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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.

NOVEMBER

2023

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement  
in Florida, Inc.

**CAFCI**

presents its annual  
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**General Membership Meetings**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

**Board Meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
 See back page for calendar of events.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We continue to see an increase in applications for membership in our organization. The increased interest in CAFCI is a result of several events that we hosted this year: the annual picnic, Cultural Diversity Day, Membership Appreciation, and our Annual Friendship Ball. We welcome the new members and look forward to utilizing their skills and talent to grow the organization. There are several committees for which we need chairpersons, and several others where we need additional members to strengthen those committees and make them more viable. The benefits of volunteering are enormous to us, our families and our community. The right match can help us find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance our careers. Volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. It allows us to connect to our communities and make them better places. Over the next few weeks, we will be reaching out to our members to volunteer to serve as board members and officers for the next year.

Our board elections will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Once again, I would like to thank all our committee chairs for their service this year and encourage you and all our members to run for seats on our Board. Please give me a call if you have any questions about being a board member. All CAFCI members in good standing are eligible to nominate and vote for a board member. This same Saturday, December 9th, will also be our General Membership meeting, Toys for Tots drive and International Games Night. We are currently securing a venue for this meeting. More information to come later.

Because of previously scheduled events, Veterans Day activities and travel by quite a few of our members, we will not have a General Membership meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA:** Come celebrate New Year's Eve with your CAFCI family at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. The Board is diligently working to bring you a special evening. If you are willing to serve on the New Year's Eve Gala planning committee, please contact me or one of the board members. This is a special time of the year so let's come together and support each other as we embrace the new year. More details to follow in the December newsletter, also please see flyer on the front page for more information.

Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

  
 Dennis Wright



**NOVEMBER 16 - 30**

Norman Martin	16
Gwendolyn Biersay	17
Carlos Bodden	18
Winsom Genus-Martin	18
Dorothy Lynch	19
Junette Powell	21
Elaine Ealy	22
Lukie Christie	24
Kanetia Clarke	26
Andrea D. McMillan	30

**DECEMBER 1 - 15**

Varisa Lall Dass, Esq.	01
Caswell M. Brown	03
Beverly McKenzie	03
William Pittman	05
Kilon Rhoden	09
Yvonne Gray	10
Ernie Garvey	11

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

**GET WELL TO:**

Monica Grant • Jeff Webb

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

Elet Cyris on the loss of her grandson, Anthony Cyris Hall "Samson"  
 Johnny Davis on the loss of his daughter, Michele Davis  
 Thalia White Lauren on the loss of her godmother, Angela Fletcher-Woolcock and her mother-in-law, Norma Clapper  
 Lydia Patterson on the loss of her husband, Berman

**Please Let Us Know...**

*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.*

Elet Cyris, Chair .....561.791.9087  
 Paul Baker .....561.784.0067  
 Samuel Baxter .....561.358.3737

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
CANCELLED FOR NOVEMBER**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION**

**Monday, January 15, 2024 at 10 am  
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center**

The Cultural Committee and the Village of Royal Palm Beach are in the process of planning an exciting 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual MLK Day Celebration program on Monday, January 15, 2024, beginning at 10 am. Additional information will be posted in upcoming issues of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org).

**THANK YOU FROM CAFCI 2023  
OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT**

*I moved to Florida knowing a handful of people. Now my arms are overflowing with friends I never dreamed of friends whom I now regard as family. Thank you so much for considering me worthy of this award. Now I just have to keep working hard to live up to this honor.*

*Yvonne Wright*

**Visit CAFCI's website at [cafcipc.org](http://cafcipc.org) to view photos and vignettes from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Friendship Ball.**

*Welcome New Members*

**Varisa Lall Dass, Esq.  
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*If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in "Let's Do Business" in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee at [junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com) or [thaliaec@gmail.com](mailto:thaliaec@gmail.com) so that we can share it with our members.*

*Member Spotlight*

**HAVE YOU MET?**

Welcome to the inaugural edition of "Have You Met?" CAFCI's Monthly Member Spotlight column. Each month we will shine the spotlight on one of our members so we can learn more about them, where they are from, what they do, and why they belong to CAFCI.

