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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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2024

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General Membership Meetings
2nd Saturday of the month
Board Meetings
4th Thursday of the month

See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had CAFCI events at least once a month since the beginning of the year and we are finalizing arrangements to restart monthly in-person meetings in July. As soon as the paperwork is complete, we will announce the location. The in-person meetings will give us an opportunity to meet new members and to see others we have not seen in a while. Thank you to all our friends and supporters who have kept CAFCI going for 35 years; that has been no small feat, and we recognize it and you. Without you CAFCI would not exist; without you we would not be the community stalwart that we are.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY: This year's Cultural Diversity Day program was held on Saturday, May 11th at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. Despite record heat, we had an excellent turnout. Mayor Pinto of Royal Palm Beach and the Village Council were on hand to kick off the event. We thank them for their confidence in, and strong support of, our organization. Thanks to our Cultural Committee chaired by Jannette Sharpe-Paul for making this event fun, entertaining and a remarkable success.

ANNUAL PICNIC: The annual picnic was held on Saturday, May 25th at Commons Park in Royal Palm Beach. Thanks to all the members, friends, and supporters of CAFCI who came out to make this year's picnic an enjoyable day. Finding a space and time that could accommodate all our needs was a challenge this year; yet, despite some logistical challenges, we were able to put on a fun-filled event thanks to the hard work of the entire picnic committee, led by Yvonne Wright. Thanks also to all the people who jumped in and helped at the event; to Lauriston Simms and his recreation team for their help; to Aldin Smith for providing the music; and to all who donated food, money, refreshments, desserts and time. Your true spirit of volunteerism is appreciated. Please see the detailed write-up elsewhere in this newsletter.

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: Our 33rd Annual Friendship Ball is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Airport Hilton Hotel in West Palm Beach. Please save the date for our signature event. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

With warm regards,



Dennis Wright

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Carolyn Hmara	30

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Angela Russell	06
Henworth Ferguson	07
Cheryl Lewis	07
Everett Wheatley	07
Marjorie Mendez	08
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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.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Samuel and Mavis Baxter on the loss of his sister, Camaletha "Velma" Kelly in Jamaica

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
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 Elet Cyris 561.791.9087

JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS CANCELLED

The June General Membership Meeting has been cancelled. In its place will be the Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony (in-person and zoom) on Saturday, June 8 at 4:30 pm. Details are on the cover and on page 9 of this issue of the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

CAFCI Annual FRIENDSHIP BALL

*CAFCI: 35 Years Strong
in Community Involvement*

Saturday, September 28, 2024
Hilton Palm Beach Airport
West Palm Beach

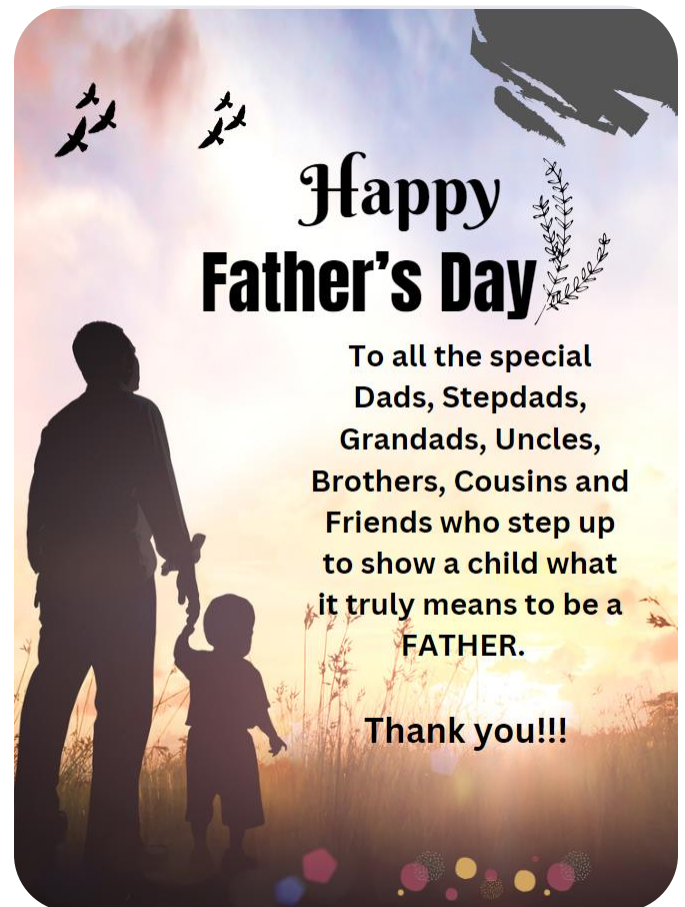
Next up: The CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport in West Palm Beach on September 28th. Are you ready? If you aren't, you need to get ready. This year's ball promises to surpass all the others that have gone before. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place for an event that knocks your socks off! Great food, excellent company, music that enthralls! Maestro please! Entertainment will be provided by Spirit & Soul Band and DJ Mansta. A word to the wise: Be sure to save the date and get your tickets early from a CAFCI member when available. Look out for more details on the CAFCI website and in future issues of the newsletter.

