



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

Cultural Diversity Day: CAFCI, in partnership with the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council, celebrates Cultural Diversity Day on **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. This is a special day where people from varying backgrounds come to celebrate our different customs and culture. I am inviting you to come out and be a part of this celebration. Please volunteer an hour of your time to staff the CAFCI booth to give information about our organization and attract potential new members. Please see flyer in this publication for a list of diversity day activities.

Relay For Life: 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 \$3,500. And thank you to Boy Scout Troop 111 for your enormous contribution. We are still in the process of finalizing our reports and we will report to our members how much was raised.

Student Assistance Fund: We are still accepting contributions for our student assistance program. The award ceremony will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2016** at the original Wellington Mall. Our applications are up this year and the candidates are overwhelmingly qualified, making the selection process a lot more challenging with the funds we have available.

Dennis Wright
President

SAVE THE DATE!

September 17, 2016

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL
Hilton Palm Beach Airport
150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach
Details will be provided on the website
and in upcoming issues of the Newsletter.



MAY 16 - 31

Nadine White-Boyd	17
Audrey Gordon	18
Owen Smith	18
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

Glenis Chambers	04
Diana Bishop-McIntosh	07
Shirley Palmer	11
Douglas Lawton	11
Ivan Bruno-Gaston	11
Norma Rose	14

CONDOLENCES TO:

Marjorie Aiken on the loss of her relatives
 Paul Baker on the loss of his foster mother in Georgia
 Lori Cabrara on the loss of her cousin
 Winston Davis & Rhonda Ferrin-Davis on the loss of Rhonda's cousin
 Ronald Dawson on the loss of his two sisters
 Adrienne Ferrin on the loss of her nephew
 Winston McArthur on the loss of his mother-in-law
 Norma Rose on the loss of her sister
 Genieve White on the loss of her grand niece
 Thalia White & Nadine White-Boyd on the loss of their cousin

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Eution MacLarty; Kenneth McKenzie

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

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 7

Veterans Park

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural Diversity is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and supported by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. This event is free. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. Look for further details on the flyer in this issue of the newsletter as well as on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 14 at 7 pm

Original Wellington Mall (*center court*)

12794 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington

(*southeast corner of Wellington Trace and Forest Hill Blvd.*)

We look forward to seeing you at the Student Assistance Award Ceremony. Our keynote speaker will be motivational speaker and attorney, Wayne Gill. Come out to encourage and congratulate the recipients...they are our future. We continue to accept donations to help us give more assistance to as many deserving students as possible. All donations are welcome and 100% tax deductible. A BIG THANK YOU to all CAFCI members and friends who have donated funds to this worthy cause.

CAFCI'S TALENT SHOW

Sunday, August 7 at 5 pm

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Do you know, or are you a talented youth age 5 to 21 years of age...love to perform, play an instrument, sing, dance? Here is the opportunity to showcase that amazing talent. For information or to participate, contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561-351-6895 or nwboyd@aol.com; visit CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org or call 561-790-4002.



Relay for Life 2016 is in the history books! A thousand times thank you to everyone who contributed his or her time, money and other resources. For

those of you who came out to support the event, I hope you had a good time and the memories of Relay 2016 will linger long in your minds. As usual for me, the luminaria ceremony was the highlight of the evening. This year we raised over \$3,000.



Thank you to my awesome committee members, Elaine Ealy, Winsom Genus-Martin, Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White and Yvonne Wright for a job well done. CAFCI Relay would not have been a success without you.

Boy Scout Troop 111 was very visible throughout the whole event. They also helped CAFCI walk laps around the track and tear down our tents. Thank you to all the scouts for your willingness to help.

See you all at next year's Relay For Life Royal Palm Beach!

Submitted by Nova Brown

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

Present



CAFCI

Cultural Diversity Day

Saturday, May 7, 2016

1:00 pm To Sundown

Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)

Featuring:

Artists from Around The World

Music • Dance • Belly Dancers

• Irish Group • Chinese Lion Dancers

• Stilt Walker • Reggae Band (DWHAS)

Drummer from Virgin Islands

**Showtime
3:00 PM**

**EVERYONE
IS INVITED
EVENT IS
FREE**

**FOOD VENDORS • DISPLAYS
DOMINOES • BOUNCE HOUSE**

**INTERNATIONAL
MUSIC BY
ERNITONES**

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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OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE... VAFMSF AWARDS PRESENTATION

CAFCI's Boy Scout Troop 111 hosted their Annual Fundraising Banquet, "Evening in the Woods," on Sunday, April 24th. The Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center was transformed into a campsite in the woods, complete with camp food, camp songs, camp skits, wooden campfires on each table and to top it all off, eclectic home-made desserts were auctioned off.

The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee presented eagle scouts David Ademczyk, Jr., Johnathan Germain and Patrizio Spagnardi III with the annual VAFMSF award and scholarship for \$1,000 each.



