



## Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

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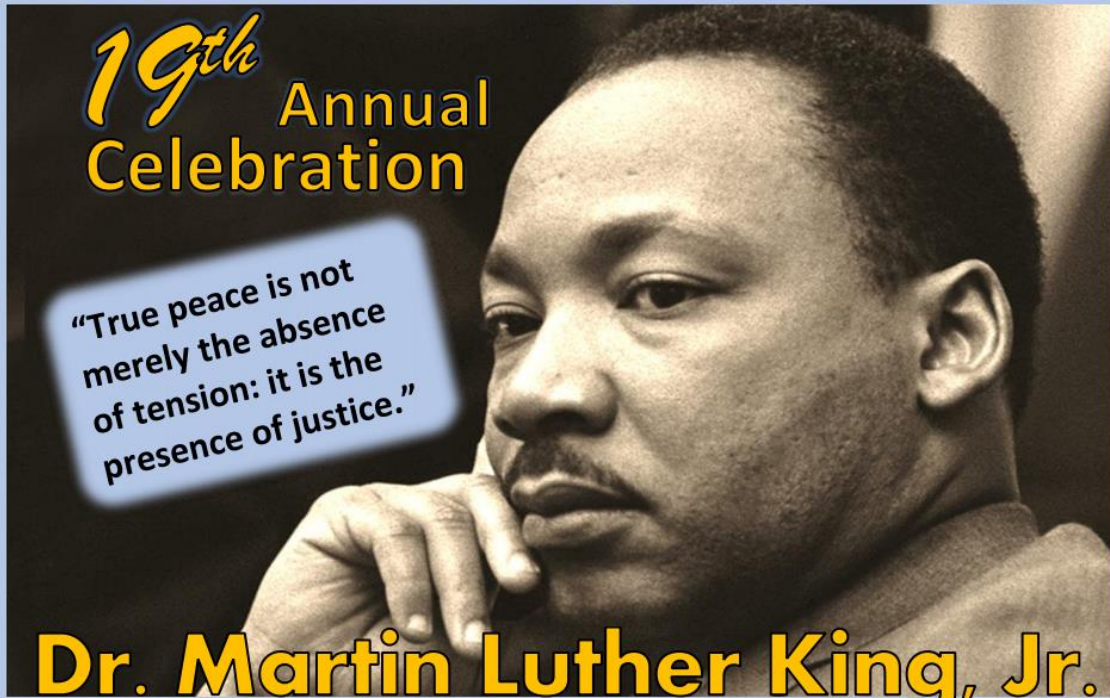
January

2021

### Caribbean American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. & The Village of Royal Palm Beach

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration**

*"True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice."*



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*A time for Hope, Peace, Joy & Love*

**Monday, January 18, 2021**

**LIVE STREAM STARTING AT 10AM**

On day of event log in at

[www.facebook.com/cafcipbc](http://www.facebook.com/cafcipbc)

**FEATURING**

**STEVE HIGGINS, COPELAND DAVIS  
JORDAINE RANDON, MILES HOYT  
BENJAMIN COLLIN, MATT STONE  
AND MORE...**



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 ..... & Thalia White Lauren  
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 Program ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
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 Student Assistance Fund..... Junette Powell  
 ..... & Nadine White-Boyd  
 Sunshine ..... Elet Cyris  
 Talent Show ..... Junette Powell  
 ..... & Nadine White-Boyd  
 Toys for Tots ..... Lauriston Simms  
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**Board meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
**See back page for calendar of events.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2020 was challenging for CAFCI; however, we managed to overcome most of these challenges despite the severe restrictions brought on by COVID-19. I wish all our members, friends and supporters a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year; and thank each of you for all your support and contributions. I am hoping that by the middle of 2021 we will be able to resume most of our programs and activities. Thanks to all the members who supported us last year with your contributions. Our Friendship Ball appeal to members and supporters enabled us to raise over \$9,000. We will need your continued support in this new year.

