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OCTOBER 2026

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SATURDAY,
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General Membership Meeting
2nd Saturday of month
Board Meeting
4th Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CAFCI Members and Friends,

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: What a wonderful evening of friendship, celebration and community! The 35th Annual CAFCI Friendship Ball, held on September 26, 2026, was truly a memorable occasion. The feedback we have received from our attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, with many describing it as one of the best Friendship Balls they have attended.

It was an evening filled with great entertainment, fellowship, recognition and celebration of our Caribbean heritage and the contributions of those who continue to make a difference in our community. I am extremely proud of what CAFCI has accomplished and grateful to everyone who helped make the evening such a tremendous success.

A special thank-you goes to the Ball and Journal Committees for their hard work, dedication, creativity and commitment in putting together such a successful and entertaining program. The team consisted of:

Paul Baker, Cindy Beckles, Barrington Berry, Radcliffe Brown, Audrey Campbell, Thalia Lauren, Caren Muir, Alvin Nembhard, Jennifer Powell, Junette Powell, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Wayne Thomas, Barbara Walker, Genieve White and Dennis Wright

I also extend my sincere appreciation to our sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, members, performers, honorees, and everyone who attended and supported the Ball. Your continued support makes it possible for CAFCI to carry out its mission of service and community involvement.

Full coverage of the Friendship Ball along with pictures will be in the November newsletter.

OCTOBER BUSINESS AWARENESS: October 10 – As we move forward, CAFCI continues to provide opportunities for our members to connect and support one another. Our upcoming Business Awareness evening will highlight the businesses and professional talents within our membership and community.

I encourage members to participate, support our local businesses, and take advantage of these opportunities to network and build relationships. One of the strengths of CAFCI is the tremendous diversity of talents, professions, businesses and experiences represented among our members.

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CONDOLENCES TO:



Maxine Cheesman,
on the loss of her sister, Hillary Lannaman

The family of the late Winston Crosby

Stephon and Rick Sheriffe,
on the loss of his father, Edmond Sheriffe

Marva and Wayne Wilks,
on the loss of his uncle, Ezra Anderson



October 16 - 31

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PLEASE LET US KNOW...

GET WELL, COMFORT & CONDOLENCES

We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:

- *you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.*

Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.

Paul Baker, Chair 561.784.0067
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd from page 2)

INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT: November 14 – Our annual International Games Night will be held immediately following our General Membership Meeting on November 14. Please invite your friends and family to come out as we share a delectable array of cultural dishes and beverages. Bring your favorite game, whether it is a blast from the past, an island classic or a new game you have discovered. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to relax, enjoy one another's company, share our cultures and strengthen the friendships that make CAFCI special. I look forward to seeing our members, families, and friends come out to enjoy this special evening together.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION: December 12 – As we look ahead, our election for vacant seats on the CAFCI Board of Directors will be held during our December General Membership Meeting. This is an important part of our organization's governance and provides members with an opportunity to participate in the future leadership of CAFCI. If you are interested in serving, I encourage you to consider becoming involved.

Please let me know if you are interested in chairing the Nominating Committee or would like to be considered for a vacant position on the Board of Directors.

As we continue through the final months of 2026, let us carry forward the enthusiasm and spirit of unity demonstrated at the Friendship Ball. Together, we can continue to strengthen CAFCI, support our community, celebrate our Caribbean heritage and make a positive difference.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication and commitment to CAFCI.

Sincerely,



Dennis B. Wright

"Working Together • Serving Together • Growing Together."

We are delighted to welcome
Marcia Thomas to the Newsletter Committee.

We look forward to the energy, talent, and
fresh perspectives she brings to the team as
we work together to inform, inspire, and
encourage our members to stay connected
and engaged with CAFCI and all that we do.

We're grateful to have her on the team and
look forward to all we'll accomplish together!

Newsletter Committee

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BUSINESS AWARENESS

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 7 pm

In-Person & Via Zoom

10287 Okeechobee Boulevard, Level-X Fitness Center
- Suite A-5, Royal Palm Beach

Join us at our monthly General Membership Meeting where we will feature the businesses of members and friends. If you would like to feature your business, see flyer on the cover of the newsletter for more information or contact Rhonda at 561.685.9836; Hildreth at 561.889.1143 or Norma at 541.440.3932. The featured speaker will be Nadine White-Boyd, Esq. Let's come together, fellowship and make plans for our upcoming events including the International Games Night in November, election meeting in December and Annual MLK Day Celebration in January.

