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FEBRUARY

2023

CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach Celebrate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

"Love is the Most Durable Power in the World"

CAFCI's MLK Celebration on January 16th started promptly at 10 am with approximately 320 in attendance despite the chilly morning. Boy Scouts Troop 111 opened the celebration, followed by a rendition of the National Anthem by Samara Lewis. There were outstanding performances by Copeland Davis and the United Overcomer Church of God Dance Group, to name a few. Mayor Fred Pinto recognized the local dignitaries and President Dennis Wright delivered a welcoming that included a recap of CAFCI's recent accomplishments, even during the pandemic. The Mistress of Ceremonies, E. Anita Newman, kept the audience engaged and entertained with her witty remarks. This celebration was a real crowd-pleaser.

Keynote speaker, Willie Gary, Esq., expounded on the theme "Love is the Most Durable Power in the World." His message was encouraging to the attendees, especially teenagers, to live out what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for and pointed out that they have the ability to be great. He encouraged everyone to make a difference in their community; he expressed gratitude to organizations like CAFCI that, by remembering MLK Day, keep alive the quest for which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. died.



Samara Lewis sang Star Spangled Banner & Lift Every Voice



Councilman Jeff Hmara, Shirley Morrison, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Genieve White, Winsom Martin, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris, Kilon Rhoden

The celebration ended with attendees rocking to John Lennon's rendition of "One Love."

Thanks to the Village of Royal Palm Beach for partnering with CAFCI to host the MLK Day Celebration again this year and to the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County for its support. Thanks also to the members of the Cultural Committee for their hard work in putting this program together. Committee members are: Hildreth Stoddard-Brown, chair, Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison, Kilon Rhoden and Genieve White.



Mayor Fred Pinto

A video of the celebration will soon be added to CAFCI's website (cafcipbc.org).

Submitted by Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Chairwoman, Cultural Committee



Vice Mayor Selena Smith, Attorney Willie Gary, Councilmen Richard Valuntas, Jeff Hmara



Copeland Davis



Mime Orlando Arias with Riley Valuntas



Magician Matt Durham with Christina Valuntas



The United Overcomer Church of God Dance Group



Elet Cyris, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown



Scouts from Troop 111 and Pack 120

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 11TH BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEETING: Please come out and celebrate Black History month with us at our next General Membership meeting on February 11th. This year the theme of Black History Month is "Black Resistance." By resisting, African Americans continue to mobilize resources and shape social movements to create a space that they can thrive in. It is extremely important to come out and support black history here in Florida as the Black culture and history are under constant attack in this state. We need to hold on to the gains that have been won over the years and not allow any rollback or revision. Mayor Fred Pinto will be speaking at this meeting.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION: On January 16th we held our 21st annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. This event, supported by a grant from the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, is a collaboration between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI. The program was well received and the feedback has been very positive. Congratulations to Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Cultural Committee Chair, and her entire team (Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison, Kilon Rhoden and Genieve White) for a well-coordinated event.

BOARD SWEARING IN: The 2023 Board of Directors was sworn in on January 14, 2023 by the Honorable Judge Maxine Cheesman. Special thanks to all our returning board members who continued to serve during the years of the pandemic and have signed up for another year. Your service is invaluable to keep the organization going. We are looking for members to chair and serve on the Picnic and Membership Committees. Please contact me if you are able to serve.



Dennis Wright



FEBRUARY 16 - 28

Julia Adams	21
Dennis Wright	22
Casarine Susan Fevrier	25
Stephen Williams	25
Pearline Roomes	27

MARCH 1 - 15

Richard Valuntas	03
Frank Hayden	04
Vinette Tracey	04
Kathy Maragh	08
Marva Wilks	09
Millie Hampton	11
Winston Davis	15
KaShamba Miller-Anderson	15

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send us an email to CAFCI (cafci@bellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Samuel Baxter
 Dorothy Lynch
 Edna Morgan
 Hildreth Stoddart-Brown

COMFORT & SUPPORT TO:

Renaud Baker, son of
 Paul and Doreen Baker

CONDOLENCES TO:

Yvonne Gray on the loss of
 her brother, Seymore Kennedy

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.