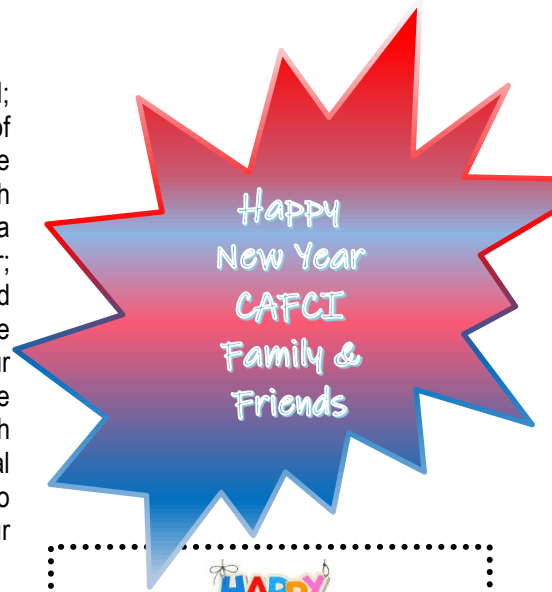
Welcome Barry Martin, Director, to CAFCI's board of directors. Thanks to all returning board members: Genieve White, First Vice President; Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Second Vice President; Diana Bishop-McIntosh, Treasurer; Doreen Baker, Recording Secretary and Carolyn Hmara, Corresponding Secretary; and Directors, Marjorie Mendez and Winsom Genus-Martin. Special thanks to outgoing Director: Audrey Smith. We appreciate your contributions, skills and the many other attributes you brought to CAFCI. We look forward to working with you on various committees.

**Toys for Tots:** Thanks to Lauriston Simms, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Grace Episcopal Church the scouts and the rest of the team for making the Toys for Tots Drive a success. Additional toys and food packages were also given to CAFCI by Grace Episcopal Church as part of our Toys for Tots Drive. Thanks to all our members and supporters who donated. Your donations made a lot of kids and adults happy this past Christmas. Please see Toys for Tots Drive article on page 3 in this newsletter.

**General Membership Meeting:** Please plan to attend our next General Membership Meeting via Zoom on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to a renewed and exciting year at CAFCI.

Dennis Wright, President

*Welcome New  
 Board Member  
 BARRY MARTIN*



### JANUARY 16 - 31

Herbert Chambers	16
Berman Patterson	18
Kareem Ali	19
Lorraine Cargill	21

### FEBRUARY 1 - 15

V. Alvin Nembhard	02
Yvonne Lawrence	04
Yvonne Richardson	06
Patrick McLaughlin	08
Yvonne Wright	08
Sandra A. Gordon	13
Radcliffe Brown	14

### GET WELL TO:

Gloria Edwards

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Elet Cyris on the loss of her cousin

Angella Russell

on the loss of her mother-in-law

Genieve White on the loss of her aunt

Nadine White-Boyd and

Thalia White Lauren

on the loss of a great aunt

### 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, January 9, 2021 at 7 pm  
VIA ZOOM

The meeting will feature the swearing-in of board members by the Honorable Maxine Cheesman. Welcome to new board member, Barry Martin. Monthly membership meetings are 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=dllLNER0a2JuNihtYUZlVkZzYmRSdz09>

OR

Download the ZOOM App or visit website:

[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

OR

CALL-IN:

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, January 18, 2021 at 10 am

Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/cafcipbc>

On January 18th, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host their nineteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration with an amazing program that will feature an array of talents. Please visit CAFCI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)) for additional details as well as the flyer included in this issue.

## CAFCI HONORED

Congratulations to CAFCI for being one of the 2020 nominees for the Fourth Annual Hats Off Non-Profit award. Although CAFCI did not win, being nominated is a testament of the positive impact CAFCI has in our community. The awards ceremony was livestreamed on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 and honored Palm Beach County nonprofit organizations, staff and volunteers who are dedicated to the business of doing good in our community.

## CAFCI TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE – A HUGE SUCCESS!!!



Thanks to the generosity of our CAFCI members who either made donations on-line to purchase toys or dropped off gifts. Thanks also to Grace Episcopal Church who donated additional toys and lots of food making CAFCI's 2020 Toys for Tots Drive a huge success. Lauriston Simms, with his helper elves, drove to Belle Glade and met with Sheriff Tammy and her team of officers to distribute the toys and food. The Toys for Tots committee would be remiss if it

was not mentioned that even though we only meet virtually, CAFCI's members remain committed and overwhelmingly supportive, making sure that our annual projects are very successful. Your donations made a lot of kids and adults happy this past Christmas.



