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

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2024

**CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** in Florida, Inc.



*proudly presents our annual*  
**FRIENDSHIP BALL**

*Celebrating* CAFCI  
35 Years Strong in Community Involvement

**Saturday, September 28, 2024**

7 pm to 1 am

Dinner Served at 8:30 pm

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General Membership Meetings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Board Meetings  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

See back page for calendar of events.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 17<sup>th</sup> is recognized as National Nonprofit Day in the United States. On this day nonprofits are recognized for the positive impacts they have on communities and the world. Because of nonprofits like CAFCI, graduating high school seniors can apply for assistance when they attend college, aid is provided for natural disasters, volunteers read to school children; social activities are provided for members and supporters. Acknowledgement of National Nonprofit Day (NND) reminds us that each of these scenes is possible because of nonprofit organizations like ours. CAFCI has been working hard for 35 years to maintain and sustain the quality of life for our cultural and diverse ancestral heritage.

August is also Membership Appreciation Month for CAFCI, however, we will officially recognize our members at a combined games night and membership meeting in November. I know there are a lot of members and supporters who may not come to our monthly meetings but who are working hard in the background on such programs as Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration, Cultural Diversity Day, Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony, annual picnic, volunteering as our liaison to the Scouts and all those other programs which we undertake every year. To you I say, thanks for the time and other contributions that you give in support of these programs.

**ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL:** Our annual Friendship Ball on Saturday, September 28, 2024, is rapidly approaching. Tickets are \$110 per person and are now available for purchase. Please purchase your tickets early and help us achieve our fundraising goal of \$20,000. We are asking everyone to purchase a personal greeting in this year's journal for \$25. Please see attached flyer for ball location and entertainment lineup.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** CAFCI was again asked to participate in Palm Beach County School international teacher recruitment program. We were one of only three organizations in our area invited to provide information and support to the international teachers recruited to teach in Palm Beach County. Most of the teachers were from the Philippines, India, the Caribbean and several African countries. Many of the Caribbean teachers were from Jamaica and Guyana. Board member Norma Smith-Hill and I represented CAFCI. We handed out pamphlets, and gave a short presentation about CAFCI, including information about our mission, programs and membership requirements. This was an incredibly rewarding and inspiring two-day event, and we hope to continue our involvement with the initiative in the coming years.

With warm regards,



Dennis Wright

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**GET WELL TO:**

Lawrence Logan

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

Paul and Doreen Baker

on the loss of her mother, Gloria Cranston

Please Let Us Know...

*We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if*

- you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or
- you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or
- you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.

*Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter, or offer our support.*

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



**AUGUST 16 - 31**

Michael R Coleman	19
Elet Cyris	19
Norma Morris-Thornhill	20
Cecil B. Sunanon	20
Clover Henry-Gilroy	22
Yvonne Broderick-Wilson	24
Hope Francis	25
Ledlo Powell	25
Shirley Morrison	27
Sybell Dawson	29
Glenor Reid-Swaby	29
Prudel Belle	31
Lorna Johnson	31

**SEPTEMBER 1 - 15**

Margaret Berry	01
Inez Millender	02
Lydia Patterson	03
Barry Martin	08
Percival Wood	08
Hazel Hamilton	09
Dorothy Bell	11
Jess Santamaria	11
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown	11
Sherma Buck	14
Jennifer Jaikissoon	15
Elroy Sangster	15
Eugene Wright	15

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

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### *Potluck & Games Night*

Saturday, August 10, 2024 at 7 pm

In-Person & Via Zoom

10287 Okeechobee Boulevard

Level-X Fitness Center - Suite A-5

Royal Palm Beach

*(located at the Target Plaza, corner of  
Okeechobee Boulevard and State Road 7 / US 441)*

Please join us for our monthly general membership meeting on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at our new membership meeting location. The meeting will be a "Potluck & Games Night" Bring your own game and/or come and learn a new game.