Today's column shines the light on **Norma Smith-Hill**, a talented realtor, wife, mother, former attorney, and new CAFCI member. Norma lives in Wellington, having moved here from New York eight years ago.



**Hello Norma, thank you for talking with us.**

*Thank you for having me.*

**We have a few questions:**

*Fire away.*

**Why did you join CAFCI?**

*I had a desire to be involved with a Caribbean organization that was giving back to the community. I searched online and found CAFCI. They were responsive and warm. Junette Powell reached out immediately. I felt instinctively that this was a group I wanted to be a part of.*

**Which island are you from?**

*I was born in Mandeville, Jamaica, and lived in St. Elizabeth and Christiana. I've lived most of my life in the U.S., but I am deeply connected to my Jamaican culture.*

**Name some things that you are passionate about.**

*I'm passionate about my family, my husband, children, and grandchildren. I have a son and a daughter, a grandson and a granddaughter. My daughter is a nurse at JFK Hospital, and my son is a real estate wholesaler. He has a YouTube channel called 'Mike Hill, the Wholesaling Titan.' Being with my grandson and granddaughter is what makes me happiest.*

*Beyond my family I am passionate about my business. I'm a realtor, but I think of myself as a dream maker: someone who is in the business of helping people achieve their dream of homeownership or financial freedom through real estate.*

**Why real estate?**

*I was a lawyer for many years, grinding away behind a desk and a computer. What I've found out more recently is that I love working with people more than working with paper. I love being hands-on, interacting with my clients, helping them get their homes showcase ready so they can sell quickly and get top dollar; that's my special talent.*

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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 local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from CAFCI. We need your help! A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's SAF Committee reach its fundraising goal. To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, you can use one of the methods listed below:

1. Mail check payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF (write "SAF" on your check in the notes line to make sure it is posted to the SAF program), 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
2. Donate online at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option.
3. **Support SAF Golden Krust "Dining to Donate"**: Patronize Golden Krust between **November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>** and 10% of your purchase (excluding seafood and oxtail meals) will be donated to CAFCI's SAF. VERY IMPORTANT: Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. The coupon is below which can be duplicated.
4. **POPPIN' POPCORN Fundraiser**: Purchase popcorn, chocolate, cheese, kitchen tools and enjoy time with family and friends while supporting CAFCI SAF via <https://popup.doublegood.com/s/jt0168je> between **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. See flyer below.
5. **GIVING TUESDAY**: Donate every Tuesday from **November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 29<sup>th</sup>**. Donations can be made by going to CAFCI's website [www.cafcipc.org/donation-center](http://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center) and select the Student Assistance option.

If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link (<https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>) to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.

#### APPLICATIONS:

Applications are now being accepted for students graduating in 2024. Go to the Student Assistance Fund tab of CAFCI's webpage (<https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>) for a link to the application form OR click on the link:

[https://www.cafcipc.org/\\_files/ugd/8ea0b3\\_d53b054f070d4d9797a6a0a98a093391.pdf](https://www.cafcipc.org/_files/ugd/8ea0b3_d53b054f070d4d9797a6a0a98a093391.pdf).

Please share the application with Palm Beach County's graduating seniors, and your friends and family.

**Deadline to apply is March 1, 2024.**

*Just this past year we spoke with a few friends of CAFCI whose child, grandchild or a relative graduated from high school and when asked, "Did you have them fill out the application?", the response was "we forgot." Don't let that be you!*

For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. Thanks in advance for your continued support.



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**Starts November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM**

**Ends November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM**

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November 7, 2023

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 34 years of service to the community. CAFCI, a 501(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 30 years, CAFCI 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 CAFCI will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFCI 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. 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.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee is requesting your financial help. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope for more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. 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 *List of Donors*. **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 by **April 30, 2024, to:****

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

For more information about our organization and past recipients, please visit our website at [www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram](http://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram). 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

# CAFCI SCOUTS BSA TROOP 111



Greetings CAFCI,

Greetings from Luke Estevez. October has been a very busy and productive month for Troop 111. We are excited to announce that Troop 111 set a new Troop and Lighthouse District record. Four scouts from Troop 111 earned their Eagle Scout rank this past week! Troop 111 Eagles #56-59 are William Hicks #56, Jackson Eubanks #57, Ryan Goldberger #58 and Noah Cabrera #59! Their Eagle Projects included organizing, leading, and providing close to 2,000 service hours from Palm Beach County all the way to Minnesota. Congratulations Eagle Scouts!