Elet Cyris, Chair561.791.9087
 Paul Baker561.784.0067
 Samuel Baxter561.798.2864

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Valentine's Day & Black History Month Celebrations

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 7 pm

IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse

100 Indianhead Circle, Royal Palm Beach

Join us for our February monthly General Membership meeting where the Honorable Fred Pinto, Mayor of Royal Palm Beach, will offer the presentation, "Insults should ignite our drive to achieve great things. Let's make history!" We will also celebrate Valentine's Day, so make sure to wear your red.

We are conducting our monthly membership meetings via Hybrid (In-Person and Zoom) until further notice.

IN-PERSON: Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse is located off Okeechobee Boulevard. Heading west, it is the last left before Crestwood Boulevard. Heading east on Okeechobee Boulevard, cross over Crestwood Boulevard and it is the first right which is Ridgefield Drive. At the end of Ridgefield Drive, make a right on Indianhead Circle and an immediate left into the clubhouse parking lot.

VIA ZOOM: To participate, you will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone and access to the internet. You may also call in. See instructions below.

Visit website: www.cafcipc.org

Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"

OR

Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllLNER0a2JuNIhtYUZI
VkZzYmRSdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllLNER0a2JuNIhtYUZI VkZzYmRSdz09)

OR

Download the ZOOM App: www.zoom.com

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422 · Password: 478705

OR

Call-In: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422 · Password: 478705

Please Note: General Membership Meeting in March has been cancelled due to Relay for Life on March 11th.

CAFCI NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL COMMITTEE

Thank you to CAFCI's New Year's Eve Ball Committee for leading the charge to ring in the new year, setting the tone for a fantastic 2023. This dedicated team was all smiles after working tirelessly to create an elegant and fun evening. It was so refreshing to ring in the new year together again. Congratulations to the NYE Ball Committee for a job well done.



Cindy Beckles, Genieve White, Alvin Nembhard, Audrey Smith, Charmaine Henry, Dennis Wright; Not pictured: Hildreth Stoddart-Brown

Photos by Denise Fleischman/Town-Crier

RELAY FOR LIFE

Western Palm Beach County

Saturday, March 11, 2023

South Florida Fairgrounds

9067 Southern Boulevard, West Palm Beach



Relay for Life Western Palm Beach County event will be on Saturday, March 11th, at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd. Opening ceremonies start at 4 pm. The theme for 2023 is "WISH UPON A CURE" with each team representing something from Disney. CAFCI was assigned the Little Mermaid character.

*This year CAFCI will have a silent auction tent. If you have any items that you can contribute to our team, we would greatly appreciate it. There is no limit on how many items each team can enter, and any monies collected for our team's items will be credited to our team. **No perishable items please.** Please call me at 561.329.4352 by March 3rd and I will make arrangements to get the items from you.*

CAFCI's fundraising goal this year is \$2,000. At the time of this publication, we have raised \$465, and we need everyone to do their part for us to meet our goal. We have created several ways for you to help.

For the past several years CAFCI has been recognized by the Relay for Life organization for our participation and fundraising efforts. Let's keep it going! Come out and have dinner with us and support the fight against cancer.

Cancer is an awful disease and nearly everyone knows someone who has been touched by it. I encourage everyone to go online to the CAFCI Relay for Life webpage which is accessible via the CAFCI website and make your donations and purchase luminarias in memory or in honor of your relatives and friends. **Luminarias cost \$10 each.**

Everyone is encouraged to set a personal goal and ask friends and family to help you reach your goal. The CAFCI Relay For Life web page can be accessed directly at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/cafcipc> or via the CAFCI web site <https://www.cafcipc.org/relayforlife>. From the CAFCI Relay web page you can make a donation, join our team, and register as a survivor. Please note: to solicit donations and/or register as a survivor, you must first join our team.

Let's go "Island Steppers" as we participate in the fight against cancer!