CAFCI EXTENDS

Congratulations!

Nova and Radcliffe "Woody" Brown on their new granddaughter, Charlotte Brown

If you would like to share your good news in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee at junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com so that we can share it with our members.



Happy Father's Day

To all the special Dads, Stepdads, Granddads, Uncles, Brothers, Cousins and Friends who step up to show a child what it truly means to be a FATHER.

Thank you!!!

LET'S DO BUSINESS

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If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee at junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com so that we can share it with our members.

Cultural Diversity Day

Our Diversity is Our Strength

In collaboration with the Village of Royal Palm Beach and funding from the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, Cultural Diversity Day on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Veterans Park was hosted by the CAFCI Cultural Committee. The opening ceremony included a flag ceremony by the Scouts Troop, an address from Mayor Pinto, accompanied by the Village leaders, and the National Anthem sung by Samara Lewis.

The engaging and talented performers kept everyone entertained throughout the afternoon. Our deepest appreciation to the outstanding contribution of all vendors, DJ Richness, the Scout Troops 111, 4111 and pack 120, members of the Student Assistance Fund Committee and the Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Board. Vendor



businesses featured skin care, jewelry, fashionable culture centric clothing, various cuisine, drinks, and desserts, financial and health insurance education, brain health education, foster care, realtors, dental care, miracle rubs, craft shadow boxes, authentic chimes and plates.

The Cultural Committee Chair, Jannette Sharpe-Paul and the Committee members, Paul and Doreen Baker, Radcliffe Brown, Elet Cyris, Shirley Morrison, Kilon Rhoden, Norma Smith-Hill and Genieve White worked tirelessly to ensure everyone had a great time. A very special thank you to Thalia Lauren, Junette Powell and CAFCI President Dennis Wright for their indispensable support.

We received numerous compliments at the post event follow-up from the approximately one thousand attendees and twenty-six vendors who noted the quality of products and performances as well as the warm reception received. Expectations were not only met, they were exceeded. Folks have communicated that they look forward to attending and participating in next year's event.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PERFORMERS AND VENDORS

PERFORMERS

- * El Bachatero Band/Rhythms Dance
- * Bernard Bain - Saxophone
- * Bobby Barnes - Soca Singer
- * Harrigan Drums
- * Hummingbird Of Grace
- * Samara Lewis
- * Mexican Mariachi Band/Folk Dancers
- * Ni Ma Kung Fu - Lion Dance
- * Omar Reggae Band
- * Rio Cana Latin Band
- * Junior Stevens - Steelpan

VENDORS

- * Addison Property Pro - The Keyes Company
- * Authentic - Afro Outfitters
- * Authentic Chimes, Plates and Jewelry
- * Awesome Empanadas
- * Best Smile Road Dental
- * CAFCI BSA Troops 111, 4111 & Pack 120
- * Caribbean Choice Catering
- * Chatou Creation
- * Coolie's Cuisine
- * Everything Zulu II LLC. Jewelry and Spiced Sauce
- * Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund
- * Friends of Foster Children, Palm Beach County
- * Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches
- * JAMMIN' Patties
- * Jennifer Crafts Products
- * JewelryMJ
- * Juicylicious Juice
- * Lioness Natural Soaps
- * Mary Kay: Skincare & Makeup, Mens products
- * Miracle Forces Fire Rub
- * Modern Girl Design Styles and Cuts Inc
- * Primerica
- * Schilling Advisors
- * CAFCI Students Assistance Fund Committee
- * Sweet Marie Waffles and Seafood
- * UM Alzheimer's Education



Submitted by Jannette Sharpe-Paul

Picnic in the Park

Thanks to all CAFCI members, friends, and supporters, we had an awesome picnic on Saturday May 25th with delectable food, good music, great fellowship, and good weather-though a bit hot. Despite logistical difficulties at the new pavilion at Commons Park, everyone managed to navigate them, which led to a fun day.

