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&

The Village of Royal Palm Beach

present



Cultural Diversity Day

Our Diversity is Our Strength



Come Join Us

Saturday, May 11, 2024

1 pm – sundown

at

Veterans Park

1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.,
Royal Palm Beach, FL

Food Vendors | Creative Displays | Prizes | & Much More

A diverse array of
live entertainment

featuring DJ Richness, Mariachi band,
Junior Steven's Silver Bird Steel Pan
and much much more!



Bring your chairs, blankets & tents
for a fun-filled day.

It's Free.

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General Membership Meetings
2nd Saturday of the month
Board Meetings
4th Thursday of the month

See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RELAY FOR LIFE: CAFCI continued its participation in the American Cancer Society's combined Western Region Relay for Life fundraiser at the South Florida Fairgrounds. The event was well attended, and all food items were sold out. Special thanks to Nova and Radcliffe Brown, Carolyn Hmara, Winsom Martin, Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White, Yvonne Wright and all the members who worked tirelessly to make this event successful. As usual, CAFCI members, friends and supporters stepped up to make this happen. Special thanks to everyone who contributed food, refreshments, time, entertainment, materials, cash, and supplies. Special thanks to Piquant Cuisine, Delva Miller and Yvonne Gray for contributing most of the food.

Worldwide, approximately two thirds of all cancer deaths could have been prevented or the risk significantly reduced by changes in lifestyle, such as proper diet and nutrition, physical activity, non-use of tobacco and limited alcohol consumption. Our goal this year was \$3,000. We will let you know the results in next month's newsletter. See details of Relay for Life elsewhere in this newsletter.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY: The Cultural Committee is working hard on our Cultural Diversity Day program which will be held at Veteran's Park in Royal Palm Beach on Saturday, May 11th. Invite your friends and family to participate in this day of sharing our community's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The food and entertainment will reflect that diversity. The Village of Royal Palm Beach has once again partnered with us to stage the event which is supported by a grant from the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County.

ANNUAL PICNIC: The annual picnic will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Commons Park in Royal Palm Beach. The picnic will be held in one of the two large pavilions recently installed. More details will be in next month's newsletter as well as posted on the CAFCI website (cafciabc.org).

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND: Our Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 8th. Please contact Nadine White-Boyd or Junette Powell if you would like to contribute or would like to give a scholarship in your name or the name of a loved one to one of the applicants. All levels of donation are tax deductible and sincerely appreciated.

We continue to welcome and assign new CAFCI members to the committees for which they expressed preference on their applications. Please note that the membership fees have been increased to \$80 for singles and \$140 for couples. Current members, if you have not paid your yearly dues, I ask that you do so as soon as possible.

Here's to another month of success and celebration! I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

With warm regards,



Dennis Wright

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GET WELL TO:

Audrey Campbell

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.

Paul Baker, *Chair*.....561.784.0067
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APRIL 16 - 30

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Cynthia E. Hamm	06
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George Pinnock	13
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If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Go to page 15 to see CAFCI Special Events Group Activities & Events Around Town.

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS CANCELLED

VAFMSF

Divine Wine & High Tea Floral English Garden

Saturday, April 27, 2024 • 4 to 7 pm
Grande Ballroom, Wellington Community Center
12150 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington

The Board of the Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund (VAFMSF) is delighted to present its annual fundraiser "Divine Wine & High Tea" Party with the theme, Floral English Garden. Ladies, think hats, fascinators, pearls, and gloves; Gents, think hats and bowties. The afternoon will feature a hat contest, a fashion show by Modern Girl Trend, an auction, and other entertainment. The affair will be specially catered with a choice selection of teas and wines. For all you designers and creatives, this year we have added a special treat - Table "Set In Style" Contest - where contest participants will have the opportunity to design their table at the event. There will be a special prize for the winner and one (1) complimentary ticket to the tea party for each table designed. Space is limited.

For more information, to reserve your tickets, or to participate in the Table "Set In Style" Contest, contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561.685.9836. Tickets are \$50 each and advance ticket reservations are required. Last year was sold out, so don't delay. Reserve your tickets now!

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, May 25, 2024 • 1 pm to sundown
Commons Park
11600 Poinciana Blvd., Royal Palm Beach

The planning has begun for the annual picnic at Commons Park in Royal Palm Beach. This promises to be a fun-filled day for the entire family with lots of delicious food and games. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079. Additional information will be posted on the CAFCI website (cafcipbc.org) and in the May publication of this newsletter.

CAFCI CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 11, 2024 • 1 pm to sundown
Veteran's Park
1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on what will unquestionably be a stellar Cultural Diversity Day program. The event is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County.

Entrance to this event is free, so come and get your culture on! Invite your friends and family to celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of our community. Let us come together to exchange and celebrate our multifaceted food, language, dance and cultural customs. Vendors are invited to purchase a space to sell and showcase their goods. If you are, or know anyone who may be interested, please email CAFCI at cafcipbc@bellsouth.net. The flyer and Vendor Registration form are included in this issue of the newsletter (cover page and page 13) and on the CAFCI website at www.cafcipbc.org.

Remember, save the date and be sure to spread the word to your contacts.

CAFCI EXTENDS
Congratulations!

CAFCI Member Jeff Hmara was honored by Florida League of Cities (FLC) with 2024 Home Rule Hero Award for his hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2024 Legislative Session. Jeff was re-elected to the Village of Royal Palm Beach Council. He is now the Vice Mayor for the Village.

CAFCI Member, Fred Pinto has been re-elected as Mayor of Royal Palm Beach securing a fifth two-year term.

If you would like to share your good news in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee at junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com so that we can share it with our members.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2024 is in the history books!

So far, we have raised over \$2,000 and are on the way towards our goal of \$3,000. If you have not yet turned in your money from luminaria, scratch offs or donation envelopes, please contact Nova Brown at 561.329.4352 or starnovaja@gmail.com. A very big thank you to everyone who solicited donations and contributed time, money and other resources to this effort. For those of you who came out to support the event, I hope you had a good time, and that the memories of Relay 2024 will linger long in your minds. As usual for me, the highlight of the evening was the luminaria ceremony.



CAFCI "Island Steppers"

Thank you to my awesome committee members (Winsom Genus-Martin, Carolyn Hmara, Delva Miller, Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White, and Yvonne Wright) for their help and support. Job well done!

Special thanks to Paul Baker, Kareem Bishop, Diana Bishop-McIntosh, Audrey Campbell, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Yvonne Gray, Jeff Hmara, Kitty Lannaman, Delva Miller, Jan Sharpe-Paul, Loretta Watson, Dennis Wright, and Kemar Welsh and Robert Miller from *Piquant Cuisine* for your contributions. CAFCI-Relay for Life 2024 would not have been a success without you!

A special shout out and thank you to Junior Stevens who provided relaxing steel pan music that was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by those in attendance.

Boy Scout Troop 111 was very visible throughout the event. They helped CAFCI set up and tear down our booth, walked laps around the track, and participated in the boxcar race. Thank you to Lori Cabrera, Dawn Kelly, Scout leaders, parents and all the scouts for your willingness to help.



Jeff and Carolyn Hmara

Congratulations CAFCI on doing our part this year in the fight against cancer and being consistent with our mission to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

By Nova Brown

Photography by Denise Fleischman,
Town Crier Digital Issue March 22, 2024

LET'S DO BUSINESS

in Royal Palm Beach • Wellington
Western West Palm Beach (up to Vista Parkway)
Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.

MARJORIE MENDEZ, PA, Realtor
Keller Williams Associate, Wellington

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mcmendezrealtor@gmail.com
www.marjoriemendez.com

If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee at junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com so that we can share it with our members.

Member Spotlight

HAVE YOU MET ... SHEENA BOUCHÉT ?



Sheena Bouchét is a big personality. Bald, Black, and beautiful, when she walks into a room people notice; and she doesn't shy away from that attention. She learned early in life that you don't dim your light so others can shine.

A lifelong educator, and performance artist, Sheena lives life boldly. She is a spoken word artist and was a member of a professional standup comedy troupe *PMS—Phunny Motherlovin' Sistahs*—for a decade. She's acted Off Broadway, and was in the 2019 film, *Blood Mixed*.

Born and bred in Harlem with Southern roots, Sheena is steeped in African culture. She recognizes the interconnectedness of the African diaspora. She says, "I'm part of everything, the original—the African. Everybody is just one ship stop away. My sisters are from everywhere... Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo." As Sheena speaks, she slips in and out of British, Trinidadian and Jamaican accents.

A member of CAFCI for a year, Sheena warmed to the organization like butter on toast. For her, it was an oasis in the desert. Moving from Harlem to Royal Palm Beach in 2022, she found herself thinking, "I need to lay eyes on some Black folk!"

She found those folks when she saw some pictures in a *Town Crier* write-up. She explains, "I'm in Royal Palm Beach and I don't have any friends here. I'm in the community, I'm going to the pool, and I'm like I don't see any Black people. I can't be in a place where there are no Black people. Then I saw the *Town Crier* and I saw all these beautiful Black people all dressed up."

She called CAFCI immediately, and left a message saying, "I need to see some of my people, otherwise I'm headed back to Harlem."