If you are unable to attend in person, join us via Zoom:

- Visit website: www.cafcipc.org; Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
- Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dIILNEROa2JuNIhtYUZIVkZzYmRSdz09>
- www.zoom.com Select "Join A Meeting" Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422 | Password: 478705
- Call-In: +1 646 558 8656 | Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422 | Password: 478705

LET'S DO BUSINESS

When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that we believe a business is valuable, and worthy of patronage.

Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.

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If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.

- junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com

Member Spotlight

Have You Met LAURISTON SIMMS?



JAMAICA



LAURISTON SIMMS is a surprise. Not because of all that he has accomplished. Not because he owns several assisted living facilities (ALFs). Not because while owning those facilities he purchased and ran a restaurant. Not because within five years he bought and sold ten houses. Not because he was a master electrician who in 51 years of work never had a dangerous incident. Not because he had two strokes back-to-back nine years ago.

Not because of any of that.

He's a surprise because when you speak to him, he brings up none of this. It's drawn out, bit by bit, like pulling teeth, and it's only towards the end of the interview that you really feel that you're getting to the good stuff and getting to know the man behind the soft-spoken, make-no-fuss persona that doesn't seem to know how remarkable these accomplishments are.

But back to the beginning:

Lauriston was born in Trelawny, Jamaica, some seventy years ago. When he visits, he marvels at the distance he has traveled. Not the physical distance, but the hand that life has given him.

When he looks at how life has treated some of his schoolmates, he hums a gentle refrain, "GOD yes, I've been blessed."

Lauriston uses that phrase often: "GOD yes." Because that's how he views life. With a positive attitude that says yes to opportunity, to taking a chance, to joy."

And joy, he believes, is pivotal to life. It's what drove the choices he's made.

Lauriston immigrated from Jamaica to New York at 18, brought there by his beloved mother. He'd already been working in Mandeville as an electrician, the trade in which he'd graduated a year earlier.

By then his mother had been living in the U.S for ten years, working to create more opportunities for their family. Recognizing all that his mother has done for him still causes Lauriston to miss her fifteen years after she has passed. Still, even as he praises her, he acknowledges that his father had to be an exceptional man.

"To sacrifice the comforts of his wife so she could go and create a better future for their family takes a special man. I give it up to my dad for that. I respect him and my mother," he says.

Three weeks after immigrating to the U.S., Lauriston began working as a security guard. He did so for a year while attending electrician school to further his certification.

He dreamt of becoming an electrical engineer but needed to work to take care of a child he fathered at 17 and left back in Jamaica. Working hard, within three years, he was able to bring her up to live with him.

In 1985, Lauriston married Shauna, a fellow Jamaican, and within a short time they had four children. The family moved to Palm Beach thirty-four years ago.

For the next thirty years, Lauriston was self-employed, working not only as an electrician but doing all-around housing repairs. His business was what he called 'a handyman special.' It was a job he loved so much that he felt that getting paid was a bonus.

Twenty years ago, he began flipping houses. The last house he bought happened right when the market crashed. He couldn't rent or sell it. He turned it into a senior ALF. When the business flourished, he opened two more.

Lauriston had retired from the electrician business but was now abuzz with entrepreneurship.

It wasn't about the desire to make more money. "I never did anything just for money," he explains. "I love taking care of people and the ALFs allowed me to do that. I was working for myself, and financially, it was the best thing I'd ever done."

Next, he had a desire to open a restaurant, so he did.

Running three ALFs and a restaurant gave Lauriston a great deal of joy, but it also gave him something else.

In 2017, he had two strokes within weeks of each other. The strokes were his wake-up call. He sold the restaurant. "Stress," he admits. "I gave up the restaurant. Life and family are most important to me."

Nowadays, he manages the ALFs and plays dominoes. "I could play dominoes 24/7," he says. "For the challenge, the fact that you can never predict that you're going to win. There's always somebody better than you, and somebody better than him. You keep playing. Like life, you never give up. I believe in that. I never say quit.

The greatest things in his life: his wife, his children, all of it. "I have a full life," he says, "I can't separate any of it. I love it all. I've been blessed."

By Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to share your story or recommend someone, please email us at:

- junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com.

We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.



CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
CAFCI in Florida, Inc.

2026 Annual

Friendship Ball

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

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OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.

Student Assistance Fund

EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee offers deserving Palm Beach County high school seniors the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from CAFCI.

The 2027 Student Assistance Scholarship Application period will open shortly and will be posted on the CAFCI website under the Student Assistance section. **The application window will close on Friday, February 26, 2027.**

ONGOING DONATION: To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or visit CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option. A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.

