



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.

OCTOBER

2023

CAFCI'S 32ND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

What an Incredible Celebration!

The 2023 Friendship Ball on September 16th held at the West Palm Beach Marriott was incredible! As we gazed around the room near midnight the dance floor was full, and there were smiling people dancing in their chairs. The air in the ballroom was electric! What a "fantastic" fun Friendship Ball!

Looking back, we remember the guests entering the ballroom with the sea of white chair covers adorned with rich purple bows. The centerpieces were lovely lilac roses highlighted with baby's breath, deep purple statice, and white hydrangeas. The evening started with music from the very talented saxophonist, Jay Wray, as guests sipped cocktails and mingled joyfully, renewing old acquaintances.

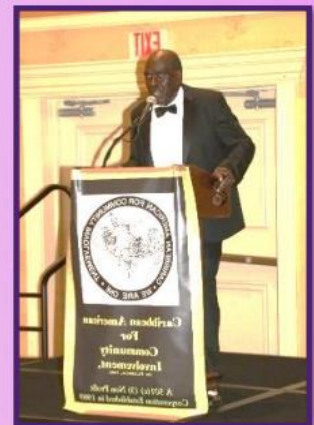


There is a sentiment that encourages us to "Celebrate what we want to see more of..." CAFCI's 32nd Annual Friendship Ball celebrated not just the joys of friendship, but also 34 years of an unflagging commitment to diversity and enhancing the lives of those who live in Palm Beach County and other places. The theme this year was "Roaring through the 2020s with Fortitude and Commitment to a Diverse Community". The ladies were resplendent in dresses that shimmered as they moved, and the dapper gentlemen were not to be outdone in their stylish evening wear.

CAFCI's "Forever" President, Dennis Wright, warmly welcomed the approximately 300 guests and members and highlighted the incredible accomplishments achieved by CAFCI—an organization comprised solely of volunteers dedicated to service. Hildreth Stoddart-Brown stated that "the ball was well-supported and attended. It was noticeable that 95% of the seating at the 30 tables was occupied." Mistress of Ceremonies, Nadine White-Boyd, Esq., was outstanding as she kept the program moving, charming guests with her wit, warmth, and insightful commentary.

Internationally renowned vocalist, Steve Higgins, gave a powerful rendition of the National Anthem, and he was only just getting started! Later he would wow the guests with his musical tribute to Yvonne Wright, CAFCI's 2023 Citizen of the Year.

Congratulations to Yvonne who received a standing ovation as she went to the stage to be lauded. Ever devoted to CAFCI, she even assisted with the set-up of the ball unaware of her upcoming honor. We appreciate her dedication. We were amazed that we were able to surprise her with this honor given that Dennis Wright, her husband, also happens to be CAFCI's president.



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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

All our in-person events continue to outperform pre-pandemic levels both in attendance and positive feedback.

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: Our 32nd Annual Friendship Ball on September 16th kept the trend going. We had approximately 250 paid guests at this event. The entertainment was varied and enjoyable. Our guests were quite impressed with the professionalism and seamless delivery of our program. Special thanks to the entire Ball and Journal Committee for their hard work and dedication in putting on a successful and entertaining program. The team consisted of: Cindy Beckles, Barrington Berry, Nova Brown, Radcliffe Brown, Audrey Campbell, Karen Morris Clark, Charmaine Henry, Thalia White Lauren, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Audrey Smith, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Barbara Walker, Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd and Dennis Wright. Several Ball attendees said they are already looking forward to next year's Ball, which will mark our 35th year as an organization. Look out for full coverage and pictures of the Ball in the pages of this newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY: Our annual International Games Day will be held in November this year. Please check your email and the CAFCI website for more information regarding the date, time and location.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION: Elections for CAFCI Board of Directors will be held at our General Membership meeting in November. Please let me know if you are willing to chair the Nominating Committee. A candidate for Board Director must be a member in good standing. We have made some changes to our proposed updated bylaws that will make more new members eligible to run and serve on the board. Please ensure that your membership dues are current.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA: Save the date for our annual New Year's Eve Gala on Sunday, December 31st at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. For more information or to reserve your tickets now, call 561.653.1586. Additional information will soon be posted on our website.


Dennis Wright

Welcome New Members

Janet Burrel ~ Patricia Charlton
Phyllis Charlton ~ Valerie Dorsey



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Charmaine Henry	16
Inez McCallum	20
Britt Deviney	23
Babbette Bodden	26
Wayne Wilks	26
Doreen Baker	28

NOVEMBER 1 - 15

Eaton Richardson	04
Dwayne Clarke	06
Nova Brown	07
Chioma R. Deere	10
Myrna Adams	11
Pamela Fraser	12

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) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Audrey Campbell
on the loss of her nephew
Ernie Garvey on the loss of
a nephew and grandnephew 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..