She adds, "Junette Powell called back laughing and invited me to the Black History Month Celebration. That was February 2023."

Arriving at the celebration, Sheena recalls. "It was hysterical. Junette wasn't there, but everybody else was. There were *nineteen thousand* people coming up to me and asking 'Are you Sheena? Junette said to meet you.'"

Since then, Sheena's integrated into CAFCI. She says "I couldn't imagine not meeting Audrey, Valerie, Barbara, Sandra, Genieve and Yvonne. God places angels in your life."

Last year, she and four CAFCI members traveled to Dubai on a beautiful, mind-blowing trip.

Outside of her artistic ventures, Sheena was a reading specialist for the NYC Department of Education for 25 years. She was inspired to teach after working as a case manager in an alternative to incarceration program for youth, ages 16-21.

"Those young people had been facing one to 25 years," she says, "and the one thing they had in common was they couldn't read. So, I made up my mind to get a masters in developmental and remedial reading so I could teach them how to read and help cut down on seeing so many of them standing in front of a justice."

Teaching, she admits, is the hardest but most meaningful work she's ever done. Once she ran into a former student. The young woman, now studying to be a nurse, reminded Sheena of when she'd torn up her paper because it had been cut and pasted from internet sources. "That day you gave me a choice," the student said. "You told me I could be my authentic self, or I could be a fraud. That lesson stayed with me."

Sheena has a daughter and grandson in New York whom she visits regularly.

By Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to be featured or have someone to recommend, please email us at: junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance CAFCI family. We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.

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 seniors 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.

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. We would appreciate receiving your donation by April 30, 2024.

Thanks to all who have made donations and supported our fundraising efforts. The list of 2024 Donors and Sponsors will be posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram.



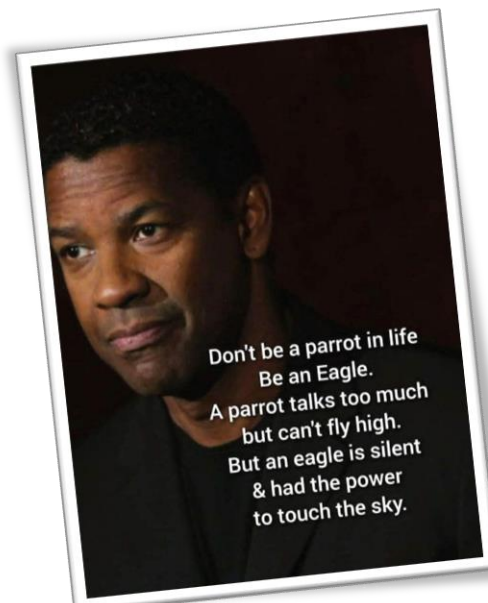
STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Location TBA

You will have an opportunity to meet the award recipients, as well as view a video presentation with the current and past recipients. Please save the date and join us to congratulate the 2024 SAF Award recipients.





Caribbean-American For Community Involvement (CAFCI) in Florida, Inc. **STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND**



WHO WE ARE

CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our ancestral origins. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999.

CAFCI is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. Our annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD PROGRAM



Each year we offer deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from our organization.

Past student awards ranged from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.

AWARD CEREMONY

Each year in the month of May or June, CAFCI holds an award ceremony for students, their families, and members and friends of CAFCI.

We invite community leaders, Student Assistance Fund Committee members (past and present), past award recipients, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.

OUR MISSION

CAFCI's mission is to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success in their high school tenure to be eligible.
- Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities.
- Applicants must show interest in the Caribbean community.
- The monetary assistance is awarded to students who are going on to a college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning.
- If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the school before receiving the award.

To apply visit cafcipbc.org/student-assistance.

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2024.

How YOU Can Help Our Students

1. Make check or money order payable to:
C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org and click on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.
3. It is preferred that your generous donation be received on or before **April 30, 2024**, in preparation for our Award Ceremony.

No contribution is too small. On behalf of the students, their families and CAFCI, Thank You Very Much.

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April 10, 2024

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 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. Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561.790.4002.

Respectfully,

Marva Wilks
Marva Wilks
Member, Student Asst. Committee

Junette Powell
Junette Powell
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Dennis Wright
Dennis Wright
President

CAFCI SCOUTS BSA TROOP 111



Greetings CAFCI Members,

It is Caleb McNally, Troop 111's Senior Patrol Leader, coming to you once again with a Troop update. March was quite a busy month that saw many firsts for our Troop.

