



## 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.

NOVEMBER

2024

### CAFCI's 33rd Annual Friendship Ball *A Night of Community and Celebration*

*The 2024 Friendship Ball, held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Palm Beach Hotel, was a powerful celebration of CAFCI's legacy, embracing the theme "35 Years Strong, Volunteering in the Community." The atmosphere buzzed with joy and camaraderie as attendees greeted friends with heartfelt hugs and laughter.*



*Guests were drawn into the ballroom by the lively tunes of the Spirit and Soul Band and captivated by the evening's meticulous decor. Every detail, from table napkins folded like roses to pastel peach-colored table runners and elegant floral arrangements, transformed the room into a wonderland of joy and goodwill. Coral, representing the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, adorned tables throughout the room, symbolizing the strength, passion and commitment at CAFCI's core. Orange and white floral arrangements lent warmth and elegance, signaling a night to remember.*



*The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement (CAFCI) and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Friendship Ball were filled with reflection, joy and appreciation. This milestone event not only honored decades of service but also celebrated those whose dedication has built CAFCI into the impactful organization it is today.*



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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General Membership Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month  
Board Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

**INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT:** Our annual International Games Night will be held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please see flyer on page 5 and the CAFCI website for more information. Bring your favorite games and a dish or beverage to share and feel free to invite your friends and family to come out and participate.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION:** Elections for CAFCI Board of Directors will be held at our General Membership meeting on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please submit the names of anyone you believe would be a good candidate to serve on the board. A candidate for Board Director must be a member in good standing. Proposed amendments to our bylaws will make it easier for members to run and serve on the board. Please ensure that your membership dues are current.

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Please start collecting for the Toys for Tots drive. We will be accepting the toys at our December 14<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting.

The board has decided not to host a New Year's Eve party this year since attendance has been below one hundred for the past few years. As a result, the expense and efforts that we must put into the event has not generated any revenue for CAFCI. The cost to rent the Cultural Center on a holiday has become prohibitive. We will reevaluate it next year.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Dennis Wright

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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:

Cynthia Beckles  
Audrey Campbell  
Lawrence Logan  
Jeff Webb

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Dorothy Bell on the loss of  
her sister Brenda Bell-Smith

The family of Kenneth Salmon

### 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, Chair.....561.784.0067  
Samuel Baxter.....561.358.3737  
Elet Cyris.....561.791.9087

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### *INTERNATIONAL GAMES NIGHT*

Saturday, November 9, 2024 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's General Membership meeting on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The meeting will be dedicated to playing games and having some fun. Come out and bring a dish or drink to share and your favorite game.

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

- Visit website: [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)  
Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
- Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:  
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## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

### DAY CELEBRATION

*Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Arts*

Monday, January 20, 2025 at 8:30 am

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

The Cultural Committee and the Village of Royal Palm Beach are in the process of planning an exciting 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual MLK Day Celebration program on Monday, January 20, 2025. The celebrations will begin at 8:30 am with a complimentary breakfast followed by the program at 10 am. This year's theme is Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Arts. Look out for additional information in upcoming issues of the newsletter and on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org).

### 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](mailto: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](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.*

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**CAFCI**



**2024 INTERNATIONAL**

**GAMES**

**NIGHT**

*Join us for an exciting evening of*  
**FUN, FOOD, GAMES & MUSIC**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

**6 TO 11 PM**

**Bring Your  
Favorite Games  
(cards, dominoes,  
scrabble, uno...)**

**Bring Your  
Favorite Dish  
to Share**

**10287 Okeechobee Boulevard  
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*During these times, more than ever, please help us put a smile on our children's faces.*



## CAFCI's TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

**Deadline  
Dec. 15, 2024**



**Also Need....  
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**NEWBORN TO 18 YEARS**

**Drop-off unwrapped toys at the CAFCI Office**

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**or**

**Donate online and we will shop for you.**

**Go to [cafcipbc.org/donation-center](http://cafcipbc.org/donation-center) and select "Toy Drive"**

**or**

**Call Simms at 561.719.0263 for pick-up.**

**Your donation will help make a difference  
in the life of a child from our surrounding communities.**

## CAFCI 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL *(continued from cover page)*

*At the President's reception, attendees savored an endless array of chicken wings and shrimp, setting a tone of high spirits and anticipation for the festivities.*

