



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.

December

2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 Relay for Life Nova Brown
 Student Assistance Program Junette Powell
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 Sunshine Elet Cyris
 Talent Show Nadine White-Boyd
 Toys for Tots Lauriston Simms
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Board meetings - 4th Thursday of the month
See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been an exciting year as we celebrate our 28th year as an organization. Thanks to all CAFCI members, friends and supporters for your contributions during the year. Each and every one of you helped CAFCI by donating time, money, goods and services to fulfill our mission. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your support and I look forward to your active participation next year. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

As we end the year, we still have several events on the calendar. Please support our Toys for Tots drive by bringing a new and unwrapped toy to our December 9th meeting. These toys will be donated on behalf of CAFCI to several needy groups in our community. If you do not have the time or are not able to go shopping, we will accept cash donations and one of our CAFCI volunteers will purchase the toys. As you make your year-end taxable donations, please consider a monetary donation to CAFCI to help support our programs for 2018.

Board Member Elections: We will be selecting board members at our upcoming meeting in December. This is an opportunity for our members to have their voices heard and to contribute to the future direction of CAFCI. I hope to see a large gathering for this meeting.

New Year's Eve Ball. Our annual New Year's Eve Ball will be held at Madison Green in Royal Palm Beach this year. Our regular location, the Cultural Center, is under renovations and is not available. We are still negotiating with the event planners. See the New Year's Eve flyer in this issue with all the details. Please invite your friends!

Dennis Wright, *President*



DECEMBER 16 - 31

Helen Russell-Brown	18
Maxine Smith	19
Fae Smith	20
Joseph Johnson	21
Joseph Anderson	22
Lena Ferguson	26
Jerome Wright	26

JANUARY 1 - 15

Lawrence Logan	01
Lloyd Grant	02
Winston McDonald	02
Latchmin Jaramillo	05
Josephine McLaughlin	06
Beverly Downes	06
Dorothy Jacks	12
Margaret Granda	13
Paulett Cameron	13
Paul Baker	15

CONDOLENCES:

Lorraine Cargill and Alliseen Kelly-Rambeau on the loss of their uncle
 The family of Barbara Chin
 The family of Eution MacLarty
 Barbara Walker
 on the loss of a cousin

GET WELL TO:

Margaret Berry;
 Margaret Granda;
 Alfred Nelson; Norma Rose

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* 561.791.9087
 Paul Baker 561.784.0067
 Samuel Baxter 561.798.2864

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$60 * Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipc.org OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BOARD ELECTION / TOYS FOR TOTS / POT LUCK

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 7 pm

Kevin Harvin Center

On Saturday, June 9, CAFCI will have its Christmas "pot luck" party. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" drive as well as a dish to share; and do not forget to wear your Santa hat and/or Christmas attire. All CAFCI's members in good standing, please come out and vote to elect our Board of Directors. Criteria for eligibility to run for the Board include: Be a member in good standing; be a member of CAFCI for at least one year; must have actively worked on, and was an integral part of a Committee; submission of a brief bio; must commit to attend all bimonthly Board meetings, monthly general meetings, and special events.

For further information, please contact Dr. Cedric Lynch at 561.451.4675 or CedricMcCaulay@aol.com.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Sunday, December 31, 2017 from 8 pm – 2 am

Madison Green Country Club Ballroom

2001 Crestwood Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach

Don't miss CAFCI's New Year's Eve celebration at Madison Green Country Club Ballroom. This is a special time of the year. Let's get together to ring in the New Year and support each other! Tickets are only \$60 per person which includes a buffet dinner. You may contact the following individuals for tickets: Dennis Wright (561.653.1586); Junette Powell (561.346.2353); Lawrence Logan (561.791.0162); Jerome Wright (561.649.8254) or CAFCI (561.790.4002). Micro DJ will provide the entertainment. This special evening will also feature a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Look for additional details on the flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter as well as on CAFCI's website (www.cafcipc.org). It is time to end the year with a bang!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

Monday, January 15, 2018 at 8:30 am

Location to be announced, Royal Palm Beach

On January 15, 2018, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host the fifteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. There will be a continental breakfast from 8:30 am until 9:30 am with the program from 10 am until noon. There will be performances by very talented artists. The event remains free to all. Please visit CAFCI's website (www.cafcipc.org) for more details.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 3 pm to 11 pm

South Florida Fairgrounds

The Relay for Life of Western Palm Beach County event is only three months away and will take place at the South Florida Fairgrounds. This year's theme is "Blast from the Past for a Future without Cancer". Save the date and stay tuned for further information in the coming issues of this newsletter, at the monthly meetings and of course on CAFCI's website. I would like to encourage everyone to set a personal goal for how much money you would like to collect and start thinking about all your friends and family who can help you to reach your goal.