### 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](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 ([junettep56@gmail.com](mailto: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*

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.



### STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

In light of the pandemic, the Student Assistance Fund committee has canceled its in-person awards ceremony for 2021. We will, however, post videos from the current and past recipients and will have a presentation at CAFCI's monthly General Membership meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**APPLICATION:** The application for CAFCI Student Assistance Fund is available on the Student Assistance Fund program section on CAFCI's website (<https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>). Please encourage Palm Beach County graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning to apply for the award. Please note that the deadline to submit the Application is **February 28, 2021**.

**We need your help. There are several ways you can help raise the funds needed:**

**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 donate on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org).

**SAF GO FUND ME:** Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ejepc-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help>. Even a small donation could help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund committee reach their fundraising goal. If you cannot make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.

All donations help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund committee reach its fundraising goal. A big thank you to everyone who has already donated and thank you for your continued support.

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### MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENT FARJANA YASMIN

December 30, 2020

Good morning Junette and Nadine,

I wanted to let you guys know what a great learning experience I have had so far, this past semester was a bit hard on my mind and body. I thankfully did not catch COVID, but have known people who have. This worldwide pandemic has taught me so much about learning to enjoy every moment and love everyone you encounter with an open heart. I experienced many eye-opening moments that made me realize that life can be full of rocks and stumbles, but it's how you choose to pick yourself up again. With the help you guys provided I was able to help pay for my living expenses. Thank you so much! I am currently in the Air Force Program at the University of Florida. It does require an intensive amount of training, but like you guys I am motivated to help make a difference in this world. I wish you guys happy holidays and a wonderful New Year!

### MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENT LEEVEN'S CHERISMA

December 15, 2020

Hi Mrs. White-Boyd,

I hope you're doing well. I am very grateful that my semester went very well. My final grades were A, A, A, B. I also accepted an internship offer for the summer of 2021 at CVS in Miami.

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### AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has scholarships available. The deadline is January 31, 2021 at midnight. You can find more details about the process at [yourcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships](http://yourcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships). If you have any questions, reach out to [scholarships@cfpbmc.org](mailto:scholarships@cfpbmc.org) and the team will be happy to assist you. Eligible applicants are current seniors in high school or current undergraduate students attending school in Palm Beach or Martin Counties. Some funds require interviews and some do not. Interview invitations are not an indication of receiving an award. Scholarships are awarded mid-April 2021.



## *Caribbean-American For Community Involvement, in Florida, Inc.*

A 501(c)(3) Organization – (EIN #65-0965408)

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December 8, 2020

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFICI) continues its more than 31 years of service to the community. CAFICI, a (501)(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 28 years, CAFICI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students in our communities to achieve their educational goals. Your financial donation and dedication to helping CAFICI advance our youth's higher education will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFICI will be able to award between \$500 to \$1,500 to each deserving student.

Many ambitious students are denied access to a college education due to financial constraints. This year, because of COVID-19 resulting in the loss of jobs and loss of family members, there is an overwhelming number of students facing financial challenges in achieving their college goals. As you can imagine, many high school students may hold the key to a cure for a disease but may never have the opportunity to maximize their potential. Many have innovative ideas for probable solutions to social problems, yet may never have a chance to expand on them. Others are discouraged simply because the first step to higher education may seem financially impossible.

CAFICI's Student Assistance Fund committee is requesting your financial help. We invite you to partner with CAFICI in financially assisting our youths to make their educational goals a reality. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope to more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. Please find accompanying information about our organization and past recipients.

We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to help with assisting students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. We will publicly acknowledge you on our *Donors' List*. **You may make your donation online by going to [www.cafcipc.org/donation-center](http://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center) and select **Student Assistance** or by mailing your donation to:**

CAFICI  
Attn: Student Assistance  
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561-790-4002.

Respectfully,

*Nadine White-Boyd*

Nadine White-Boyd  
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

*Junette Powell*

Junette Powell  
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

*Dennis Wright*

Dennis Wright  
President

# Troop111 17<sup>Th</sup> Birthday Weekend Campout Celebration

Scouts from BSA, Troop 111 of Royal Palm Beach celebrated their birthday with a weekend campout balanced with just the right amount of "work and play." This vital youth group has been serving the Western communities for 17 years.

