



## 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.

January

2015

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

President ..... Dennis Wright  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ..... Genieve White  
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#### DIRECTORS

Barbara Walker ★ Jeff Webb

### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Sandra Gordon ★ Lascelles Harris  
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 Junette Powell ★ Barbara Walker  
 Thalia White

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Alliance ..... Genieve White  
 Annual Friendship Ball ..... Dennis Wright  
 Budget ..... Radcliffe Brown  
 Bylaws ..... Barbara Walker  
 CAFCI Home ..... Radcliffe Brown  
 Cultural ..... Elet Cyrus  
 Finance ..... Genieve White  
 Food ..... Alvin Nembhard  
 Grants ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
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 and Retention ..... Elaine Ealy  
 Parliamentarian ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
 Program ..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 Relay for Life ..... Nova Brown  
 Student Assistance ..... Elaine Ealy  
 Sunshine ..... Elet Cyrus  
 Talent Show ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
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**Board meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
**See back page for calendar of events.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is amazing how quickly the years go by. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were celebrating the New Year 2014, but it is now 2015. I want to wish all our members, friends and supporters a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I want to thank each of you for all your support and contributions during our 25th year. Last year was truly a remarkable year and 2015 is shaping up to be a year of great expectations and challenges. With our new board in place, we will complete most of the revisions and processes we started to look into last year but simply ran out of time. Among the processes that we will be looking into are the following:

1. Changing the bylaws to reduce the number of board members from nine to seven.
2. Review our board meeting schedule with the goal of having fewer and shorter meetings.
3. A review of all our committees to assure they are properly staffed and their goals and objects are still relevant.

Last year we added quite a few members. Our goal is to continue to strengthen CAFCI with new ideas from all. We will seek to utilize the skills of our new members to ensure that their membership is not only for a year but for the next 25 years. We intend to get all our members active in all of our activities. We will seek ways to improve our attendance at our general membership meetings. This is an area that I am very concerned about as we need to have better attendance at our meetings. During last year's 25th year celebration, we saw how important it was to recognize members' contributions and to make them part of the team. We will try to find ways to have more local events for our members and supporters.

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### 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) or mail to CAFCI  
 Attention: Lawrence Logan  
 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11  
 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



### JANUARY 16-31

Herbert Chambers	16
Berman Patterson	18
Audrey Nelson	24
Pearline Roomes	27

### FEBRUARY 1 - 15

V. Alvin Nembhard	02
Yvonne Lawrence	03
Yvonne Richardson	06
Patrick McLaughlin	08
Yvonne Wright	08
Ocie Roundtree	10
Sandra A. Gordon	13
Radcliffe Brown	14

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Lena and Henworth Ferguson on the loss of their grandson, Brandon Ferguson  
 Ernie Garvey on the loss of a relative  
 Lorna Hughes on the loss of her sister  
 Lucille and Hugh Walters  
 on the loss of their son, Donald Crooks  
 The family of Lily Wray, a past member who recently passed away

### 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 Cyrus, Chair ..... 791-9087  
 Paul Baker ..... 784-0067  
 Samuel Baxter ..... 798-2864

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)**

As I stated at the beginning of my message, we have some new challenges this year, but I know that you will step up as you have done many times before to make this year another great year for CAFCI.

**New Year's Eve Celebration:** Special thanks to our New Year's Eve committee, chaired by Ernie Garvey. The evening was entertaining as we rang in 2015. The committee consisted of Millie Hampton, Lawrence Logan, Winsom Martin, Alvin Nembhard, Jeff Webb, Genieve White, Dennis Wright, and two new members, Pamela Frasier and Charmaine Henry. Thanks to all the other members who assisted with various tasks for the New Year's Eve celebration.

Let's make 2015 a special year for CAFCI!

Dennis Wright  
*President*



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL 2015**

In keeping with our 25th Anniversary Celebration, the New Year's Eve Gala came off in 'fine style'.

Chairman Ernie Garvey started the evening with an introduction of President Dennis Wright who gave a brief overview. Newbolt Wilson offered a prayer and blessings, Chef G served up his scrumptious meal and DJs Ernitones and Valho rocked the house until way past midnight into the New Year. Norma Morris-Thornhill won the 50/50 raffle.

Thanks to CAFCI's members and supporters for their continued help and kindness, let's keep the tradition going into 2015 and beyond.

Ernie Garvey

## **STUDENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE:**

Applications will be available on CAFCI's website as well as the School District's website later this month. Applications will also be available to members at the February general meeting on Saturday, February 14th. The Awards Ceremony date and venue will be announced soon.

## **GENERAL MEETING**

### **Swearing-In Ceremony**

**Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 7 pm**

*Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach*

Please be reminded that January's meeting will be the swearing in of CAFCI's new Board of Directors. Attorney Lori Cohen will oversee the Swearing-In Ceremony and Honorable Jess Santamaria will address the audience. Please make every effort to come and show your support for CAFCI's Board.



## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION**

**Monday, January 19, 2015 at 8:30 am**

*Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center*

*151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach*

CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host the thirteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. There is a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 am until 9:30 am and the program follows from 10:00 am until noon. There will be performances by very talented local artists. The keynote speaker is Eric Gordon of the Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club. The event remains free to all. Please see flyer elsewhere in the Newsletter as well as on CAFI's website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)) for more details.

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## **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 ([junettep@hotmail.com](mailto: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.*

Caribbean American For Community Involvement In Florida, Inc.  
& The Village Of Royal Palm Beach Present

# The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration

"LOVE...MOST DURABLE POWER IN THE WORLD"



**EVENT IS  
FREE**

**10:00 AM  
TO 12:00 PM**



**Monday, January 19, 2015**

**ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER**  
151 CIVIC CENTER WAY • ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

*13 Years  
of Cultural Excellence*

**FEATURING**

- AVERY SOMMERS
- BLUE DIAMONDS STEP TEAM
- BROADWAY KIDS
- JADE & DEMI MASTERS
- KATE DEVINEY
- SONS OF MYSTRO
- TEHYA MORRIS
- **AND MORE...**

**CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST  
8:30 AM - 9:30**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2015 RELAY FOR LIFE  
OF ROYAL PALM BEACH  
NEEDS YOU TO JOIN  
THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!**

**WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015**

**TIME: 4:PM UNTIL 6:AM**

**WHERE: ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH SCHOOL**



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

If you have experience in commercial real estate, multi-year fundraising projects, creative finance, project management or marketing, the *Home of Our Own program needs your expertise*. Input from individuals with expertise in these areas is needed to assist us in revising our strategy to obtain a home for CAFCI and creating an associated plan to reach our objective.



*Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) by close of business Tuesday, January 13, 2015 if you are able to assist in any of these areas.*

As previously communicated, efforts to purchase property in the Acreage or Loxahatchee encountered zoning issues and/or regulations that prevented us from acquiring property for non-residential purposes. We are looking into areas with the appropriate zoning (or where it can be changed easily) to ***purchase land for cash and then build, or find a location with a lease to own option.*** Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) if you know of any property, land or facilities that meet the above criteria.



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.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 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.***

## **AROUND TOWN.....**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm & 6 pm:** RHYTHMS OF AFRICA / MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD at Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL. Former Third World percussionist, Willie Stewart leads 50 children from Somerset Academy and 20 professional international musicians for an afternoon of Epic Percussion Power! Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit [www.solutionsinmusic.com](http://www.solutionsinmusic.com) or call 754-366-5220.

**January 16<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>:** SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Fairs are always fun. With over 100 years of entertainment practice under their belt, this fair is one of the top-rated events in South Florida. Be sure to ride the midway and check out all the known bands that stop by this annual Palm Beach event. And while you're there... enjoy a warm funnel cake. For more information, visit [www.southfloridafair.com](http://www.southfloridafair.com).

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>:** SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE, downtown West Palm Beach. Participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Susan G. Komen South Florida Race for the Cure® and show everyone whose life you are running for. Are you running for your mother, your sister, a co-worker, a friend? Are you running for your own life? Or are you running for the future? No matter whose life you are running for, now is the time to get involved and run for their life! If anyone would like to put a CAFCI group together, please contact Dennis Wright or email [cafcipc](mailto:cafcipc) at [cafcipc.org](http://cafcipc.org). For more information, visit [www.komensouthflorida.org](http://www.komensouthflorida.org).

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm:** WEST INDIES CRICKET LEGENDS GAME at Central Broward Regional Park, 3700 NW 11 Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. Exhibition game featuring 25 West Indian Cricket Legends vs. SF under 19. Featuring: Clive Lloyd, Gordon Greenidge, Lawrence Rowe, Lance Gibbs, Mervyn Dillon, Gus Logie, Faoud Bacchus, Ricardo Powell, Daren Ganga. Part Proceeds to Patrick Patterson for his medical treatment. For more information, call Lawrence Rowe 305-751-6884 or Pooran 954-444-4954.

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm:** 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LOUISE BENNETT-COVERLEY READING FESTIVAL "Dat Cunny Jamma Woman" with the acclaimed Dr. Carolyn Cooper, Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies – University of West Indies, Mona at Broward College South Campus – Performing Cultural Arts Theatre, 7200 Pines Boulevard, Building 68-B, Pembroke Pines. For more information, visit [www.louisebennett.com](http://www.louisebennett.com).

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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.*

- JANUARY 10: General/Swearing in of new officers at 7 pm, Harvin Center
- JANUARY 19: MLK Celebration at 8:30 am, Cultural Center
- FEBRUARY 14: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center
- MARCH 14: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center
- APRIL 11: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center
- APRIL 25-26: Relay for Life, 4 pm to 6 am, Royal Palm Beach High School
- MAY 9: Cultural Diversity Day, Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach
- MAY (date tbd): General/Scholarship Awards Meeting
- JUNE 13: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

**CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

*Details will be provided on the website and in upcoming issues of the NEWS.*