*CELEBRATING 35 YEARS STRONG IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT -- Emcee Aubin Robinson expertly guided the program with humor and warmth, enhancing the evening's enjoyment. The evening's theme resonated with over 240 guests. CAFCI's President, Dennis Wright, warmly welcomed everyone, highlighting CAFCI's many achievements over its 35-year history. In a touching moment, he requested a moment of silence in honor of Mayor Fred Pinto, a beloved leader and CAFCI supporter whose legacy continues to inspire the community.*



*Judge Maxine Cheeseman graciously welcomed dignitaries, honored guests, and sponsors in attendance, while the Honorable Jeff Hmara, now Acting Mayor for Royal Palm Beach, shared fond memories of Mayor Pinto. Dennis Wright made a special request to the band to play one of Fred's favorite songs, "One Love" by Bob Marley and invited the audience to sing along, a moving tribute that brought tears to many as they remembered Fred's optimistic nature and love for CAFCI.*



*Internationally renowned vocalist Steve Higgins delivered a stirring rendition of the national anthem and later serenaded Audrey Smith, CAFCI's 2024 Citizen of the Year. Audrey, a long-term member of the CAFCI Ball Committee, received a standing ovation for her dedication and selfless service to the community. Her family had kept her recognition a secret, making the moment even more special. Audrey embodies CAFCI's mission, and the evening reflected her profound impact on countless lives.*

*AWARDS, DIGNITARIES, AND UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS -- One of the most memorable moments of the evening was the awarding of the United States President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor established by the White House to recognize outstanding contributions to community service. Cynthia Beckles worked tirelessly to ensure CAFCI was recognized. Special thank you to Norma Smith-Hill and Aubin Robinson for their assistance with bestowing the awards during the ceremony. The 2024 awards were presented to the following CAFCI members:*

- LIFETIME ACHIEVERS: Cynthia Beckles, Nova Brown, Audrey Campbell, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Pamela Fraser, Liscent Hampton, Charmaine Henry, Thalia White Lauren, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Audrey Smith, Barbara Walker, Genieve White, and Dennis Wright.*
- MEDAL RECIPIENTS: Paul Baker, Barrington Berry, Radcliffe Brown, Jennifer Powell-Pittman, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, and Nadine White-Boyd.*

## CAFCI 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL *(continued from page 7)*

*Certificates signed by President Joseph Biden reflected national recognition of the honorees' contributions. Each honoree also received congratulatory letters and medals. The room came alive with gratitude as guests enjoyed a delectable dinner, further entertained by DJ Mansta, who kept the dance floor packed and spirits high, with guests dancing until 1 am.*



*ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND APPRECIATION -- Dennis was honored for his 10 years of service with CAFCI and his leadership of the Ball Committee. Special recognition was also given to Genieve White, whose efforts were integral to the evening's success as well as Thalia White Lauren for her leadership in sponsorships and the ball program. Dignitaries present delivered heartfelt messages of congratulations and support for CAFCI's legacy, including a note from the Honorable Oliver Mair, Consul General of Jamaica, who was unable to attend.*



*The success of the evening is a testament to the Ball Committee's dedication, led by Dennis Wright, along with a hardworking team including Committee Members: Paul Baker, Cynthia Beckles, Barrington Berry, Nova Brown, Radcliffe Brown, Audrey Campbell, Karen Morris Clarke, Charmaine Henry, Thalia White Lauren, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Jennifer Pittman-Powell, Junette Powell, Audrey Smith, Lloyd Swaby, Hildreth Stoddart Brown, Barbara Walker, Genieve White and Nadine White Boyd.*



*Their commitment brought this memorable evening to life. Special thanks also to CAFCI members who assisted with decorations, registration and ticket sales. We appreciate the guests and sponsors, whose support made this celebration possible, and to Dreamy Riley for capturing the evening's most memorable moments. The door prizes and raffle were crowd favorites and wrapped up the evening on a high note.*

*As guests left, glancing back at the now-empty ballroom, they reflected on the beautiful memories of an unforgettable night. We couldn't help but look forward to next year's celebration with renewed anticipation. Don't miss it! Here's to CAFCI's enduring legacy and many more years of service, friendship, and growth in our community.*

*Authors: Cynthia Beckles, Junette Powell and Norma Smith-Hill*





**CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** in Florida, Inc.

# 33rd Annual *Friendship Ball*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**Celebrating 35 Years Strong in Community Involvement**

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*Your generous support enables CAFCI to continue our outreach programs and service to the community.  
Thanks also to the Ball Committee for your dedication and commitment to the success of the CAFCI Ball.  
And to Ball attendees, kudos to you all!!!*

*To view CAFCI 2024 Annual Friendship Ball journal,  
visit our website at [cafciabc.org](http://cafciabc.org) and click on the Friendship Ball image.*

## 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.
3. Support SAF Golden Krust "Dining to Donate": Patronize Golden Krust between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> and 10% of your purchase (excluding seafood and oxtail meals) will be donated to CAFCI's SAF. VERY IMPORTANT: Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. The coupon is below which can be duplicated.
4. POPPIN' POPCORN Fundraiser: Purchase popcorn, chocolate, cheese, kitchen tools and enjoy time with family and friends while supporting CAFCI SAF via <https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/store.php?slD=00675014> between Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. See the QR Code below.



