



# NEWS

## 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.

March

2017

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 Picnic..... Millie Hampton  
 Program..... Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 Relay for Life..... Nova Brown  
 Student Assistance Program..... Junette Powell  
 & Nadine White-Boyd  
 Sunshine..... Elet Cyris  
 Talent Show..... Nadine White-Boyd  
 Toys for Tots..... Lauriston Simms  
 Venue/Reservations..... Lawrence Logan  
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Board meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
 See back page for calendar of events.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Annual Friendship Ball:** We have started planning activities for our Annual Friendship Ball. The event will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017. We are seeking volunteers to be on the ball committee. Please reach out to any of the board members and let us know if you are available to serve on the committee. Please check the website and upcoming issues of the newsletter for more details.

**Annual Picnic:** Our Annual picnic will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017. Please reach out to Millie Hampton if you are willing to make a donation to the picnic. See more details on the picnic elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Black History Month Meeting:** Thanks to Ms. Cindy Beckles for hosting BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA at the February general membership meeting. Ms. Beckles presented questions about prominent African-Americans and events. The prize for each correct answer was a 1,000,000 note with Michelle Obama on the front and the Obama family on the back. Thanks to Ms. Rhonda Ferrin-Davis for designing the beautiful program for handout and for providing the questions and prizes for the Trivia.

**Relay for Life:** Please join us for Relay for life on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the South Florida Fairgrounds. If you have not made a donation to Relay for Life, please do so as soon as possible. Our goal is \$3,000 and we are behind on meeting our goal.

Dennis Wright, *President*



### CANCELLED

**General Membership Meeting**  
 previously scheduled for March 18



#### MARCH 16 -31

Douglas McKenzie	18
Eution MacLarty	22
Lauriston Simms	23
Lorna Hughes	27
Cynthia Beckles	31

#### APRIL 1 - 15

Ronald M. Dawson	01
Hilary Hurbs	01
Livingston Weathers	02
John Lewis	04
Lori Valuntas	08

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Samuel and Mavis Baxter  
 on the loss of Mavis' Brother

### GET WELL TO:

Mavis Baxter  
 Lauriston Simms

### 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, Chair. 561.791.9087  
 Paul Baker..... 561.784.0067  
 Samuel Baxter.... 561.798.2864

## **CAFCI ANNUAL EASTER PICNIC**

**Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11 am**

*Micanopy Pavilion, Okeehetee Park*

Invite your family and friends to join us at CAFCI's annual picnic which will be held at Okeehetee Park, Micanopy Pavilion. There will be food, games, cards, dominoes, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a bounce house. This will be a fun-filled day for the entire family. Tickets will also be available at the general membership meeting. We are also planning additional activities for everyone. If you have questions, please call Millie Hampton, Picnic Chair, at 561-307-2612. See flyer in this issue for more information. Updates will be posted on CAFCI's website and in the April issue of the Newsletter.



## **CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 3 - 11 pm**

*Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach*

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural Diversity, which is a free event, is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and supported by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. 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. The Committee is looking for vendors for the event. See the form elsewhere in this issue. Further details will be in the upcoming issues of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org).



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**September 16, 2017**

## **CAFCI's ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

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

## **STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 6 pm**

*Original Wellington Mall*

*12794 W. Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington*

### **Student Assistance Program Awards Application:**

Graduating students interested in applying for financial assistance must have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success through their high school tenure. Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities, and must also show an interest in the Caribbean community. The monetary assistance is awarded to students who have been accepted into a college, university or other accredited institution of higher learning. Proof of acceptance from the prospective institution must accompany the application.

### Eligibility Requirements

(NEW APPLICATION DEADLINE: **March 17, 2017**)

### Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida
- Currently attend high school in Palm Beach County, and will graduate May, 2017
- Demonstrate an interest in Caribbean-American affairs
- Provide a completed application **postmarked no later than March 17, 2017 (NOTE NEW DEADLINE)**
- Provide an acceptance letter from an accredited college, personal statement and two (2) letters of recommendation
- Be available for an interview on **April 1, 2017**
- Be able to **attend the presentation of awards ceremony on May 6, 2017 at 6 pm, if selected,**

Address applications and accompanying documents to:  
CAFCI

Attention: Student Assistance  
1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Applications are available on the CAFCI website [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org); Palm Beach County School District website; at the Harvin Center and also from committee members. Applications will also be available at March 11, 2017 Relay for Life. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895, Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 or CAFCI at [cafcipbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipbc@bellsouth.net).