Elet Cyris, Chair..... 561.791.9087
Paul Baker 561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter 561.358.3737

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 7 pm
Via Zoom ONLY

Join us for our General Membership meeting on Saturday, October 14th. To participate in the meeting, you will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone. You may also call in. See instructions below.

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

Visit website: www.cafci.org Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
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



Guess Who?...

The identity of the "guess who" in the September newsletter is our very own CAFCI member, Lawrence Logan.

Member Spotlight

Hello CAFCI Family,

In our ongoing efforts to get to know you better and to learn about some of the extraordinary things that you are doing—be it in your business, community engagement, work with your church, or relationship with your family—CAFCI will include a feature in our monthly newsletter called Member Spotlight: 'Have You Met?'

The inaugural issue for the column will launch in our November issue. We look forward to your reading it and hope it will be of value to you, while bringing you closer to your fellow CAFCI members.

The column may serve as an opportunity for you to inform your CAFCI family about your business or any special projects or philanthropic ventures with which you may be engaged, or to share some memories from back home or about an experience that was meaningful to you.

Member Spotlight is a work in progress and we welcome your feedback. Let us know if there's anything special that you are interested in learning about. Additionally, if you would be interested in being featured in the column, or have someone you would like to recommend for consideration, please do let us know by emailing us at: cafcibellsouth.net; junettep56@gmail.com; thaliaec@gmail.com; maxsandrox@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance CAFCI family, the more we know, the more we grow. We look forward to shining the spotlight on 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" 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.

**LAUGHTER ...
... IS THE BEST MEDICINE**

TEACHER: John is climbing a tree to pick some mangoes.

- Begin the sentence with Mangoes

STUDENT: Mangoes, John is coming to pick you...

TEACHER: What do you call mosquitoes in your language?

STUDENT: We don't call them, they come on their own...



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

The Students Assistance Fund (SAF) provides financial support to Palm Beach County graduating seniors pursuing higher education in college, university, or other accredited institutions of higher learning. For more information, visit the Student Assistance Program section on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram> or contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353

Applications are now being accepted for students graduating in 2024. Go to the Student Assistance Fund tab of CAFCI's webpage (<https://www.cafcipc.org/student-assistance>) for a link to the application form OR click on the link https://www.cafcipc.org/files/ugd/8ea0b3_d53b054f070d4d9797a6a0a98a093391.pdf. Please share the application with Palm Beach County's graduating seniors, and your friends and family. **Deadline to apply is March 1, 2024**

ONGOING DONATION: 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 visit 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. Please share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends, and social media contacts.

Just this past year we spoke with a few friends of CAFCI whose child, grandchild or a relative graduated from high school and when asked, "Did you have them fill out the application?", the response was "we forgot." Don't let that be you!

CAFCI SCOUTS BSA TROOP 111



Greetings CAFCI,

September has been a very busy and productive month for Troop 111. We are excited to go on new adventures, new camping events and see new sights! We helped facilitate Pack 120's recruitment activities by supporting the next generation of scouts in having fun.

Scouts started school and their first Council fundraiser, Trails End Popcorn. Many are learning and earning the Salesmanship merit badge.

This week we hosted our Court of Honor. Our outgoing Senior Patrol Leader, Jackson Eubanks had a fun theme, "coffee and donuts," something he is especially known for. This was really appreciated as the awards list was miles long with the variety of awards the Scouts earned over their summer break.

Not to be outdone, our adult leaders also worked hard at Camp and earned a variety of outstanding training awards to support the youth this coming year.

Another notable part of our Troop Court of Honor were the many special guests that were present. Mr. Dennis Wright, CAFCI President, Ms. Genieve White, CAFCI 1st Vice President, Mrs. Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, CAFCI Charter Representative and Board Member, Mrs. Yvonne Wright, Ms. Shirley Palmer, Mr. Alvin Nembhard and Ms. Barbara Walker were in attendance.



Lorianne Cabrera, Outgoing Senior Patrol Leader, Jackson Eubanks, Yvonne Wright, Alvin Nembhard, Genieve White, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, New Senior Patrol Leader, Luke Estevez, Dennis Wright, Barbara Walker, Shirley Palmer

Former Troop 111 Scout Master, Mr. David Pantone, and Troop 111's very first Committee Chair, Mrs. Amanda Pantone, Royal Palm Beach Councilman Hmara and Mrs. Hmara also attended. The Gulf Stream Council's Mr. Will Rodes and Ms. Tess English shared wonderful summer camp stories of Troop 111 and presented a very special, first of its kind, Honor Troop TK Summer Camp Paddle!

We all thank CAFCI and our adult leaders for helping Troop 111 to grow and have wonderful experiences!