If you are unable to attend in person, join us on Zoom:

- Visit website: [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)  
Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
- Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllNER0a2JuNlhtYUZlVkZzYmRSdz09>
- [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) Select "Join A Meeting" Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422 | Password: 478705

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

## CAFCI Annual FRIENDSHIP BALL

*CAFCI: 35 Years Strong*

*in Community Involvement*

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Hilton Palm Beach Airport

West Palm Beach

CAFCI's 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Friendship Ball will be held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport in West Palm Beach on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Are you ready? If you aren't, you need to get ready. This year's Ball promises to surpass all the others. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place for an event that knocks your socks off! Great food, excellent company, music that enthralls! Maestro please! Entertainment will be provided by Spirit & Soul Band and DJ Mansta. A word to the wise: Get your tickets early from a CAFCI member before it is sold out. Look out for more details on the CAFCI website, [www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org), and in the September issue of the newsletter.

## FRIENDSHIP BALL SUPPORT

**SPONSORSHIP, SUPPORT & ADVERTISING  
OPPORTUNITIES**

Although the deadline (July 31<sup>st</sup>) to submit advertising and support for the Ball has passed, we are extending the deadline to August 10<sup>th</sup>. Please submit via CAFCI website (<https://www.cafcipc.org/annual-ball-ad-forms>) or bring to the General Membership meeting on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. As we celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> year serving our community, we are encouraging members to place a Member Message in the Journal to commemorate this milestone. Forms detailing Ball support opportunities (sponsorship, advertising and member message) are included in the newsletter and are available on CAFCI's website. For more information, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or [gen\\_white@msn.com](mailto:gen_white@msn.com); Audrey Campbell at 561.792.1129 or [acampbell@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:acampbell@cruiseplanners.com) or Audrey Smith at 561.601.8856 or [terrisjanice@hotmail.com](mailto:terrisjanice@hotmail.com).

# Member Spotlight

## HAVE YOU MET ... THE FERGUSON FAMILY?



This month we'd like to introduce you to the Ferguson family.

**ORIGINS** - Robin is Jamaican born and raised, while Micaela is from Columbia, South Carolina. The Fergusons, having lived in Florida previously, recently reestablished their Florida residency by moving from Virginia to Royal Palm Beach. They did so because they wanted to raise their children near family, a good many of whom reside in South Florida. A pragmatic duo driven by similar goals and beliefs, Micaela and Robin have always seemed to travel a parallel journey.



Growing up thousands of miles apart and with quite different personalities—Robin, is an extrovert, while Micaela, is an introvert—the two have long held similar dreams and interests. Long before they met, each envisioned a future that was nearly identical to the other's. Both joined the Navy directly after high school with visions of attaining college degrees and starting a real estate business.

**CAREER & COUPLEDOM** - One could say their coupledom was predestined for both were stationed in Japan at the same time but did not meet until they shared a military tour in the Gulf of Oman in 2009. On one of their naval jaunts to Italy, the two took some time out to get acquainted. Their first date consisted of sharing ice cream at a gelato shop in Civitavecchia. That first date led to marriage and three children, and a relationship that fifteen years later has seen them become best friends, business partners, and a team that is inseparable.

**FAMILY** - Micaela and Robin's eldest child, Malachi, was born in Jacksonville. He will be a freshman at Suncoast High School this year as a math, science and engineering student. They proudly acknowledge that Malachi is a gifted baseball player and has a

mean curve ball at the bowling alley. Their daughter Rachel, their youngest, is fearlessness itself, they say. They add that her infectious smile and uninhibited personality illuminate all her activities, including her art and swimming. Elijah, their middle child, passed not long ago. Despite his no longer being here physically, they note that he is the light of their family's world. Remembering his sweet nature and empathetic spirit, they say, invariably brings them a smile, especially when they recall his love of dance and music.

**A TIME OF TRANSITION** -- Having served twenty years of military service, Micaela will retire from the navy in December as a Chief Petty Officer. Robin, a Lieutenant, remains committed to growing his career in the military. He commutes daily to his unit in Miami.

**INTERESTS** -- Avid travelers and outdoor enthusiasts, Robin and Micaela and their children enjoy paddleboarding, ATV riding, swimming and spending time with family and friends. Conquering new games and watching movies together is a favorite past-time. Their newest endeavor is gardening, and they are considering acquiring a few chickens as they recently purchased a home in The Acreage.

**VALUES** - Robin and Micaela say that their core values of continued faith and attention to health are essential to their household. Uplifting each other as a couple and their children as a family, while being good people, has been fundamental to building and maintaining their relationship. Having grown to adulthood in the military, they commend the service for having provided them and their family with opportunities to understand different cultures, and for expanding their exposure to real estate investing in different localities; that experience led to Micaela becoming a licensed realtor in Virginia and Florida and the start of their real estate business.

**CAFCI** -- A breath of fresh air! Robin, Micaela and their children have joined CAFCI, which they call 'a breath of fresh air,' and have already begun making meaningful contributions. Just last month they did a joint presentation on the importance of individuals being fully informed and acting as self-advocates when engaging with doctors and medical institutions. The couple says that 'Being a part of an organization that moves our community forward is important. We want to instill hope in our children and teach them about volunteering and meaningful service by example.'

**FOUNDATION: A LASTING LEGACY TO ELIJAH** - Wrapping up, Robin and Micaela speak to their motivation: *"Passion and perseverance drive us. We are determined to establish a foundation to honor the legacy of Elijah. Our mission is to increase healthcare literacy for families by encouraging education and advocacy of families in our community. Our goal is to empower families with the knowledge needed to make informed medical decisions. Giving a voice to shared experiences fosters support and provides opportunities to prevent unnecessary hardships, and that, in tribute to our beloved Elijah, is our mission and our calling."*

Written by Robin and Micaela Ferguson and edited by Max Smith, Newsletter Committee Member

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

*Thanks, CAFCI family. We look forward to shining the spotlight on you.*

## OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.

## STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

*EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE*

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. Look out for the 2025 Student Assistance Scholarship Application which will be posted on the CAFCI website on September 6, 2024 with the following link: <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>.

The Student Assistance Fund Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Student Assistance Fund. See the 2024 "Thank You flyer" which is included in this newsletter and posted on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>. If you missed the 2024 awards ceremony, the video with congratulatory messages from past recipients, pictures from the award ceremony as well as a recording of the awards ceremony can be viewed on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram>.

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. Even a small donation will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2024 Student Assistance Fund Award Recipients



**RACHELLE  
ALCIN**  
*Michelle and  
Robert  
Diffenderfer  
Award*  
Florida  
International  
University



**NIRVANI  
BALKARAN**  
*Gloria  
Edwards  
Award*  
Florida  
State  
University



**KELLIE  
CARGILL**  
*Ferrin  
Student  
Leadership  
Award*  
Florida  
International  
University



**KARLYLE  
DRAKE**  
*Jess and  
Victoria  
Santamaria  
Award*  
Fisk  
University



**TYSON ELLIOTT**  
*Audrey  
Martin Award  
& CAFCI  
Junior Citizen  
Award*  
Florida State  
University



**JAMIR  
HUTCHINSON**  
*The Genieve  
White Family  
Award*  
University of  
Central  
Florida



**ANNE  
OSME**  
*Alpha and  
Dominque  
McDonald  
Award*  
Palm Beach  
State College



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ULYSSE**  
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Abraham  
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to help raise money for the Student Assistance Fund.*

*Your support of, and commitment to, our mission is greatly appreciated.*

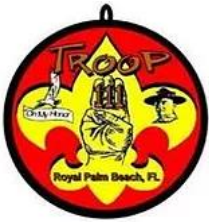
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**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KAREEM GORDON  
FOR PRODUCING THE STUDENTS' CONGRATULATIONS VIDEO.**

**THANKS TO THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE FOR  
THEIR DEDICATION TO AND INVESTMENT IN CAFCI:  
JUNETTE POWELL & NADINE WHITE-BOYD, CO-CHAIRS  
DOREEN BAKER, LAVERN BLACKWOOD, LEONIE ESCOFFERY,  
NORMA SMITH-HILL, MARVA WILKES**

# CAFCI SCOUTS TROOPS 111 & 4111



Hello CAFCI,

Troop 111 has had an awesome summer! We have just returned from Camp Daniel Boone where we had tons of fun. The trip started with an overnight hotel stay on the way to North Carolina. Once we arrived and checked in to Camp, the Troop split up into two groups; base camp and high adventure. The basecamp scouts completed merit badges, participated in the "Polar Bear Plunge", and went whitewater rafting. Basecamp Scouts also participated in hikes, made pottery and cooked one day at our campsite where we made a Jambalaya. The high adventure scouts went ziplining and whitewater rafting all week. They had an amazing experience! We completed our trip with another overnight stay at an AirBnB before heading home on the final part of our journey. Many thanks to CAFCI for their interest in the Troop and always supporting our adventures!



