



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.

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Board meetings - 4th Thursday of the month
See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The true spirit of volunteerism and giving within CAFCI has grown tremendously over the years through Relay for Life, now in its 13th year. The event has successfully brought our members together in one single night to celebrate cancer survivorship, the resilience and determination of those individuals who continue to inspire and reaffirm the mission of the organization, and in a more personal way, reinforce the need for all to continue to fight back.

Relay for Life: The Relay For Life concept involves a team of workers/runners competing against each other to raise the most money and to stay all night at the event. The event is a relay that lasts for an extended period - an overnight of 12-15 hours - because 'cancer never sleeps'. 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. (Some Information quoted from ACS and other publications). See details of Relay For Life elsewhere in this newsletter.

Student Assistance: Our Student Assistance Awards program and ceremony will be held at the Village Golf Club in Royal Palm Beach on **Saturday, May 16, 2015**. Please contact Dr. Elaine Ealy if you would like to contribute or would like to give a scholarship to one of the applicants in your name. All donations are welcome and tax deductible.

Cultural Diversity: The Cultural committee is working hard on our Cultural Diversity Day program to be held at Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach on **Saturday, May 9, 2015**. Invite your friends and family to participate in this day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritages.

Dennis Wright
 President

SAVE THE DATE!
September 19, 2015

CAFCI'S ANNUAL
FRIENDSHIP BALL

Details will be provided on the website and in upcoming issues of the NEWS.



APRIL 16-30

Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Joan Bisasor	17
Keith McKenzie	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Lloyd Campbell	26
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27
Nicholas Johnson	30

MAY 1 - 15

Monica Grant	05
Cythia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Cedric Lynch	10
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Genieve White and Family
 on the loss of a family member

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Rupel Johnson

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 Cyrus, Chair 791-9087
 Paul Baker 784-0067
 Samuel Baxter 798-2864

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 11 at 7 pm

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

April's general meeting will be a "games night" as well as collection of donations for Relay for Life. Updates for CAFCI's upcoming events, including Cultural Diversity Day, Talent Show and Annual Friendship Ball, will also be provided. Of course, you can always check out our website for more information (www.cafcipc.org).

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 9

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 free event is scheduled for May 9th 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. It brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. There will be diverse entertainment. More details in the enclosed flyer as well as on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org.

CAFCI's FAMILY PICNIC

Visualize your family reunion! Picture in your mind summer, summer times in the park, children, men and women (young and old) dancing, playing table games, twirling hula hoop, playing musical chairs, jumping rope, egg and spoon race, while also enjoying great conversation and delicious food with family and friends on a cool Saturday afternoon. Nice vision? Well, that was CAFCI's annual picnic held on Saturday April 4th at Micanopy Pavilion in Okeeheelee Park. 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. Of course the adult musical chairs created a lot of excitement especially the guys who took musical chairs to a whole new level. Thanks to Lauriston Simms and his entire recreation team for making this year's picnic a huge success. ErnieTones was awesome, playing the right music for each activity. Special recognition to MC Lorraine Cargill who led the children's activities, and the teen volunteers, Chantal Anderson and Demi-Anne Barnett. If you were not in attendance, then you missed a fun filled day so please put this event on your calendar for next year (Saturday before Easter) and don't miss it!

CAFCI's FAMILY PICNIC (cont'd)



OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:

Just wanted to share this exciting news that Ifeoma White-Thorpe (Genieve White's grand-daughter and Nadine White-Boyd and Thalia White's niece), a 10th grader of Morris Hills High School, Rockaway, NJ has been selected as a national winner in the National Liberty Museum (NLM) and Paramount Pictures Essay/Speech Contest on the movie Selma. We are so excited for her! Below is the link to the NLM website announcing the winners. To see her presentation click her picture on the website. <https://libertymuseum.org/selma-contest-winners>.

Congratulations to Kate Deviney, daughter of Andrea McMillan, who, after auditioning, earned spots in both the Strings and Theater programs at Bak Middle School of the Arts. Kate plays the violin and has elected to be play her violin in the Strings Program at Bak. Well done, Kate!

Congratulations to Brandon Boyd, son of Nadine White-Boyd (grandson of Genieve White and nephew of Thalia White) on being inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at Florida State University.

CAFCI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

LOOK AT WHERE THEY ARE NOW.....



Arshley Thelot – Florida State University (FSU)

As one of the 2014 CAFCI scholarship recipients, I would like to say I am truly honored that I received this scholarship and grateful for the contribution to my education.

I attend Florida State University,

Go Noles, and have had a very successful semester. With a double major in Accounting and Business Management, I am currently maintaining a 4.0 GPA. In addition to that, I am currently living in Southern Scholarship Foundation, an affordable housing plan that allows for high achieving students with financial need to live in a community environment. Last semester, I was elected to be the house liaison responsible for keeping contact and planning meetings with our sponsors, the Business and Professional Women (BPW) chapter of Tallahassee. This semester, I have been promoted to Business Manager tasked with creating and maintaining a budget to feed all 21 girls in the house, planning meals for them Monday-Thursday, and buying food as the budget permits every Sunday (what's a better way to train for my career as an accountant?). Throughout my years, I will continue to serve my community and be the academic scholar I expect myself to be.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE:

Awards Ceremony:

Date: May 16, 2015 at 7 pm;

Venue: Village Golf Club, 122 Country Club Drive, RPB, FL

Yard Sale:

We are now accepting donations to support the CAFCI Student Assistance Committee at the Village-sponsored Yard Sale at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach on **Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 8 am – 1 pm**. Due to space limitations, suggested "goodies" to donate include: small household items or small appliances, new or very slightly used clothes and shoes (adult & child), toys, books, jewelry, etc. Last day for accepting donations at Harvin Center is April 8th. We cannot accept donated items on the day of the garage sale. Invite your family and friends to come out and support this very worthy cause. All contributions will go to the scholarship fund.

