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Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

JUNE

2023

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CLASS OF 2023

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(CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT)

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND
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SATURDAY | JUNE 17, 2023

4:30 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

IJAHALA POTTINGER

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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

June is celebrated as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This is the month that we celebrate our contributions and achievements to help make this country a strong and prosperous democracy. Jamaica, followed by Haiti, has the largest Caribbean immigrant population with over 1.2 million each.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY: CAFCI, in partnership with the Village of Royal Palm Beach and supported by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, held an extraordinary event at Veterans Park on May 13th. Special thanks to the Village of Royal Palm Beach for their financial and logistical support. The diverse performers kept the crowd entertained. There were many vendors selling various ethnic foods and other novelties from all over the Caribbean and beyond. Overall, it was a wonderful day in the park. Thanks to the Chair of the Cultural Committee, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, and committee members: Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris, Winsom Genus-Martin, Shirley Morrison, Kilon Rhoden and Genieve White for putting on this great event.

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL: Our signature event, the 32nd CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball, is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2023, at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Please save the date. More details are included and will be provided in upcoming issues of the newsletter as well as on the CAFCI website (cafcipbc.org).


 Dennis Wright



JUNE 16 - 30

Gladys E. Brown	18
Carmen Johnson	18
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Doreen Grayson	22
Shama Rhoden	27
Lillian McGann	28
Carolyn Hmara	30

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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 (cafcibc@bellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GET WELL TO:

Casarine "Susan" Fevrier
 Carmen Johnson • Marsel Stewart
 Olga Webb • Genieve White

CONDOLENCES TO:

Carmen Johnson, loss of her daughter
 Laverne Fyne-Henry
 Marjorie Aiken on the loss of a cousin
 Aldin and Audrey Smith
 on the loss of several relatives

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
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The June General Membership Meeting has been CANCELLED. In its place will be the Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony (hybrid: in-person and zoom) **on Saturday, June 17th at 4:30 pm.** Details are on the cover as well as on page 6 of this issue of the newsletter.

Passing of Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. - Founder of the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. passed away on May 28, 2023. Mr. Dreyfoos founded the Palm Beach County Council of the Arts in 1978. The Council contributed to the founding of other cultural organizations over the next forty-five years. According to the Council's current president and CEO, Mr. Dave Lawrence, "the efforts of the Cultural Council paved the way for the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts." The Council provides grants to qualifying community cultural organizations, including CAFCI.

CAFCI 32nd ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 16, 2023
West Palm Beach Marriott

The excitement is building as we prepare for CAFCI's 32nd Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the West Palm Beach Marriott. The Ball Committee is working hard to put everything in place for a successful event. Please be sure to save the date and get your tickets early from a CAFCI member or on the website. Look out for more details on the CAFCI website (cafcipbc.org) and in this and future issues of the newsletter.

BALL JOURNAL AD SOLICITATION & SUPPORT: The Journal Committee is asking all members and friends to assist with the solicitation of ads for the Journal. You can also place a Member Message to be included in the Ball journal. Forms detailing Ball Support Opportunities (Sponsorship, Advertising and Member Message) are included in the newsletter and is available on CAFCI's website. For more information, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161, Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129 or Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856.

RELAY FOR LIFE Western Palm Beach County

Thank you CAFCI for participating in Relay for Life 2023 on March 11th. The event was very successful. At the wrap up party and awards ceremony held on May 10th at the American German Club, CAFCI was acknowledged as a Bronze team for raising \$2,880 (8th highest overall). We also received a certificate of achievement and "Chef Remy's Best Food Award" and wooden spoon.

Submitted by Nova Brown, Relay for Life Chair



Alvin Nembhard, Nova Brown, Yvonne Wright, Genieve White



"Chef Remy's Best Food Award" & wooden spoon



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

Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

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

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

DATE: Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 4:30 pm
VENUE: Original Wellington Mall
12794 W Forest Hill Blvd., Ste. K3, Wellington, FL 33414
If you are not able to attend in person, please join us virtually.
ZOOM: www.Zoom.com
Meeting ID: 851 3539 5650; Passcode: SAF



Highlights of the Awards Ceremony will include keynote speaker Ijahala Pottinger, 2016 Recipient. You will have an opportunity to meet the award recipients as well as view a video presentation with the current and past recipients. Please join us to congratulate the recipients.