Scouts with gear in hand, set up socially distanced camp sites at the Loxahatchee home of CAFCI's Charter Representative, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis. The campout was the perfect blend of "work and play" as described by one of the scouts. Outdoor movie night, fresh popped popcorn, hot chocolate and smores were enjoyed in the blissfully perfect cool weather.

Prospective scout families were also in attendance learning how the troop functions.



The evening campfire began with masked scouts singing songs and performing skits. A moving and reverent flag retirement ceremony followed. Scouts then watched a video in which they had participated in a historic and educational Royal Palm Beach scavenger hunt.

The culminating event was a dynamic Native American Hitchiti Fire Dance performed by Jordan Davis, Troop 111 alumni son of Dr. & Mrs. Davis, Walter Arnett, Troop 120 alumni and Joe their amazing drummer. This incredible team performs annually at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Scouts delighted in the display of flexibility, agility and daring.

The campout continued the following morning with the traditional "roses and thorns" comments shared by scouts about the event highlights. All was concluded with a beautiful prayer service that commemorated the Troops' birthday and honored our nation.

This youth-run troop has not just stayed afloat but kept scouts engaged and motivated with alternating virtual and modified in person meetings. Troop 111, we are youth led, adult guided, charter supported and welcoming to new members looking for adventure, personal growth and fun. Learn more about us at [www.t111.org](http://www.t111.org).



Submitted by Lori Cabrera, Troop111 Committee Chair



## **CAFCI's 2020 Friendship Ball Appeal Donors**

(Received as of 12.31.2020)

*Thank you for your generous support of CAFCI's mission to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.*

Anonymous	Dorothy and Cedric Lynch
Doreen and Paul Baker	Winsom Martin
Sandra Ballantyne, RE/MAX	Inez McCallum
Mavis and Samuel Baxter	Lilian McGann
Larry Bernstein	Marjorie Mendez
Nova and Radcliffe Brown	Shirley and Mark Morrison
Elet Cyrus	Alfred Nelson
Rhonda and Winston Davis	Alvin Nembhard
Beverly Downes	Goodwin Okalie
Leonie and Mark Escoffery	Port of Palm Beach, Joseph Anderson
Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin	Port of Palm Beach, Jean Enright
Memorial Scholarship Fund	Junette and Neil Powell
Pamela Fraser	Karen C. Reid
Anne and Alan Gerwig	Victoria and Jess Santamaria
Sandra and Colgate Gordon	Audrey and Aldin Smith
Hazel Hamilton	Hildreth Stoddart-Brown
Hazel and Lascelles Harris	Genieve White
Charmaine Henry	Nadine White-Boyd
Carolyn and Jeff Hmara	Percival Wood
Lakeside Funeral Home & Cremation Care	Yvonne and Dennis Wright
Shama and Kilon Rhoden	Sheila and Jerome Wright
Kathleen Lannaman	

*CAFCI, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, has been actively involved in making a difference in people's lives and in the community. CAFCI's community activities include financially assisting college bound students, disaster relief and other social activities.*

*In an effort to raise funds to support these activities, each year CAFCI has hosted various events including our annual Friendship Ball. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were unable to host these events this year. Thank you for responding to our 2020 Friendship Ball appeal for support. It is only through your continued financial support that we will be able to continue to serve our community, especially during these challenging times. THANK YOU!!!*

# 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 [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net), [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto: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.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, CAFCI Home Chair

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

#### 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?>

#### 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.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, January 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Monday, January 18: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration**, Via Livestream <https://www.facebook.com/cafcipc>
- Saturday, February 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, March 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, April 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, May 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, June 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ SAF Awards Presentation** 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, July 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, August 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, September 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, October 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, November 13: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

#### AROUND TOWN

- Visit Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming virtual events and activities.
- Visit the Kravis Center for in person and virtual events at <https://www.kravis.org/athome> or <https://www.kravis.org/>
- The Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach is excited to return to some in-person programming starting January 2021. Advance registration is required for all in-person classes and programs. Patrons can register via the online calendar at [wpbcitylibrary.org](http://wpbcitylibrary.org) or call 561-868-7701.