



## 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.

### August

### 2020

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

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As most of you know, South Florida is now one of the hot spots for COVID-19. I urge everyone to be extremely careful and protect yourselves by following the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). So far, most of our members have been able to stay safe from this virus; so continue to wear your masks and practice social distancing. Please continue to check on our members and supporters via text, phone call or email. If a member has special needs, please inform a Board member.

Most of our activities for the rest of the year have been cancelled. In September we will make a decision regarding the New Year's Eve Ball. In the meantime, we are trying to find ways to raise funds to keep our organization going and to fulfil our mission. We will be contacting members, supporters and sponsors to ask for donations to replace the funds that we would have raised from the Friendship Ball. If you can contribute the amount you normally pay for a CAFCI ball ticket (\$95-\$100) or more, this would go a long way in helping to keep our organization strong. If this amount is not affordable, any amount you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to raise at least \$10,000.

Our monthly meeting continues online via Zoom. Please see detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter on how to access and join the meeting. These online meetings are highly informative as well as fun. Please try to join us for our next meeting on August 8, 2020.

Dennis Wright, *President*



#### AUGUST 16 - 31

Michael R Coleman	19
Elet Cyris	19
Norma Morris-Thornhill	20
Cecil B. Sunanon	20
Clover Henry-Gilroy	22
Yvonne Broderick-Wilson	24
Hope Francis	25
Ledlo Powell	25
Shirley Morrison	27
Sybell Dawson	29
Prudel Belle	31
Lorna Johnson	31

#### SEPTEMBER 1 - 15

Margaret Berry	01
Inez Millender	02
Lydia Patterson	03
Barry Martin	08
Percival Wood	08
Hazel Hamilton	09
Dorothy Bell	11
Jess Santamaria	11
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown	11
Sherma Buck	14
Jennifer Jaikissoon	15
Olga Mason	15
Elroy Sangster	15
Eugene Wright	15

#### GET WELL TO:

Lloyd "Chef G" Grant • Doreen Grayson

#### CONDOLENCES TO:

Cindy Beckles  
 on the loss of several relatives

Doreen Grayson  
 on the loss of her brother

#### Please Let Us Know...

*Please contact (or ask someone else to 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 newsletter. If no one tells us, we cannot share it.*

Elet Cyris, *Chair*..... 561.791.9087  
 Paul Baker..... 561.784.0067  
 Samuel Baxter..... 561.798.2864

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 7 pm  
VIA ZOOM

Monthly membership meetings will be conducted via Zoom until further notice. In order to participate, you will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone. You may also call in. See instructions below.

Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllNER0a2JuNIhtYUZIVkZzYmRSdz09>

OR

Download the ZOOM App or visit website:

[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

OR

Call-In:

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

### CAFCl'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 CAFCl's members and/or the Newsletter committee members.*

**CAFCl MEMBERS.....***If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCl 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 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](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com)).*

**IMPORTANT:** *Include "CAFCl 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.*

## RELAY FOR LIFE VIRTUAL LUMINARIA CEREMONY

Thank you so much for all the donations to the Relay for Life of Western Palm Beach County Virtual Luminaria Ceremony held at the Village of Wellington Promenade on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. For those of you who were unable to join us live on Facebook, the video link is below and is also on CAFCl's website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XIY5gtHKvQ>

## OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

*CAFCl and the Student Assistance Fund committee would be honored to recognize its members' relatives and their accomplishments; so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.*

## CAFCl Student Assistance Fund

*Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future*

Congratulations to the 2020 Student Assistance Fund award recipients. Please see link below for thank you messages from the 2020 awardees as well as congratulatory messages from past recipients.

<https://www.cafcipc.org/2020-student-assistance-video>

## CAFCl's TROOP 111

Royal Palm Beach Scouts BSA Troop 111 have been learning and earning merit badges throughout the summer. Luke Estevez and Jackson Doeren interviewed Mayor Fred Pinto as one of the requirements for their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Parents, Cheri Estevez, Advancement Chairperson and Lori Cabrera, Committee Chair, were in attendance as well. The Mayor answered questions and addressed concerns shared by the scouts. He went on to explain the important role that the youth can play in their community. Both Jackson and Luke appreciated and enjoyed this wonderful opportunity to meet and speak to an elected official. Troop 111 thanks Mayor Pinto for supporting our youth and supporting the scouts.





*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."*

*- Robert Louis Stevenson*

### **VOTE...It is our responsibility**

It is our responsibility and civic duty to participate in this process as American citizens. Please take the time to learn about the candidates so that you can make choices that are in line with your beliefs.

For more information about the voting process, visit the Florida Division of Elections at

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>

Please take note of the following Election Dates for 2020

#### **Election Day**

- Primary Election: August 18
- General Election: November 3

#### **Deadline to Register (Book Closing)**

- General Election: October 5

#### **Vote-by-Mail Ballot 'Send' Deadline**

- General Election: September 19
  - Palm Beach County, Supervisor of Elections send the ballots during a 7-day window between 40 and 33 days before an election. The send periods for 2020 are:
    - General Election: September 24 - October 1

#### **Early Voting Period**

- Primary Election: August 8 - 15
- General Election: October 24 - 31
  - Each county Supervisor of Elections may offer more days of early voting. Check with your county Supervisor of Elections for the additional days of early voting that may be offered in your county.



Monday, September 7, 2020

*"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."*

*- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

#### **DID YOU KNOW....**

**LABOR DAY** is to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. Beginning in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the United States officially celebrated Labor Day.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor_Day)

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

*- Mahatma Gandhi*



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August 5, 2020

Dear Member:

We hope that all is well with you and your family in these troubling times. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and eagerly await getting back together as a family. CAFCI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been actively involved in making a difference in people's lives and in the community. CAFCI has been involved in various community activities which include financially assisting college bound students, disaster relief and other social activities.

As you are aware, in an effort to raise funds to support the activities mentioned above, each year CAFCI has hosted various events. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are unable to host these events this year. We are therefore asking you for your continued support by making a financial donation. If you can contribute the amount that you normally pay for a CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball ticket (\$95 - \$100) or more, this would go a long way in helping to keep the organization strong. However, if this amount is not affordable at this time, any amount you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. A committee representative will contact you to confirm your support.

Thank you and we hope for a positive reply.

Respectfully,

Dennis Wright  
President

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

There was no significant Home Of Our Own activity this past month. We continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.



You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promoting an activity to raise funds. To share your ideas or provide information regarding available property, or if you have a question, please send an email to [cafcipbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipbc@bellsouth.net), [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) or call 561.791.4002 and leave a message.

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

Submitted by  
Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI Home Chair



## ARE YOU READY???

Atlantic Hurricane Season  
June 1-November 30

For information, visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19  
visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov/covid-19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)

COVID-19 RESOURCE DIRECTORY

<https://thrivingat.homethrive.com/covid-19-resource-directory>

On July 23, 2020, Robyn R. Jones, MD, FACOG, did a presentation on "COVID-19 in the Black Community". Please see the attachment of slides with this newsletter which contains useful information from the presentation. The slides were graciously provided by Wendy Kelly.

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://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.*

- Saturday, August 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, September 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, October 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, November 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Saturday, December 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots/Potluck**, 7pm, Location to be announced
- Thursday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location to be announced