Message from Past Recipient

Dear CAFCI Chairpersons,

I hope you are having a wonderful week! Thank you for reaching out and for sending me the current newsletter with updates of CAFCI Activities.

I am pleased to provide a brief update of my college journey at the University of South Florida, in Tampa, Florida. I am currently a freshman majoring in Exercise Science and Kinesiology on the pre-med track. This semester has been exciting, challenging, yet rewarding! Academically, I am enjoying and doing very well in my classes. I am also proud to share that I have been officially accepted into the National Society of Black Women in Medicine. On campus, I have also been actively involved in several organizations including, the Pre-Med Pediatric Society, Minorities in Medicine and the Black Student Union. This has allowed me to connect and network with similar interest groups.

Thank you again for your investment in my future, and I look forward to keeping you updated on my progress!

Druann Clarke
2026 SAF Award Recipient

CAFCI 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 socioeconomic background. We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic 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 the accomplishments of a close relative (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 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.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.*

WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>

Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:
<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI
Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Membership
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



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

Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

We made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to cafcipbc@bellsouth.net.

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. 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. We have made it easier to take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.*



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CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI *Home Of Our Own* Chair

OCTOBER... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness

COLUMBUS DAY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY Monday, October 12, 2026

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY is an official city and state holiday in various localities in the United States that celebrates and honors Indigenous American peoples (Native Americans) and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated on the second Monday in October. It began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as the U.S. federal holiday of COLUMBUS DAY, which honors Italian explorer Christopher Columbus. It is celebrated as an alternative to Columbus Day, citing the lasting harm Indigenous tribes suffered because of Columbus's contributions to the European colonization of the Americas.

At least 14 states do not celebrate Columbus Day (Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin), as well as Washington, DC; South Dakota officially celebrates Native American Day instead. Various tribal governments in Oklahoma designate the day as "Native American Day", or have renamed the day after their own tribes. In 2013, the California state legislature considered a bill, AB55, to formally replace Columbus Day with Native American Day but did not pass it. While the California governor has recognized Indigenous Peoples Day, the holiday was eliminated by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in the 2008-12 California budget crisis. On August 30, 2017, following similar affirmative votes in Oberlin, Ohio, followed later by Bangor, Maine, in the earlier weeks of the same month, the Los Angeles City Council voted in favor of replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. On October 10, 2019, just a few days before Columbus Day would be celebrated in Washington, D.C., the D.C. Council voted to temporarily replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. This bill was led by Councilmember David Grosso (I-At Large) and must undergo congressional approval to become permanent. Washington D.C., as of May 2023, has yet to have given the permanent legislation to this renaming.

Although it is not a federal holiday under US law, the Biden Administration has formally recognized Indigenous Peoples Day. The first White House proclamation on the holiday was released in 2021, written with input from Indigenous activists.

Source: Indigenous Peoples' Day (United States) - Wikipedia

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual global health campaign held every October to promote early detection, education, research, and support for those affected by breast cancer. It is recognized internationally and marked by the widespread use of the pink ribbon symbol.

Source: breast cancer awareness month 2026 date - Search

CARIBBEAN FOLKLORE MONTH

Caribbean Folklore Month is celebrated each October. Founded in 2021 by the Caribbean Books Foundation, it honors the region's legends, traditions, and cultural heritage.

Caribbean Folklore Month was created to recognize and celebrate the unique blend of African, European, Indigenous American, Asian, and Creole influences that shape Caribbean identity. It provides a platform for sharing folklore through literature, art, performances, and oral storytelling, while encouraging new generations to engage with these traditions

Source: caribbean folklore month - Search

COMING IN NOVEMBER

VETERANS DAY November 11, 2026

Veterans Day is a national observance honoring **all U.S. military veterans**, both living and deceased, for their service in times of war and peace. It reflects gratitude for those who **risked their lives** to defend the nation, recognizing their courage, sacrifice, and role in safeguarding peace. The holiday began as **Armistice Day** in 1919, marking the 1918 ceasefire that ended World War I, and was renamed in 1954 to honor veterans of **all American wars**.