Eagle Scout #56 - William Hicks



Eagle Scout #57 - Jackson



Eagle Scout #58 - Ryan Goldberger



Eagle Scout #59 - Noah Cabrera



Electronics Merit Badge



Lunchtime



Roses and Thorns

Troop 111 also attended the Gulf Stream Council JOTA/JOTI (Jambo on the Air/Internet) campout event at our local campground, Tanah Keeta. This included learning how to operate and communicate with a variety of radios both local and in other countries. Then, in the afternoon, a variety of Merit badges were earned followed by a wonderful campfire program with Troop 111 performing a crowd-pleasing skit. As an added bonus, Troop 111 alumni, Stephen Peterson was there and hosted the Electronics merit badge as well as joining Troop 111 for Breakfast.

Many thanks to CAFCI for their tremendous support of our scouts.



Sincerely,  
Luke Estevez  
Senior Patrol Leader  
Scouts BSA Troop 111



To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111  
or to volunteer for scouting, visit  
<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>

## Member Spotlight Have You Met Norma Smith-Hill?

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### What separates you from other realtors?

*I have a legal background, so I have a clear understanding of contracts. My husband and I have also bought, gutted, and renovated houses for years, so I'm knowledgeable about all aspects of home inspection or renovation, and I have contacts and resources for each part of the process. This is a bonus for my clients.*

### What are your hobbies?

*My hobbies are reading, dancing, and finding new ways to challenge myself. I belong to Toastmasters International in Wellington—an organization that focuses on growth through public speaking. Toastmasters demands that you get out of your comfort zone. I like the challenge and I like meeting people from all backgrounds. You can find me on the dance floor from the beginning of the evening till the party's over.*

### What is something about you that may surprise us?

*That's a surprising question. (Laughs.) I come across as gentle and straitlaced, with a soft demeanor, but I'm tough and a hard negotiator. I think that surprises people.*

### Anything else you'd like to share?

*One of the things I love about CAFCI, apart from the warmth and camaraderie of our members, is the opportunity to give back and get involved with community. I'm on the Student Assistance Funds Committee. We help top performing high school students by giving them scholarships to attend college. It's the most rewarding thing to watch these high-achieving kids and know that they're going to do remarkable things in the future. It gives me hope for humanity.*

### What is something that people say about you?

*That I'm a good listener. My clients say, 'You listen,' and I'm always proud and happy when that happens.*

Norma works with LPT Realty in Wellington. She specializes in the local markets: Wellington, Royal Palm, Lake Worth, Boynton Beach, and parts of West Palm. She can be reached at: 561-440-3932 or via email at: [Palmbeach1properties@gmail.com](mailto:Palmbeach1properties@gmail.com). Her book 'The Ultimate Guide to Selling Homes Fast for Top Dollar,' features tips on how to showcase your home and get it model-ready to sell for top dollar.

The CAFCI Member Spotlight serves as an opportunity for you to inform your CAFCI family about your business or any special projects or philanthropic ventures with which you may be engaged, or to share some memories from back home or about an experience that was meaningful to you. If you would be interested in being featured in the column or have someone you would like to recommend for consideration, please do let us know by emailing us at: [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net); [junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com); [thaliaec@gmail.com](mailto:thaliaec@gmail.com); or [maxsandrox@gmail.com](mailto:maxsandrox@gmail.com).

Thanks in advance CAFCI family, the more we know, the more we grow. We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.



