



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.

MAY

2014

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**Board meetings are held the
 4th Thursday of the month.
 See back page for calendar of events.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first four months of the year were busy ones for us here at CAFCI and we are now heading towards the highlight of our activities for our 25th year celebration. We had a very successful "Family Fun Day" (Easter Picnic), thanks to Lauriston Simms and his committee. The turnout for the picnic was quite large and diverse, and despite the threat of bad weather in the morning, the day turned out to be a beautiful one. Attendees stated that this picnic was one of the best in years. The food was delicious, the music was great and all age groups participated in our team activities. The food, drinks and music were all donated this year. Thanks again to the Picnic committee: Lauriston Simms, Chairman, Johnny Davis, Pat Forde, Millie Hampton, Lawrence Logan, Betty Mallory, Bill Turner and Percival Wood. Thanks also to everyone else who helped with donations and planning of this very successful event.

On Saturday May 3rd, we will host our Students Assistance Awards Ceremony at the Village Golf Club in Royal Palm Beach. This is an event that we look forward to every year. We will be presenting fifteen student assistance awards this year. Thanks to Dr. Elaine Ealy who has been tirelessly soliciting contributions. We look forward to a very successful event.

CAFCI, along with the Village of Royal Palm Beach, will host another Cultural Diversity Day at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach on Saturday, May 10th from 1 pm until sundown. This event will feature several international groups, with food and other crafts from many different countries. Please come and enjoy the day.

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2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Happy Birthday:

MAY 16 - 31

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| Nadine White-Boyd | 17 |
| Audrey Gordon | 18 |
| Owen Smith | 18 |
| Vernon Simpson | 22 |
| Tinu Pena | 23 |
| Dr. Karl Russell-Brown | 23 |
| Ethel Palmer | 24 |
| Patricia Charlton | 25 |
| Colgate Gordon | 25 |
| Adrius Adams | 26 |
| Victoria Nangle | 31 |

JUNE 1 - 15

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| Glenis Chambers | 04 |
| Vincen Malvo | 05 |
| Shirley Palmer | 11 |
| Douglas Lawton | 11 |

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lillian McGann on the loss of her husband, Ransford

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Uriah Belle, Dudley Lannaman,
 Greta McMorris, Audrey Nelson,
 Marjorie Schleifer

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, Chair791-9087
 Paul Baker784-0067
 Samuel Baxter798-2864

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.

President's Message (cont'd)

Special thanks to Nova Brown and all the members of her Relay for Life team who worked tirelessly to continue our participation in raising funds for Relay for Life. As usual, CAFCI members, friends and supporters stepped up to make this happen. Special thanks to everyone who contributed food, refreshments, time, entertainment, materials and supplies for this event. Thanks to everyone who contributed money to help us reach our goal of \$2,500. We are still in the process of finalizing our reports and we will report to our members how much was raised.

Please watch for information on the activities planned for CAFCI's 25th year celebration in next month's publication.

Dennis Wright
President



GENERAL MEETING

Student Assistance Award Ceremony

Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m. (note 1st Sat. not 2nd Sat.)

Village Golf Club, Royal Palm Beach (note new location)

The main focus of the May meeting will be the Student Assistance Awards presentation, however there will be brief updates on CAFCI's upcoming events including Cultural Diversity Day on May 10th, the 25th Anniversary celebration and of course the Annual Friendship Ball on September 20th. Details for all these events are posted on CAFCI's website (www.cafcipbc.org).



CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 1 p.m. to sundown

Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program which is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. Invite your friends and family to participate in this day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage. There will be diverse entertainment and DJ Ernitones will be on board. This event is free to the public. Booths are available to vendors at \$30 for crafts and \$40 for food. For additional information, see flyer in this issue or call Elet Cyris at 561-791-9087, Ernie Garvey at 561-676-5664 or visit CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org.

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

We are actively looking for land, a building or home in the western communities (Royal Palm Beach, Loxahatchee, Acreage, and Wellington). Assistance is needed in checking out potential properties to get an idea of the level of effort required to put the property to use and to determine if pursuing the lead is feasible. Knowledge of home building and repairs would be helpful. Although we have funds set aside, be prepared to provide additional assistance if the right property becomes available.



We are almost there but not quite! Unfortunately, the Golf tournament has been postponed, but we are in the process of negotiating a new date later in the year. Thanks to those who have offered to

assist with this effort. As soon as the new date is available, everyone will be notified. Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com or cafcipbc@bellsouth.net for additional information.

The Buy-A-Brick program is still in force and provides everyone an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please 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 participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.



CAFCI MEMBERS.....

If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell (junettep@hotmail.com).

IMPORTANT: Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.