David Ademczyk, Jr., Patrizio Spagnardi III,
Johnathan Germain

David Ademczyk, Jr. attends FAU High School and will be pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Florida. David feels that scouting has affected him in many positive ways. However, the main thing that he has learned is how to be a leader, it has

motivated him to take on any challenge no matter the level of difficulty. He has learned to be unselfish, giving to others and to be helpful those less fortunate than me.

The next award was presented to Johnathan Germain. Johnathan attends G-Star School of the Arts and will be attending Florida State University in the fall majoring in Animation and Digital Arts. For Johnathan, scouting has been a part of his life for the past ten years. It has provided him with many opportunities to learn new things, develop friendships, and to travel to places that he would not otherwise have been able to go. Scouting has given him a sense of responsibility and independence; taught him leadership skills, the importance of being prepared and planning ahead, and the importance of cheerful service.

Patrizio Spagnardi, who attends FAU High School, has been accepted at Florida Atlantic University and will be majoring in Computer Science and Computer Engineering. According to Patrizio "My scouting experience affects me every day of my life. When participating in group projects at school I am not afraid to speak up and take a leadership role using the skills I learned in the troop. I always do my best to help others in need as a continuation of what I have done in scouting."

Special thanks to CAFCI members who were in attendance and to CAFCI for chartering Troop 111.

VAFMSF Committee: Genieve White, *Chair*, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Pat Forde, Shirley Palmer, Mayor Fred Pinto, Aubin Robinson, Lauriston Simms, Thalia White and Newley Wilson.



Troop 111 Alumni (L>R):
Al Pantone (2009)
Richard Neal (2011)
James Trimble (2010)
Stephen Peterson (2012)
Jordan Davis (2009)

Photographs by Winston Davis

AROUND TOWN...

Saturday, April 30th, 6 pm – 9 pm: The Caribbean American For Community Involvement (CAFCI); The Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches and The Friends of Operation Restoration (FOOR) take much pleasure in inviting you to a presentation by Pastor Bruce Fletcher, the Chairman of the Restoration School in Trench Town. He will also be sharing some of the plans the church has for the transformation of the nation. Do join us for some "Ole Time" Jamaican hospitality at the Kevin Harvin Center, 1030 Royal Palm Boulevard. Come and be INSPIRED !! For more information contact Lorna Stanley at 561-304-9579.

May 7th - 8th: FORT LAUDERDALE AIR SHOW – After a two-year hiatus, it's back, and how! It will be the first civilian air show in history to feature the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter, which will fly with a World War II P-51 Mustang fighter to highlight changing military technology. Also doing the vooooooooom thing: teams from three nations: the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Canadian Air Force Thunderbirds and the Breitling Jet Team from France. For more information, visit www.fortlauderdaleairshow.com.

May 13th - 15th: A DOUBLE DIP FOR FLOWER LOVERS – What's your pleasure: hibiscus or orchids? The **12th Annual Punta Gorda Hibiscus Festival** at Gilchrist Park on the waterfront in Punta Gorda will feature specialty hibiscus and other exotic plants, trees and organics that will be displayed and up for sale. Lots of other fun stuff, too: Restored antique cars, Li'l Miss Hibiscus Pageant, a farmers' market, live music and a secret garden tour. For more information, visit www.thehibiscusfestival.com. The **18th Redland International Orchid Show** at the Fruit and Spice Park in Miami is one of the largest in the country, featuring more than 50 booths of orchid vendors and educational events and material. You'll find all kinds of gorgeous orchids and more: lectures by experts, raffles and international food. For more information, visit www.fruitandspicepark.org.

Saturday, June 11th: Free Spirit Outreach, Inc., in association with United Sports & Social Club, presents a **Black, Green & Gold Affair** (wear your Jamaican colors) at 2250 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., #108, West Palm Beach, FL. Music by: DJ Prento Fire. Admission: \$10. For more information, visit www.unitedsportclub.com or call 561-692-1508 or www.freespiritoutreach.org or 561-255-4055.

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

As a result of following up on the leads mentioned in last month's article, we are currently in the process of soliciting assistance from a team of professionals (including a bank representative) in honing our strategy, analyzing our options and providing assistance in planning for and finding financing to purchase property or obtain a favorable lease.



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.cafciabc.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.***

To share your ideas, information, such as available property, land or facilities that you think is a good fit for CAFCI, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown

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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2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

You may still 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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CAFCI'S EVENTS**

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

Saturday, May 7: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm to Sundown at the Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May 14: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Student Assistance Awards Ceremony**, 7 pm at Original Wellington Mall, Wellington

Saturday, June 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, July 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Sunday, August 7: **Youth Talent Show**, 5 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, August 13: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Membership Appreciation**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, September 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 7 pm

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 8: **General Membership Meeting ♦ International Games Night**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, November 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party**, 8 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center