Bounce House  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Bring Your Chairs & Table**

**No Personal Food Baskets Allowed**

**Adults: \$15 (includes Dinner from around the Islands & beverage)**

**For information, contact Committee Chair Lauriston Simms (561) 719-0263**

**For Tickets Contact:**

**Lawrence Logan (561) 791-0162**

**Percival Woods (561) 596-7768**

**SAVE THE DATE  
&  
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR**

**CAFCI's Fundraiser  
CASINO & FUN CRUISE  
with entertainment by  
DWHAS Reggae Band**

**Saturday, April 23, 2016  
11 am - 4 pm**

**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](http://cafcipbc.org)

See flyer for additional information.

*Each cafc 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

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



Home of Our Own committee will be meeting with the CAFCI Board of directors on March 12, 2016 to discuss the status of the program and begin mapping the strategy moving forward as the urgency to find a home for CAFCI increases.

If you have any ideas or suggestions relating to getting a home for CAFCI (financing, location, type of building and more) and want them considered during the strategy sessions, now is the time to share them. To share your ideas, information, such as available property, land or

facilities that you think should be investigated further, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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.***



Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown

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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.*

**CAFCI**

1030 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard  
Box 11  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

**2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

You may submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://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, March 12: **General Meeting/Health Awareness**, 7 pm at Harvin Center

Saturday, March 26: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeetee Park

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 Original Wellington Mall, Wellington

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

Sunday, August 7: **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