Congratulations To CAFCI 2023 Student Assistance Fund Award Recipients

CAFCI Award - **Marisha Civil**
Amanayea Abraham Award - **Christy Pierre Louis**
Ann Johnson and Cislyn Bennett College Scholarship Award - **Marlena Hutchinson**
Michelle and Robert Diffenderfer Award - **Shia Rozier**
Gloria Edwards Award - **Ryan Rose**
Ferrin Student Leadership Award - **Jada Appolon**
Audrey C. Martin Award - **Ethan Elliott**
Jess & Victoria Santamaria Award - **Miguel Benavente**

◆
CAFCI JUNIOR CITIZEN AWARD
Ethan Elliott

A big thank you to everyone who has supported by donating to the 2023 Student Assistance Fund including those who donated via our FaceBook page, Golden Krust Restaurant and The Goodies Factory/Poppin Popcorn fundraisers. The list of 2023 Donors and Sponsors will be posted on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram.

CAFCI CONGRATULATES CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES!

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

MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Kate Deviney,
2022 Award Recipient**

May 15, 2023

Dear Ms. Nadine, Ms. Junette, Ms. Lavern, Ms. Doreen, and CAFCI:

I hope you've all been well. I just completed my first year at Florida State as a Political Science major on the Pre-Law track, and absolutely loved it! I am really looking forward to returning in the fall.

I will continue as a full-time student at Florida State, and am on track to graduate on time in May 2026. I have attached my written statement detailing my academic year, my 78.25 hours of community outreach, and activities.

All of this, however, couldn't have been done without people like you supporting me along the way. Being a recipient of a two CAFCI Scholarships has allowed me to focus solely on my academics and extracurricular involvement, and do the best that I can in order to achieve my career goal of becoming a practicing attorney.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Thank you, again, for your unyielding support. Words can't express how grateful I am.

Warmly,

CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111 As Troop 111's newest Senior Patrol Leader, I would like to first say thank you to our outgoing SPL, Jackson Doeren, for his amazing leadership this quarter. We recently celebrated our Court of Honor where I officially was given this new title and I am excited for this summer and the months ahead. This past month was a busy one for Troop 111 as we not only prepared for the end of a school year but also participated in many community activities as well!

We were able to be a part of CAFCI's Cultural Diversity Day held in Veterans Park. This event is always so much fun from the music to the food and we recruited a couple of new scouts as well! A handful of us were also able to lend a hand to our Committee Chair, Mrs. Cabrera, at Berkshire Elementary School as backstage hands during their end of the year concert. We really made some music that night!

Our monthly camping trip was spent on a new camping adventure for the troop by visiting Okeechobee Shooting Sports. We were able to shoot double barrel shotguns and rifles and boy do we have some eagle eyes!!! Even the lightning didn't keep us from our targets or an intense game of ultimate frisbee!

A BIG thank you as well to those that were able to help with our Flag Ceremony at St. David's Episcopal Church in Wellington. We were able to show the community our troop as they celebrated a patriotic themed graduation for their elementary school children.



Dennis Wright, Luke Estevez,
Jackson Eubanks, Ryan Goldberger



And to top off the month, we were able to aide William Hicks and Ryan Goldberger in their Eagle Scout projects as well as help in a car wash to raise funds for my Eagle Scout project this summer.

This summer is sure to be a busy one with Eagle Scout projects, summer camps and even a high adventure! I look forward to bringing you all the highlights...here comes summer!

Jackson Eubanks
Troop 111, Senior Patrol Leader



William Hicks, Jackson Doeren, Noah Cabrera,
Ryan Goldberger, Luke Estevez



Front Row: Pack 120: Wesley Waugh, Isabella Page,
Charlie Waugh, Luke Estevez
Back Row: Jackson Doeren, Ryan Goldberger,
Caleb McNally, Giancarlo Ortega, Noah Cabrera,
William Hicks

THANK YOU



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SPECIAL THANKS TO KAREEM GORDON FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE STUDENTS' THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS 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, NORMA SMITH-HILL, JUNETTE POWELL (CO-CHAIR) AND NADINE WHITE-BOYD (CO-CHAIR).

CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach Celebrate Cultural Diversity



This year's Cultural Diversity Day celebration, sponsored by CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach, and supported by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County held on May 13, 2023 at Veterans Park, was enjoyed by all. The Boy Scout Troop 111 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by a Royal Palm Beach High School student, Lilyan Moran. Mayor Fred Pinto then delivered his welcome message to everyone including the members of the Royal Palm Beach Council in attendance. CAFCI's President, Dennis Wright, also welcomed the attendees to the park and acknowledged the major sponsors as well as vendors, participants and local supporters of the Cultural Diversity Day event. The Cultural Committee Chair, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, thanked the attendees for attending the event and encouraged them to reach out to others to get to the park. She also thanked the team and introduced each Cultural team member to the attendees.



There were food trucks and other vendors who supported the event. The Cultural Diversity Day event featured many culturally diverse performers which included an Island style Caribbean steel band featuring energetic player Junior Stevens. Junior Steven's steel band's performance helped start the afternoon off to a great festive start with the attendees dancing to the steel pan beat of the Caribbean rhythms. The Mexican Band with Esther Guzman, well-dressed in Mexican array and the Mexican theme music, was well received. The Wildcat Dancers from the Royal Palm Beach High School Dance group, under the direction of Michele Blecher, gave two sets of dance renditions. The Mariachi Band, solo saxophonist Jay Wray, the Stilt Dancers/Junkanoo Band, just to mention a few of the many performers, certainly contributed in making the Cultural Diversity Day memorable and a time of togetherness.

It was a very warm afternoon, with the temperature at the park in the mid-80s but the attendees slowly gathered into the park and by mid afternoon there were approximate 500 attendees. The event started promptly at 1 pm and ended at approximately 8:15 pm with the attendees dancing away to the sound of DJ Richness and the steel band beat.

Thanks to the diligence and commitment of the CAFCI Cultural Committee Chair Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, and the team members Marjorie Aiken, Paul Baker, Elet Cyris, Winsom Genus-Martin, Shirley Morrison, Kilon Rhoden and Genieve White. Thanks to the MC, Michael Aitcheson from WAVS, the photographer and video personnel, Dreamy Riley from IRE Times. Thanks to the dynamic and engaging DJ Richness (Michael Daniels) who assisted in keeping the richness of the entertainment going as well as the coordination of the performers intact and organized. To all the volunteers (too many to mention by name) who assisted on the day of the event with all the other details that were necessary to help make the Cultural Diversity Day a memorable one, we thank you. Thanks to the event manager of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Steven Poyner and staff. Their assistance with another celebration of Cultural Diversity Day made the day's activities a success.



By Hildreth Stoddart-Brown







Photography by Dreamy Riley, Irie Times

STAY SAFE DURING A HURRICANE

- **Stay Informed**
 - ✓ Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.
 - ✓ If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and local officials tell you to evacuate, do so immediately.
- **Dealing with the Weather**
 - ✓ Determine how best to protect yourself from high winds and flooding.
 - ✓ Take refuge in a designated storm shelter or an interior room for high winds.
 - ✓ Go to the highest level of the building if you are trapped by flooding. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.
 - ✓ Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.



**HURRICANE SEASON
IS HERE!!!**
ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON
JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30

RETURNING HOME AFTER A HURRICANE

- Pay attention to local officials for information and special instructions.
- Be careful during clean up. Wear protective clothing, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris. People with asthma and other lung conditions and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled, even if these individuals are not allergic to mold. Children should not help with disaster cleanup work.
- Wear protective clothing and work with someone else.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock.
- Do not wade in flood water, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses. This water also can contain debris, chemicals, waste and wildlife. Underground or downed power lines also can electrically charge the water.
- Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems often are down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company for assistance.

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

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

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>

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

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

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.