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## Message from Past SAF Award Recipients

DANIELLE NELSON  
2021 SAF AWARD RECIPIENT

October 21, 2024

Hi Ms. Junette!!

I'm doing well, and I definitely have been very busy. Right now I'm working on a group exhibit and a couple solo research projects on artistic hierarchy and self expression. I'm also the POC Liberation officer for the Glasgow School of Art Student Association so it has been a bit hectic but also a lot of fun! I'll also send a few photos of some things I've gone to (most recently, the opera!). Since I'm dual enrolled with university of Glasgow as well I have quite a few photos of the "castle". Hope you're all doing well and I'll try my best to send updates every once in a while.

Best wishes,  
Danielle



Danielle is 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left



RACHELLE ALCIN  
2024 SAF AWARD RECIPIENT

October 21, 2024

Good afternoon Ms. Powell!

It's Rachelle Alcin, a 2024 CAFCI award recipient. I'm at FIU right now studying History and I'm taking 5 classes. Although that's not many, they are relatively heavy with reading and writing material, but I'm successfully managing my time and workload because I'm maintaining A's and B's in them all.

I've joined quite a few clubs: Black Student Union, Haitian Student Union, National Council of Negro Women, Run Club, Pre-Law Advocated for Community Engagement Service, Black Women in Law, and FIU Honors. I'm in committees in a few of them and I'm thinking of joining BSU's e-board but not sure yet.

I'm a bit shy so it's been a little difficult to make friends, but getting involved and going to the campus events is helping me meet new people. Though, I value a few close relationships over a bunch of acquaintances so I am choosing the people I associate with wisely but I'm sure I'll make more friends next semester. I'm also considering trying out for the track team in the spring but it depends on my course load. Overall, I'm enjoying my time here and making good progress so far!

Best Wishes,  
Rachelle



# CAFCI SCOUTS + TROOP 111



Greetings CAFCI!

This past month our troop has been very involved in our community. We helped unload and set up pumpkins for the pumpkin patch at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church. We had many scouts and adults from our troop attend the event, which made it more enjoyable and productive. We will also be participating in the Gulf Stream Council Scouting for Food drive on the first and second Saturday in November, where we will hang door hangers asking for non-perishable food donations and collect them later to donate to a local food bank. We're excited to partner with CAFCI's Pack 111 on this important community service event.



Top: Micah Johnson, Landon Girard, Roman Mahne, Jonathan Jerez, Benjamin Recio, Isabella Page  
Bottom: Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Mahne, Ms. Davis, Mrs. Cabrera, Mrs. Johnson, Jackie Riley



Roman Mahne, Mrs. Mahne, Benjamin Recio

The Troop's most recent campout this month was at King's Landing, where we went canoeing. Everyone that attended enjoyed the event and although some of us did end up capsizing, we had an amazing time being out in nature and seeing many wild animals. In the afternoon after we returned to our camp, all of the new scouts had the opportunity to earn many rank requirements. Some were also able to complete the rank they were working on. Everyone enjoyed dinner, but the older scouts especially loved the amazing Chimichangas specially made by Micah.



Back: Scoutmaster McNally, Benjamin Recio, Lucas Schnick Baker, Micah Johnson, Caleb McNally, SPL Landon Girard, Mason Scott, Mr. Scott  
Front: Mrs. Mahne, Keil Grieser, Mrs. Grieser, Nael Issa, Hadi Okkash, Kirill Montoya, Robert Mahne



Kingsland Campout



Chimichanga



Luke Estevez, Eagle Scout #61



***Congratulations*** to LUKE ESTEVEZ, who earned the highest rank in scouting, becoming Troop 111's 61<sup>st</sup> Eagle Scout. Luke also recently celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. We wish him well in his future endeavors and will always remember his years in Troop 111.



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>

## WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipc.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???

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at: <https://www.cafcipc.org/membership-dues> OR

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.