CAFCl STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Submitted by Dr. Elaine Ealy

The Ceremony for CAFCl's Student Assistance Awards and Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Award will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Village Golf Club, 122 Country Club Drive, Royal Palm Beach. Come out and support the youth as they prepare to begin their journey to higher education. The guest speaker will be Dr. Anthony Lockhart, Principal of Atlantic High School. A BIG THANK YOU to all CAFCl members and friends who donated funds to this worthy cause. Your contribution will help to make a brighter future for our youth. Donations are still being accepted.

Directions to Village Golf Club: Take Okeechobee Boulevard to Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. Go North on Royal Palm Beach Boulevard to Country Club Drive (second set of lights north of Okeechobee Boulevard opposite the Whispering Pines Development). Go east on Country Club Drive to the golf club located on the right hand side of the road just past the Country Club Views development gated community.

Directions are also on CAFCl's website (www.cafcipc.org).

"Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water - it will make ripples throughout the entire pond..."

— Jessy and Bryan Matteo

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.

CAFCl'S ANNUAL EASTER PICNIC

Visualize your family reunion, picture in your mind summer, summer times in the park, children, men and women (young and old) dancing, playing scrabble, twirling hula hoop, playing musical chairs, jumping rope, while also enjoying great conversation and delicious food with family and friends on a cool Saturday afternoon. Nice vision??? Well, that was CAFCl's annual picnic held on Saturday April 19th at Micanopy Pavilion in Okeehelie Park. If you were not in attendance, then you missed a fun filled day. Despite the early morning showers and the threat of rain, we could not have asked for a better day for CAFCl's annual family picnic. The cool breeze, perfect weather, delicious food, yummy desserts and great music had everyone wanting more. The kids had a ball with well-organized games, activities, treats and prizes. Thanks to Lauriston Simms and his entire recreation team for making this year's picnic a huge success. The DJ was just awesome, playing the right music for each activity and even had the crowd dancing as if they were at a party instead of a picnic. Special recognition to MC Lorraine Cargill who led the children's activities and the teen volunteers, Chantal Anderson, Demi-Anne Barnett and Brandon Boyd. Please put this event on your calendar for next year (same place) and don't miss it.



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



CAFCI



PRESENT

Cultural Diversity Day

Saturday, May 10, 2014

1:00 pm to Sundown

Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)



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

Featuring Artists from:
Around the World ★

FOOD VENDORS

**EVENT IS
FREE**

**Showtime
3:00 PM**

Featuring:

Pan Man Eddie (from Trinidad)

Ludoteca School (from Quito, Ecuador)

Children of Helen (from St. Lucia)

Mi Ma Lion Dancers (from West Palm Beach)

and much more...

**OPEN
TO PUBLIC**

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

For More Information, contact:

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

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

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CAFCI's 25th Anniversary "A September To Remember"

Friday, August 29th, 2014 @ 7pm

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Take A Trip Down Memory Lane

A Wine & Cheese Celebration of 25 years of Community Service, Membership Recognition and Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 6th, 2014 @ 5:00pm

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

International Games Night

Food, Entertainment, Dominoes, Cards, Scrabble, Ludo & more...

Sunday, September 14, 2014 @ 5:30pm

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

A Multi-Faith Celebration followed by Refreshments

Saturday, September 20th, 2014 @ 7:00pm

The Cohen Pavilion at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts

25th Annual Friendship Ball and Silent Auction

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

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

MAY 10: Cultural Diversity Day, Veterans Park

JUNE 14: General Meeting at 7 p.m., Harvin Center

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

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29: 25th Anniversary **Membership Appreciation Night** at 7 p.m., Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: 25th Anniversary **International Games Night** at 5 p.m. - midnight, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: 25th Anniversary **Interfaith Service** at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: 25th Anniversary **Friendship Ball and Silent Auction** at 7 p.m., The Kravis Center

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

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

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

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AROUND TOWN.....

April 30th - May 4th: **Sunfest**, downtown West Palm Beach. Florida's largest waterfront music and art fest, a first-rate festival with top-rated bands for all ages and genres, with fabulous food and incredible art. For more information visit www.sunfest.com.

Saturday, May 10th at 8:00 pm: **Patrick Brown's Jamaican Play: If There's A Will There's A Wife** at the Royal Palm Beach High School Auditorium. For more information visit www.jamaware.org or call 305-405-2712.

Monday, May 26th at 2:00 pm: **Palm Beach Jerk and Caribbean Culture Festival** at the South Florida Fairgrounds. For more information, visit www.palmbeachjerkfestival.com or call 561-247-1366.

Friday, June 6th: Evi & Kareem Ali presents **An Intimate Experience with Richie Stephens** at Vintage Hotspot, 7443 S. Military Trail, Lake Worth. For more information, call 561-929-2654 or 561-642-4444.