Attendees played quintessential favorites, like dominoes and other board games; and even though we did not have our traditional musical chairs, DJ Aldin kept the music flowing and the crowd lively.



There were supporters from Grace Episcopal Church, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and St. David's Episcopal church, as well as other 501(c)(3) charter organizations. Thank you!



Once again, the food was on point and received rave reviews; and the fish got a special mention! Among the dishes were jerk chicken, jerk pork, BBQ chicken, steamed and escovitch fish complemented by rice and peas, mac and cheese, festival, soup and beverages. And, of course, there was sweet potato pudding and coconut drops for sale.



Thanks to the Picnic Committee for all your hard work in gifting and soliciting donations as well as prepping and serving. To all the others who helped in so many ways, 'thank you.'

The Picnic Committee, chaired by Yvonne Wright, include Paul Baker, Phyllis Charlton, Winsom Martin, Jennifer Powell-Pittman, Lauriston Simms, Audrey Smith, Jeff Webb and Dennis Wright.



Thanks to all our members who supported this event with

their time, talent, delicious cuisine and financial contributions. BBQ crew: Lauriston Simms (donated chicken), Johnny Davis (BBQ sauce), Jeff Webb, Percival Wood, and others. The fish was prepared by Gloria Legister and Yvonne Wright; rice and peas by Delva Miller, Jeff Webb and Yvonne Wright; festival by Diana Bishop-McIntosh; mac and cheese by Jennifer Powell-Pittman and William Pittman; fresh green salad by Audrey



Smith and Delva Miller; sodas by Winsom Martin; ice donated by Kareem Bishop; sweet potato pudding by Hazel Hamilton; coconut drops by Yvonne Wright. Other helpers were Doreen Baker, Maxine Cheeseman, Yvonne Gray, Alvin Nembhard, Jannette Sharp-Paul, Norma Smith-Hill, Lloyd Swaby, and Marva Wilks and daughter, Katelyn.

Thanks to the following for their cash donations: Doreen and Paul Baker, Nova and Radcliffe Brown, Carolyn and Jeff Hmara, Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd, and Percival Wood. A special thanks to Phyllis Charlton for her generous donation of all fish purchased.

If you were not in attendance, you missed an enjoyable day!

Submitted by Yvonne Wright

Member Spotlight

HAVE YOU MET ... BARRINGTON BERRY?



Barrington Berry is a prankster, but you wouldn't know it to look at him. From the outside, he is reserved and a man of few words. Styled from head to toe in striking outfits, like his pastel pink shorts and matching top with fancy fedora with silk ribbon tipped to the side and summer canvas shoes, sporting polished skin with buffed shoulders and calves, Barrington looks both suave and serious.

That's just the exterior, his wife Heather says. For although Barrington seems both reserved and immaculate, without a button out of place, at home he is a complete jokester. On the day of this interview, he pranked his wife by sneaking up from behind and scaring her enough to make her jump, then collapsed in laughter before he'd even said good morning.

Barrington is organized and meticulous. His knack for making sure everything is in its place is an offshoot of his military and law enforcement background. After graduating high school, Barrington served in the U.S. army for six years as an artillery specialist and later became a corrections officer in New York for 25 years before retiring.

In Corrections, Barrington never experienced inmate hostility and confrontation the way many of his co-workers did. He credits that to the fact that "I treated those guys with respect, and they treated me the same way. I never tried to prove that I had power over them."

Because of this, Barrington thrived in Corrections. The prisoners under his guard respected him enough to comply with his directions, and his division won awards for being clean and orderly and was frequently showcased to visiting officials.

Meticulous in all things, Barrington takes his fitness seriously. He goes to the gym daily and, in fact, it was fitness that brought him and his wife together. The two met at the gym where they were training.

His love of fitness is a continuation of his background as an athlete. From his school days in Jamaica to high school in America and his stint in the army, Barrington ran track and belonged to numerous soccer teams where he played the position of left back defender.

The walls of his home office are lined with medals and certificates, many of them for his athleticism, but others for outstanding community service, including his designation as a Man of the Year by his church. Among the medals he is proudest of are those from the army, one for Army Achievement, and the other for Good Conduct.