Although the condominium referenced in April's newsletter did not materialize, we got the opportunity to acquire another unit in the same building but fell \$100,000 short of being able to make an offer in time (there was another offer on the table when we looked at the unit). The Finance Committee met and looked at possible options of raising funds on a continuous basis to fund a mortgage and continuous expenses of owning a building. These options include operating a business as one of the means of paying any loans and funding the maintenance of the building. A business plan is being developed to be presented to the Board for discussion and approval.



*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.*

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.

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32nd Annual Friendship Ball

Rearing Through the 2020s

WITH
FORTITUDE AND COMMITMENT
TO A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Saturday, September 16, 2023

7 pm - 1 am

Dinner Served at 8 pm

ENTERTAINMENT

featuring

DJ Donovan

& Much More



\$100

Advance Ticket Sales Only | Cash Bar

SEMI-FORMAL | DOOR PRIZES | RAFFLE

WEST PALM BEACH MARRIOTT

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard

West Palm Beach, FL 33401



For more information or to purchase tickets | www.cafcipc.org

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Audrey Smith * 561.601.8856

Lawrence Logan * 561.791.0162

CAFCI * 561.790.4002 or cafcipc@bellsouth.net



Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

32nd Annual Friendship Ball

ROARING THROUGH THE 2020s WITH FORTITUDE AND COMMITMENT TO A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 7 pm

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard * West Palm Beach, FL 33401

MEMBER MESSAGE

NAME	DATE
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE	
E-MAIL	
COMMENT	

BE A PART OF CAFCI'S HISTORY BY PLACING YOUR PERSONALIZED MESSAGE IN THE 2023 BALL JOURNAL.

MESSAGE (text only – max. 20 words)
\$25

BUSINESS CARD SIZE MESSAGE (2" x 3 ¼")
\$75

Examples of personalized message:

- * We salute and congratulate CAFCI on their commitment to the community
- * Congratulations on Graduation, Newborn, Engagement, etc.
- * In loving memory of
- * Birthday greetings to

Message

Submit message and image (if applicable) to cafci@bellsouth.net.

Include "CAFCI 2023 BALL Message" in the Subject line.

All messages due on or before July 31, 2023.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check or money order payable to: **CAFCI**

Attn: Sponsorship & Journal Committee, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Ste. #134 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

OR

Pay Online by PayPal/Credit Card (*additional charges apply*)

www.cafcipbc.org/annual-friendship-ball



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32nd Annual Friendship Ball

ROARING THROUGH THE 2020S WITH FORTITUDE AND COMMITMENT TO A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 7 pm

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Boulevard * West Palm Beach, FL 33401

June 7, 2023

Dear Prospective CAFCI 2023 Ball Supporter:

CAFCI's 32nd Annual Friendship Ball will be held on **Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 7 pm** at the West Palm Beach Marriott. The theme for this premier event is ***Roaring Through the 2020s with Fortitude and Commitment to a Diverse Community***. This event attracts a large cross section of Palm Beach County and its neighboring counties. Proceeds from the Ball are earmarked for our Student Assistance Fund and community outreach programs such as the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, Cultural Diversity Day as well as other events that benefit the community at large.

Please consider supporting this worthy cause by becoming a Sponsor or purchasing an advertisement in our Annual Friendship Ball Journal. The Ball Journal recognizes our sponsors and advertisers as well as showcase the programs that CAFCI continues to produce in service to our community. The circulation of the Journal provides our sponsors and advertisers significant recognition and visibility on our website and at the Ball. Sponsorship & Support Opportunities as well as Advertising Request Forms are available on-line at www.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball and are also enclosed.

We extend an invitation to you, your staff, family and friends to attend the Friendship Ball. You may purchase tickets (\$100 each) or make a donation via our website at www.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, you may also contact CAFCI's office at 561.790.4002 or cafcipc@bellsouth.net or any of the persons listed below:

- Genieve White, Sponsorship Committee Chair: 561.876.4161; gen_white@msn.com
- Dennis Wright, President: 561.653.1586; denban22@aol.com

Your support would be very much appreciated. Please respond by **July 31st**.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Dennis Wright
President



Genieve White
1st Vice-President/Sponsorship Committee Chair

Attachments



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Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 7 pm

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JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST

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Please select (✓) the type of advertisement and complete the Payment and Setup Section below. Retain a copy of this document for your records. Submit camera ready ad electronically to cafcipbc@bellsouth.net. Include "CAFCI 2023 BALL AD" in the Subject line. **All advertisements are due on or before July 31, 2023.**

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- Business Card: \$15 min.	
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- ½ Page: \$25 min.	
- Full Page: \$35 min.	
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METHOD OF PAYMENT
Check or money order payable to: CAFCI Attention - Sponsorship & Journal Committee 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
OR
Pay Online by PayPal/Credit Card www.cafcipbc.org/annual-friendship-ball (additional charges apply)
<i>Journals are available upon request and based on availability, following the event.</i>



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GOLD SPONSOR:

\$5,000 or more

- ★ Six (6) tickets for the Annual Friendship Ball
- ★ Full page color sponsorship ad* in Ball Journal
- ★ Recognition in video presentation at the Ball
- ★ Ball Journal recognizing sponsorship on CAFCI's website for one year with direct link to sponsor's website

Please submit full color ad by July 31st to cafcibellsouth.net.

SILVER SPONSOR:

\$2,500

- ★ Four (4) tickets for the Annual Friendship Ball
- ★ Full page color sponsorship ad* in Ball Journal
- ★ Recognition in video presentation at the Ball
- ★ Ball Journal recognizing sponsorship on CAFCI's website for one year

Please submit full color ad by July 31st to cafcibellsouth.net.

BRONZE SPONSOR:

\$1,000

- ★ Two (2) tickets for the Annual Friendship Ball
- ★ Full page color sponsorship ad* in Ball Journal
- ★ Recognition in video presentation at the Ball
- ★ Ball Journal recognizing sponsorship on CAFCI's website for one year

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SUPPORT

I/We would like to support CAFCI's Annual Friendship Ball and its mission with a contribution of:

- \$500 \$250 \$100
 \$_____

You may also donate on-line at <https://www.cafcibpc.org/annual-friendship-ball>.

BALL TICKETS

I/We would like to purchase

_____ tickets at \$100 each.
 _____ table of ten (10) for \$1,000.

Ball tickets are also available on-line at <https://www.cafcibpc.org/annual-friendship-ball>.

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JUNE ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS

~ CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH ~

National Caribbean American Heritage Month is an entire month dedicated to recognizing the contributions of Caribbean immigrants to American culture and society. The entire month seeks to promote the rich culture of the Caribbean, and how Caribbean immigrants have been shaping the face of America for hundreds of years. Starting with the first-ever secretary of the treasury, Alexander Hamilton, who came from the Caribbean island of Nevis, many Caribbean immigrants and Caribbean Americans have changed the face of American government, culture, and entertainment. During this month, Americans are encouraged to honor the contributions of such figures and celebrate their achievements.

What happens during National Caribbean American Heritage Month? National Caribbean American Heritage Month is designated by presidential proclamation - meaning that the president of the United States leads the celebrations with an annual national proclamation about the importance of Caribbean culture to American society. The first National Caribbean American Heritage Month took place in June 2006, with President George Bush making the inaugural presidential proclamation.

There are also events held across the United States during the month of June which seek to promote the rich heritage of the Caribbean. One such event is National Caribbean American Restaurant Week, which runs from June 12 through June 18. This entire week promotes different restaurants across the United States that serve authentic Caribbean food.

Aside from celebratory events, there are also fundraisers and activist-led events held to raise awareness about the systemic barriers that Caribbean Americans still face in the United States and empower the next generation of Caribbean Americans.

All that's left for us to say is that we wish you an awesome 2023 National Caribbean American Heritage Month, and we hope that you enjoy the celebrations that are taking place! For more learning opportunities, be sure to sign up to Twinkl today for access to over 800,000 amazing resources.

Source: [National Caribbean American Heritage Month 2023 | Twinkl USA](#)

DID YOU KNOW ...

THE FIRST BLACK SECRETARY OF THE U.S. ARMY WAS OF JAMAICA DESCENT?

