



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.

October

2020



VOTE EARLY

YOUR TIME | YOUR VOICE | YOUR VOTE

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**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS WILL
BEGIN TO ACCEPT BALLOTS ON
OCT. 19TH AT 7 AM**

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The number of Covid-19 cases in Florida appears to have peaked and is steadily going down here in Palm Beach County. Schools, churches and many other businesses are now open. I urge all our members to continue to exercise caution when you go out and protect yourselves from this virus as it is still with us and has not gone away. All our scheduled events for the rest of this year have been cancelled and we are looking at our next major event, the MLK Day Celebration in January. We are in the planning stages at this point and we will let you know what format this will take.

Thanks to all our members and supporters who have contributed to our fundraiser to offset the money that would have been raised from our friendship ball. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have not donated and would like to do so, we are still collecting funds.

Special thanks to all the committees and board members who continue to work remotely to keep the organization going during this pandemic.

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental liberties we enjoy as Americans and it is also one of our greatest civic responsibilities. Make freedom count and remember to vote in our upcoming elections by either early vote or vote by mail. If you need any information or help, please leave a message at our office at 561.790.4002 and one of our members will return your call.

Board of Directors Election: Election for vacant seats on CAFCI board will be held during our general membership meeting in December. Please let me know if you are interested in chairing the Nominating Committee. A candidate for Board of Director must be a member in good standing for at least one year and must have functioned in a major role on a CAFCI committee within the past three (3) years. If you would like to see changes within the organization, this is your opportunity to either run for the board or nominate others who share your views.

CAFCI is partnering with several nonprofit organizations to collect personal protective equipment (PPE) items to ship to the University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. They are looking for masks, gowns, goggles etc. If you would like to contribute any of these items or make a donation, please contact me at 203.482.5079. This drive is being spearheaded by the Caribbean American Cultural Group (CACG) in Port St. Lucie.

Please join us for our next monthly meeting via Zoom on Saturday, October 10th at 7 pm. We will have a presentation on vaccines from Paul Delisser, Pharmacist, and a presentation from our member, Barry Martin, on selecting your health insurance plan for the upcoming open enrollment period.

Dennis Wright, President

CAFCI's MINI ZOOM CONCERT

At CAFCI's September General Membership meeting members and supporters were treated to a mini concert with the following talented performers: Jordaine Randon and Sophia Willingham who sang; Ethan Elliott and Tyson Elliott who both played the guitar; Kate Deviney who played the violin and Morgan Shim who danced. Once again thanks to the parents and grandparents for taking the time out of their busy schedule to facilitate this concert. From the feedback received, it was enjoyed by all who joined. Special thanks to Woody, Winsom and Thalia for making it happen.



OCTOBER 16 - 31

Charmaine Henry	16
Inez McCallum	20
Britt Deviney	23
Babbette Bodden	26

NOVEMBER 1 - 15

Barbara Sangster	02
Eaton Richardson	04
Dwayne Clarke	06
Nova Brown	07
Myrna Adams	11
Pamela Fraser	12

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Elet Cyris • Winston McArthur

CONDOLENCES TO:

Mavis and Samuel Baxter
On the loss of several relatives
Winsom Genus-Martin
on the loss of a relative

Please Let Us Know...

Please contact (or ask someone else to 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 newsletter. **If no one tells us, we cannot share it.**

Elet Cyris, Chair.....561.791.9087
Paul Baker.....561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter.....561.798.2864

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 7 pm
VIA ZOOM**

Our meeting this month will focus on your health and insurance.

Monthly membership meetings will be conducted via Zoom until further notice. To participate in the meeting, you will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone. You may also call in. See instructions below.

Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dIILNER0a2JuNlhYUZIvKZzYmRSdz09>

OR

Download the ZOOM App or visit website:

www.zoom.com

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

OR

CALL-IN:

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Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

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 (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.*

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund committee would be honored to recognize its members' relatives and their accomplishments; so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

CAFCI Student Assistance Fund

Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

As students return to school and college, whether virtual or in person, CAFCI would like to take this opportunity to wish them good luck and we are praying for their safety.