To begin, we welcomed Allen Arthur and Roman Mahne into our Troop. They crossed over from CAFCI's very own Cub Scout Pack 120. In addition to Allen and Roman, Isabella Paige, also from Pack 120, crossed over into the newly formed Girls Scouts BSA Unit chartered by CAFCI, Troop 4111. Troop 4111's members are Alison Camizi, Jennah Lawrence, Victoria Montoya, Isabella Page, and Kyndell Thompson.

This month we also had the annual Relay For Life. To prepare for it, we first gathered supplies and started to plan the boxcar design. Then, we painted the body at one of our Troop meetings. On the day of the event, we arrived at the fairgrounds, helped set up CAFCI's tents and started to construct the car. After building the car, Scoutmaster Mr. McNally and I left to attend a crossover for Pack 222 at Camp Oklawaha in Sebastian while the rest of the Troop stayed behind to support CAFCI at Relay For Life. The boxcar would race with the different groups attending the event. Our distinctive boxcar painted with the Jamaican flag, took on the form of the Jamaican bobsled. Although we were not the victors, we had a wonderful time participating and representing CAFCI.

At the Pack 222 crossover, we welcomed our newest Scout, Nael Issa into our Troop. Nael will be joining Hadi Okkashe, Keil Grieser, Allen Arthur, and Roman Mahne in our New Scout Patrol. Alison Camizi, Jennah Lawrence, Victoria Montoya, Isabella Page, and Kyndell Thompson will also form a New Scout Patrol in Troop 4111.

We not only welcomed new scouts this month, but we also celebrated two (2) Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. This adds to our impressive list of 59 Eagle

Scouts in Troop 111. The Scouts who attained the highest rank in scouting were Noah Cabrera, Jackson Eubanks, Ryan Goldberger, and William Hicks. Noah, Ryan and William who have all turned 18 years of age will be continuing their journey in college while Jackson Eubanks will remain in the Troop. It was wonderful to have



Front: Jackson Eubanks, Noah Cabrera, William Hicks
Back: Life Scout, Jackson Doeren



Scoutmaster Ryan McNally,
Nael Issa, SPL Caleb McNally



Noah Cabrera, Ryan Goldberger, William Hicks, Jordan Davis



Isabella Paige, Allen Arthur,
Roman Mahne



Front: Keenan Stack, Caleb McNally
Back: Lucas Schnick Baker



Eagle Scouts: Noah Cabrera, Ryan Goldberger, William Hicks, CAFCI President Dennis Wright



CAFCI 2nd Vice President Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, William Hicks, Noah Cabrera, Ryan Goldberger

CAFCI members join us at both events.

Thank you so much for supporting our Scouts BSA Troop 111 & Troop 4111!!!



Yours in Scouting,
Caleb McNally
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>

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

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipbc.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???

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at: <https://www.cafcipbc.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.



At the November Board meeting, Barclay Varlack presented a business proposal to the Board on behalf of the Finance Committee. The proposal was approved and the Finance Committee was directed to investigate the details required to set up the proposed business. This will require a few months to complete. The purpose of this step is to get legal advice and, if favorable, create a more detailed business plan for the Board to review for approval. If approved, the next step would be to implement the plan and start the business.

The business plan is required by the organization we have solicited to help us acquire funding for a building and related capital expenses. They will help us secure financing prior to finding a space.

If you have information about potential investors who may be able to help with funding, please share your ideas and information about available properties by calling 561-790-4002 and leaving a message, or by emailing cafci@bellsouth.net, and copying radcliffewoody@aol.com. We thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

*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 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.***

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 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).

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.

You're Invited!
Floral English Garden
Divine Wine & High Tea

Saturday, April 27, 2024, From 4-7 pm
Wellington Community Center
12150 Forest Hill Boulevard
Wellington, FL 33414

Donation: \$50.00

Advanced Reservations Only

**Proceeds benefit the Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin
Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Divine Wine & High Tea
Floral English Garden

Wear Your Tea Party Attire!
Ladies, Think Hats, Fascinators,
Pearl Necklaces & Gloves
Gentlemen, Think Hats and Bowties

Fashion Show by Modern Girl Trend
Hat Contest and more...
Live Entertainment & Chinese Auction
Selection of Teas & Wines



For Information or Reservations Contact Genieve @ 561-876-4161 or Rhonda @ 561-685-9836



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VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

DATE: MAY 11, 2024

ADDRESS: VETERANS PARK, 1036 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

VENDOR / ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

EMAIL: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

PRINCIPAL OWNER / OFFICER: _____

TYPE OF BOOTH / DISPLAY: _____

Be sure to bring your chairs, tables and portable tents if necessary for your display.

Instruction from the Health Department to Food Vendors:

Pre-packaged cake, cookies, etc. Please have gloves and tools for handling food.

