



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.

September

2019



THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF
CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
IN FLORIDA, INC.

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR

30th Annual Friendship Ball

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

7:00 PM - 1:00 AM

ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER

151 Civic Center Way
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Dinner Served at 8:00 pm

Dress: Semi-Formal



DJ Richness

Tickets \$95 per person
Advanced Ticket Sales Only

**Saxophonist
Carl Lewis**

Tickets can be purchased using PayPal.

DOOR PRIZES • RAFFLE • CASH BAR

For information or tickets, please call:

Alvin Nembhard 561-670-8113 • Lawrence Logan 561-791-0162

Dennis Wright 561-653-1586 • CAFCI 561-790-4002

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: Our Annual Friendship Ball will be September 28, 2019 at the Cultural Center in Royal Palm Beach. Our 30th anniversary Ball will be an extravaganza and an evening to remember. You will be captivated by the Mistress of Ceremony, Leonie Escoffery and enjoy fine dining and dancing the night away to the Music of DJ Richness. Saxophonist Carl Lewis and Fred Astaire Dancers will entertain us. A photo booth will be on hand to capture the night's memories. Tickets are \$95 per person and can be obtained from Lawrence Logan, 561-791-0162, Alvin Nembhard, 561-670-8113 and Dennis Wright, 561-653-1586. Please purchase your tickets early; we expect the ball to be sold out.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION: Pamela Fraser and the Membership and Retention Committee did a commendable job in organizing our annual membership appreciation evening. The room was decorated with a cruise ship theme. The attendance was quite large (over 100 members and supporters) and all had a good time. Members played games while enjoying their favorite Caribbean dish. Thanks to the membership committee Pamela Fraser (chair), Cindy Beckles, Charmaine Henry, Audrey Smith and Carolyn Hmara for making this event a memorable one; to the members who donated food and refreshments for the event and to all who helped with the preparation and serving.

ALLIANCE FUND RAISER: Thanks to Genieve White and all the members who represented CAFCI at the recent fund-raising event held by the Alliance to raise funds for disaster relief. The Alliance is comprised of six organizations: Caribbean Educators' Association, Inc. (C.A.R.E), Children of St. Helen Alliance Inc., Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches (JOB), United Sports and Social Club and CAFCI. This collaboration came together with one goal in mind; provide assistance to others in need. Although each member group has its individual goals and mission, the common thread is to serve humanity; hence the partnership.

Please plan to attend our International Games Night on **September 21, 2019.**

Dennis Wright, President



SEPTEMBER 16 - 31

Vincent Elliot	18
Shauna Simms	19
Frederick Pinto	21
Jannette Sharpe-Paul	23
Elizabeth Morgan	24
Marjorie Aiken	27
Lucille Walters	30
Hugh Smith	30

OCTOBER 1 - 15

Frank Watson	04
Larry Milender	05
Sheila Wright	05
Ridley L Ingram	06
Maxine Cheesman	06
William Turner	12
Sheila Wright	14
Inelda Bullock	15
Lorna Pearson	15

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 newsletter:

Elet Cyris, Chair 561.791.9087
Paul Baker 561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter 561.798.2864

CAFCI - SOUTH FLORIDA 29TH ANNUAL GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE

CAFCI, the FERRIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND and Troop 111 will have booths at the **South Florida 29th Annual Gigantic Garage Sale on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 PM, at the Expo Center on the Fairgrounds**

We will have on sale ethnic items and island T- Shirts donated by RAZA Fashion. All CAFCI members please support. All committees are asked to assist with Transportation and support on Saturday.

Please contact GENIEVE WHITE 561-876-4161 or Rhonda Ferrin-Davis 561-685-9836 for additional information and how you can assist. Please share with your friends and families.

30th ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 7 pm to 1 am
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

The excitement is building as we prepare for CAFCI's 30th Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. The Ball Committee is working hard to put everything in place for a successful event. The entertainment line-up is: DJ Richness and Saxophonist Carl Lewis. Please get your tickets on CAFCI's website or from committee members listed on the flyer. See the flyer in this issue with more details

BALL UPDATE:

PLEASE BE SURE TO PROVIDE YOUR MEAL PREFERENCES WITH YOUR TICKET RESERVATIONS.

- CHICKEN PROVENCALE
- SIRLOIN STEAK
- ESCOVITCH SNAPPER FILLET
- CHICKEN AND ESCOVITCH SNAPPER FILLET
- PASTA PRIMAVERA (VEGETARIAN)

THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAFCI AND THE FERRIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!