Visit the Student Assistant Program section on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram> to view video of thank you messages from the 2020 awardees and congratulatory messages from past recipients; as well as thank you to 2020 donors and the College Student Assistance Application for 2021.

CAFCI's TROOP 111



Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout.

William Gulley earned his Eagle on Tuesday, September 9th.

So many Eagles in the nest, who will be next?



CONGRATULATIONS...

Danielle Nelson on completing all requirements for the 2020 NYC Art and Design Summer Institute offered by The Barnard College Office of Pre-College Programs. Danielle's grandparents are Yvonne and Vincent Elliot. Danielle is no stranger to CAFCI as she has performed at various programs including MLK and Talent Show as well as volunteered at various events.

Alliance for Disaster Relief

In 2007 a collaboration of local charitable groups came together to create an organization with the goal of helping others in need. With the idea that charity begins with us; CAFCI, C.A.R.E, Children of Helen Alliance, Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches and the United Sports and Social Club have been steadfast in fulfilling the goal of making a difference.

To date, victims of disasters in the USA, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominica, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas, have been recipients of food, clothing, medical supplies, personal care items and various hurricane supplies during their times of distress.

On September 19th the drawing for the fundraiser raffle was held at Audrey Smith's home via zoom. The winners were as follows:

- Eddie Jones: 1st Prize - 50 inch Smart TV
- Petro Stevens: 2nd Prize - Gift Basket
- Nadine White-Boyd: 3rd Prize - St. Lucian Handbag
- Brandon Bodein: 4th Prize - Gift Basket

The Alliance for Disaster Relief Committee wishes to thank the community at large for ongoing support. Please stay tuned for upcoming fundraising activities.



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August 5, 2020

Dear Member:

We hope that all is well with you and your family in these troubling times. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and eagerly await getting back together as a family. CAFCI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been actively involved in making a difference in people's lives and in the community. CAFCI has been involved in various community activities which include financially assisting college bound students, disaster relief and other social activities.

As you are aware, in an effort to raise funds to support the activities mentioned above, each year CAFCI has hosted various events. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are unable to host these events this year. We are therefore asking you for your continued support by making a financial donation. If you can contribute the amount that you normally pay for a CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball ticket (\$95 - \$100) or more, this would go a long way in helping to keep the organization strong. However, if this amount is not affordable at this time, any amount you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. A committee representative will contact you to confirm your support.

Thank you and we hope for a positive reply.

Respectfully,

Dennis Wright
President



The right to vote is one of the most fundamental liberties we enjoy as Americans and it is also one of our greatest civic responsibilities. Make freedom count. Please register and vote!

For more information about the voting process, visit the Florida Division of Elections:

- <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>

To download 2020 Voters Guide:

- <https://wvpubc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-Voters-Guide-L-1.pdf>

To check your registration and voting status:

- <https://registration.elections.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus>

To request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot:

- <https://www.pbcelections.org/Voters/Mail-Ballot-Request-Service>

Early Voting Sites

(See pages 159 - 167 for Palm Beach County):

- <https://dos.myflorida.com/media/703311/2020-pri-statewide-pdf.pdf>

For more information about voting, go to <http://www.pbcelections.org>. If you have any further questions or would like additional information, contact the Palm Beach County Election Team at 561.656.6200 or via e-mail at mailbox@pbcelections.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Voting Available:

- October 19th to November 1st; 7 am to 7 pm

Vote-By-Mail Ballot Request Deadline - Post received by:

- Saturday, October 24th at 5 pm

Vote-By-Mail Ballot Request Deadline - In-Person received by:

- Saturday, October 31st

Vote-By-Mail Ballot Return Deadline:

- **Tuesday, November 3rd at 7 pm**

Vote-by-mail ballots may be returned to secure drop boxes at Supervisor of Elections' main and branch offices and at early voting sites starting October 19th.