The student assistance committee requests your help to solicit sponsorship funds. Please provide us with names and addresses of potential sponsors and we will contact them. Thanks for your continued support.

Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, *Chairs*  
Students Assistance Program

**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
**WESTERN PALM BEACH COUNTY**  
**Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 3 - 11 pm**  
**South Florida Fairgrounds**



Ahoy CAFCI members and friends! I hope everyone is ready to go cruising to our Relay for Life Port of call, Ocho-Rios Jamaica. The event is Saturday March 11 at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd. **You will need to enter through Gate 5, which is on Southern Blvd. If you enter through any other gate there will be a charge.** Opening ceremonies start at 3:00 pm. Come out and support the fight against cancer as CAFCI participates in this community event.

Thank you to those who took donation envelopes or scratch off cards. CAFCI's goal this year is to raise \$3000.00 and I hope you are doing well with getting donations. If you are finished fundraising, please bring funds collected to the event.

As part of our fundraising efforts, we will be raffling a "Caribbean Basket" of goodies. Thanks to all those who have already purchased tickets. If you did not, or wish to buy more, tickets will be available at the CAFCI tent. Tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for three. The drawing will take place at the event. Luminarias will also be available for purchase in honor or in memory of loved ones for a suggested donation of \$5.00.

Please come have dinner with us, as we will be selling Jamaican cuisine along with some delicious deserts. Bring your chairs and games to help pass the time. Let's go "Island Steppers" as we go "cruising for a cure" in the fight against cancer!

Go team!  
Nova Brown

CAFCI is putting together groups for discounted tickets for performances at the Kravis Center.

If interested, please contact:

Genieve White at 561.876.4161

Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129

Junette Powell at 561.346.2353

*(Need minimum of 15 per performance for discount)*

- Tue., April 11<sup>th</sup> ★ The Four Tops & The Temptations

**Kravis On Broadway**

- Fri., March 24<sup>th</sup> ★ Phantom of the Opera
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> ★ Kinky Boots
- May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> ★ Sound of Music

*For more information on these and other performances at the Kravis Center, visit [kravis.org](http://kravis.org).*

**AROUND TOWN.....**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017, 7 pm:** The Caribbean Educators' Association invites you to the twelfth Celebration of Academic Excellence at Atlantic National Golf Club, 6400 Grand Lacuna Boulevard, Lake Worth. Tickets \$65 per person. For more information contact Dr. Janice Cover at 561.313.4772.

**Every Friday Night:** Happy Hour, Reggae Night & Ladies Night at E.R. Bradley's, 104 N Clematis Street, West Palm Beach / Reggae Friday on the waterfront stage from 6 to 9 pm. Extended happy hour pricing from 6 to 9 pm at our outdoor rock bar. Live DJs on the main stage for Ladies Night 10 pm - close. Ladies drink \$4 champagne and \$5 martini specials. Special Ladies Night menu. \*Please check with Bradley's as these specials may change. For more information, call 561.833.3520 or visit [www.erbradleys.com](http://www.erbradleys.com).



# C.A.F.C.I.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, Inc.

**Presents**

## **A Fun Family Day**

# Annual Easter Picnic

*Saturday, April 15, 2017*

*11:00 AM - Sundown*

*Okeeheelee Park - Micanopy Pavilion*

*(Forest Hill Blvd. ¼ Mile East of the Turnpike)*

**This is a family affair where family and friends are all invited for a fun filled day.**

**Come out and join us for this year's spectacular event**

**Dominoes**

**Scrabble, Ludo ...**

**Bake Sale**

**50/50 Raffle & More**

**Bring your favorite game**

**Music**

**Kids Games**

**Bounce House**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Bring Your Chairs & Table**

**No Personal Food Baskets Allowed**

**Adults: \$15 (includes dinner from around the Islands & beverage)**

**Children under 12: \$5 (includes hamburger, hot dogs and chips)**

**For information, contact Committee Chair Millie Hampton (561) 307-2612**

**For tickets, contact Lawrence Logan (561) 791-0162**

**Percival Woods (561) 596-7768**

**Alvin Nembhard (561) 670-8113**

# Caribbean-American for Community Involvement

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY – 2017

Thanks for your interest in being a part of our CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY 2017 event. Please send us an e-mail with your name and contact information, also give us a brief description of what you will be doing at your booth.