For additional information, contact Committee Chair, Dr. Elaine Ealy at 561-351-0068.

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.

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.



Relay for Life 2015 is only three weeks away! What will be your role this year to help find a cure for this awful disease? Just about everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer. The event starts at 4:00 pm on April 25th and concludes at 6:00 am on April 26th at the Royal Palm Beach High School. Before you know it, it will be time to walk the track in support of finding a cure for cancer. Please put this date on your calendar and make a special effort to come out and support CAFCI. You are encouraged to bring your dominoes, scrabble and any other games, along with game tables and chairs, to help pass the time and add to the fun of the evening. CAFCI will be selling food items

to help with fundraising so come out and have dinner with us.

If you are not doing any personal fundraising, let me encourage you to go to the CAFCI website at cafciabc.org, click on the Relay for Life link and make a donation to our team. This year we are trying to reach a goal of \$3,000.00 so please do your part to help.

For those who are assisting us with fundraising, I hope everything is going well. If you prefer to seek donations online, you can do so now by going to CAFCI's website at cafciabc.org where you will find a link to CAFCI's Relay for Life page. There you can join the CAFCI team and create emails from pre-written templates to send to friends and relatives asking them to contribute to your personal goal and our team. Radcliffe "Woody" Brown will be available Thursday April 16th from 7:30 pm through 9:30 pm via phone or at the Harvin Center to assist you in joining our team online and setting up your email. Please request an appointment by sending an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com or calling 561-791-3344.



SAVE THE DATE!

***2015 RELAY FOR LIFE
OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
NEEDS YOU TO JOIN
THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!***

**WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015
TIME: 4:PM UNTIL 6:AM
WHERE: ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH SCHOOL**



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



CAFCI



PRESENT

Cultural Diversity Day

Saturday, May 9, 2015

1:00 pm to Sundown

Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)

EVENT IS FREE

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC

FOOD VENDORS



INTERNATIONAL MUSIC BY ERNITONES

Showtime 3:00 PM

Featuring:
Artists from Around The World

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 561-790-5149

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So far we have not been able to locate land that can be purchased for cash nor facilities with a lease to own option within the Royal Palm Beach/Acreage /Loxahatchee area. An online survey to get input from the membership to assist in deciding what our next move will be is being prepared for review and approval by the Board. If approved, the survey will be sent via email within the next four weeks. Look out for an email with a link to the survey.



If you have experience in commercial real estate, multi-year fundraising projects, creative finance, project management or marketing, the Home of Our Own program needs your expertise. Input from individuals with expertise in these areas are needed to assist us in revising our strategy to obtain a home for CAFCI and creating an associated plan to reach our objective. Please contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com if you are able to assist in any of these areas.



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.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 will be accepted for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick.*

AROUND TOWN.....

Saturday, April 11th, 8 am to 1 pm: CAFCI and Vivian Ferrin Scholarship Fund will participate in the Annual **ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY YARD SALE** in Veterans Park located just south of Okeechobee on Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. Enjoy a great morning surrounded by the fountains and waterfall, musical entertainment and refreshments at the café. A free shuttle will provide pick up and drop off for overflow parking available at Ewing Park and behind Village Hall. For more information, please call the Cultural Center at 561-790-5149.

Saturday, April 18th, 7 pm: Caribbean Educators' Association, (C.A.R.E.) presents the tenth annual **CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** at the Marriott West Palm Beach Hotel, 1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL. Tickets \$60 per person (No Refunds); Dress - Semi-Formal. Sponsorships available. For more information, call 561-313-4772, 561-329-9835, or 561-351-6855.

Saturday, April 25th, 6 pm to 10 pm: Free Spirit Outreach, Inc. presents a **WINE AND CHEESE MIXER** at Olympia Clubhouse, 9100 Fatio Boulevard, Wellington, FL. Admission \$30 presold. For more information, contact 561-692-1508. Tickets available at Chinny's Restaurant. Proceeds benefit kids in need.

Wednesday, April 29th, 7 pm to 8:30 pm: Don't miss the **RIVERWALK TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE** at the Royal Palm Beach Fire Station, 1040 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. Special Guest Speaker will be Carla Mercedes of "The Daily Chat" video blog. Come and learn more about public speaking, video blogging and Toastmasters. Feel free to email cindybeckles@yahoo.com, if you have any questions.

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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.

APRIL 11: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

APRIL 25-26: Relay for Life, 4 pm to 6 am, Royal Palm Beach High School

MAY 9: Cultural Diversity Day, Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

MAY 16: General/Scholarship Awards Meeting at 7 pm, Village Golf Club

JUNE 13: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

JULY 11: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

AUGUST 8: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

AUGUST 29: Talent Show (Venue TBD)

SEPTEMBER 12: General Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 19, 2015

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Details will be provided on the website and in upcoming issues of the NEWS.

OCTOBER 10: General Meeting/International Games Night at 7 pm, Cultural Center

NOVEMBER 14: Annual/Voting Meeting at 7 pm, Harvin Center

DECEMBER 12: Pot Luck/Toys for Tots/Christmas Party at 7 pm, Harvin Center

DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve Party at 7 pm, Cultural Center

WEEKLY GAMES FOR CAFCI LADIES

CAFCI is inviting ladies to come out to the Harvin Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and play games of cards, scrabble, dominoes (including Mexican train) or other games. All who are interested please call Barbara Walker at 561-422-0524 or Kitty Lannaman at 561-793-4055.

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may 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