General Election Day:

- **Tuesday, November 3rd from 7 am to 7 pm**

The General Election ballot will list the candidates for the Presidency and the winning candidates of the August Primary Election. During this election, voters will have the opportunity to vote for a candidate regardless of their party affiliation.

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

Note to Voter:

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

When We All Vote!!!

Here is a message from the cast of Hamilton.

http://bway.ly/az21cl#https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMmkXAIRXCU&feature=emb_logo

POLL WORKERS NEEDED: The Supervisor of Elections Office is currently looking for civic-minded individuals that interact well with the public. We rely on our Poll Workers to efficiently assist voters through the entire voting experience in a pleasant and professional manner. If you are friendly, can confidently work with voters and would like to learn more about the electoral process, please apply today! Become a Poll Worker and help others exercise their right to vote while earning extra money and making new friends! All of our Poll Worker positions are paid! For more information and/or to apply in Palm Beach County go to:

<https://www.pbcelections.org/Poll-Workers/Requirement>

AMENDMENT 4 FAQs

Q: What is Amendment 4?

Florida voters passed Amendment 4, the Voting Rights Restoration Amendment, in 2018. The amendment "restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment does not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses."

Q: What does the passage of Amendment 4 mean for convicted felons who were previously deemed ineligible to vote?

Beginning January 8, 2019, convicted felons who are in compliance with Amendment 4 (those who have completed all terms of their sentence, including parole and probation, and were not convicted of murder or sexual offenses) are eligible to register to vote.

Q: How do I know if my voting rights have been restored?

It is your responsibility to affirm that all information submitted on your voter registration application is correct and accurate. The following agencies have resources to assist you in verifying whether you have completed your sentencing obligations:

- The Office of the Public Defender Palm Beach County, Florida: (561) 355-7655; <http://www.pd15.state.fl.us/services/index.htm#Civil>
- Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller (in the county where sentenced), Palm Beach Florida: www.mypalmbeachclerk.com
- Department of Corrections (where supervised or incarcerated): (850) 488-5021; www.dc.state.fl.us
- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition: (877) 698-6830; <https://floridarrc.com>

Q: My voting rights have been restored. Do I need to do anything before I can vote?

Yes. You must register to vote before you can vote in any election. State law requires you to be registered at least 29 days before an election. You may register to vote: at any Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office, online at www.registertovoteflorida.gov (requires a Florida Driver License or Florida ID), at a community voter registration event at a voter registration agency (such as a public library or DMV).

Q: If I was removed from the voter roll due to a felony conviction, will I automatically be re-registered to vote now?

No. You must register to vote again. We will be working with community organizations to encourage as many affected individuals to register as possible.

Please note: The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections advises any convicted felon who wishes to register to vote to verify that they have fulfilled their court-ordered sentencing obligations before registering.

Q: I registered to vote. What happens now?

Watch for a new Voter Information Card from our office (Supervisor of Elections) within a few weeks of registering. If you don't receive one, please contact our office to ensure we have your correct address. Once you are registered, please keep your registration information up to date. You can update your address and other information any time at www.pbcelections.org or call or visit our office.

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

There was no significant Home Of Our Own activity this past month. We continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.



You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promoting an activity to raise funds. To share your ideas or provide information regarding available property, or if you have a question, please send an email to cafcipbc@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002 and leave a message.

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 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, CAFCI Home Chair



ARE YOU READY???

Atlantic Hurricane Season : June 1-November 30
For information, visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/covid-19

COVID-19 RESOURCE DIRECTORY

<https://thrivingat.homethrive.com/covid-19-resource-directory>

COVID-19 TESTING SITES

<https://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx#testing>

<https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>

<https://www.walgreens.com/topic/findcare/coronavirus.jsp?>

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipbc.org OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan, 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, 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, October 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, November 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, December 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

~~Thursday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, CANCELLED~~

AROUND TOWN

The Kravis Center has virtual shows and activities on their website. Most are free. For upcoming events visit:

<https://www.kravis.org/athome>