Barrington's years as a military and law enforcement officer are reflected in his seriousness, says his wife, but that persona doesn't fully reflect the man.

"Barrington," she laughs, "is known by his friends as Mr. Disco because he loves to dance to any and every kind of music." The kicker is that, although he will dance for hours at a party, she says, you'll never find him drinking or smoking, as he's never smoked or imbibed alcohol a day in his life.

Barrington and his wife have been married for 15 years and have five children between them. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Barrington immigrated to America in 1979 with his mom and sisters. He has been a CAFCI member for approximately six years and is on the Entertainment and Food committees.

Beyond CAFCI, Barrington is a Board Member of his community's HOA. He is also a trustee and usher in his church, Merrell United Methodist of Fort Lauderdale, as well as a member of several committees. Retired and living in West Palm, he drives to Fort Lauderdale three or four times a week to participate in church activities.

Barrington has a great love for music, people, and community. At home you can catch him casually attired, listening to Classic Reggae, vibing to the music, and working out.

By Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

Member Spotlight is an opportunity to share your story. If you would like to be featured or have someone to recommend, please email us at: junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance CAFCI family. We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.

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



On behalf of the Board of Directors and CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee, congratulations to all CAFCI family and friends with relatives who have graduated or will be graduating from high school, college, university or institutes of higher learning.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the 2024 SAF Awards. Thanks also to those who donated to our bake sale at our Cultural Diversity event (Audrey Campbell, Karen Durnst, Patricia Gonzalez, Hazel Hamilton, Angella Russell, Hilary Varlack and Yvonne Wright) and to all who supported by purchasing items. The list of 2024 sponsors and donors to date is on page 11 and posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 4:30 pm

Original Wellington Mall

12794 W Forest Hill Blvd., Ste. K3, Wellington, FL 33414

The award ceremony will be an opportunity to meet the award recipients, hear motivational speech from the keynote speaker and view a video presentation featuring past recipients. Join us to congratulate the recipients. Should you choose to join via zoom, see the link below or the invitation for access:

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Congratulations CAFCI 2024 Student Assistance Fund Award Recipients

- ★ Amanayea Abraham Award – Briana Ulysse
- ★ Michelle and Robert Diffenderfer Award – Rachele Jenna Alcin
- ★ Gloria Edwards Award – Nirvani Balkaran
- ★ Ferrin Student Leadership Award – Kellie Cargill
- ★ Audrey C. Martin Award – Tyson Elliott
- ★ Alpha and Dominique McDonald Award – Anne Osme
- ★ Jess & Victoria Santamaria Award – Karlye Drake
- ★ Genieve White Family Award – Jamir Hutchinson
- ★ CAFCI JUNIOR CITIZEN AWARD – Tyson Elliott

Message from Past SAF Award Recipient

KATE DEVINEY
2022 SAF AWARD RECIPIENT

Greetings!

I hope this note finds you well, as the summer season bears down upon us. I have just completed my sophomore year at Florida State University. I am grateful for the college scholarship you awarded me, and am writing to update you on my progress and activities.

I earned a 3.9 GPA this past semester, while working a part-time job. I continue to work very hard on my studies, and am thrilled that my diligence has earned me a spot on the Dean's List (GPA 3.5 and above) each semester since starting at FSU.

I completed my year-long work as a research assistant to a PhD. candidate in the Florida State University Askew School of Public Administration and Policy. I did so through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. For my research, I analyzed data on government structures and their influence on certain disparities, through the lens of government responsiveness. My research improved my ability to think critically and draw reasonable conclusions. These are critical skills I will need in my future career as a lawyer.

On April 3, 2024, I presented my research project at the 24th Annual President's Undergraduate Research Symposium. The day was quite exciting for me, as it was the culmination of a year of intense and challenging work!

This past year I also completed my term as Social Chair and Executive Board Member for the FSU Women in Pre-Law Society. I really enjoyed planning and executing creative, educational, and enjoyable social events for the organization. I particularly enjoyed bringing in speakers to present on legal education topics. One exceptionally engaging speaker was the Executive Director of the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism at The Florida Bar, who spoke on the very important topic of Florida lawyers' ethical responsibilities.