In August we were presented with an opportunity to purchase a condo unit. Unfortunately, we were unable to close the deal due to a lack of available funds or a letter of commitment for a mortgage. This incident magnifies the need for our organization to be able to demonstrate a more significant and consistent stream of income, if we are to obtain a commitment letter.

As such, be on the lookout for a call-for-assistance as we enter another phase in our efforts to purchase a Home of Our Own. One option we are considering: setting up a for-profit business as a means for generating steady income.

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at [www.cafcipc.org](http://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 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.*



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Despite the above setback the search for a property continues, with a primary focus on lease-to-own options, including the possibility of purchasing land or commercial condominiums. Another option being considered is jointly purchasing and sharing a property with a partner organization, thereby reducing the cost of acquisition.

If you have information about an available property, or about a potential investor (or investors) who may be able to help with funding, email [cafcipc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipc@bellsouth.net), and copy [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com), or call 561.790.4002 and leave a message.

Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, CAFCI Home Of Our Own Chair

# Have you met...?

## CELEBRITIES & ACCOMPLISHED INDIVIDUALS WITH CARIBBEAN ROOTS Match the celebrity with their photo and Caribbean country

Each month in our *Spotlight* column we feature a CAFCI member, giving a glimpse of the life and background of an individual within the diverse and accomplished CAFCI community.

This month we've decided to try something new. Featured are accomplished individuals of Caribbean descent and ask you to match them to their country (born or descent) and to their individual photos.

The fact is that accomplished people of the Caribbean are present and prevalent in every industry and walk of life. They have had transformative impact on America in more ways than we typically acknowledge. From the music—Hip Hop was birthed by a Jamaican-Caribbean *'Cool Herc'*; Reggaeton is a direct, though woefully unacknowledged descendant of Reggae—to the Pan Africanist and Black Power movement that advanced America's civil rights—to numerous accomplishments in business and beyond.

True story: Caribbean people account for a significant percentage of Black and Brown folks pursuing degrees at Ivy League colleges and breaking down walls and glass ceilings to create new paths and opportunities for the ones who will come after us.

So, check out a fellow member of the Caribbean community you may not have known before. Let's acknowledge and celebrate them as we celebrate ourselves and our commitment to excellence and achievement. We hope that within the list that follows you'll learn something new about a fellow Caribbean you did not know before. Enjoy, and let us know if you learned something surprising or if you have the name or accomplishment of someone you'd like us to highlight. Let's celebrate our people, for through knowledge we grow.

Have You Met the following accomplished Caribbean celebrities? Match their name to their island of origin and to their individual photo. (Answer key and last page)

<b>CELIA CRUZ:</b> The Queen of Salsa, she was a member of the Tito Puente Orchestra and Willie Colon Orchestra, known for her incredible rhythms and incomparable style she was known for the phrase 'Azucar!'		BARBADOS
<b>COLIN POWELL:</b> Retired four-star general, 65 <sup>th</sup> and first African American to serve as the U.S. Secretary of State, first and \ only African American to serve as the Joint Chief of Staffs. When folks say 'hero' they say 'Colin Powell.'		JAMAICA
<b>DEREK WALCOTT:</b> A talent for the centuries; gifted writer and Nobel Prize-winning poet, author of the lush and epic poem 'Omeros.'		TRINIDAD
<b>DR. CAMILLE WARDROP ALLEYNE:</b> Assistant Program Analyst for the International Space Station, based at NASA's Lyndon B Space Station, according to an article highlighting her accomplishments, she is the only of Caribbean descent in 'a top position at NASA.'		JAMAICA
<b>DR. TRISHA BAILEY:</b> Net worth of \$700 million, owner of Bailey's Medical Equipment and Supplies.		BAHAMAS
<b>EDWIDGE DANTICAT:</b> Novelist, short-story writer, author of 'Breath, Eyes, Memory', and 'Krik Krak.'		TRINIDAD
<b>HARRY BELAFONTE:</b> Iconic and legendary singer, songwriter, actor, prominent civil rights activist, and singer of the classic folk song "Day O." More than his music or his movies, his commitment to the struggle for freedom was the primary mission of his life's work.		CUBA
<b>JEAN MICHEL-BASQUIAT:</b> Neo-Expressionist artist from the 1980s, alleged paramour of Madonna, one of his paintings sold for \$110 million dollars in 2017, died at age 28.		ST. LUCIA
<b>KARINE JEAN-PIERRE:</b> Journalist, Biden White House Press Secretary and Senior Adviser.		JAMAICA

