



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.

November

2014

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and plans are being developed for our programs for 2015. We will be seeking your input and support to successfully execute these programs. We will be reviewing all the committees and soliciting the required number of members for each committee. This has been a challenge over the last few years, with fewer members volunteering to serve on committees. We will make a concerted effort to get new members to play an active role in executing our programs. To those members who are serving on various committees, I want to thank you for all the hard work that you put in year after year. We will need others to help us as we look forward to the next twenty five years.

Board Member Nominations: We will be selecting board members at our upcoming meeting in December. All CAFCI members in good standing are eligible to be nominated. This is an opportunity for our members to get their voices heard and to contribute to the future direction of CAFCI. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to vote for the candidates at the December general membership meeting. The election was originally scheduled for November; however, it has been pushed back due to insufficient members on the nominating committee.

Bylaw: Bylaw changes scheduled for a vote this November will be postponed until next year. Our protocol requires that members be given 60 days' notice before a vote. We will revisit the Bylaw changes next year.

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NOVEMBER 16-30

Norman Martin	16
Gwendolyn Biersay	17
Carlos Bodden	18
Winsom Genus-Martin	18
Junette Powell	21
Dr. Elaine Ealy	22
Norman Stephens	28
Andrea D. McMillan	30

DECEMBER 1 - 15

Caswell M. Brown	03
Kenneth McKenzie	03
Beverly McKenzie	03
Hazel Harris	05
Yvonne Gray	10
Ernie Garvey	11

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lloyd and Monica Grant
 On the loss of Lloyd's grandson

Family and friends of
 Marjorie Schleifer

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, Chair791-9087
 Paul Baker.....784-0067
 Samuel Baxter.....798-2864

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

Office Lease: We have leased the office adjacent to our current office (Room 220) to be used for meetings, games and other recreational activities as well as to relieve the overcrowded conditions in our present office. We are seeking to appease our members who have told us that we do not provide space where they can participate in recreational activities. Over the next few weeks, we will be reorganizing the office, and the new space is now available for participation in a variety of activities.

Dennis Wright
President



GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 7 p.m.
Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

The November meeting will focus on our upcoming election in December for board members, planning for the New Year's Eve Party and discussion and selection of various committees. Members will also have an opportunity to discuss various issues. Please note that voting for board members will take place during the December general membership meeting.



GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 7 p.m.
Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach
Elections & Christmas Party Pot Luck

CAFCI will have its Christmas party in conjunction with the yearly election meeting. This will be a pot luck event. Please also bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" drive. Look for more details in the December issue and on CAFI's website (www.cafcipc.org).



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31, 2014 at 8 p.m.
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. If you would like to chair or serve on the New Year's Eve Party planning committee, please contact one of the board members. This is a special time of the year, let's come together and support each other as we embrace the New Year. More details to follow in the December issue and on CAFI's website (www.cafcipc.org).

*To speak gratitude is
courteous and pleasant;
to enact gratitude
is generous and noble;
but to live gratitude
is to touch Heaven.*

~Johannes A. Gaertner

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'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.

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

There is not much to report since our last report. With a better understanding of the challenges that we face (ability to finance the property without one or more guarantor(s) and zoning constraints in non-commercial areas where the prices are not as high), our strategy and approach is being looked at and revised. Suggestions are welcome especially if you have expertise in the area of fund raising or creative ways of acquiring commercial property.



Until such time, we are looking to *purchase land for cash and then build, or find a location with a lease to own option*. In either case the property would have to be in an area with the appropriate zoning or where it could be changed relatively easily. Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com if you know of any property, land or facilities that meet the above criteria.

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. 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.cafcipbc.org and *click on the "Home of Our Own" tab* or call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 for more information.



AROUND TOWN.....

Saturday, November 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Clerk & Comptroller Operation Green Light. Save 40% and pay traffic tickets. For more information, call 561-355-2996 or visit mypalmbeachclerk.com/greenlight.

Sunday, November 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – Steve Higgins & Friends in association with Stoosh Productions & Partners for Youth presents *An Exciting Concert of Christian Favorites* at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural, Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach. Admission: \$30.00; Pre-sold - \$25.00. Tickets are available from Genieve White at 561-876-4161, Pastor Michael Rose, Royal Palm Beach Covenant Church at 561-793-1077 or Junette Powell at 561-346-2353.

Saturday, November 22, 2014, noon until the fun stops – Guyana Day in Palm Beach, 5060 Haverhill Road, Greenacres. For information, call 561-328-9672.

November 28, 29 & 30, 7 p.m – Fusion Fashion & Art Week, West Palm Beach. Fashion shows and art exhibits will be in the downtown park area of West Palm Beach at Flagler and Clematis Street. Day time shows will begin at 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. followed by a live concert series provided by Hard Rock Energy from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Runway shows will resume in the evening at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. each night. A total of 8 shows per date are projected with Sunday the 30th being the Grand Finale. The public can register for advanced ticket sales through their website www.fusionfashionandart.com.

December 13, 2014 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – CARE presents *Taste of the Caribbean* at Caribbean Tease Restaurant, 6295 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres. For information, call 561-313-4772.

"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."

- Irv Kupcinet

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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.

NOVEMBER 8: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

DECEMBER 13: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve Celebration at 8 p.m., Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

JANUARY 10: General/Swearing in of new officers at 7 pm, Harvin Center

JANUARY 19: MLK Celebration at 9 a.m., Cultural Center

FEBRUARY 14: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

MARCH 14: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

APRIL 11: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

MAY 9: Cultural Diversity Day, Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

MAY (date tbd): General/Scholarship Awards Meeting at 7 p.m., Royal Palm Cultural Center

JUNE 13: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Saturday, September 19, 2015
CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL