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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.

JANUARY

2025

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General Membership Meeting
2nd Saturday of month
Board Meeting
4th Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we celebrated our 35th Anniversary last year, we continue to find innovative ways to keep the organization strong and relevant. We find new ways to fulfil our mission to "maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community." We are gratefully aware that any progress we make in our mission to serve our community is due to members and dedicated supporters like you. We value your steadfast commitment to ensuring that we keep strong our Student Assistance Fund, MLK day celebration, Cultural Diversity Day, Relay for Life and all the other programs we have participated in over the years. Thank you for your dedication in CAFCI's commitment to community service, youth development and volunteerism. Together, we are emerging stronger and making a meaningful difference in our neighborhoods and surrounding communities.

Special welcome to all our new members for 2024 and thanks to all who volunteered to serve as committee chairs or serve on a committee.

Thank you to all returning board members for your continued service. Welcome to the two new directors: Yvonne Elliott and Marva Wilks. Special thanks to outgoing board member and treasurer Diana Bishop-McIntosh for her many years of dedication and service.

TOYS FOR TOTS: Thanks to Lauriston Simms, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Grace Episcopal Church, the Scouts and the rest of the team for making the Toys for Tots Drive a success. Additional toys and food packages were also given to CAFCI by Grace Episcopal Church as part of our Toys for Tots Drive. Thanks to all our members and supporters for your donations.



Dennis Wright



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Valerie Dorsey	01
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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.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Audrey Campbell
Inez McCallum
Loretta Watson

CONDOLENCES TO:

Liscent "Millie" Hampton on the loss of her cousin, Albert "Astan" Taylor
Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd and Thalia White Lauren on the loss of their relative, Sean Myers

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, Chair561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter561.358.3737
Elet Cyris.....561.791.9087

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BOARD SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 7 pm

In-Person & Via Zoom

10287 Okeechobee Boulevard
Level-X Fitness Center - Suite A-5
Royal Palm Beach

(located at the Target Plaza, corner of
Okeechobee Boulevard and State Road 7 / US 441)

Please join CAFCI for the General Membership meeting where the new Board will be sworn in by Honorable Maxine Cheesman. Please come out to show your support for our hard-working board members.

If you are unable to attend in person, join us via Zoom:

- Visit website: www.cafcipc.org
Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
- Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllLNEROa2JuNlhtYUZIYkZzYmRSdzO9>
- www.zoom.com Select "Join A Meeting"
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RELAY FOR LIFE

ISLAND STEPPERS

Saturday March 8, 2025 from 4 - 10 pm

John I. Leonard High School
Greenacres

The Relay for Life Western Palm Beach County event will be held on Saturday March 8th from 4 pm to 10 pm. The theme for 2025 is "SPORTS". We will know which sport we will be representing by the end of the month.

For the past several years CAFCI has been recognized by the Relay for Life organization for our participation and fundraising efforts. Let us keep it going! Please plan to come out and have dinner with us and support the fight against cancer.

Everyone is encouraged to set a personal fundraising goal. Ask friends and family to help you reach it.

Let's go "Island Steppers" as we participate in the fight against cancer!
Go team!

Submitted by
Nova Brown, Relay for Life Chair

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Unity in the Arts: Bridging Divides with Creativity

Monday, January 20, 2025 at 8:30 am

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

The Cultural Committee and the Village of Royal Palm Beach are planning an exhilarating 23rd Annual MLK Day Celebration program on Monday, January 20th at 10:00 am. The celebrations will be preceded by a complimentary continental breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 am. This year's theme is "Unity in the Arts: Bridging Divides with Creativity." More information is posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org.

JANUARY... A MONTH FOR CELEBRATIONS

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH: Success comes with learning and what better way than with a mentor! Thanking your mentors might feel a little silly or embarrassing, but gratefulness goes a long way. The custom of mentoring is so traditional it even dates back before Greek mythology. In the book, "The Odyssey," there is a character—called the mentor—whose sole purpose is to guide others in life. Mentoring does not only include professional development. You can also be mentored in beauty, life skills, craftsmanship and hobbies. January is best known for National Mentoring Month and giving your time back to those who help you.

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

TOYS FOR TOTS 2024



CAFCI, in collaboration with Grace Episcopal Church, made "Toys For Tots" 2024 another huge success. Thanks to the generosity of our CAFCI members who dropped off toys and gifts or made cash donations to purchase toys. Thanks also to the members of Grace Episcopal Church who donated toys, along with food. Also CAFCI is very grateful to members Sandra Gordon for organizing a Toy collection from her West Palm Beach Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. and Radcliff and Nova Brown for organizing a toy collection from their Prayer Group at Church. Chairman of the committee, Lauriston Simms, along with Barbara Gordon, Yvonne Wright and Audrey Smith, were met by the Belle Glade Sherriff's Office and escorted to an area where the need was great. Food, toys and clothes were distributed. The smiles and tears of all the recipients spoke volumes of how tremendously appreciative they were. Your donations continue to make our programs successful and made a lot of kids and adults happy this past Christmas.



Photography by Janice Morgan

LET'S DO BUSINESS

When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.

Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.



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

- junettep56@gmail.com or
- thaliaec@gmail.com

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.

Member Spotlight



**Have You Met ...
MARJORIE MENDEZ?**



JAMAICA W. I.

Marjorie Mendez is a powerhouse. Demure and so soft-spoken one would think, as the old saying goes, that 'butter wouldn't melt in her mouth.' Yet despite that persona, Marjorie is anything but soft. Consider her instead like the iron fist in a velvet glove. She explains it saying, "I know I present as a very soft-spoken person, but behind that soft-spoken person is a strong woman who can move mountains without any fear."

Marjorie was born in St. Ann, Jamaica and lived there for the majority of her life until she came to the U.S. After graduating from Ardenne High School in St. Andrew, at age 17, she began working as a teller at the Bank of Nova Scotia. The hours were long and grueling. Tellers worked 6 days a week, starting at 8:30 am, and long after the doors closed Marjorie and her co-workers could be found working until all the accounts had been tallied and the monies counted.

Marjorie worked in banking from age 17 to age 24. During that time, she was promoted to head teller, the person in charge of all the other tellers and responsible for tallying all the money that passed through the bank's doors.

In those days, Marjorie says, "We didn't have computers or calculators. We did all the counting by hand. This meant that when the inspectors came around—something they did randomly without any notice—we would have to stay there and count until all the monies were counted. Despite counting by hand, everything had to balance to a cent. You would often find us there until 1 am in the morning, then going home, just to have to be back at the bank by 8:30 am.

At age 24 Marjorie resigned from banking to start a construction building block manufacturing company. She says, "I'm an entrepreneur by heart. I realized I loved my freedom. I do not like having a boss over me. I will be the top producer in any industry because I'm a workaholic, but if I'm not free I feel trapped."

Though she was quite young and a woman entering a male-dominated industry, Marjorie took a leap and started the business.

She operated her construction company successfully for 15 years, earning multiple contracts with the island's large hotels, and building her own quarry to crush the stones needed by builders.

Simultaneously she started several other successful ventures, investing heavily in real estate, starting a drapery business, and later a restaurant and bakery, while also becoming one of the top selling life insurance agents on the island.

While directing her businesses, Marjorie managed the needs of her growing family. She had met and married her husband while at the bank, and together they had three children.

In 1998, Marjorie and her family immigrated to Brooklyn, New York where she resumed her banking career. With multiple insurance and financial services' licenses under her belt, she became a consumer banker at HSBC Bank in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Later she became an Assistant Treasurer at Chase Bank in Canarsie. She excelled in both positions and became one of the bank's top producers in the majority Italian and Jewish communities. While working full-time at the bank, Marjorie attended college full-time at night and on the weekends.

Marjorie moved to Wellington, Florida in 2004 after one too many bitterly cold New York winters that saw her driving on slickened black ice and digging her car out of mounds of snow in order to go to work or drive home.

Upon moving to Florida, she obtained her real estate and brokerage licenses and opened a mortgage brokerage company which she operated for several years.

Today she works as a real estate agent with Keller Williams Realty Wellington, specializing in residential properties. She continues to shine as a top producer among their 240 agents.

Marjorie is the mother of three children and grandmother of six. She lives in Lake Worth and has been a CAFCI member for six years.

In business she says it has been her priority to leave her customers with a feeling of 'Wow!' at having received the best service possible.

Written 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, 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 Palm Beach County 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 on 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.

The SAF Committee extends a big THANK YOU to Clayton Robinson and Golden Krust Restaurant (Okeechobee Blvd. & Jog Road) for donating 10% of purchases to CAFCI's SAF for purchases made upon presentation of the coupon from November 1, 2024 through December 13, 2024. Thanks to all who participated by supporting Golden Krust. Thanks also to everyone who has supported our fundraisers (Giving Tuesday and FaceBook). The list of 2024 Donors and Sponsors is posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram

For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATION

Applications are now being accepted for students graduating in 2025. Go to the Student Assistance Fund tab of CAFCI's webpage (<https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>) for a link to the application form OR access online fillable forms in PDF format by clicking <https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>. Please share the application with Palm Beach County's graduating seniors, and your friends and family.

Deadline to apply is February 28, 2025.

Message From Past SAF Award Recipient

**NIA'SYMONNE FRANCISCO
2019 SAF AWARD RECIPIENT**

December 19, 2024

Good morning CAFCI,

This is Nia'Symone Francisco and I was a recipient of your scholarship. I wanted to thank you for supporting my college journey and career and giving me the opportunity to thrive. I wanted to update you and let you know that I have just completed my graduate degree. I have received my Masters of Science in Marketing from The University of South Florida and I am extremely excited!

Upon graduation I will be working at Raymond James Financial as a marketing coordinator, starting in January. Again, I want to thank you for believing in me and sending me down a path of success. Because of that, I was able to focus on the important things and be where I am today.

*Best,
Nia'Symone Francisco*



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January 6, 2025

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFICI) continues its more than 35 years of service to the community. CAFICI, a 501(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 32 years, CAFICI 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 CAFICI will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFICI 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.

CAFICI'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.cafcipbc.org/donation-center and select **Student Assistance** or by **mailing your donation by April 30, 2025, to:****

CAFICI
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.cafcipbc.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,

Leonie Escoffery

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Treasurer, Student Asst. Committee

Junette Powell

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Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Dennis Wright

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President, CAFICI



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.

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 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.



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 February 28, 2025.

How YOU Can Help Our Students

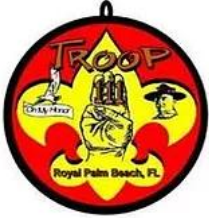
1. Make check or money order payable to:
C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org and click on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.
3. It is preferred that your generous donation be received on or before **April 30, 2025**, in preparation for 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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CAFCI SCOUTS + TROOP 111



Greetings CAFCI!

This December, the Troop met much less than normal to allow all the scouts to enjoy quality time with their families during the holiday season. However, we had our 4th annual Chopped event early in the month. At this event, we separated the scouts into three teams and competed against each other in a cooking competition, in a similar fashion as the Chopped TV show. At Chopped, we had several new scouts who attended and had a great time, as well as a few Cub Scouts who prepared a meal that allowed them to complete one of their many scout requirements. We also had a gingerbread house competition for those not participating in the main competition.