<b>MACHEL MONTANO:</b> One of the biggest and most influential Soca artists in the world, with over 40 years in the business, his biggest songs include: 'Too Young to Soca,' 'Big Truck' and 'Party Done.'		PUERTO RICO
<b>MALCOLM X:</b> 1960s civil rights activist, leader of the Black Nationalist Movement, one of the originators of Black Identity-Black pride.		JAMAICA
<b>MARCUS GARVEY:</b> Pan-Africanist leader of Back to Africa movement, first General President of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.		HAITI
<b>MICHAEL LEE-CHIN:</b> Canadian Billionaire businessman and philanthropist – Roots.		HAITI & PUERTO RICO
<b>NICKI MINAJ:</b> Chart-topping rapper, musical artist, singer-songwriter; she's been nominated for several Grammys, her first album was 'Pink Friday'.		TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
<b>RIHANNA:</b> Musical artist, billionaire businesswoman, owner of Fenty products, singer of the inimitable rainy weather song 'Umbrella'.		JAMAICA
<b>SHIRLEY CHISHOLM:</b> First African American woman elected to Congress, first woman to run seek the Democratic Party's nomination as the presidential candidate.		TRINIDAD
<b>SIDNEY POITIER:</b> Renowned actor and epitome of the Black gentleman, first Black actor to win an Oscar, beloved for his groundbreaking films 'To Sir With Love,' and 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner'.		GRENADA
<b>SONYA SOTAMAYOR:</b> Supreme Court Justice, first Hispanic and third woman to serve on the court.		HAITI
<b>STOKELY CARMICHAEL:</b> aka, Kwame Ture – noted 1960s civil rights and voting rights activist, member of SNCC.		BARBADOS & GUYANA

## NOVEMBER ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS & AWARENESS

### NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH *Honoring the Nation's Indigenous Peoples*



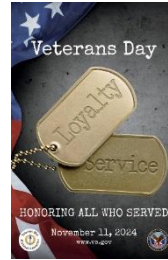
Celebrates the diverse and rich culture, history, and traditions of Native people. The observance is also a time to educate anyone and everyone about the different tribes, raise awareness about the struggles native people faced as well as in the present.

Thousands of years before Christopher Columbus and his crews landed their ships in the Bahamas, the Native Americans had cultivated lives and communities there. Native American history overflows with a variety of diverse groups and prominent leaders and figures like Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, Sacagawea, and Pocahontas. Native Americans were always known for hard work and quick instinct. Today, there are about 4.5 million Native Americans in the United States, making about 1.5 percent of our population. Take some time to learn about and celebrate their culture this month.

Here are a few ways you can celebrate this month.

1. Read a Native American history book, or a novel that dives into the history and traditions of native people. Movies like Pocahontas tend to sensationalize truth about Native American history, so reading a book will likely give you a more realistic vision.
2. Play a game of lacrosse! Believe it or not, lacrosse was one variety of indigenous stickball games the American Indians played as early as the 12th century.
3. There are a few movies made about Native Americans that aren't as oversensationalized and are definitely worth a watch. Try Reel Injun, Smoke Signals, Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee, and Winter in the Blood.
4. Get in the kitchen and try a native recipe! There are tons of mouthwatering recipes from native soups, to roasted duck, or even pumpkin bread for a tasty fall treat.
5. Finally, learn the true story about the very first thanksgiving. What you were taught in elementary school isn't quite accurate.

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/november/national-native-american-heritage-month-november>



### VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11, 2024

*A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.*

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served – not only those who died – have sacrificed and done their duty.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery . The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by Veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

<https://department.va.gov/veterans-day/>



### WORLD KINDNESS DAY November 13, 2024

World Kindness Day 2024 is a global observance dedicated to

promoting and celebrating acts of kindness. This day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness can have on individuals, communities, and the world at large. It encourages people to perform intentional acts of kindness and foster a culture of compassion and generosity.