A thermometer is required. Hot food to be at 140 degrees; Cold food to be at 40 degrees.

DONATION
\$ 50

Release and Hold Harmless:

In consideration of allowing my, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, participation in the **Cultural Diversity Day**, I waive, and release (CAFCI) Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. & The Village of Royal Palm Beach and its employees, agents, volunteers, and sponsors of this event from all claims and/or liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in the event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver. I grant permission to all the forgoing entities and persons to use any image, photograph, motion picture, recording, and all or any other record of me or anyone acting on my behalf at this event for legitimate purposes. I understand the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI are not responsible for any monetary losses that I or my assigns may incur if all or part of the event is cancelled due to weather or if I and/or my assigns do not attend the event.

Applicant Signature

Date

Payment may be made via check, payable to CAFCI or visit www.cafcipbc.org.

For additional information contact:

Jannette Sharpe-Paul at 728.201.2623 | jaunette69@gmail.com • Paul Baker at 561.385.0737 | ujama4@aol.com

APRIL ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS & AWARENESS

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH



National Volunteer Month in April celebrates the impact volunteers have on our lives and encourages active volunteerism in generations to come. Most often unpaid, they generously donate a part of their lives to do the work that nobody else likes to do — cleaning up after the event, fostering shelter dogs, chaperoning field trips, or helping the librarian; there are so many areas requiring volunteers. This month, we salute them for their unwavering services to businesses and communities and hold aloft their examples to inspire young and adults towards volunteerism.

Volunteers are so special that they ought to be honored throughout the year, after every service that they volunteer for. National Volunteer Month is an extension to an already-established holiday-week, National Volunteer Week that was first held in 1943 in Canada. The week was dedicated to paying tribute to the unwavering contributions of women

during World War II who would collect supplies and help the wounded soldiers. It was in the early 20th century that organized volunteering reached its peak. Numerous groups opened up to escalate humanitarian services, many of which are still active today such as the Red Cross.

Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-volunteer-month>



COMING UP IN MAY

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th.

This is a designated time to honor and celebrate the contributions of teachers to education and society. Teachers are the lifeblood of our community, and it is largely because of them our children excel.

Some ways families can show their appreciation are:

- * Write a thank-you note to your child's teacher.
- * Give your child's teacher a gift card to their favorite store or restaurant.
- * Volunteer your time in your child's classroom.
- * Donate school supplies to your child's teacher.
- * Say thank you to a teacher who made a difference in your life.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$80 * Couple - \$140)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR CAFCI'S EVENTS

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN APRIL

Saturday, April 27th at 4 pm
VAFMSF Divine Wine & High Tea Party
Floral English Garden
Grande Ballroom at the Wellington Community Center

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MAY

Saturday, May 11th, 1 pm to sundown
Cultural Diversity Day
Veteran's Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May 25th, 1 pm to sundown
Annual Picnic
Commons Park, Royal Palm Beach

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE

Saturday, June 8th at 6 pm
Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony
Location TBA

Saturday, July 13: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, August 10: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, September 14: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 28, 2024
CAFCI 35TH ANNIVERSARY FRIENDSHIP BALL
Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 12: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, November 9: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, December 14: General Membership Meeting, ~ Toys for Tots | Christmas Potluck, 7 pm, Hybrid

CAFCI SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP

If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161. CAFCI Group performances are: Hamilton, April 10th – 21st; Shen Yun, April 30th. Visit the Kravis Center at <https://www.kravis.org/> for all upcoming events.

AROUND TOWN

- Saturday, April 13th, 7 pm | Grace Episcopal Church presents their 27th Annual Spring Gala Dinner, Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens, \$100 pp; Music by DJ Supersounds; Dress: Semi-formal. For additional information, contact the church office at 561.845.6060
- Saturdays thru April 27th, 9 am to 1 pm | *Green Market & Bazaar*, Lakeside Village Hall, Royal Palm Beach
- Sunday, May 12th | *Marcia Griffiths & Friends* (Freddie McGregor/Busy Signal/Tanya Stephens) *Celebrating 60 Years*, Veterans Hall, 5001 Flamingo Rd., Miramar, FL. For more information, go to [AOR2024.eventbrite.com](https://www.aor2024.eventbrite.com).
- Saturday, June 1st | Free Spirit Outreach presents its annual Family Fun Day (Black Green & Gold event) under the theme "*A Fi Wi Picney Dem Help Wi Tek Care A Dem*"; Veteran's Park, 1036 Roal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach. Contribution: Fish \$25; Chicken/Pork \$20. For more information, call 561.692.1508; website: freedspiritoureach.org.

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