1. What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?  
(a) The Apache; (b) The Seminole; (c) the Wampanoag
2. Which President first ordered a national "Day of Thanksgiving"?  
(a) George Washington; (b) Thomas Jefferson;  
(c) Martin Van Buren
3. Which President made Thanksgiving a permanent holiday?  
(a) John Adams; (b) Andrew Jackson; (c) Abraham Lincoln
4. Which President was the first to pardon a turkey?  
(a) Franklin Delano Roosevelt; (b) John F. Kennedy;  
(c) Dwight D. Eisenhower
5. Approximately how many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year?  
(a) 46 million; (b) 80 million; (c) 100 million
6. How many Americans prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to Thanksgiving dinner?  
(a) about 80%; (b) about 50%; (c) about 20%
7. Which city has the oldest Thanksgiving Day Parade?  
(a) Richmond; (b) Boston; (c) Philadelphia
8. Which City's Thanksgiving Day Parade ends with Santa Clause getting a key to the city?  
(a) Cleveland; (b) Detroit; (c) Chicago
9. Which turkeys actually gobble?  
(a) only male turkeys; (b) only female turkeys; (c) all turkeys
10. Sarah Josepha Hale, who campaigned for Thanksgiving to be a national holiday, wrote what famous song?  
(a) "Alice's Restaurant"; (b) "The Thanksgiving Song";  
(c) "Mary had a Little Lamb"

### ANSWERS:

1(c); 2(a); 3(c); 4(b); 5(a); 6(a); 7(c); 8(b); 9(a) 10(c)

### WORDS OF WISDOM...

**Nothing is eternal in this world,  
not even our problems.**

**The most wasted day in life is the day we don't laugh.**

**The six best doctors in the world...  
Sunshine, Rest, Exercise, Diet, Self-esteem, Friends.  
Keep them in all stages of your life and  
enjoy a healthy life.**

**If you see the moon you will see the beauty of God.  
If you see the sun you will see the power of God.  
If you look in the mirror, you will see God's best  
creation....Believe it then.**

**We are all tourists, God is our travel agent who  
already made our itineraries, bookings and  
destinations...Trust him and enjoy LIFE.**

**Life is just a journey!  
Live today!!!**

**~ Author Unknown**



*During these times, more than ever, please help us put a smile on our children's faces.*



## **CAFCI's TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

**Deadline  
Dec. 15, 2023**



**Also Need....  
Wrapping Paper  
Gift Bags  
Tape & Tags**

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**or**

**Donate online and we will shop for you.**

**Go to [cafcipbc.org/donation-center](http://cafcipbc.org/donation-center) and select "Toy Drive"**

**or**

**Call Simms at 561.719.0263 for pick-up.**

**Your donation will help make a difference  
in the life of a child from our surrounding communities.**

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

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

GoFundMe: Visit <https://gofund.me/7319cf9a> • Please share with your friends and family.

### HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

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

Mail to: CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan,

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

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

The Finance committee has determined the type of business that would work and has received insightful recommendations regarding setup and operational costs and estimated income. When complete, the business plan will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval. The business plan is one of the pieces of documentation required by the organization we are soliciting to assist us in acquiring a loan for a CAFCI-owned building and headquarters, plus related capital expenses. The organization will help us secure financing prior to finding a place.



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 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.**

If you have information about a potential investor or investors who may be able to help with funding, please share your ideas and provide information about any available properties by calling 561.790.4002 and leave a message; or email [cafcipc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipc@bellsouth.net) and copy [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com).

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

### 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 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](mailto: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](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.*

## NOVEMBER... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS & AWARENESS



Be sheekee, or Buffalo  
by Francis Vincenti

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage Month! This annual month-long celebration is an opportunity to come together to honor and celebrate the culture, traditions, history, and contributions of American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

Though Native Americans make up about 2.5% of the total U.S. population, their history and contributions are of critical importance to the nation's history. Unfortunately, much of it has been forgotten or overlooked.

As a result, misconceptions and ignorance surrounding Native peoples and Native culture can lead to the perpetuation of harmful, misinformed "celebrations" — especially surrounding the heritage month and Thanksgiving holiday. November is an opportunity to grow our understanding of Native culture, traditions, and how historical traumas like colonization and genocide have impacted Native peoples throughout history — and still do today.

This month, it's important for each of us to remember the entirety of our nation's history — including and especially the history of Native Americans, the systemic issues they still face today, and take supportive, uplifting action to right historic injustices.

Sources:

<https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/how-to-celebrate-native-american-heritage-month>

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### WORLD KINDNESS DAY

– November 13<sup>th</sup> (every year)

Between the "Be Kind" graphic T-shirts in every department store and Harry Styles crooning his signature reminder to "Treat People With

Kindness," the concept of kindness is rather trendy in our current climate. But kindness goes beyond a fleeting trend or a singular act; it's a lifestyle and mindset shift that implores us to meet the world — and each other — with greater empathy and justice. Kindness asks us to extend our approach beyond niceties and good manners, and into transformative action, compassionate and intentional inclusion, and empowering solutions. Kindness is a choice, a muscle we all flex and could frankly use a little more of our attention. World Kindness Day is a great opportunity to deepen our relationship with kindness and connect with one another in new and exciting ways.