Participating in World Kindness Day is a simple yet impactful way to make a positive difference in the world. Here are ways to get involved:

1. Perform Acts of Kindness
2. Spread Positivity:
3. Volunteer:
4. Donate:
5. Teach Kindness
6. Random Acts of Kindness:

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-kindness-day-2024/#:~:text=It%20highlights%20the%20importance%20of,mor,e%20harmonious%20and%20caring%20world.>



1. Start a new family tradition: Go rogue and ditch the same ol' turkey and gravy for a completely new menu that reflects a guest's heritage or family-favorite recipes.
2. Bake a pumpkin dessert: Nothing against pumpkin pie, but why not try something completely new for this year's dessert spread? Whether it's pumpkin cheesecake or warm pumpkin bars topped with cream cheese frosting, shake up the traditional dessert with an updated seasonal sweet.
3. Watch 'A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving': It's not Thanksgiving without at least one viewing of the Peanuts' classic movie "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." Whether it's your first time seeing the 1973 TV special or your hundredth, you'll be filled with nostalgia watching this sweet ode to Turkey Day and listening to Vince Guaraldi's timeless soundtrack.
4. Volunteer in your neighborhood: Volunteer at a food pantry, soup kitchen, church or your local animal shelter. Go solo or invite family and friends to join.
5. Cookie swap: Kick off the holiday season with a cookie swap on Thanksgiving. This will take of what to have for dessert too.
6. Host Friendsgiving: Even if you have plans to celebrate with family this year, dedicate part of your day to hang out with your friends or reconnect with old acquaintances.
7. Break the ice: If this year's gathering includes new guests, help them feel right at home by playing an icebreaker game or go around the table and ask questions to get to know everyone a little better.
8. Tell turkey jokes: Gather a supply of Thanksgiving jokes, puns or even good ol' fashioned dad jokes and you'll have everyone laughing around the table in no time.
9. Hold a Turkey Day scavenger hunt: Swing by the dollar store or use items from around the house to plan a Thanksgiving scavenger hunt. It'll get the crowd up and moving after the big meal, giving everyone a chance to stretch their legs before settling in for a movie marathon.
10. Make matching t-shirts: Even if you aren't matching t-shirts kind of people, making Thanksgiving t-shirts as part of your Turkey Day celebration is a fun activity that'll get everyone involved. Take plenty of pics of everyone wearing them, then post on Instagram. The best part? Guests go home with a keepsake.
11. Serve warm drinks: Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday season and all things winter. Celebrate the cozy by making a seasonal drink for everyone to share. Hot chocolate, apple cider or pumpkin spice latte are all perfect picks.
12. Fill a gratitude jar: Instead of having everyone go around the table to say what they're thankful for, have them write it down on a piece of paper. Collect the sentiments in a jar, then read them aloud one by one. See if guests can guess who said what. When the game's over, save the jar and its contents as a family keepsake.
13. Host an open house: Why not break it up by turning Thanksgiving into an open house instead? Relatives and friends can stop by throughout the day, mingle, eat a few appetizers, then be on their merry way.
14. Assemble care packages: Start a Thanksgiving tradition of assembling care packages for members of the military, local shelters or animal rescues.
15. Take a walk: a post-dinner walk is the perfect way to walk off that extra serving of pumpkin pie. Go alone or with the rest of the group.

For 35 more great ideas, visit:  
<https://www.today.com/life/holidays/thanksgiving-activities-rcna38875>



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games Night

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots | Christmas Potluck | Board Election

Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 7 pm; Hybrid  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Board Swearing-In

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION  
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>  
CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Hybrid  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## AROUND TOWN

- Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 8 pm | JAMAICAN WOMEN OF FLORIDA presents "RUN-A-BOAT" FAMILY FUN DAY, at Holy Sacrament, 2801 N. University Drive, Pembroke Pines. For more information, go to <https://www.jamaicanwomenofflorida.com/> and click on events.
- Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 10 pm | GRACE presents the annual JAMAICAN JERK FESTIVAL with Elephant Man, Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, FL. For more information, go to [www.jerkfestival.com](http://www.jerkfestival.com).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month | CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH presents SOUL OF THE CITY JAZZ EXPERIENCE, Lake Pavilion, 101 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/jazz/>
- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the Kravis Center at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events.
- Events in Wellington, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in West Palm Beach, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>

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*Have you met...?*

ANSWER KEY FOR

CELEBRITIES & ACCOMPLISHED INDIVIDUALS WITH CARIBBEAN ROOTS

NAME	PHOTO	COUNTRY
CELIA CRUZ	G	CUBA
COLIN POWELL	O	JAMAICA
DEREK WALCOTT	H	ST. LUCIA
DR. CAMILLE WARDROP ALLEYNE	N	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DR. TRISHA BAILEY	B	JAMAICA
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MICHAEL LEE-CHIN	K	JAMAICA
NICKI MINAJ	F	TRINIDAD
RIHANNA	A	BARBADOS
SHIRLEY CHISHOLM	S	BARBADOS & GUYANA
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