By Nova Brown, Relay for Life Chair

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11 am
Okeehetee Park, Osceola Pavilion

Plans are in the works for the annual picnic. There will be lots of food, fun and games. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079. Tickets for this year's picnic will be available shortly. Additional information will be posted on the CAFCI website (cafcipbc.org) and in future publications of this newsletter.

DIVINE WINE & HIGH TEA *with a Vintage Flair*

Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 4 - 7 pm
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.

After a hiatus during the pandemic, the Board of the Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund (VAFMSF) is delighted to present its annual fundraiser "Divine Wine & High Tea" and this year with a Vintage Flair. Ladies, think hats, fascinators, pearls, and gloves; Gents, think hats and bowties. The afternoon will feature a Hat Contest, Fashion Show by Modern Girl Trend, an Auction and other entertainment, catered by Piquant Cuisine with a choice selection of teas and wines. Ticket Donation: \$45. Advance reservations are required. For more information or to reserve your tickets, contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561.685.9836 or a VAFMSF Board member. Don't miss this afternoon of fun and frivolity!!!

CAFCI CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 1 pm
Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. The event is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. Entrance to this event is free. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing the rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to exchange and enjoy our food, language, dance and customs. Vendors are invited to purchase a space and sell their goods. Therefore, if you are - or know anyone who would be - interested, email CAFCI at cafcipbc@bellsouth.net. Look for the flyer with further details as well as the vendor form in upcoming issues of this newsletter or on the CAFCI website at www.cafcipbc.org.



CAFCI 2023 Board of Directors

Congratulations to CAFCI 2023 Board of Directors who were sworn in on January 14, 2023 by the Honorable Judge Maxine Cheesman. Due to a technical error, photo of 1st Vice President Genieve White, who was also sworn in, is not shown.



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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 as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee provides deserving local 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. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. We appreciate your support.

To donate or support 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 "for SAF" on your check in 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. **FACEBOOK DONATION** – Click on the image on CAFCI's SAF Fundraising Page and it will take you directly to CAFCI's Facebook page where you can make an online donation.

Please help spread the word to your family, friends, businesses and social media contacts. Thanks to all who have made donations and supported our fundraising efforts. The list of 2022 Donors and Sponsors is posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram.

COLLEGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for 2023. The **DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 3, 2023**. The 2023 Student Assistance Application is posted on CAFCI's website - <https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>.

Don't miss this chance to share this amazing opportunity with your child, grandchild, relative or friend who will be graduating from high school this year.

MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kate Deviney, 2022 Award Recipient

January 9, 2023

Dear CAFCI,

Happy New Year! I hope you've all been well.

Earlier this week, I found out I was accepted into the Florida State University Honors Program. University Honors is a vibrant and engaged community of student scholars that excel both in and outside of the classroom. University Honors students focus on their social, intellectual, and personal development through academic, service, research, entrepreneurship and leadership opportunities.

Applying and getting accepted into FSU Honors was one of my big goals this semester, and I am happy my hard work paid off. I am really proud to share this accomplishment with you all!

I hope you each have a wonderful week.

Warmly,

Kate Deviney

Danielle Nelson, 2021 Award Recipient

January 31, 2023

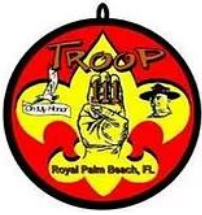
Hi Ms. Junette,

How are you? I recently talked with my Grandma, and hadn't realized that I hadn't updated you all in so long. I've been very busy recently because I've joined a program that will allow me to graduate a year early. Hopefully, I will be done by the summer semester of 2024!! This summer I will also be doing a marketing and communications internship with FPL, and last summer I did the Kravis Center Artistic Internship. I hope you're all doing well, and I promise not to go so long without an email again.

Best,

Danielle Nelson

CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111



Greetings CAFCI members,

My name is Jackson Doeren and I am the new Senior Patrol Leader. Troop 111 started 2023 with new leadership and new experiences for all of our scouts, leaders and parents.

January was a busy month for the scouts of Troop 111. One of our scouts, Niles Sood, completed his Eagle Scout Project, which was making Geocaches. This treasure hunt is set up in Veterans Park. Many scouts helped with completing his project. I can't wait to experience other Troop 111 Eagle Projects in the future. We have several Life Scouts who are in the beginning phases now.