Next year I will continue my leadership in the Women in Pre-Law Society. The Executive Committee of the organization has selected me to serve as the Vice-President of External Affairs for the 2024-2025 school year. In that position, I will assist the President in her duties, and assume the President's responsibilities in her absence. Community service was also a very important part of my life this past year. During the Spring semester 2024, I rendered 234 hours of community service, and during the Fall semester 2023, I rendered an additional 195, for a total of 429 community service hours for the 2023-2024 school year. Those hours were audited by FSU and are verified on my "ServScript," which is the FSU transcript for community service.

I logged some of my community service hours while serving as Director of Community Engagement and Executive Board

Member for "The Big Event" Tallahassee. "The Big Event" is one of the nation's largest one-day student run community service projects. As Director of Community Engagement, I established and oversaw alliances between Tallahassee non-profit organizations and the hundreds of college-based student, faculty, and staff volunteers from three local colleges and universities, who provided community service to these organizations on Saturday, February 24, 2024, the day of "The Big Event."

On that day, hundreds of university students and staff gave a day of community service to ten Tallahassee non-profit organizations, including Catholic Charities, Bond Community Health Center, and the Leon County Sheriff's Office. I worked very hard with the rest of the "The Big Event" team to ensure that the day was a resounding success, and it was!

After The Big Event, I was honored and gratified to receive a personal note from Michael Barrett, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida, stating:

Kate, I regret not having the opportunity to meet you on Saturday but want to THANK YOU on behalf of Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida for your engagement and getting volunteers to give of their time and talent by helping the Tallahassee offices past Saturday. The Big Event was a big success and Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida is grateful to be a partner with you. Please keep us on your list for future events.

I am thrilled to have been a part of such a successful community service effort! Community service will remain an essential part of my life as long as I live.

In a few weeks I will be departing for Costa Rica, where I will spend the summer taking classes taught entirely in Spanish at The Instituto San Joaquin de Flores, for twelve hours of college credit. I am pleased to have been awarded a US State Department Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for my Spanish immersion studies. I aim to become a fluent Spanish speaker, which will assist me in my future legal career, and more generally.

I look forward to living with my host family, getting to know other university students, and savoring the sights and sounds of Costa Rica! For a few months I will be living the "Pura Vida," a phrase used in Costa Rica to express the Costa Rican philosophy of cherishing life's simplest pleasures.

None of my collegiate achievements and experiences would have been possible without your support. I cannot thank you enough. I look forward to providing future updates, and wish you a joyful and restful summer.

*Kindest Regards,
Kate Deviney*

THANK YOU



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*Thank you to everyone who donated their time and talent
to help raise money for the Student Assistance Fund.
Your support of, and commitment to, our mission is greatly appreciated.*

* DONATIONS OF \$1,000 OR MORE



**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KAREEM GORDON
FOR PRODUCING THE STUDENTS' CONGRATULATIONS VIDEO.
THANKS TO THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE FOR
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CAFCI SCOUTS TROOPS 111 & 411



Greetings and salutations fine members of CAFCI,

This is the last of my hopefully enjoyable newsletters because my term as SPL has come to a close. This month we had a campout at Myakka River State Park. During the weekend we had an opportunity to go on a hike, learn about the local animal species, and climb an observation tower. Outside of these excursions back at the campsite, some Scouts had the opportunity to build a box oven to cook pizza. Scouts also had the opportunity to explore the woods surrounding the campsite. The new Scouts were able to practice many of the skills they learned at New Scout Campout the previous month and did a great job on their first solo campout. Of course, they had the support of the Shaman throughout the weekend. Despite the high heat levels throughout the weekend, the Scouts stayed well-hydrated and still managed to have a lot of fun. I am excited to introduce you to our next Senior Patrol Leader Jonathan Schnick-Baker. I am confident Jonathan will do a great job as we head into Summer Camp season.



Yours in Scouting,
Caleb McNally
Senior Patrol Leader
1.30.24 - 5.28.24
Scouts BSA Troop 111

Greetings CAFCI members,

My name is Jonathan Schnick Baker and I am the new Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 111. I would like to inform you about our recent elections. Scouts who were seeking a position, prepared and delivered speeches to the Troop. These election results were then shared at our Court of Honor Ceremony on Tuesday, March 28th. Landon Girard has filled the position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. We have (2) two new girls, and (4) four boys who have earned Scout Rank, Firem'n Chit, and Totin' Chip at our annual 2024 New Scout campout. There are many additional positions that have also been filled to create a new leadership team. My role is to be in charge of the team.