Mr. Galvan and Mr. Wasson



Keenan Stack and Isabella Page



Jonathan Schnick Baker



Dr. Issa, Genieve White (CAFCI) and Mrs. Montoya

Upcoming this month, we have our quarterly Court of Honor where the leadership of the troop will be turned over from me to the current Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Mohammed Almasoodi. That means that this will be the last article that I write for Troop 111, so I would like to thank CAFCI for the opportunity to write and share what our troop has done every month.



Landon Girard
Senior Patrol Leader



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>

Dear CAFCI,

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served as the Committee Chair for Troop 111 and 4111 for the past 5 years. As my son Noah "aged out" and left the Troop in December of 2023, it is now time to pass the position on to a new adult leader. I am delighted to introduce our new Committee Chair, Mrs. Zulema Grieser. Mrs. Grieser is a devoted parent, passionate educator, thoughtful friend and knowledgeable and skilled adult Scout leader. She comes to us with Woodbadge training which is an advanced course that provides leadership tools to help enable our youth to have the best possible Scouting experience. Her previous Scouting experience includes supporting her older son to earn his Eagle rank years ago. When she and her younger son Keil joined the Troop she immediately jumped right in and started attending campouts including our two (2) annual week long summer camps in Jupiter and out of state. Her warm smile, bubbly personality, infectious laugh and "all in" ready and willing to help attitude makes her the perfect person for this position. Please join me in welcoming her as the Troops' new Committee Chair.

I thank you all for your friendship and constant concern for and support for all the youth in the Troop. Many Charter Organizations are "silent, invisible" sponsors. CAFCI is different, you are present, mentors to the Scouts, friends to the adults and equal partners in the shared goals for the advancement of these amazing young people. Thank You!!!

*Sincerely,
Lorianne Cabrera
Troop 111 Committee Chair 2019-2024*

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???

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:

<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI

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.



We have had recent leads; however, our biggest challenge remains the cost of property and our ability to obtain financing due to the inability to show that we can generate a steady stream of income.

Although the Finance committee received approval from the Board to pursue the set up and operation of a business to address this issue, we are in need of someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us in moving forward with this effort. Due to health reasons, the individual who was assisting in spearheading this effort, is unable to continue doing so. If you are

able to step in and assist or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.790.4002 or 561.791.3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to cafcib@bellsouth.net.

*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.*



Scan QR Code to Support
CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

The goal is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI *Home Of Our Own* Chair

Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2025 Events

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

Saturday, January 11th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Board Swearing-In
Monday, January 20th at 8:30 am

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 8th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Black History Month
March GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, March 8th, 4 - 10 pm

RELAY FOR LIFE

John I. Leonard High School, Greenacres

Saturday, April 12th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 19th

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, April 26th

VAFMSF DIVINE WINE & HIGH TEA PARTY

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

May GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, May 10th

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

June GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Saturday, June 14th

SAF AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, July 12th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 9th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 13th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, September 20th

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 11th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, November 8th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games/Elections

Saturday, December 13th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots

AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, January 11th, 12:30 pm** | ST. DAVID'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH ECW presents **QUICHE LUNCHEON** at 465 W. Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL in the Parish Hall. For information, contact Yvonne Wright at 203.733.5542
- **Friday, February 14th, 8:30 am - 1 pm** | GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN present **TROPICAL NIGHT OF LOVE** at Grace Episcopal Church, 3600 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. Donation is \$35. For more information, contact Maureen George at 561.315.0575 or Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856.
- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming events and activities.
- Events in Wellington, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in West Palm Beach, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>

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On behalf of CAFCI Board and Newsletter Committee,
we wish everyone a
HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2025!!!

THIS Year

**Hang on to your truth and
respect the truth of others.**

Choose to be happy.

**Forgive those that you can forgive and seek the
forgiveness of someone who deserves it.**

Do something outside of your comfort zone.

Be the voice for someone who has no voice.

Be quiet strength.

Be the type of kindness that is strength.

Remember that love is a verb.

Choose healthy foods, activities, and people.

Fall six times, get up again seven, persevere

Wish people a lovely day.

Live honestly, truly and with integrity.