Troop 111 also participated in CAFCI's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day flag ceremony and gave the invocation. Almost all of our scouts attended this year. We were also joined by scouts from Pack 120.

For our January camp out, our scouts had an amazing experience at Camp La-No-Che. Our main event during the outing was shooting at Okeechobee Shooting Sports. The scouts learned about shooting safety and much more.

Our scouts are excited for upcoming campouts in the coming months. They are even more thrilled to attend our annual summer camp at Tanah Keeta and our out of state camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Camp Raven Knob. This year we also have a high adventure trip, hiking in New Mexico at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

On behalf of Troop 111, we thank CAFCI for all they do for us to make sure that our scouts are having fun and staying safe.

By Jackson Doeren, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 111



Back L to R: Mohammed Almasoodi, Williams Hicks, Landon Girard, SPL, Jackson Doeren, Jonathan Schnick Baker, Asst. SPL, Jackson Eubanks, Ryan Goldberger, Scoutmaster, Ryan McNally

Front L to R: Haroon Almasoodi, Noah Cabrera, Kirill Montoya, Keenan Stack, Lucas Schnick Baker, Luke Estevez



Jackson Doeren,
Senior Patrol Leader



Keenan Stack



Mohammed Almasoodi

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Zeta Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in collaboration with the Ivy Educational Foundation, Inc., will award scholarships to deserving high school seniors for the 2022-2023 academic year. We encourage graduating seniors in the following municipalities to apply: Jupiter, Lake Worth, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach. **Please Note: Application Deadline: February 24, 2023.** Applicants chosen for an interview will be notified via email.

To apply click the link below

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfgL5DUX3aG5N.../viewform>
#AKAscholarship #AKAZTO

ACTING OPPORTUNITY

Calling All Kids ages 8-13: Oliver! Auditions - The Maltz Jupiter Theatre is seeking children ages 8-13 to fill additional "extra" roles for the upcoming production of Oliver! On stage March 12 - April 2, 2023! If you know anyone that would be interested, contact company manager Eloisa Ferrer at eferrer@jupitertheatre.org.



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February 1, 2023

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 32 years of service to the community. CAFCI, a (501)(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 30 years, CAFCI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students in our communities to achieve their educational goals. Your financial donation and dedication to helping CAFCI advance our youth's higher education will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFCI will be able to award between \$500 to \$1,500 to each deserving student.

Many ambitious students are denied access to a college education due to financial constraints. As you can imagine, many high school students may hold the key to a cure for a disease but may never have the opportunity to maximize their potential. Many have innovative ideas for probable solutions to social problems, yet may never have a chance to expand on them. Others are discouraged simply because the first step to higher education may seem financially impossible.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee is requesting your financial help. We invite you to partner with CAFCI in financially assisting our youths to make their educational goals a reality. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope to more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. Please find accompanying information about our organization and past recipients.

We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to help with assisting students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. We will publicly acknowledge you on our *Donors' List*. **You may make your donation online by going to www.cafcipc.org/donation-center and select Student Assistance or by mailing your donation by April 30, 2023 to:**

CAFCI
Attn: Student Assistance Fund
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561.790.4002.

Respectfully,

Nadine White-Boyd

Nadine White-Boyd

Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Junette Powell

Junette Powell

Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Dennis Wright

Dennis Wright

President

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI)



Who We Are

CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our ancestral origins. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999.

CAFCI is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. Our annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

Our Mission

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement's mission is to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.

Student Assistance Fund Award Recipients – 2019

A sample of some of our star students from the Class of 2019.



How YOU Can Help Our Students

1. Make **check** or **money order payable to:** C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website **www.cafcipc.org** and clicking on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.
3. It is preferred that your generous donation be received on or before **April 30, 2023**, in preparation for our virtual Award Ceremony.

No contribution is too small and on behalf of the students and families, we **Thank You Very Much!**

Contact Us

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Student Assistance Fund Award Program

Each year we offer deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from our organization.

Past student awards ranged from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.



Student Eligibility Requirements

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success in their high school tenure to be eligible.
- Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities.
- Applicants must show interest in the Caribbean community.
- The monetary assistance is awarded to students who are going on to a college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning.
- If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the school before receiving the award.

Award Ceremonies

Each year in May CAFCI holds an award ceremony for students, their families, members and friends of CAFCI.

We invite community leaders, guest speakers, Student Assistance Fund Committee members past and present, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.



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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???

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

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.

We are currently looking at the feasibility of procuring a commercial building large enough to lease part and use the remainder for ourselves. An update relating to this effort will be in the next newsletter. We will continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipc.org and click on the “Home of Our Own” tab or call Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. **We have made it easier to 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.***



If you have information about potential investor(s) who may be able to help with funding, share your ideas or provide information about available property, email cafcipc@bellsouth.net, copying radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.790.4002 and leave a message.

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

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 any accomplishments of close relatives (eg. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the “Our Children Are Our Future” section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com).

IMPORTANT: Include “CAFCI NEWS” in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.

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FEBRUARY ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month, also known as African American History Month. Begun in 1976, It is a month-long commemoration of African American history and achievement that takes place each February in the United States. The theme for Black History month 2023 will be Black Resistance. It has also received official recognition in Canada and other states including the UK, Ireland and Netherlands. The motive of the month is also to spread more awareness of Black History and struggles as the name suggests, so let's dig in deeper and find out what Black History Month is all about and why it is celebrated in the month of February.

- U.S. President Gerald Ford encouraged Americans to celebrate the month in unity and liberty.

Black History Month: Origins and Beginnings

- In 1915, historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in response to the lack of information on the accomplishments of Black people available to the public at the time.
- During 1926, the association declared the second week of February as "Negro History Week" in order to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history.
- Few people studied Black history and it wasn't included in textbooks prior to the creation of Negro History Week.

Source: <https://www.jagranjosh.com/general-knowledge/black-history-month-1675161113-1>



PRESIDENTS' DAY February 20, 2023

Did You Know ... Presidents' Day, also called Washington's Birthday at the federal governmental level, is a holiday in the

United States celebrated on the third Monday of February to honor all persons who served as presidents of the United States. Since 1879 it has been the federal holiday honoring George Washington, who led the Continental Army to victory in the American Revolutionary War, presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, and was the first U.S. president.

As states and cities followed suit, those that had been celebrating Lincoln's birthday on February 12 combined the two into Presidents Day. Lincoln led the nation through the American Civil War, preserved the Union, abolished slavery, bolstered the federal government, and modernized the U.S. economy.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22 from 1879 until 1970. To give federal employees a three-day weekend, in 1968 the Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved it to the third Monday in February, which can occur from February 15th to the 21st. The day soon became known as Presidents' Day and provides an occasion to remember all U.S. presidents, or to honor Abraham Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays together.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidents%27_Day

REGGAE MONTH

Reggae Month was conceived and initiated in 2007 by the board of directors of the Recording Industry Association of Jamaica (RIAJam). In January 2008 Governor-General Hall, acting upon the advice of the Prime Minister, made the formal declaration, and Reggae Month was born.

The vision for Reggae Month is to generate local and international focus on Reggae music throughout the month of February each year, with the staging of relevant celebratory and business developmental activities in Jamaica. Activities for the first Reggae Month (February 2008), were coordinated by RIAJam working in collaboration with the Bob Marley and Rita Marley Foundations, and the Ministry of Culture. These activities included the staging by RIAJam of the Reggae Academy Awards in Kingston, the Bob Marley Africa Unite/Smile Jamaica concert at James Bond Beach in St. Mary presented by the Marley Foundations, the Reggae Film Festival presented by Barbara Blake Hannah and Peter Gittens, a series of music business panel discussions, emerging artist showcases, photographic exhibitions, and other events. The first Global Reggae Conference was also staged by the University of the West Indies during Reggae Month 2008.

