



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.

March

2014

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of February saw an increase in planning activities due to the commemoration of CAFCI's 25th anniversary. The Friendship Ball committee is now in place, and actively working on the venue and entertainment for this year's celebration. A group of members are working on other activities to celebrate our 25th year.

This month we completed training for all board members and all committee chairs. Special thanks to Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Newbolt Wilson and Radcliffe Brown for providing the materials and conducting the training. Participants had a positive response to the training and stated that they learned a lot from the sessions.

This month I would like to thank the newsletter team for all the work they do every month to produce an informative and professional newsletter keeping us abreast of all that is happening with CAFCI. They work quietly in the background with one member contributing from as far as New York. Special thanks to the newsletter committee: Lascelles Harris, Lawrence Logan, Shirley Morrison, Junette Powell, Barbara Walker and Thalia White for all the hours and countless emails that go into producing and mailing the newsletter.

Dennis Wright
 President

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 (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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 20, 2014
CAFCI's 25th ANNIVERSARY BALL

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

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*Welcome New Members*  
*Martin and Pearlina Roomes*

*Happy Birthday:*

#### MARCH 16 - 31

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|------------------|----|
| Winston Davis    | 15 |
| Douglas McKenzie | 18 |
| Adrienne Ferrin  | 19 |
| Eution MacLarty  | 22 |
| Lauriston Simms  | 23 |
| Lorna Hughes     | 27 |

#### APRIL 1 - 15

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|---------------------|----|
| Ronald M. Dawson    | 01 |
| Hilary Hurbs        | 01 |
| Livingston Weathers | 02 |
| Rupel Johnson       | 04 |
| John Lewis          | 04 |

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Neil and Junette Powell  
 on the loss of Neil's uncle  
 Shirley Morrison and family  
 on the loss of a relative

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Uriah Bell  
 Martin Roomes  
 Gerald Damon

### 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

## GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

We will have a political forum at the March general meeting and our guest speaker will be Jodi Mitchell from Guardian Ad Litem. We will also provide updates for CAFCI's upcoming events including Relay for Life, Annual Picnic, Cultural Diversity Day, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration as well as the Annual Friendship Ball. Please check out our website for more information.



## ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, April 19 at 11 am to sundown

Micanopy Pavilion, Okeehetee Park

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okeehetee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun filled day for the whole family. Tickets (\$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10) will also be available at the general membership meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2014. The menu will be barbecue chicken, jerk pork and roti for adults and hamburgers and hot dogs for children. Other food will also be on sale. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. More information will be posted on CAFCI's website. If you have questions, please call Lauriston Simms, Picnic Chairman, at 561-719-0263 or committee members: Percival Wood (561-514-1788); Pat Forde (561-762-3914); Betty Mallory (561-294-0310) and Millie Hampton (561-790-1751).



## CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day event which is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI. The event is scheduled for May 10, 2014 at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. Invite your friends and family to participate in this day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage. It brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. There will be diverse entertainment and the event is free to the public. Look out for further details in the upcoming issues of the NEWS as well as on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org).

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



As we get closer to the golf tournament on May 31st, we are trying to gauge how many golfers we anticipate will be participating in the tournament. If you know

of anyone who would be interested in playing or can assist in the areas of advertising and obtaining sponsors, please have them contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) or [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net).

If you are not a golfer, you can still assist in the following areas:

- Putting together goody bags
- Obtaining food and beverage donations
- Manning the check-in table on the day of the event
- Selling raffle tickets



How do you build a house one may ask? With a foundation and one brick at a time. In an effort for CAFCI to find a home, every "brick" counts. The Buy-A-Brick program provides everyone

an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please visit the web page at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://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 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.

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*In this troubled world, it's refreshing to find someone who still has the time to be kind. Someone who still has the faith to believe that the more you give, the more you receive. Someone who's ready by thought, word, or deed to reach out a hand in the hour of need --- Helen Steiner Rice*

## CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Submitted by Dr. Elaine Ealy

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO GRADUATING SENIORS.

This year's graduating seniors who wish to apply for financial assistance must have a 3.0 or higher GPA and must complete an application. Proof of acceptance from the prospective college, university or other institution of higher learning must accompany the application. Applications are available on CAFCI website - [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org), our office and from all high school guidance counselors.

### Student Assistance Eligibility Requirements:

#### Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida
- Currently attend high school in Palm Beach County, and is expecting to graduate within one year
- Demonstrate an interest in Caribbean-American affairs
- Provide a completed application postmarked no later than **March 15, 2014**
- Provide an acceptance letter from a college/university (**this must accompany the application**)
- Be available for an interview on **April 5, 2014**
- Be able to attend a Presentation of Awards Ceremony, if selected, on **May 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Applications and accompanying documents must be sent to: 1030 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Box 11, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411 and must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2014**.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Ealy, Committee Chair at 561-351-0068 or via email [cafcipbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipbc@bellsouth.net).

### DONATION REQUEST

Donations from members and friends are always accepted for the Student Assistance Fund. Any contribution made is extremely valuable toward an investment in our youth. Unless otherwise requested, all donors will be publicly recognized (by name only) in appreciation of their generosity. Donations may be mailed to CAFCI to the attention of Student Assistance.

### YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

The Student Assistance Committee plans to participate again in the upcoming community yard sale event on April 12, 2014, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veterans Park. Please start putting together your gently used items and make a contribution in April to help a student begin his/her dream of higher learning.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Submitted by Nova Brown

Relay for Life 2014 is only a month away! The event starts at 4:00 p.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup> and concludes at 6:00 a.m. on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Palm Beach High School. Before long it will be



time to walk the track in support of finding a cure for cancer. Please put this date on your calendar and make a special effort to come out and support CAFCI. You are encouraged to bring your dominoes, scrabble and any other games, along with game tables and

chairs to help pass the time and add to the fun of the evening. CAFCI will be selling food items to help with fundraising so come out and have dinner with us.

I hope your fundraising is going well. For those of you who are not doing any personal fundraising, let me encourage you to go to the CAFCI website at [cafcipbc.org](http://cafcipbc.org) and click on the Relay for Life link and make a donation to our team. This year we are trying to reach a goal of \$2,500.00 so please do your part to help us.

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### 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.*

**CAFCI**

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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.*

MARCH 8: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

APRIL 5, 4 p.m. - APRIL 6, 6 a.m.: Relay for Life, Royal Palm Beach High School

APRIL 12: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

APRIL 19: Annual Picnic. Okeehetee Park at 12 noon, Micanopy Pavillion

MAY 3: General Meeting & Scholarship Awards Presentation at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

MAY 10: Cultural Diversity Day, Veterans Park

MAY 31: Golf Tournament, Village Golf Club

JUNE 14: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

JULY 5: Home of Our Own Fundraiser, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

JULY 12: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

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**Saturday, September 20, 2014**, CAFCI's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball.

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**2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

You may submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) or mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan

**AROUND TOWN.....**

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: **PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW** - The 29th Annual Palm Beach International Boat Show is one of the top five boat shows in the country - featuring more than \$1.2 billion worth of boats, yachts and accessories from the world's leading marine manufacturers. It is truly an International Show. The event includes hundreds of Boats from 8 foot inflatables, power boats, fishing boats, center consoles, bow riders, personal watercraft to superyachts over 150'. Show entrances will be located at Evernia St./Flagler Dr. (waterfront) and North Clematis St./Flagler Dr. (waterfront). Adults: \$18 at the gate (\$16 Online); Children (ages 6-15): \$8; Children under 6: Free. For more information, visit <http://www.showmanagement.com/palm-beach-boat-show/event/>