Sincerely,
Luke Estevez
Senior Patrol Leader
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>





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October 10, 2023

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 34 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 CAFCI 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. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope for more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. 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 *List of Donors*. **You may make your donation online by going to www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center and select **Student Assistance** or by mailing your donation by **April 30, 2024, to:****

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

For more information about our organization and past recipients, please visit our website at www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram. 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

CAFCI's 32ND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL (continued from cover)



As diners enjoyed the delectable meal and enjoyed fellowship with each other, they were treated to the music of the very talented Junior Stevens (of the Silver Birds Steel Orchestra) who thrilled the audience as he played many beloved songs to the inimitable sounds of his steel pan drums. His finale had the crowd cheering as he rocked his dance moves in a rousing performance of Michael Jackson's "Beat It!"



Eloquent messages of congratulations and support were offered to CAFCI for their 34 years of service from the dignitaries in attendance including the Consul General of Jamaica, the Honorable R. Oliver Mair; the Honorable Anne Gerwig, Mayor of the Village of Wellington; and Councilman Jeff Hmara, representing the Honorable Fred Pinto, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach.



We were delighted that Consul General Mair graced us with his presence again. It was awesome to hear him highlight the record tourism in Jamaica. The Consul General quipped that last year due to dancing at the CAFCI Ball, he arrived late to Comedian Oliver Samuels' play and that Oliver did not speak to him for three months. He admonished us that he would have to leave on time. We all laughed but understood that he would have to leave on time this year. CAFCI appreciates his continued support.



This unique event had not one, but two incredible DJs. DJ Donovan and DJ Mansta had the crowd on the dance floor delightedly showing their mastery of the latest dance moves as smoothly as they did for the more nostalgic songs.



The success of the event reflected the dedication and effort of selfless volunteers, led by the members of the Ball Committee. They sweated the small and big details for over six months to present an affair to remember. It was all about doing something special for the CAFCI members and community. We applaud their efforts. Leonie Escoffery noted that "CAFCI's members are exemplary in their work ethic and commitment to serving the community, and they are no less

dedicated to knowing how to *turn it up* and have a good time when the occasion warrants! So, *turn it up* they did! This was the second ball since the end of COVID-19. It felt so good to be “back in stride again.” Junette Powell agreed, adding that “In my opinion, it was like a family reunion to see folks you haven’t seen since the pandemic.”



Dennis Wright, Friendship Ball Committee Chairman, spearheaded the Committee composed of Cynthia Beckles, Barrington Berry, Nova Brown, Radcliffe Brown, Audrey Campbell, Karen Morris Clarke, Charmaine Henry, Thalia White Lauren, Lawrence Logan, Alvin Nembhard, Junette Powell, Audrey Smith, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Barbara Walker, Genieve White, and Nadine White-Boyd. Special thank you to our Journal Committee led by Genieve White. Thalia White Lauren did a fabulous job as our journal designer. We also extend our

gratitude to Radcliffe Brown, Audrey Gordon, and Aldin Smith as well as the CAFCI members who assisted with the decorations, registration, and ticket sales.

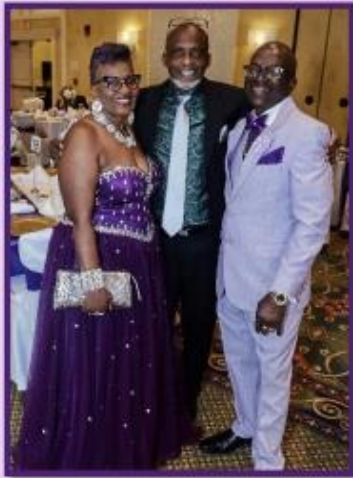
As the Wisdom of Abraham Joshua Heschel reminds us: “A celebration is an act of expressing reverence or appreciation...giving attention to the transcendent meaning of one’s actions.” It was indeed an evening worthy of the title “celebration!”

The door prizes and raffle at the end of the ball were a hit and greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who participated and donated, especially Duffy’s Sports Grill.

As we exited, glancing back one last time at the now-empty ballroom, we could not help but think of all the wonderful memories. Special thank you to our guests and sponsors for making this exceptional event possible. Our momentous pictures/videos were captured by ChassinDreamz Studios and Carol Porter. We are looking forward to our 33rd Friendship Ball and CAFCI’s 35th Anniversary next year. Don’t miss it!

Submitted by Cynthia Beckles, MBA, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Leonie Escoffery, and Junette Powell







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Thanks also to the Ball Committee for your dedication and commitment to the success of the CAFCI Ball.
And to Ball attendees, kudos to you all!!!*

*To view CAFCI 2023 Annual Friendship Ball journal,
visit our website at cafciabc.org and click on the Friendship Ball image.*

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

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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.