The decision to choose February as Reggae Month was unanimously agreed to by members of the board of directors of RIAJam. We took into consideration, among other things, the fact that music and media communities in Jamaica and around the world were already bringing special focus to Reggae in February each year as a result of various festivals, concerts, conferences and panel discussions staged annually in recognition of Bob Marley's February 6th birthday.

REGGAE & BLACK HISTORY: Some persons have suggested that celebrating Reggae Month in February poses a conflict with the American celebration of Black History Month. To those persons I would say, Reggae music IS about black history. In my opinion, there is no other genre of music in the world that can claim to highlight, celebrate, and inform about African history and issues as Reggae music has done, and continues to do. To my mind celebrating Reggae Month and Black History Month simultaneously therefore makes a lot of sense.

"A people without knowledge of their past history origin and culture, is like a tree without roots."

~ Marcus Garvey

"Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will"

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Source: <https://unitedreggae.com/articles/n1735/012515/reggae-month-and-black-history-month>

A TIME IN HISTORY

Scipio Africanus Jones



Scipio Africanus Jones
August 3, 1863 – March 2, 1943

Born August 3, 1863 in Smith Township, Arkansas in Dallas County, Scipio Africanus Jones was an African American lawyer, judge, educator, businessman, philanthropist, and influential Republican politician; a success by any standard. His mother, Jemmima Jones, was a 15-year-old slave at the time of his birth. At a very young age, her slave holders, bearing the surname Jones, assigned her as companion to their young daughter who was one year younger. After the parents' death when the daughter was nine

years old, she went to live with her uncle, a Dr. Sanford Reamey, taking her ten-year-old companion with her. It is believed that Dr. Reamey impregnated his niece's young companion and fathered Scipio.

Jones attended schools for African Americans in the Tulip area and moved to Little Rock in 1883; there, he attended Walden Seminary (now Philander Smith College), completing the four-year college preparatory course in three years. In 1885 he earned a bachelor's degree at Bethel Institute (now Shorter College) in North Little Rock. During the next four years, Jones taught public school while studying law on his own time by offering to work as an unpaid janitor at the law offices of two White judges and a White attorney where he read law books during his free time. He passed the bar on June 15, 1889; his credentials were accepted by the Supreme Court of Arkansas in 1900 and by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1905.

The most significant case in which Jones was involved was the successful defense of twelve Black men who were arrested and convicted of murder after the Elaine Massacre; an incident where a deputized White mob killed hundreds of African Americans and five White people were killed. The White attorney who was leading the defense became ill, leaving Jones as the lead defense attorney. He appealed the case to the Arkansas Supreme Court where he twice won a retrial for six of the defendants. They were set free when the lower court did not seek a third trial. He appealed the conviction of the remaining six defendants to the US Supreme Court. The conviction was overturned. Instead of going to retrial, Jones negotiated a plea where the defendants had to plead guilty to second degree murder and serve a sentence of five years that began from the date they were first incarcerated in the Arkansas State Penitentiary. They were granted an indefinite furlough by the governor who ordered their release.

As a leader in the African-American community in Little Rock, Jones is also recognized as responsible for preventing a repeat of the Elaine Massacre in the state's capital city. He and other community leaders

persuaded their fellow African-American citizens to remain out of sight and avoid confrontation amidst the mob violence surrounding the lynching of a black man on May 4, 1927.

Jones worked with Booker T. Washington to build a Black middle-class and upper-class society separate from White society, but he was sometimes criticized for his non-confrontational approach to race relations. Among his friends were many leading White citizens of Arkansas, including the governor; yet when the leaders of the Republican Party in Arkansas tried to exclude African Americans from the workings of the party, Jones resisted. In 1900 and 1902, Jones worked to present a slate of Pulaski County delegates which included African Americans to the state Republican Party convention. The slate was rejected by party leadership both times. Jones himself ran for the Little Rock school board in 1902 but was defeated by a 2,202 to 181 vote after a major Arkansas newspaper published articles about the danger of having a Black man seated on the school board.