Submitted by
Nova Brown, Relay for Life Chair

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND:

The application for CAFCI Student Assistance is on CAFCI's website, www.cafcipc.org. Please encourage qualified graduating Palm Beach County High School graduates to apply for the 2018 CAFCI Student Assistance award. To donate to the student assistance award's fund, sponsor an award and/or help the committee, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or CAFCI at 561.790.4002.

Student Assistance Awards Ceremony:

Date: **May 5, 2018 at 6 pm**

Venue: To be announced



Caribbean American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc. College Student Assistance Application for 2018

DO YOU KNOW A PALM BEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO PLANS TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN 2018? ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY FOR CAFCI'S STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD.

APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE ON CAFCI'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CAFCIPBC.ORG

Mail completed Application to:
CAFCI
Attn: Student Education Assistance Committee
1030 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard
Box 11
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicant must submit the application with the following by Wednesday, February 28, 2018:

1. **Two (2)** letters of recommendation from teachers **or** one from a teacher **and** one from a guidance counselor.
2. An **official transcript** of your current academic record. Your transcript should reflect your Cumulative GPA **of 3.0 or higher** for seven semesters. Official Transcript must be in a sealed envelope with the school's seal from your high school.
3. A short essay, **200-300** words, **typed on standard 8 ½" x 11" paper**, including the following:
 - a. Why you desire a career in the field you have chosen and why you feel you will be successful;
 - b. Your demonstrated interest in and association with Caribbean culture and affairs;
 - c. Your interest and involvement in community and school activities; and
 - d. Evidence of financial need.
4. Provide **acceptance letter** from an accredited college/university (**this must accompany application**).
5. If you are selected, you will be required to submit a photograph (example-senior picture) and a bio, both of which will be published in our annual Friendship Ball Souvenir Program. Photos and your image will be used in media and print advertising. Photographs will remain the property of CAFCI.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida.
2. Currently attend high school in Palm Beach County, expected to graduate in May 2018.
3. Demonstrate an interest in Caribbean-American affairs.
4. **Provide complete signed application postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 28, 2018.**
5. Be available for an interview – Date and Time to be determined.
6. Attend Presentation of Awards Ceremony, if selected, on May 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.



On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Newsletter Committee
we wish each and every member of CAFCI and their families
a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holiday season!



CAFCI MEMBERSHIP CORNER
“CAFCI AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, TOGETHER WE SOAR”

Thanksgiving has passed and now we are heading towards the Holiday Season. Before you know it, we will be ringing in 2018! Wow, how time flies! As we move into 2018, all the committees are looking for help. Roll up your sleeves CAFCI Family and reach out and show your worth. Let's help each other.

CAFCI Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Martin Luther King Celebration Committee** - If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elet Cyris (elvcy@bellsouth.net). This is her last year as she is stepping down, so please give her your support.
- **Student Assistance Committee** - The Student Assistance Committee is looking for volunteers. Please contact Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com) or Nadine White-Boyd, Esq. (nvwboyd@aol.com) if you would like to assist.

This year has been a great year for the CAFCI family. We have made a difference in the community through our efforts and special events. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a very successful year. Happy Holidays CAFCI!

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Mahatma Gandhi

Submitted by
Pamela Fraser, Chair and Cindy Beckles
Membership and Retention Committee

The Morrison family extends their gratitude and appreciation for all your support and kindness during our time of bereavement.

CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT: *Caribbean American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic background.*

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socio economic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: *The views and opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.*

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 (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.*



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November 15, 2017

Dear Member:

In accordance with Article V Section 1 of CAFCI's Bylaws, we, the members of the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following names, in alphabetical order, as nominees for the Board of Directors:

Mrs. Pamela Fraser
Mr. Dennis Wright.

Members are reminded that Article V Section 2 of the ByLaws states: "Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor. Nominations signed by at least five (5) members in good standing and submitted to the Nomination (sic) Committee no later than seven (7) days before the annual meeting shall be included in the slate of candidates presented to the members at the meeting."

Please note that the elections will be held on Saturday, December 09, 2017 (annual meeting.) We are looking forward to your attendance and participation.