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### VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day is a national holiday in the United States celebrated on November 11<sup>th</sup>, dedicated to honoring veterans and active military members. Its origin began in 1918, marking the end of the first World War, and was quickly adopted by

countries around the world as Armistice Day, which later became a federal holiday in 1938.

However, in the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, veteran organizations successfully urged Congress to amend the 1938 act by swapping "Armistice" with "Veterans." This change was approved in 1954, allowing American veterans of *all* wars to be honored.

Today, ceremonies like the official wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, parades, and other celebrations are held in cities around the country.

It has become a day of recognition, respect, and gratitude for those who have and continue to risk their lives in pursuit of the protection and safety of others.

Source:

<https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/veterans-day-celebration-ideas>



### NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP MONTH

November is National Entrepreneurship Month. It's a time dedicated to celebrating entrepreneurs, innovations, and economic growth in our country.

## GIVING TUESDAY

A movement that unleashes the power of radical generosity around the world.

GivingTuesday reimagines a world built upon shared humanity and generosity.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, consider making contributions to your favorite charities. At any level, your gift makes a difference. Donors like you help to make the world a better place to live.

Source:

<https://www.givingtuesday.org/>

## 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.

November **General Membership Meeting CANCELLED**

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Elections | Games Night | Toys for Tots**, 7 pm, Hybrid

Sunday, December 31 at 8 pm

**CAFCI New Year's Eve Gala**

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, January 13, 2024: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Swearing-In**, 7 pm, Hybrid

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration**

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, February 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, March 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid

April (Date, Time & Venue TBA)

**CAFCI Annual Picnic**

May (Date, Time & Venue TBA)

**Cultural Diversity Day**

Saturday, May 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, June 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid

## AROUND TOWN

- **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm – 10 pm** | 21<sup>st</sup> Annual **Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival (GJJF)**: Food and Music Extravaganza. Come for the food, stay for the fun at Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, FL. Tickets are available at [jerkfestival.com](http://jerkfestival.com). Free entry for kids 10 and under. For more information 754.213.5105.
- **Sundays, November 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>** | Miami Book Fair: For eight days Miami Book Fair transforms downtown into a literary wonderland. Hundreds of critically acclaimed authors in three languages talking politics, pop culture, and impactful prose. Get smart, buy books, meet authors. Miami Dade College, 300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33132. visit: <https://www.miamibookfair.com/street-fair-hours-and-admission>
- **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm - 9 pm** | **City of West Palm Beach** presents **Soul in the City Jazz Experience** featuring **Tito Puente, Jr.** Experience the magic of jazz up close and personal at the Lake Pavilion, 101 South Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Tickets: \$25 - \$31.50. Space is limited. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.wpb.org/government/community-events/events/test-page](http://www.wpb.org/government/community-events/events/test-page)
- **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm - 12 midnight** | 14<sup>th</sup> Annual **Parang Party**. Join us in camaraderie and remembrance of the Legendary Kamal Abdool. Featuring live Parang music at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, FL. Tickets: \$25 & \$30 at the door; Call or text Naveda at 941.763.4256 or Michelle at 954.297.9275.
- **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm – 12:30 am** | **United Sports & Social Club Christmas Gala**. Featuring live performances DJ Prento at 88 Palms Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn) 1901 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL. Tickets: \$100 (includes dinner, open bar, entrance, entertainment & parking). For tickets or information, call 561.312.5972 or 561.767.7188.
- Visit the **Kravis Center** at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161.
- Visit the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- For information on what's going on around Wellington, go to **AroundWellington.com**.
- **Mondays & Fridays, 12 pm to 1 pm: Senior Meal Program** – Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center Senior Games & Activities are held before and after starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, 3:30 pm to 5 pm: FREE Technology Workshops** for Seniors at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center.

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**On behalf of the Board and members of CAFCI,  
wishing everyone and their families a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