The Finance committee has determined the type of business that would work and has received insightful recommendations regarding setup and operational costs and estimated income. When complete, the business plan will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval. The business plan is one of the pieces of documentation required by the organization we are soliciting to assist us in acquiring a loan for a CAFCI-owned building and headquarters, plus related capital expenses. The organization will help us secure financing prior to finding a place.



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 a potential investor or investors who may be able to help with funding, please share your ideas and provide information about any available properties by calling 561.790.4002 and leave a message; or email cafci@bellsouth.net and copy radcliffewoody@aol.com.

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 the accomplishments of a close relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com 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 "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.*

OCTOBER ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS & AWARENESS

There are a number of awareness celebrated in October — though the five that often get the most attention include **ADHD Awareness Month**, **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, **Depression Awareness Month**, and **National Book Month**.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held in October every year, aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects one in eight women in the United States every year and 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs — conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations to major retailers — aimed at:

- supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including metastatic breast cancer
- educating people about breast cancer risk factors
- stressing the importance of regular screening, starting at age 40 or an age that's appropriate for your personal breast cancer risk
- fundraising for breast cancer research



METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY
October 13th is nationally recognized in the United States as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness

Day. About 30% of early-stage breast cancers eventually metastasize (spread to parts of the body away from the breast), and the day is intended to drive awareness of the need for more research about metastatic disease.

This information is provided by [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org). [Donate](#) to support free resources and programming for people affected by breast cancer.

October can feel different for each of us — some wear pink to celebrate, some quietly observe the month, some feel grief, and some feel unseen or misunderstood. We want to normalize it all.

MEN'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Although breast cancer is much more common in women, breast cancer affects men, too. In 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden designated October 17 to October 23 as Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week. About 2,710 American men this year are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer, and about 530 are expected to die from the disease. But lack of awareness and stigma can be barriers to detection and care. Some men, trans men, and non-binary people choose to call their cancer chest cancer.



THE HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The event began in 1985 as a week-long awareness campaign by the American Cancer Society, in partnership with Imperial Chemical Industries. It eventually extended to a month-long event. In 1992, the pink ribbon came into play.



The original use of ribbons for specific causes dates back to 1979, when "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree" inspired Penney Laingen — whose husband was a prisoner of war — to display yellow ribbons as a symbol of hope.

The breast cancer awareness ribbon almost wasn't pink; a grassroots effort by Charlotte Haley began with peach-colored loops. At the same time, Alexandra Penney, Self magazine's Editor-in-Chief, partnered with Evelyn Lauder, Estée Lauder's Senior Corporate Vice President and a breast cancer survivor, to distribute pink ribbons after the magazine's second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month issue.

Because of the incredible reach of the magazine and Estée Lauder brand, pink triumphed over peach, and is now used by breast cancer organizations around the world.

Source: [Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2023](#)

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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.

Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Zoom ONLY

Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Games Night/Board Nominations**, 7 pm, Location TBD

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Sunday, December 31 at 8 pm

CAFCI New Year's Eve Gala

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, January 13, 2024: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Swearing-In**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Monday, January 15th at 9 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, February 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, March 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

April (Date & Time TBD)

CAFCI Annual Picnic

Okeehetee Park, Micanopy Pavilion

Saturday, May 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, June 8: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, October 14th, 11 am - 3 pm: Kravis Center BLOCK PARTY** ~ A FREE day-long celebration of music, dance, cultural performances from around the world, theater workshops, photography exhibit, food trucks and more. Block Party will include musical performances featuring Reggae, Zouk, and Calypso, a celebration of 50 years of Hip Hop, Jazz, Samba, an African drum circle and much more. Event is Free. Register online to be entered into a lottery drawing for 2 tickets to an upcoming Kravis Center performance. To register and for more information, visit www.kravis.org/block-party or call 561.832.7469.
- **Saturday, October 21st, 3 - 10 pm: Wellington Fall Festival** at the Wellington Amphitheater. For more information visit www.wellingtonfl.gov/660/Fall-Festival
- **Saturday, October 28th, 9 pm until: Free Spirit Outreach present 80's and 90's Rock** at Caribbean Teaze Restaurant, 6295 Lake Worth, #32, Greenacres. Music by DJ Prento. For information, call 561.692.1508.
- **Saturday, November 4th, 12 noon to 10 pm: Caribbean American Cultural Group** presents the 5th Annual **"Treasure Coast Caribbean Food & Music Festival"** starring Fab5Band at MidFlorida Event Center, 9221 Southeast Event Center Place, 9221 SE Civic Center Pl, Port St. Lucie. For tickets and more information, contact Phil Stephenson at 954.559.8921 or visit www.cacgpsl.org.
- 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.
- 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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Let it all go.
Trust that whatever
is meant for you will
stick. And in that
space...that beautiful,
scary, empty
space...new life &
new plans & new
beginnings & new
people will emerge.
~Mandy Hale

A simple view
Lynette Evans