



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.

April

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 next few months will be busy for us here at CAFCI. In addition to our annual picnic to be held on Saturday, April 19th, we have our Student Assistance Awards program and ceremony on May 3rd followed by Cultural Diversity on May 10th. We are also working on our month-long 25th year celebration beginning in late August and ending with the Friendship Ball on Saturday, September 20th. All these events take a lot of time to coordinate, plan and execute. Special thanks to our members who are working on several of these projects, some are working on as many as three of these committees.

This year our student scholarship applications are up 300%, almost 35 applications have been received, making the Student Assistance Committee's job more challenging. With this increase in applicants, we will need more contributions to this program. Please contact Dr. Elaine Ealy if you would like to contribute or would like to give a scholarship to one of the applicants in your name. Remember, this year is the year of our youth at CAFCI.

Please help us make our 25th year special by volunteering on one of our committees if you are not already serving on one.

On a sad note, I would like to note the passing of one of our new members, Martin Roomes, who joined CAFCI last year and immediately volunteered to work on our website and Annual Friendship Ball Committees. Our heartfelt condolences to the Roomes' family particularly Pearlene Roomes, Martin's widow.

Dennis Wright
 President

*The heart of a volunteer
 is not measured in size,
 but by the depth of the commitment
 to make a difference
 in the lives of others.*

~ DeAnn Hollis

Happy Birthday:

APRIL 16 - 30

Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Keith McKenzie	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Lloyd Campbell	26
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27

MAY 1 - 15

Monica Grant	05
Cythia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Pearline Roomes
 on the loss of her husband

Ernie Garvey
 on the loss of a cousin in Jamaica
 Laverne McCalla on the loss of
 her husband Gersham McCalla

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Uriah Bell, Gerald Damon,
 Adrienne Ferrin, Margaret Granda,
 Greta McMorris, Marjorie Schleifer,
 Hazel Harris, Livingston Weathers

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 Cyris, Chair 791-9087
 Paul Baker 784-0067
 Samuel Baxter 798-2864

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

Please make every effort to attend the April meeting as we will provide updates for CAFCI's upcoming events; including the Annual Picnic on April 19th (tickets are available for distribution and presale); Cultural Diversity Day on May 10th, golf tournament on May 31st, the 25th Anniversary celebration and the Annual Friendship Ball on September 20th. Of course, all the information is posted on the website.



ANNUAL EASTER PICNIC

Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. 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 making it a fun filled family day. Tickets (\$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10) will also be available at the general membership meeting on Saturday, April 12, 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 at 1 p.m. to sundown

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program which is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI. The free event is scheduled for May 10th 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. Look for further details in the May issue of the NEWS as well as on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.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 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 or cafcipc@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 our website at 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.

~~~~~ 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.

CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Submitted by Dr. Elaine Ealy

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. For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Ealy, Committee Chair at 561-351-0068 or via email cafcibellsouth.net.

Yard Sale Fundraiser: The Student Assistance Committee plans to participate again in the upcoming community yard sale on April 12, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. Please donate your gently used items and make a contribution to help a student begin his/her dream of higher learning. Please drop off all donated items at the Harvin Center Wednesday or Thursday (April 9th or April 10th) between 7:00-8:00 p.m. Donations cannot be accepted on the day of the garage sale.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE GOLF CLUB, 122 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL 33411 (off Royal Palm Beach Boulevard).



CAFCI SCOUTS

Submitted by Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

On March 25, 2014, Troop 111 held their Court of Honor ceremony at the Acreage Pines Elementary School. This is an event where scouts and their families can come together to celebrate the scouts' accomplishments. Scouts are presented with awards, merit badges and service stars which they have earned as well as being recognized in a graduation ceremony and for their rank advancements. New officers are sworn in and outgoing officers are acknowledged for their service. Special thanks to CAFCI for being the Charter Organization for Troop 111 and for those in attendance.

On Saturday, May 3rd the Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship will be presented to deserving scouts at the CAFCI's Students Assistance Awards Ceremony.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Submitted by Nova Brown

The 2014 *Relay for Life* Royal Palm Beach is now in the rearview mirror. A very big thank you to all who came out to support CAFCI and the American Cancer Society. CAFCI was well represented as we enjoyed each other's company and the domino players kept the night going playing into the wee hours of Sunday morning. I even spotted Mayor Mattioli getting in a game of dominoes. A special thank you to the scouts who made sure we were represented in all the laps and also for helping with the pull down on Sunday morning.

Of course one of our main objectives was to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and do our part to help find a cure for cancer. Thanks to everyone who donated cash, food, miscellaneous items, or their time to help make the event successful. Just a reminder that if you have any outstanding donations, please turn them in to me on Saturday at our General Membership Meeting.

CAFCI received a special honor as we were recognized for our fourteen years of being involved with *Relay for Life*. There will be a presentation made to us at their wrap-up meeting.

I could not have done this alone. Thank you to my team members Dr. Elaine Ealy, Ms. Winsom Martin, Mr. Alvin Nembhard and Ms. Genieve White for working with me to organize this event.

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.



C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, Inc.

Presents

A Fun Family Day

Annual Easter Picnic

Saturday April 19, 2014

11:00 AM - Sundown

Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion

(Forest Hill Blvd. ¼ Mile East of the Turnpike)

This is a family affair where family and friends are all invited for a fun filled day

Come out and join us for this year's spectacular event

- **Dominoes**
 - **Scrabble, Ludo ...**
 - **Bake Goods Sale**
 - **50/50 Raffle & More**
 - **Bring your favorite game**
- Music,
Kids Games,
Bounce House
Easter Egg Hunt
Bring Your Chairs & Table**

No Personal Food Baskets Allowed

Adults: \$15 (includes BBQ Dinner from around the Islands & a drink)

Children under 12: \$5 (Hamburger, Hot Dogs and Chips)

**For information, contact Committee Chair
Lauriston Simms (561) 719-0263**

**For tickets, contact
Percival Wood (561) 596-7768**

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT In Florida, Inc.
and **THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH**



CAFCI



PRESENT

Cultural Diversity Day

Saturday, May 10, 2014

1:00 pm to Sundown

Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)



**MUSIC ★ DANCE ★ FOOD
DISPLAYS ★ DOMINOES
★ AND MORE...**

Featuring Artists from:
Around the World ★

FOOD VENDORS

**EVENT IS
FREE**

**Showtime
3:00 PM**

Featuring:

Pan Man Eddie (from Trinidad)

Ludoteca School (from Quito, Ecuador)

Children of Helen (from St. Lucia)

Mi Ma Lion Dancers (from West Palm Beach)

and much more...

**OPEN
TO PUBLIC**

Enjoy food, fashion, history, arts and entertainment.
Bring your chairs, blankets, tents and entire family and be prepared to have a good time.

For More Information, contact:

Elet Cyris 561-791-9087 - Ernie Garvey 561-676-5664

Village Of Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center at 561-790-5100

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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.

APRIL 12: Student Assistance Yard Sale Fundraiser from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Veterans Park

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

APRIL 19: Annual Easter Picnic at 12 noon, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavillion

MAY 3: General Meeting & Scholarship Awards Presentation at 7 p.m., Village Golf Club, Royal Palm Beach

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

AUGUST 9: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

SEPTEMBER 13: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

OCTOBER 11: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

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

December 13: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29: **Appreciation Night** at 7 p.m., Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: **Games Night** at 5 p.m. - midnight, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: **Interfaith Service** at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: **CAFCI's 25th Anniversary Friendship Ball** at 7 p.m., The Kravis Center

2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipc.org or mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan