



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.



## Congratulations 2022 Graduates

Join us to Celebrate and Honor

CAFCI  
STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND  
AWARD RECIPIENTS

Virtual Awards Ceremony  
Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 6 pm

Keynote Speaker  
Honorable Bradley Harper

Musical selection by Samara Lewis

*Samara has a debut single, "Mismatch Me."*

*Her aim is to create music that can evade the boundaries of age,  
appealing to all age groups and subsequently bringing them together.*

Via Zoom

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate Caribbean heritage during the month of June, I would like to share some interesting statistics. There are approximately three million Non-Hispanic Caribbean people in the U.S.A., one percent of the entire population.

Label	United States	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
▼ West Indian (except Hispanic Groups)	3,067,240	±51,580
Bahamian	56,796	±6,912
Barbadian	68,234	±6,195
Belizean	65,946	±7,230
Bermudan	8,500	±2,492
British West Indian	103,144	±9,716
Dutch West Indian	35,609	±4,727
Haitian	1,084,455	±46,334
Jamaican	1,171,915	±34,688
Trinidadian and Tobagonian	218,783	±13,778
U.S. Virgin Islander	21,341	±4,015
West Indian	278,238	±17,237
Other West Indian	8,149	±1,881

Source: 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Estimates.

As a group, we are represented in all aspects of the American society. The current US Vice President has roots going back to Jamaica. We here at CAFCI need to continue to strengthen our organization by bringing in more members to help us to fulfil our mission **to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.** Please invite some of your friends and co-workers to attend our virtual student assistance award ceremony on **Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 6 pm.** Please see details in this newsletter.

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY:** Thanks to Cultural Diversity Chair Hildreth Stoddart-Brown and her team for hosting this year's Cultural Diversity Day program. Excellent job by the entire team.

**CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 7 pm:** Plans are well underway for this year's annual Friendship Ball to be held at the Downtown West Palm Beach Marriott Hotel. We are in the process of finalizing the entertainment and dinner selections. Once again, this will be an exciting evening. More details will be announced in the July and August issues of the newsletter. Information will also be available on our website ([www.cafcibpc.org](http://www.cafcibpc.org)) shortly.

  
 Dennis Wright



JUNE 16 - 30

Gladys E. Brown	18
Carmen Johnson	18
Georgia Brown	19
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis	21
Doreen Grayson	22
Shama Rhoden	27
Lillian McGann	28
Carolyn Hmara	30

JULY 1 - 15

Mavis Baxter	01
Audrey Campbell	01
Charlesworth B. Varlack	05
Angela Russell	06
Henworth Ferguson	07
Cheryl Lewis	07
Everett Wheatley	07
Marjorie Mendez	08
Cedric O. Brown	10

*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 ([cafcib@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcib@bellsouth.net)) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.*

**GET WELL WISHES TO:**  
 Charlesworth "Barclay" Varlack

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

Barrington Berry  
 on the loss of his brother

Cedric Brown and  
 Hildreth Stoddart-Brown  
 on the loss of his mother

Thalia White Lauren  
 on the loss of her father-in-law

Alva Weathers  
 on the loss of her sister-in-law

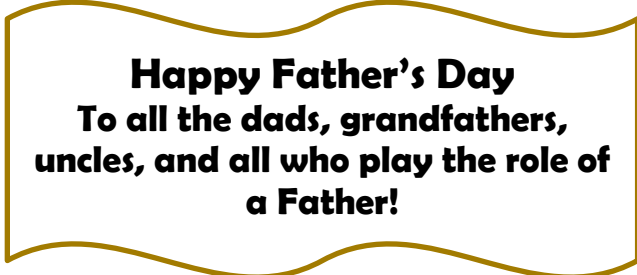
**Please Let Us Know...**

*Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if you are ill, know of anyone who is ill or would like to share any condolences and would like it to be announced in the newsletter. **If no one tells us, we cannot share it.***

Elet Cyris, Chair .....561.791.9087  
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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership Meeting has been CANCELLED for the month of June. In its place will be the **Student Assistance Fund Virtual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. Details are on the cover as well as on page 5 of this issue of the newsletter.



## SAVE THE DATE

### CAFCI 31st ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Downtown Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach

The excitement is building as we prepare for The CAFCI 31st Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in West Palm Beach. The Ball Committee is working hard to put everything in place for a successful socially distanced event. Please be sure to save the date and get your tickets from a CAFCI member as soon as they are available. Look out for more details on the CAFCI website and in future issues of the newsletter.



**CAFCI Congratulates Minister Cedric Brown,** CAFCI Member and husband of Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, on completing his master's degree at the University of Fort Lauderdale.



**CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111** has enjoyed a wonderful month of service, camping, and

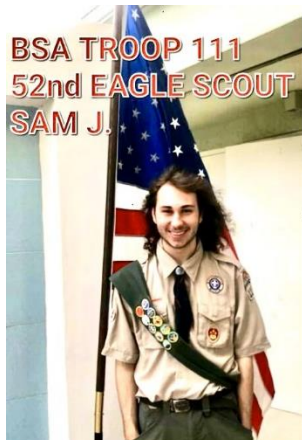
celebration. Scouts participated in the CAFCI/Village of Royal Palm Beach Cultural Diversity Day event on Saturday May 14th. Scouts led the Flag Ceremony and assisted at the VAFMSF booth. The following week, the troop trekked north to the cool, refreshing waters of Wekiva Springs. A wonderful time was had by all despite a stormy afternoon and evening. The month ended with our Court of Honor celebration where scouts were recognized for rank advancements and earning merit badges.

Our newest Eagle Scout and Senior, Sam Johnson, was recognized along with our other graduates, Carlos Chirino, Estevez, and Jacob White. Senior Patrol Leader Noah Cabrera passed the leadership staff to new Senior Patrol Leader William Hicks who will now guide the Troop. We are looking forward to our local Gulf Stream Council Summer Camp and Woodruff Georgia "away" camps in June and July.



Lucas Schnick Baker, Jonathan Schnick Baker

**BSA TROOP 111  
52nd EAGLE SCOUT  
SAM J.**



Ryan Goldberger, Jackson Doeren, Caleb McNally, Luke Estevez



New Senior Patrol Leader William Hicks and Scoutmaster, Ryan McNally



Outgoing Senior Patrol Leader, Noah Cabrera and Scoutmaster, Ryan McNally



# C.A.F.C.I. & THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH CELEBRATES OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

**Cultural Diversity Day**, held on May 14, 2022, was again hosted by Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) in collaboration with the Village of Royal Palm, and supported by a grant from the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. The annual event opened with DJ Michael "Mighty Mike" Palache and MC Winsome "Lady C" Charlton. The Boy Scout Troop 111 led the flag ceremony, followed by a greeting from CAFCI President Dennis Wright who welcomed the patrons and introduced the mayor of Royal Palm Beach, Fred Pinto. Mayor Pinto welcomed everyone and acknowledged all the members of the Royal Palm Beach Council. Immediately following the welcome message, Samara Lewis gave a rousing presentation of the National Anthem.



DJ Mighty Mike, MC Lady C, Dennis Wright

The performers of a wide range of genres included: saxophonist Bernard Bain, Latin sounds of Caribe Jam Band, CeCe Moore & Tambor Sounds, drummer Chunky Harrington, Island Groove-Mocka Jumbi-Junkanoo Band with their stilt dancers, soloist Samara Lewis, dressy and colorful Mariachi Mexico-Jimmy Guzman Group, Marijah & the Reggae All-Stars sharing the art of the Caribbean in music, soloist Morgan Minsk, Ni Ma Lion Dance Kung Fu and Martial Arts portraying Asian culture in



Saxophonist Bernard Bain

their style of picturesque dance form presentation. The performers engaged the attendees, who danced and/or sang as the performers did their renditions. All the performers were well received by the attendees; and, despite the downpour of rain, it did not dampen the performances of the artists on stage.

Food vendors such as Asian food truck, Caribbean and American style food as well as exotic fruit juice vendors were liberally supported by the attendees. There were also vendors with merchandise and other services that were presented throughout the park.

The children enjoyed the colorful performances, the bounce house, as well as artwork of our Face Painter Maureen Dibble who did a great job.



Mariachi Mexico Jimmy Guzman Group

Lady C and DJ Mighty Mike did a fantastic job in keeping the attendees engaged through the program. By all accounts, it was a fun filled day.

Thanks for the commitment and teamwork of the CAFCI Cultural Committee, Chair Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, and team members: Marjorie Aiken, Paul and Doreen Baker, Elet Cyris, Winsom Martin, Shirley Morrison, Kilon Rhoden and Genieve White. Thanks also to other CAFCI members Diana Bishop, Charmaine Henry and President Wright who actively assisted at the CAFCI booth and helped with the set-up and break-down at the end of the event.

Special thanks to Steven Poyner, Event and Facilities Manager, his assistant Ashley Turnquest and the staff at the Veterans Park who diligently worked with our team on all the details to make sure that the event was a success.



Charmaine Henry, Carolyn Hmara

Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, CAFCI Cultural Committee Chair



Hildreth Stoddart Brown, Kerona Gardener, Winsom Martin



Cultural Committee team with Councilman Jeff Hmara, MC Lady C



Caribe Jam Band



Lori Cabrera, Shirley Palmer, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Loretta Watson



Paul and Doreen Baker



Yvonne Wright, Lawrence Logan



Vendor

## 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; so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

### CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SAF)

*Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future*

For more information, visit the Student Assistance Program section on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram> or contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353.

#### STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Date: **Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 6 pm sharp**

Venue: Zoom Video Conferencing - [www.Zoom.com](http://www.Zoom.com)

Meeting ID: 872 6413 1651

Passcode: 351970

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87264131651?pwd=V0tFV2hrNy9ONIRkQnVKS3ZxZTBSQT09>

Highlights of the Awards Ceremony will include keynote speaker Judge Bradley Harper, along with a special performance by Samara Lewis who has a debut single, "Mismatch Me." Samara's aim is to create music that can evade the boundaries of age, appealing to all age groups and subsequently bringing them together. You will have an opportunity to "meet" the award recipients and view a video presentation with the current and past recipients. Please save the date and join us to congratulate the recipients.

#### CAFCI CONGRATULATES CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATES

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 this year. Congratulations also to the following four CAFCI 2022 Student Assistance Fund award recipients:

- Kate Deviney – Audrey C. Martin Award & Junior Citizen Award
- Naomie Francisco – Amanayea Abraham Award
- Wole Senat – VAFMSF/The Alan and Arlene Olinksy Award
- Elizabeth Wilson – Cassie's Castle/Simms Award

A big thank you to everyone who supported the 2022 Student Assistance Award Fund through your donations; a special thank you to those who donated via the following fundraisers: Facebook, Golden Krust Restaurant dining-to-donate, The Goodies Factory/Poppin Popcorn, Where's the Food and Where's the Picnic. The list of 2022 Donors and Sponsors is featured in this newsletter and will also be posted on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>.

ONGOING SUPPORT: To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or donate on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option.

A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link (<https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>) to help spread the word with family, friends, and social media contacts. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

#### MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENT

**Leevens Cherisma**, 2018 Award Recipient

May 17, 2022

Dear Santamaria family,

*My name is Leevens Cherisma. I am a recent graduate of Florida State University. I'm writing this letter to express my gratitude for the wonderful opportunity you have provided to me in recent years. This scholarship allowed me to pursue my educational goals in Commercial Entrepreneurship and, as a result, has given me the ability to make my future job aspirations a reality. My family and I were delighted to learn that I had been awarded a scholarship to assist me in continuing my studies at Florida State University. I was truly blessed to have received this scholarship back in 2018. My family and I are grateful for this scholarship since it helped me pay for many of my required college school supplies. Now that I have graduated, I am planning on taking a gap year to work and save money. Then, I will be coming back to school to obtain a master's degree. Thank you for having provided me with this scholarship and allowing me to attend a fantastic university. Thank you to the scholarship committee for having considered me for this award. I am privileged and grateful to have had your generous support and the opportunity of attending a great university.*

Sincerely yours



## Thank You

for your financial support and commitment to  
CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund.

### 2022 Donors & Sponsors

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*Special thanks to Kareem Gordon for putting together the students' Thank You and congrats video. Thanks to the Student Assistance Fund Committee for their dedication and investment to CAFCI: Doreen Baker, Lavern Blackwood, Leonie Escoffery, Doreen Grayson, Marva Wilkes, Alpha McDonald, Junette Powell (co-chair) and Nadine White-Boyd (co-chair).*

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

CAFCI 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 CAFCI???

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

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

Mail to: CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan,

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



### DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON???

Help support CAFCI when shopping online at Amazon ...

IT'S EASY!

1. Just sign into or create your account at <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Select **Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida** as your preferred charity.

**Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to CAFCI**, thereby helping to fund CAFCI programs such as the Student Assistance Fund for college bound students, Scouts, annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Cultural Diversity Day as well as other events that benefit the community.

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

We are pursuing the strategy outlined in last month's newsletter, have reduced the desired minimum acreage, and will look at the property as an investment if it is not ideal. These changes have resulted in more leads. Unfortunately, we still have not found suitable property. Financing is still an issue for us.

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

*Participation in the Home Of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://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 participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.*



We will continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area based on the outlined strategy. 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.

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



**CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT  
IN FLORIDA, INC.  
PRESENTS**

*31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Friendship Ball*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

**WEST PALM BEACH MARRIOTT  
1001 OKEECHOBEE BLVD.  
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401**

**All venue Covid-19 safety precautions will be observed.**

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# A TIME IN HISTORY

## Doris Adelaide Derby

### An American Activist



Doris Adelaide Derby  
11/11/1939 – 03/28/2022

*Continued from the NEWS  
May 2022 Issue*

**Doris Adelaide Derby** saw a need for the creation of a cultural artistic tool that could be used to involve, inspire, enlighten, and galvanize Black people to critically think and create for themselves. The theater provided the opportunity for Black people to creatively take on issues within the context of the civil rights movement, segregation

and closed society of violent Mississippi. Furthermore, it sparked social change, social justice, equal opportunity and citizenship regardless of race.

From 1963 to 1972 Derby served as a SNCC field secretary in various capacities in Jackson, Mississippi, in the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), the Poor Peoples' Corporation (PPC), and the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM) Head start Program. During this period, she worked on preparations for the Freedom Summer, taught in various educational enrichment programs, and promoted local arts and culture.[7] She also helped incorporate Liberty House Cooperative Marketing, an arm of the PPC. Derby was also involved in the marketing, public relations, and training of these groups.

In 1967 she joined Southern Media, Inc., a documentary, photography, and filmmaking group in Jackson, Mississippi, and traveled throughout the state documenting the lives, struggles, initiatives and gains of people in and around the movement. She lectured and exhibited at Jackson State College on African art and culture.

Her many "trials and tribulations" in the SNCC and FST in Mississippi are reflected in her independently published book *Poetagraphy: Artistic Reflections of a Mississippi Lifeline in Words and Images: 1963–1972* (2019).

Derby left Mississippi in 1972 and focused on African and African-American studies, for which she earned an M.A., as well as a Ph.D. in social anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. In 1990, she joined the University System of Georgia at Georgia State University (G.S.U.) as an adjunct associate professor of anthropology and the founding director of the Office of African-American Student Services and Programs (O.A.A.S.S.P.). Her department's achievements included the retention and graduation of a vast number of African-American students, as well as the enhancement of cultural and educational ties between African, Caribbean, Latin and African-American students and the community at large. She also co-founded the Performing and Visual Arts Council (P.V.A.C.) at Georgia State University in 2008. At the end of 2012,

Derby retired from Georgia State University after 22 years of service. Derby also taught at the College of Charleston, the University of Illinois, and the University of Wisconsin.

Derby's father taught her to use a camera. After her arrival in Mississippi in 1963, she began to document the everyday human effort required to live through dramatic events and protests of the civil rights struggle. "Documenting was one of the things I was destined to do from an early age", she later explained. "I knew that we did not have our history in history books and I knew we had a lot of achievements. I wanted to make sure that I recorded whatever I could, whatever was historical and happening around me".

Derby exhibited her photographs both locally and nationally. Her photographs have been shown at the Smithsonian Institution, the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, Illinois, the Bronx Museum of the Arts in New York, and the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, California. Derby's photographs have also been exhibited in Atlanta, Georgia, at the High Museum, the Hammonds House Museum, Spelman College, the Fulton County Southwest Arts Center, and the Auburn Avenue Research Library. As well, her photographs have been exhibited at the Art, Design and Architecture Museum, UC Santa Barbara, the Jackson State University and Margaret Walker Alexander Center Art Galleries and the George & Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art in New Orleans. Other exhibits displayed in Atlanta were at Georgia State University, in the Gallery Lounge and The Ernest G. Welch Gallery. In 2009, her work was part of an exhibit, "Road to Freedom", at the High Museum in Atlanta, which explored the role of photography in the civil rights movement.