Jackson Eubanks, Marie Hogan, Jackson Doeren, Bonnie Doeren



Mrs. Zulema Grieser and Keil Grieser



Caleb McNally and Scoutmaster Ryan McNally

We also celebrated a momentous occasion by presenting Founder's Patches and Certificates to all the youth and adults who have formed our new unit chartered by CAFCI, Troop 4111 Girls. Keil Grieser has earned his Parvuli Dei Religious Emblem from Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church. Last but not least, Jackson Doeren has earned his Eagle Rank and becomes the 60th Eagle Scout in Troop 111. Jackson Doeren and Jackson Eubanks have also earned the Triple Crown National High Adventure Award.



Troop 4111 Victoria Montoya, Kyndell Thompson, Isabella Page



Jackson Doeren, Eagle Scout #60



Keil Grieser, Nael Issa, Roman Mahne, Allen Arthur, Isabella Page

I'd like to personally thank our previous SPL, Caleb McNally, for his support while I was the ASPL. I hope to continue the Troop 111/4111 legacy of being a great SPL, while shaping future leaders amongst our brand new scouts.

Stay tuned for my next article to hear all about our annual Tanah Keeta Summer Camp.



Yours in Scouting,
Jonathan Schnick Baker
Senior Patrol Leader
5.28.24 -
Scouts BSA Troop 111



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>

"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." - Scout Oath

"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." - Scout Law

Troop 111 & 4111

Make friends and lasting memories
Gain leadership skills
Learn life skills
Camp monthly

Boys and Girls Ages: 10-17

JOIN NOW

troop111rpb@gmail.com

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

CAFCl website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>

GoFundMe: Visit <https://gofund.me/7319cf9a> • Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCl???

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

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Mail to: CAFCl

Attention: Lawrence Logan,

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



At the November Board meeting, Barclay Varlack presented a business proposal to the Board on behalf of the Finance Committee. The proposal was approved and the Finance Committee was directed to investigate the details required to set up the proposed business. This will require a few months to complete. The purpose of this step is to get legal advice and, if favorable, create a more detailed business plan for the Board to review for approval. If approved, the next step would be to implement the plan and start the business.

The business plan is required by the organization we have solicited to help us acquire funding for a building and related capital expenses. They will help us secure financing prior to finding a space.

If you have information about potential investors who may be able to help with funding, please share your ideas and information about available properties by calling 561-790-4002 and leaving a message, or by emailing cafci@bellsouth.net, and copying radcliffewoody@aol.com. We thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. 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 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.***

Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCl Home Of Our Own Chair

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 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 CAFCl's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.

CAFCl MEMBERS... If you would like to share the accomplishments of a close relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCl 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 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).

IMPORTANT: Include "CAFCl 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 in Florida, Inc.



proudly presents our annual
FRIENDSHIP BALL

Celebrating CAFCI
35 Years Strong in Community Involvement

Saturday, September 28, 2024

7 pm to 1 am

Dinner Served at 8:30 pm

Hilton Palm Beach Airport

150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

**Semi-
Formal**

\$110

**Advance Ticket
Sales Only
CASH BAR**

**Door Prizes,
Raffle
& More**

DJ Mansta



Spirit & Soul Band



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TICKET



CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman

Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, culminating a two-year, bipartisan and bicameral effort. The Proclamation was issued by President George W. Bush on June 6, 2006.

During Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we celebrate the achievements and dreams of the millions of people of Caribbean origin now living in the United States while honoring the shared history of joy and perseverance that has united and enriched life across our region for centuries. There is no single Caribbean American identity. The mix of cultures, languages, and religions alive across the United States and the islands reflects the diversity of spirit that defines the American story. Meanwhile, our countries are bound by common values and a shared history — overcoming the yoke of colonialism, confronting the original sin of slavery, and charting new opportunities across borders and generations.

For more information, events and activities commemorating the Caribbean American Heritage month in June, visit caribbeanamericanmonth.com.

Source: <https://caribbeanamericanmonth.com/>



JUNETEENTH also called Freedom Day, African American Independence Day, Jubilee Day, or Emancipation Day, is a federal holiday (as of June 17, 2021!) celebrating emancipation from slavery in the United States. A combination of “June” and “nineteenth,” this

day commemorates the proclamation of freedom for enslaved people in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865.