Clifford Alexander, Jr., the son of a Jamaican immigrant, made history when United States President Jimmy Carter named him Secretary of the US Army in 1977, and he became the first African-American to serve in that role. Prior to his appointment by President Carter, Alexander had held various jobs, including time as a Private in the US National Guard, working in the Department of Foreign Affairs during the presidency of John F. Kennedy, and being one of the top civilian employees in the US Army.

~ JUNETEENTH ~

What is Juneteenth? Also known as Emancipation or Freedom Day, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. The name "Juneteenth" references the date of the holiday, combining "June" and "nineteenth".

When was Juneteenth First Celebrated? Juneteenth was first celebrated in Texas, on June 19, 1866. It marked the first anniversary of the day enslaved Black individuals learned of the Emancipation Proclamation and that they were free. This was more than two years after it was first issued.

How was Juneteenth originally celebrated? In the years that followed, the first observation of Juneteenth celebrations typically included religious and prayer services, readings, speeches, sharing oral histories from former slaves, games, singing and feasting.

How do we recognize Juneteenth today? On June 16, 2021, legislation establishing the holiday with federal observance was passed by congress and the following day was signed into law by President Joseph Biden. While Juneteenth had previously been an established state holiday in Texas since 1980, it was not federally recognized. This year is the first time Juneteenth will be nationally observed with federal and school closures.

To learn more about the history of Juneteenth, we invite you to explore these resources:

- [The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth – National Museum of African American History & Culture, Smithsonian](#)
- [What is Juneteenth? The 156-year-old holiday, explained.](#)
- [What Is Juneteenth? A Look at the History of the Holiday in America](#)
- [Slavery Didn't End On Juneteenth. What You Should Know About This Important Day](#)

Source: [Talking to Your Kids About Juneteenth - Kids Co. \(kidscompany.org\)](#)

~ NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVOR MONTH ~

June is National Cancer Survivor Month. Anyone with cancer, their caregivers, families, and friends can benefit from help and support. The American Cancer Society offers the Cancer Survivors Network® (CSN), a safe place to connect with others who share similar interests and experiences. For more information, click on the attached link: [Cancer Survivors Network](#)

AND COMING IN JULY...

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! For the more than 328 million people who call the United States of America home, July 4th is an exciting holiday. Independence Day celebrates American freedom and everything that makes the U.S. such a unique and beautiful country. The Fourth of July has a lot to offer in terms of celebrations, traditions, and community gatherings, and there's no shortage of fun to be had when summer's biggest holiday comes around.

Source: [Fascinating Facts About the History of the Fourth of July - The Habitat](#)

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at 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.

June General Membership Meeting Cancelled

Saturday, June 17: **Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony**, 4:30 pm, Original Wellington Mall
Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, July 8: **General Membership Meeting ~ Business Awareness**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, August 12: **General Membership Meeting ~ Membership Appreciation**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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

Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Nominations**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

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

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

AROUND TOWN

- **Saturday, June 17th, 7 am to 2 pm:** South Florida Fairgrounds **Summer Garage Sale**. For more information, <https://www.southfloridafair.com/events/2023/summergaragesale>
- **Wednesday, July 26th, 4 pm to 8 pm:** Palm Beach Summer Business Expo West Palm Beach at Palm Beach Hilton Airport Hotel, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. For more information: [Palm Beach Summer Business Expo West Palm Beach Tickets, Palm Beach Hilton Airport Hotel, West Palm Beach, July 26 2023 | AllEvents.in](https://www.all-events.com/event/palm-beach-summer-business-expo-west-palm-beach-tickets-palm-beach-hilton-airport-hotel-west-palm-beach-july-26-2023)
- 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.

FLORIDA SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Consumers can purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from tax during the 2023 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday began Saturday, May 27 and extends through Friday, June 9. A second exemption period will begin Saturday, August 26 and extend through Friday, September 8. The Department of Revenue created this webpage to provide information and promotional materials for consumers, businesses, and other interested parties. For more information, [Florida Dept. of Revenue - Home \(floridarevenue.com\)](http://FloridaDept.ofRevenue-Home.floridarevenue.com)

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Happy Father's Day
to all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles,
and all who play the role of a Father!

Daddy,
I have made prints of my little feet
so you can remember when I was
so small and sweet.
I will grow as the years go past
but my love for you
will always last.



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