Respectfully,

Cedric M. Lynch, Ph.D.
Chair, Nominating Committee

cc: Mr. Lawrence Logan
Mr. Samuel Baxter
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CAFCI's

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday December 9, 2017

7pm

All members in Good Standing are asked to attend to cast your vote for the 2018 Board of Directors. It's the last meeting for the year, so join your Board and Fellow CAFCI Members celebrating CAFCI, each other and congratulate your new 2018 Board. Don't Forget Your "Toys For Tots" Donation



Join CAFCl in collecting toys for children in need this Holiday Season.
Donate an unwrapped new toy.
Bring to the CAFCl
December 9th meeting or call
Simms @561-719-0263
for a pick up/information.



PRESENTS
28TH ANNUAL
New Year's Eve *Gala*



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Sunday,
December 31, 2017
8:00 pm - until...

\$60
per person
includes
Dinner & Champagne

Royal Palm Events
at Madison Green
201 Crestwood Blvd North
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

**DOOR
PRIZES**

Entertainment By:
MICRO DJ

Dinner: 9:00 PM
Midnite Champagne Toast

Dress Code: Semi-Formal

**50/50
Raffle**

Information & Reservation
Dennis Wright: 561-653-1586
Junette Powell: 561-346-2353
Jerome Wright: 561-649-8254
Lawrence Logan: . . 561-791-0162
CAFCI: 561-790-4002
www.cafcipc.org

FLYER BY **PORN** 561-848-1402

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



Unfortunately the previous leads did not work out. At this time we do not have any leads. We are currently looking for a couple individuals who are able to assist in identifying and following up on leads. If you are interested, please send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002 and leave a message. The search continues in earnest.

You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002. To share your ideas or information on available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

Participation in the Home of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page 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 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.**

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

AROUND TOWN.....

CAFCI is putting together groups for discounted tickets for performances at the Kravis Center. If interested, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161, Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 to get the discounted price. A minimum of 15 persons for each performance is needed to get the discount price. The first group will be "A Gospel According to Jazz Christmas" featuring Kirk Whalum and Jonathan Butler on December 15th at 7:30 pm. For more information on these and other performances at the Kravis Center, visit kravis.org.

December 1-31, 2017: WELCOME TO SANDI LAND! It's the most wonderful time of the year! Adding a tropical twist to the holiday season again this year is the world's only 35-foot tall tree made of 600 tons of sand. Affectionately named "Sandi," the star of the City's seasonal celebrations returns to the West Palm Beach waterfront for the sixth year. Full details for the Holiday in Paradise events can be found by calling 561.822.1515 or visit wpb.org/events.

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 8 pm: United Sports and Social Club presents its Christmas Ball. DJ Martel the Mixer at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), 5976 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach. Admission is \$50. Dress code: Formal. For more information, call 561.767.7188.

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1 pm: Children of Alliance, Inc. presents a Christmas Appreciation Party at Lakes of Sherbrooke Clubhouse, 8130 Havasu Court, Lake Worth, FL 33467. For more information call Curtis Stephen at 561.667.0506 or Gulia Malcolm at 561.541.1791.

Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 4 pm: Hi-Class Promotions of WAVS Radio 1170AM presents Christmas High Tea at Grace Fellowship Church, 8350 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33411. Admission is \$25. Tickets available at most Caribbean outlets or call Lady C at 561.333.8853.

Saturday, December 23, 2017 from 9 pm to 1 am: Exotic Hair Creations will hold their holiday party at Village Golf Club in Royal Palm Beach, Florida. For more information, call 561.574.0597.

Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 10 pm: Kareem Ali & Bull invite you to Royal Palm Christmas Dance Party at Top-Taste Café, 10233 Okeechobee Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach. Entertainment will be provided by DWHAS Band and DJ Mansta. Admission is \$10. For table and bottle reservations, call 561.929.2654 or www.evienterprise.com.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

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

- Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck, Board Election**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party**, 8 pm to 2 am at the Madison Green Ball Room
- Saturday, January 13: **General Membership Meeting ~ Swearing in of Board Members**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Monday, January 15: **Martin Luther King Day Celebration**, 8:30 am, Location to be announced
Saturday, February 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Saturday, March 10: **Relay for Life**, 3 pm to 11 pm, South Florida Fairgrounds
Saturday, March 17: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Saturday, March 31: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown, Okeeheelee Park, Micanopy Pavilion
Saturday, April 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Saturday, May 5: **Student Assistance Awards Ceremony**, 6 pm, Location to be announced
Saturday, May 19: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm to sundown, Veterans Park
Saturday, June 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Saturday, July 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Saturday, August 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center
Saturday, September 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Saturday, September 15, 2018
CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

- Saturday, October 13: **International Games Night**, 7 pm, Location to be announced
Saturday, November 10: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Elections**, 7 pm, Harvin Center