Source: veterans day 2026 - Search



Voting is one of the primary ways citizens **participate in how their government is run and how their communities develop.**

Why your vote matters

- **Your voice is counted.** Voting gives you a direct way to express your preferences about candidates, policies, and ballot measures.
- **Elected officials make decisions that affect everyday life.** Their decisions can influence taxes, housing, schools, healthcare, transportation, public safety, infrastructure, and many other areas.
- **Local elections matter tremendously.** Mayors, city councils, county officials, school boards, judges, and other local officials can have a very direct impact on your community.
- **Voting provides accountability.** Elections give citizens an opportunity to evaluate what elected officials have done and decide whether they want to continue supporting them.
- **Every election isn't the same.** Presidential elections receive the most attention, but state and local elections can determine issues that affect your daily life just as directly.
- **It protects your ability to participate in democracy.** Voting is one part of a larger civic process that also includes staying informed, contacting representatives, attending public meetings, and participating in community organizations.
- **Small margins can matter.** Elections are decided by the votes actually cast, so choosing not to participate means leaving your preference unexpressed.

Perhaps most importantly

Voting isn't simply about choosing a person. It is about taking part in decisions that can shape the community you live in and the future you want to see.

IMPORTANT DATES

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7 am to 7 pm
- **Deadline to register to vote:** Monday, October 5, 2026
- **Deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you:** Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 5 pm
- **Early Voting:** Monday, October 19, through Sunday, November 1 from 7 am until 7 pm
- **Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 7 pm to the Main Office or at 5 pm to a Branch Office or Secure Ballot Intake Station

2027 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, March 9, 2027, 7 am to 7 pm
- **Deadline to register to vote:** Monday, February 8, 2027
- **Deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you:** Thursday, February 25, 2027 at 5 pm
- **Early Voting:** Not available
- **Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot:** Tuesday, March 9, 2027, at 7 pm to the Main Office or at 5 pm to a Branch Office or Security Ballot Intake Station
- **Municipal Runoff Elections (if necessary):** Tuesday March 23, 2027

If you have any questions, please contact Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections directly at info@votepalmbeach.gov or 561.656.6200 or visit <https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/>

Source: <https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/>

Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2026 Events

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

Saturday, October 10 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games Night

Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots & Holiday Potluck

SAVE THE DATE Thursday, December 31 CAFCI NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

AROUND TOWN

- Friday, October 9 to Saturday, October 10 | The KRAVIS CENTER presents "WHERE DID WE SIT ON THE BUS." For more information, visit <https://www.kravis.org/>.
- Saturday, October 17, 10 am | JAMAICAN WOMEN OF FLORIDA (JWOF) presents SISTAHS AROUND TOWN, PALM BEACH. A statewide day of connection, fellowship, fun and sistahood. Hosted by Krystle Karee and Caren Muir at Farm Vibes, 9370 87th Place S., Boynton Beach, FL 33472. To Rsvp or for more information: <https://jwofsistahs.eventbrite.com/>; Palm Beach Access Code: PBRSPV.
- Saturday, October 17 from 12 pm to 8 pm | The KRAVIS CENTER presents its 4TH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY at the Kravis Center where they will welcome residents and visitors of all ages to a spectacular community celebration! Guests can dive into a festival of FREE live performances, concerts, hands-on workshops and playful activities. The non-stop fun includes free parking throughout the day. Save the date and learn more at: <https://www.kravis.org/events/blockparty/>
- Thursday, October 22, 7:30 pm | The KRAVIS CENTER presents JULIA KEEFER INDIGENOUS BIG BAND. For more information, visit <https://www.kravis.org/>.
- Saturday, November 7, 2 pm to 10 pm | CARIBBEAN AMERICAN CULTURAL GROUP, INC. presents TREASURE COAST CARIBBEAN FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL at the Midland Florida Event Center in Port St. Lucie. For more information visit <https://www.cacgpsl.org/carifest>.
- Sunday, November 8, 1 pm to 10 pm | The premier GRACE JAMAICAN JERK FESTIVAL in South Florida at Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar. For tickets, go to www.jerkfestival.com.
- Visit the CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in WELLINGTON, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in WEST PALM BEACH, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>
- Events in PALM BEACH COUNTY, go to <https://www.thepalmbeaches.com/events>

DEBRA EARHART presents the 6th Annual WHAT'S YOUR STORY JAMAICA storytelling finals on February 13, 2027 at S Hotel in Jamaica. Do you have a story to tell? We want to hear it! Anyone with a story can submit! Send your 6-minute true, written or taped story to: dape317@gmail.com by November 15. First prize: \$500,000; Second prize: \$250,000; Third prize: \$150,000.

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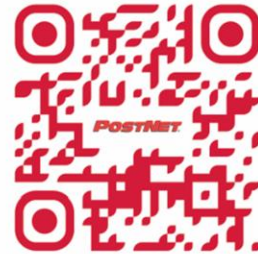
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it gives you pain, don't let it
define you. Everything changes
with time, and today's darkness
may be shaping the strength
you'll need for tomorrow's
light."**