Derby's work can be found in the following: Polly Greenberg's *The Devil Has Slippery Shoes*, 1990; Clarissa Myrick-Harris's *Women in the Civil Rights Movement: Trailblazers and Torchbearer, 1941-1965*, 1993; Deborah Willis' *Reflections in Black - A History of Black Photographers*, 2000 *The Nation's Longest Struggle - Looking Back on the Modern Civil Rights Movement*, D.C. Everest Oral History Project, 2013. Her many "trials and tribulations" in the literacy and theater projects are reflected in her self-published book *Poetagraphy: Artistic Reflections of a Mississippi Lifeline in Words and Images: 1963 - 1972*.

In 2020, Derby's work was included in an exhibition of civil rights art at the Turner Contemporary in London. *We Will Walk: Art and Resistance in the American South* included sculptural assemblages, paintings and quilts by more than 20 African American artists from Alabama and surrounding states. In 2021, a collection of her images from the south, with transcripts of conversations with her collaborator Hannah Collins, was published as *A Civil Rights Journey*.

Derby lived in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, actor Bob Banks, who she married in 1995. They were active leaders in their community and members of local and national organizations. She died on March 28, 2022, in Atlanta from cancer at the age of 82.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doris\\_Derby](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doris_Derby)

Submitted by

Marcia Hayden & Barbara Walker, Newsletter Committee

## CELEBRATE & HONOR IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

### THE HISTORY OF CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

A long time ago, many major Caribbean nations were under direct U.S. political control at some point, which made their immigration into America much easier. The earliest wave of Caribbean nationals came to the U.S. in the 19th century and were mostly guest workers from the British West Indies program, who worked in agriculture, as well as political exiles from Cuba. As U.S. companies began recruiting English-speaking workers from former English colonies like Jamaica, migration increased to a great extent. This time also saw many more Caribbean people flee political instability and seek refuge in the U.S. The success of the U.S. as a nation also attracted numerous people from the Caribbean regions to the country. Amongst these were talented craftsmen, poets, doctors, inventors, and other individuals that added greatly to different professional spheres in the nation. Some of the renowned names include Alexander Hamilton — the first Secretary of Treasury and one of the Founding Fathers, Celia Cruz — the lady known for creating astounding salsa music, the famous baseball player Robert Clemente, and several other individuals who managed to leave a mark on U.S. history. The U.S. is also a trading partner for the Caribbean nations. National Caribbean American Month was formed to honor these talented individuals and the positive relations the country has built with the Caribbean. While immigration increased before the 20th century, it has since declined gradually. Most immigrants are from five countries: Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The month was founded by Dr. Claire Nelson and was celebrated across the nation for the first time by the Institute of Caribbean Studies in 2000. However, the move to officially declare June as National Caribbean American Month started in 2004 when a legislative bill was passed by Congresswoman Barbara Lee. The resolution was made official in 2006 when President George W. Bush signed the proclamation, naming June as National Caribbean American Month.

During this month, knowledge regarding the contributions of the Caribbean is pushed to the forefront, and people are also reminded of the great Caribbean cuisine, their music, and the majestic annual parades of the Caribbean Americans. This is the time of the year when the country is given a blast from the past, topped with a lot of entertainment!

Source:  
<https://nationaltoday.com/caribbean-american-heritage-month/>

**JUNETEENTH** EDUCATE  
2022 CELEBRATE  
ACTIVATE

**Juneteenth**, also known as “Emancipation Day” or the “Day of Freedom,” is both the somber and celebratory day to commemorate the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery.

Ever since its inception in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1866 — enslaved African Americans learned of their freedom one year after the Emancipation Proclamation and Thirteenth Amendment — Juneteenth celebrations tend to focus on education and reflection on the path to freedom and the steps still needed to achieve equity.

Following this long tradition, Utah State University is commemorating Juneteenth weeklong with virtual and in-person events from June 17–19, featuring educational panels and presentations on early and current activism and its importance, and culminating in an interfaith devotional. Though long celebrated in Black communities, the holiday is only recently gaining more widespread acknowledgement. As we celebrate with cookouts and other gatherings, it’s important to remember the need for self-reflection and education on the path of acknowledging and healing from the past. Register for USU’s events and explore the additional resources.

Source: <https://www.usu.edu/inclusion/juneteenth/index>

## DOING BUSINESS

*Let’s Support Businesses In Our Community*

### PEPPERMINT THAI & SUSHI RESTAURANT

*A family owned and family run restaurant that specializes in authentic Thai Cuisine, as well as truly creative and innovative Sushi favorites.*

Monday - Friday

11:30 am - 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday

4 :30 pm - 9:30 pm

Dine-in • Takeout • No-contact delivery

11328 Okeechobee Blvd., Royal Palm Beach  
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**HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!!!**  
**Atlantic Hurricane Season**  
**June 1 – November 30**

**Be Prepared and . . .**

**Know Your Hurricane Risk** - Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now.

**Make an Emergency Plan** - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Include the office, kids' day care, and anywhere else you frequent in your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.

**Know your Evacuation Zone** - You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay.

Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies, and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

**Recognize Warnings and Alerts** - Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Sign up for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

**Those with Disabilities** - Identify if you may need additional help during an emergency if you or anyone else in your household is an individual with a disability.

**Review Important Documents** - Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, such as ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

**Strengthen your Home** - De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, and consider hurricane shutters.

**Get Tech Ready** - Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

**Help your Neighborhood** - Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others

**Gather Supplies** - Have enough supplies for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk. You may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane.

**To be sure you are prepared, visit**  
<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY**

**Little Known Fact:**

**Why Do Americans Celebrate 4th of July with Fireworks?**

It's hard to imagine Independence Day without fireworks. But how did this tradition get started? As it turns out, setting off mini-explosions of all shapes and colors (but particularly red, white and blue) on July 4 goes back almost as far as American independence itself.



John Adams Predicts Celebrations: Fireworks have a long and colorful history, but the story of how they became ubiquitous on July 4 dates to the summer of 1776, during the first months of the Revolutionary War. On July 1, delegates of the Continental Congress were in Philadelphia, debating over whether the 13 original colonies should declare their independence from Britain's Parliament as well as King George III himself. That night, news arrived that British ships had sailed into New York Harbor, posing an immediate threat to the Continental troops commanded by George Washington. On July 2, delegates from 12 colonies voted in favor of independence (New York would follow suit on July 9) and the motion carried. On July 3, even as Congress revised a draft of the declaration composed by Thomas Jefferson, an excited John Adams took up his pen to write to his wife, Abigail. "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America," Adams wrote. "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival...It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Source: <https://www.history.com/news/july-4-fireworks-independence-day-john-adams>

**COVID-19**

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 and vaccinations visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov/covid-19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)

**For the latest COVID-19 vaccine updates in Florida visit**  
<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/>  
**The Florida Health COVID-19 24-hour hotline is available to answer general vaccine questions: 866.779.6121**  
**Senior Hotline: 866.201.6754**  
**Appointment line for seniors over 65 who do not have access to a computer.**

**IN THE NEWS ...**

**COVID-19 VACCINE**

Covid-19 -- Frequently Asked Questions  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org) OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan, 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

Saturday, June 11: **Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony 6 pm**, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

**NOTE: This event begins at 6 pm**

Saturday, July 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, August 13: **General Membership Meeting/Member Appreciation Night**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, September 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 17, 2022

**ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL**

Downtown Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 8: **General Membership Meeting/International Games Night**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, November 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

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

### AROUND TOWN

- Visit **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. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161 with the name of the performance, date and preferred seating.
- **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm until sundown**: Free Spirit presents their **Back-To-School Barbecue and Fish Fry** at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. For more information, contact Ms. Chinnny's at 561.692.1508.
- **Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 12 to 5 pm**: Norton Museum of Art celebrates **Juneteenth Family Celebration** with a free event. This intergenerational event celebrates freedom and spotlights the African American experience with live musical performances, dance, gallery talks on art by African American artists, storytelling, and art-making activities. For more information, go to [www.norton.org](http://www.norton.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 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](mailto:ujama4@aol.com) or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell ([junettep56@gmail.com](mailto:junettep56@gmail.com)).

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

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**June 19<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day.**

**Happy Father's Day**

**to all the dads, grandfathers, uncles, and all who play the role of a Father!**

*What Is A Dad?*

*A dad is someone who  
wants to catch you before you fall  
but instead picks you up,  
brushes you off,  
and lets you try again.*

*A dad is someone who  
wants to keep you from making mistakes  
but instead lets you find your own way,  
even though his heart breaks in silence  
when you get hurt.*

*A dad is someone who  
holds you when you cry,  
scolds you when you break the rules,  
shines with pride when you succeed,  
and has faith in you even when you fail...*

*- Unknown*