Wedding Bells for Thalia

The Newsletter Committee takes this opportunity to say congratulations to our Co-Chair, Thalia White, on her marriage to Timothy Lauren. Thalia will be moving to Chicago and has consented to remain on the Committee and do the newsletter remotely at least temporarily. We wish Thalia and Timothy all the very best and CAFCI will surely miss Thalia.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

Once again thanks to Golden Krust Bakery located at 6901 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach (Jog Road and Okeechobee Boulevard) for its support by generously donating 10% of their sales from June 1, 2019 to July 25, 2019 to CAFCI Student Assistance Fund Committee.

See the 2020 Student Assistance Fund Application In This Issue of The Newsletter.

Congratulations to Leon Martin, son of Winsom Genus-Martin and Norman Martin, who was among the awardees of Legacy South Florida's 2019 40 under 40 Honorees as cofounder and producer of Vie95.

Please remember that CAFCI and the Student Assistance Awards Committee love to recognize its members' relatives and their accomplishments, so please share your good news with us and if we have space we are willing to publish.

CAFCI MEMBERSHIP CORNER
“CAFCI AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, TOGETHER WE SOAR”

*Greetings CAFCI Family,
CAFCI is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year!*

Hello September! A new month is upon us and an old one left behind. The only wish I have for you is that September is kind. Wishing my CAFCI friends and family a wonderful month ahead. Praying that all of you did well during Hurricane Dorian.

On August 10th, our long-awaited Membership Appreciation Night was a huge success. The theme was “Come Sail the CAFCI Legacy”. The members enjoyed the comforts of a cruise ship without leaving Royal Palm Beach.

The meeting room was decorated with a cruise ship, captain's steering-wheel, palm trees, flamingos and a picturesque ocean all around the room in the “sea” of blue tablecloths. Our guests entered the room while being serenaded to by Keith Anthony Barbrie on steel drums as each one received beautiful Hawaiian Leis. The “passengers” were also treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres and fruit flavored cocktail drinks during the reception.

After the Monthly Business Meeting, where Dennis Wright saluted our CAFCI Committees, we were entertained by the wonderful steel drum sounds of jazz, calypso, reggae and pop music during dinner. This Special Night also featured fun games with prizes, dancing the Electric Slide and playing bingo.

Thank you to the Membership and Recruitment Team comprised of Cindy Beckles, Pamela Fraser, Charmaine Henry, Carolyn Hmara and Audrey Smith for all of their efforts. Special thank you to all of the CAFCI members who assisted with the evening. Our Corporate sponsors included: Duffy's Sports Grill, Texas Roadhouse Grill and the Palm Beach Outlet Mall



Photo by Denise Fleischman of the Town Crier

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Membership Corner (con't)

The "Be Our Guest" Contest was a huge success. The winners included: 1st Place, Marjorie Mendez, 2nd Place, Genieve White and 3rd Place, Audrey Gordon. It was truly a night to remember.

CAFCI Volunteer Opportunity: The Ball Committee is still looking for volunteers. Please contact Dennis Wright at denban22@aol.com or 203 - 482 - 5079 if you would like to assist.

****September 21st is our CAFCI Games Night. Please join us!**

Inspirational Quote of the Month:

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way " Napoleon Hill

Submitted by:

Charmaine Henry, CAFCI Membership and Retention Director

Cynthia Beckles, MBA, DTM, CAFCI Membership and Retention, Communications Director

Photos courtesy of Denise Fleischman of the Town Crier



CAFCI GAMES NIGHT

Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 7 pm to 11 pm
CAFCI Games Night
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center
151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

Join CAFCI for what promises to be a fun filled evening of fun and games. There will be food and games including dominoes, scrabble and the like. This should be a lot of fun and this will be your last opportunity to purchase your Ball tickets. For more information, contact Cindy Beckles at 561.232.4573 or Alvin Nembhard at 561.670.8113; the CAFCI website (www.cafcipbc.org).

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, INC.



2019 INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT

ENJOY AN EXCITING EVENING OF FUN FOOD GAMES & MUSIC!

DONATION \$10.00

SEPT. 21, 2019 @ 7:00-11:00PM

Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center
100 Sweet Bay Lane, Royal Palm Beach 33411

For information contact

Cindy Beckles: 561-232-4573 cindybeckles@yahoo.com

Alvin Nembhard: 561-670-8113 nalvin@bellsouth.net

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

We continue to search for that ideal gem in our stated search area but have expanded our search to include reasonable opportunities outside the immediate western community. A potential lead that is a little outside our stated boundaries (Greenacres) but could be a fit for us is being investigated.