In 1920, after the Pulaski County convention was moved to a different location without giving advance notice to the African Americans, Jones helped to organize a separate party convention for Black voters, but neither the state nor national party conventions would seat the Black delegates. Finally, in 1924, the Republican state committee agreed to hold party conventions in "places where all Republicans can attend" and reserved two positions for African Americans to be seated, which expanded the committee. On May 1, 1928, Jones was chosen as an Arkansas delegate to the Republican National Convention, and again in 1940. In 1930, a group of African-American lawyers, Jones being one of them, unsuccessfully sued the Arkansas Democratic Party over rules that prevented Black citizens from voting in the Democratic state primary elections.

Jones was married twice. His first wife with whom he had one daughter, died; there were no children from the second marriage.

Jones practiced law in Little Rock for the rest of his life; frequently representing indigent citizens and working to correct abuse and injustice in Arkansas's penal system; Jones twice served in temporary capacity as a judge. He was elected a special judge to hear a case in the Little Rock Municipal Court when the regular judge disqualified himself. In 1924, Jones was elected a special chancellor in Pulaski County Chancery Court He died in his Little Rock home on March 28, 1943. His funeral was attended by many government and political leaders, both African American and White.

Resources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scipio_Africanus_Jones

<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/scipio-africanus-jones-2427/>

<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/elaine-massacre-of-1919-1102/>

Submitted by Barbara Walker

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CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

Saturday, February 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Black History Month & Valentine's Day**, 7 pm, Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse & Via Zoom

March General Membership Meeting Cancelled

Saturday, March 11: **Relay for Life Western Palm Beach County**, 4 pm, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach

Saturday, April 1: **VAFMSF Divine Wine & High Tea**, 4-7 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, April 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, -Via Zoom

Saturday, April 29: **Annual Picnic**, 11 am, Okeeheelee Park, Osceola Pavilion

May General Membership Meeting Cancelled

Saturday, May 13: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1 pm, Veterans Park

Saturday, June 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, June 17: **Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony**, Time & Location TBA

Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting ~ Business Awareness**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, August 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ Membership Appreciation**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, September 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 16, 2023

CAFCI'S Annual Friendship Ball

Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting ~ Games Night**, 7 pm, Location TBA

Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Nominations**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7 pm, Via Zoom

Sunday, December 31: **CAFCI New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location TBA

AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, February 11th, 8 pm: United Sports and Social Club** presents their **Valentine's Party** at St. Christopher's Event Hall, 1063 Haverhill Road, West Palm Beach, FL. Music by DJ Prento Fire. For information call 561.312.5972.
- **Friday, February 17th, 4 to 9 pm: Spady Cultural Heritage Museum** presents its second annual **Black History Youth Awareness Festival** at the Museum, 170 NW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach. For more information visit <https://bhyaaf.net/>
- **Saturday, February 18th, 8 pm to 1 am: Grace Episcopal Church Women** presents **Tropical Night of Love** at Grace Episcopal Church, 3600 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. For information, contact Maureen George at 561.315.0575.
- **Saturday, February 24th, 6 pm: The Hummingbird of Grace, Inc.** presents a **free concert** at Grace Fellowship Church, 8350 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach. For more information, contact Yvonne Broderick at 646.260.4325.
- Visit the **Kravis Center** at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161. Groups are coordinated for the following performance:
 - ✓ Wednesday February 15th at 7 pm: Gospel Gala featuring Tasha Cobbs Leonard
 - ✓ Thursday, March 16th: African-American Film Festival "13TH" exposes systematic racial inequality at its Core, moderated by Nadine White-Boyd. (This is the 17th season of Kravis Center's African-American Film Festival - <https://www.kravis.org/film/african-american-film-series/>).
 - ✓ Wednesday, April 26th at 8 pm: Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of the Temptations
- Visit the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- For information on what's going on around Wellington, go to **AroundWellington.com**.
- **Mondays & Fridays, 12 pm to 1 pm: Senior Meal Program** – Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center Senior Games & Activities are held before and after starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm.
- **1st Tuesday of every month, 3:30 pm to 5 pm: FREE Technology Workshops** for Seniors at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center.

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*To the world, you may be just one person,
but to one person you may be the world.*

*On behalf of CAFCI's
Board and Newsletter Committee,
we wish everyone a*

HAPPY

Valentine's Day