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 1 pm to sundown

Venue: Veterans Park, 1036 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411  
(Sparrow Drive & Royal Palm Beach Blvd.)

### TRY TO COMPLETE SET-UP BEFORE 1:00 PM

#### Event Contacts:

Elet Cyris: Performance & General Information, 561.791.9087 (elvcy@bellsouth.net)

Ernie Garvey: Vendor Booth & Technical Support, 561.676.5664 (ernitones@comcast.net)

Paul Baker: Vendor & General Information, 561.784.0067

**Complete the registration form and mail it along with your fee of \$40.**

**We will notify you as soon as we can with availability and booth details.**

**Mail check or money order payable to:**

**C.A.F.C.I.**

c/o: Ernest Garvey

121 Raven Court,

Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

#### Vendor Check-List (Space provided is 10 x 10)

- Bring table(s), chair(s), tenting (if desired)
- Sunscreen
- Table skirts, banners
- Audio/video equipment for any displays
- Cash (to make change for guest who purchase with cash); Credit Card Machine.
- At conclusion of event all vendors are responsible for cleaning around their space
- Low Noise Generator or power source. (No electricity provided).

**If your booth generates smoke or emissions which may be harmful or offensive to other vendors, you may be placed in separate location if available.**

If you are a "PERFORMER", please speak directly to our Director, Ms. Elet Cyris.

Thanks,

*Ernie Garvey*

Ernie Garvey



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**CAFCI**

## VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR/ ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL OWNER/OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF BOOTH/DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

***Be sure to bring your chairs, tables and portable tents if necessary for your display.***

**Instruction from the Health Department to Food Vendors:**

Pre packaged cake, cookies etc. Please have gloves and tools for handling food.

A thermometer is required. Hot food to be at 140 degrees. Cold food to be at 40 degrees.

**Registration Fee**

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Release and Hold Harmless:**

In consideration of allowing my participation in the \_\_\_\_\_ for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, I waive, and release (CAFCI) Caribbean American for Community Involvement & The Village of Royal Palm Beach and its employees, agents, volunteers, and sponsors of this event from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in the event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver. I grant permission to all the forgoing entities and persons to use any photography, motion picture, recording, and all or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes. I understand the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI are not responsible for any monetary losses that may in cur is all or part of the event is cancelled due to weather or if I do not attend the event.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information contact:  
Elet Cyrus (561) 791-9087 • Ernie Garvey (561) 676-5664

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



Last month, we investigated leads for two pieces of land and one commercial building. Unfortunately, these leads did not yield positive results. Our biggest hurdle continues to be financing. We have not been able to secure a grant or identify a program that we can execute that will provide grant funding. Commercial loans were not an option and owner financing was not available. We will continue to investigate availability of grants to fund programs using a CAFCI owned facility and creative ways to obtain financing. Despite the disappointment, let us continue to be patient and hopeful as we work towards finding a home for CAFCI.

**If you would like to put on an event to raise funds for the Home of Our Own program please send an email to [cafcib@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcib@bellsouth.net) or call 561-791-4002. To share your ideas, information on 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](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com).**



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.cafcibc.org](http://www.cafcibc.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.**



Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, Chair  
CAFCI Home

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**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.

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**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](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 “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**

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**2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://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, March 11: **Relay for Life**, 3 pm to 11 pm at the South Florida Fair Grounds

Saturday, April 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, April 15, **Annual Picnic**, 11 am to sundown at Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park

Saturday, May 6: **Scholarship Awards Presentation**, 7 pm at the the Original Wellington Mall, Wellington

Saturday, May 13: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm to sundown at Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

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

Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

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

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

**CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

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

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting, Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

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