I have been asked “how come we can’t find somewhere? There are several homes and land for sale in the acreage and Loxahatchee!” It seems as if finding someplace to buy should not be that difficult.

We are facing two major challenges in finding something in the western communities. First is zoning and the second is financing. Lots that are affordable and are in our price range have been zoned residential/agricultural which means that the facility or property can only be used for a home or use the property for agricultural purposes. There is a process where an exemption can be applied for, but it is expensive, lengthy and requires the surrounding owners to agree to the change. Available commercially zoned land or property is extremely expensive and would require us to finance up to \$500,000.

*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.***



You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promote an activity to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561.791.3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

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.*

2019 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

AROUND TOWN.....

KRAVIS CENTER GROUPS:

If you would like to join the CAFCI group to see performances from December 2019 through May 2020 at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or gen_white@msn.com or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 with the name of the performance you would like to attend along with preferred seating section. Visit the Kravis Center website (kravis.org) for a full calendar of performances and pricing.

To date, groups are being booked for the following:

- * Friday, December 20, 2019 at 8:00 pm - The Isle Brothers "You Make me Want to Shout"
- * Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8:00 pm - The Price Is Right Live
- * Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm - Piano Battle
- * January 20; February 3, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm - African American Film Festival
- * Thursday-Friday, February 6-7, 2019 at 7:30 pm - Jon Boogz & Lil Buck "Love Heals All Wounds"
- * Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm - Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar
- * Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 8:00 pm - Kenny G
- * Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm - Color Purple
- * Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm - Forever Motown
- * Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8:00 pm - The Price is Right Live
- * Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 8:00 pm - Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles
- * Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 8:00 pm - Johnny Mathis
- * Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 8:00 pm - Fela! The Concert

Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm – Free Spirit Outreach Inc. invites you to "An Evening of Sheer Elegance" The Lorna Archer Stanley Community Service and Life Time Achievement Award Ceremony at Palm Beach Airport Hilton in West Palm Beach. For information, contact 561-708-3193 or 561-692-1508 or email info@socharity.org.

After Hurricane Dorian...

We thank God that we were spared the wrath of Hurricane Dorian; however our neighbors in the Bahamas were not so fortunate. For those of you who have families in the Bahamas, our heart goes out to you and to all who bore that horrific experience.

The Alliance Report

In response to the hurricane disaster in the Bahamas, the Alliance (CAFCI, Caribbean Educations, Children of St. Helen; Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches; and United Sports & Social Club) is currently collecting items to send to the victims of Hurricane Dorian. The Alliance has contacts on the ground in both Nassau and Freeport who are ready to receive and distribute these items to those in need. The Alliance is working directly through the Episcopal churches in the Bahamas. Below is the list of items requested. Starting today, all donations can be dropped off at Grace Episcopal Church, 3600 N Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. If you are unable to get to the Church, call CAFCI's office, 561-790-4002 or Genieve 561-876-4161 or you can bring items to the next two (2) CAFCI's meetings on September 14, 2019 and/or September 21, 2019 The Alliance would appreciate early response to this appeal.

Thank you
The Alliance Committee

BELOW IS THE COMBINED LIST OF ITEMS NEED FOR THE BAHAMAS RELIEF

Water	Water filtration devices	Canned goods
Meals ready to eat (MRE's)	Hygiene kits	First aid kits
Wet wipes	Large plastic trash bags	Mosquito repellent
Non-perishable dry goods	Towels	Gloves
Blankets	Chain saws	Generators
Portable stoves	Butane canisters	Air mattresses
Diapers	Baby wipes	Baby juice
Baby food	Baby formula	Cereal
Lysol	Disinfectant	Flashlights
Tents	Cots – adult size	Portable/purified water
Water bladders	Water containers	Portable generators
Plastic tarpaulins	Debris removal tools	Portable single and double burner stoves
Portable outdoor lamps/lights	Blankets	Portable radios
Batteries	Portable potty	Cleaning supplies
Deodorants	Toothpaste	Soap
Sterile bandages/gauze	Shovels/rakes/axes	Wheelbarrows
Bleach	Brooms/mops	



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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.

Saturday, September 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, September 21: **International Games Night**, 6 pm to 11 pm; RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

**Saturday, September 28, 2019
CAFCI'S 30TH ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL
ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER**

Saturday, October 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, November 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Saturday, December 14: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Potluck**, 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane

Tuesday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location to be announced