During the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation became official on January 1, 1863. This was an executive order which declared that enslaved people in the Confederate states were free. However, it wasn’t until June 19, 1865— 2.5 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, and 2 months after the Civil War ended— that those enslaved in Galveston, Texas (the westernmost state in the Confederacy) were released from slavery. On that day, approximately 2,000 Union troops led by Major-General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston to announce that the Civil War was over and that the 250,000+ enslaved people in Texas were officially free.

One way to celebrate Juneteenth: Watch [What is Juneteenth and Why Do We Celebrate?](#) *This animated video from BrainPOP is suitable for a variety of age groups and explains the history of Juneteenth.*

Source: [Celebrating Juneteenth 2021 \(gateway-longview.org\)](http://Celebrating Juneteenth 2021 (gateway-longview.org))



THE REAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Declaration of Independence was announced on July 4th, though the formal signing didn’t occur until August 2nd, and the colonies actually voted to accept it on

July 2nd. So you may wonder – what day is the real Independence Day?

John Adams, who first proposed the idea of declaring independence from England, [wrote a famous letter to his wife, Abigail](#), about how he believed *July 2nd* would be a day that was remembered and celebrated in America for years to come. Apparently everyone else remembered otherwise...

Source: [Fourth of July 2024: History, Trivia, and Celebrations - Farmers' Almanac \(farmersalmanac.com\)](#)

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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.

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 4:30 pm
Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony
Original Wellington Mall, Wellington & Via Zoom

Saturday, July 13: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid
Saturday, August 10: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid
Saturday, September 14: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 7pm
CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL
Celebrating CAFCI: 35 Years Strong in Community Involvement
Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 12: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid
Saturday, November 9: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid
Saturday, December 14: General Membership Meeting, ~ Toys for Tots | Christmas Potluck, 7 pm, Hybrid

AROUND TOWN

- Thursday, June 13, 6 pm | Jamaicans Of The Palm Beaches, Inc. in association with Community Building Advocates, Inc. (CBA) is hosting a FREE Pre-Father's Day Dinner and Dance **OUR FATHERS, OUR INSPIRATION** at Riviera Beach Marina Village Event Center, 190 E 13th Street, Riviera Beach. Entertainment provided by Silver Birds Steel Orchestra, Junior Stevens, Saxophonist Marcae Nelson, and other artists at RSVP: <https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/k6d7b6wsWnkLJlfLqP7kW>
- Saturday, June 29, 1 - 5 pm | Island Space Caribbean Museum, Broward County Florida and Community Foundation of Broward present **ANANCY FESTIVAL**, a family-friendly, fun-filled day with stories of mischief and friendship at Island Space Museum, 8000 W. Broward Blvd, #1202, Plantation. RSVP: islandspacefl.org/anancy24.
- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the Kravis Center at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events.
- For information on what's going on around Wellington, go to AroundWellington.com.

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2024 HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE – SURVIVE DURING!!!

Eastern Pacific: May 15-November 30 | Atlantic: June 1-November 30 | Central Pacific: June 1-November 30

- Evacuate immediately if ordered to do so. Take critical supplies and documents with you. Follow evacuation routes and directions from local officials. Do not drive around barricades. Drive carefully and be cautious of strong winds and heavy rain.
If you do not evacuate, take shelter indoors and stay away from windows and doors.
 - ✦ If there is no flooding, make sure your safe shelter is on the lowest level that will not be affected by flood water. Take shelter in a FEMA safe room, an International Code Council (ICC) 500 storm shelter or a small, interior windowless room in a sturdy building.
 - ✦ If you experience flooding, go to the highest level of the building to avoid becoming trapped by rising flood water but do not climb into a closed attic.
- Get inside a safe shelter or a sturdy building as soon as possible if you are outdoors, in a vehicle, in a manufactured or mobile home, or in a temporary structure during a hurricane.
- Pay attention to updates from weather stations and news sources to stay informed. Follow advice from local authorities. Take action when advised to do so.
- Use a generator, grill or camp stove **ONLY** outdoors and at least 20 feet away from any building openings like windows, doors or garages to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Turn around, don't drown! Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Do not drive during a hurricane. Wind gusts can overturn vehicles and roads and bridges could collapse.
- Conserve mobile device batteries for emergency use.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety Go to [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) and use FEMA's Guide for Alerts and Warnings to learn more about hurricane watches and warnings. Download the FEMA app to get more information about how to prepare.

Source: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes#before>