Mr. Ryan McNally, Kirill Montoya, Caleb McNally, Landon Girard, Haroon Almasoodi, Keenan Stack (other 2 not part of T111)



Robert Lombardo



Keil Grieser



Mr. Ryan McNally, Keenan Stack, Landon Girard, Caleb McNally, Haroon Almasoodi, Kirill Montoya



Mrs. Zulema Grieser, Keil Grieser, Jonathan Schnick Baker, Mr. Spencer Scott, Robert Lombardo, Mason Scott



Caleb McNally, Landon Girard



Mason Scott



Yours in Scouting,  
Jonathan Schnick Baker  
Senior Patrol Leader  
5.28.24 - Present  
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>



## 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???

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

Submit your membership dues online at: [https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues\\_OR](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

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



The Finance Committee is in the process of addressing our ability to show a more significant steady stream of income when obtaining financing for the purchase of property. This is one of the biggest hurdles we face in acquiring loan funding for a building and related capital expenses.

We have entered another phase in setting up a for-profit business as a means to some steady income, thanks to the knowledge and efforts of Barclay Varlack, a member of the Finance Committee and the Board.

The search for property continues, primarily focusing on lease to own options, along with land and commercial condominiums. Another option being investigated is jointly purchasing property that can be used by both parties, thereby reducing the cost of acquisition.

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

*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 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 investors who may be able to help with funding or if you have ideas and information about available properties, email CAFCI at [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net) and copy [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) or call 561.790.4002 and leave a message.. We thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

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



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Saturday, September 28, 2024

CAFCI's annual Friendship Ball will be held on **Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 8 pm** at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport. The theme for this premier event is **CAFCI: 35 Years Strong in Community Involvement**. 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 showcases 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 online at [www.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball](http://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 (\$110 each) or make a donation via our website at [www.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball](http://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](mailto:cafcipc@bellsouth.net) or any of the persons listed below:

- Genieve White, Sponsorship Committee Chair: 561.876.4161; [gen\\_white@msn.com](mailto:gen_white@msn.com)
- Dennis Wright, President: 561.653.1586; [denban22@aol.com](mailto:denban22@aol.com)

Your support would be very much appreciated. Please respond by **July 31<sup>st</sup>**.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Dennis Wright  
President

Attachments

Genieve White  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President/Sponsorship Committee Chair



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

**BUSINESS CARD SIZE MESSAGE** (2" x 3 1/4")  
\$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**

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Submit message and image (if applicable) to [cafcipbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcipbc@bellsouth.net).

Include "CAFCI 2024 BALL Message" in the Subject line.

**All messages due on or before July 31, 2024.**

**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.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball](http://www.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball)



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**FRIENDSHIP BALL**  
*Celebrating* CAFCI  
 35 Years Strong in Community Involvement  
**Saturday, September 28, 2024**

<b>COMPANY</b>	
<b>CONTACT NAME</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	
<b>PHONE</b>	
<b>E-MAIL</b>	
<b>WEBSITE</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>CAFCI REP. SIGN.</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>COMMENT</b>	

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](mailto:cafcipbc@bellsouth.net). Include "CAFCI 2024 BALL AD" in the Subject line. **All advertisements are due on or before July 31, 2024.**

SELECT	TYPE OF ADVERTISEMENT	PRICE
	Outside Back Cover (8½" x 11")	\$700
	Inside Back Cover (8½" x 11")	\$650
	Inside Front Cover (8½" x 11")	\$650
	Full Page (8½" x 11")	\$500
	Half Page (5½" x 8 ½")	\$275
	Quarter Page (4 ¼" x 8½")	\$150
	Business Card (2" x 3 ¼")	\$80

PAYMENT	
Ad Price Selected	\$
Additional Set-up Charges (if applicable)	\$
- Business Card: \$15 min.	
- ¼ Page: \$20 min.	
- ½ Page: \$25 min.	
- Full Page: \$35 min.	
Additional Tax-Deductible Donation	\$
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>

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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 31<sup>st</sup> to [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.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 31<sup>st</sup> to [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.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

*Please submit full color ad by July 31<sup>st</sup> to [cafci@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafci@bellsouth.net).*

**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.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball>.*

**BALL TICKETS**

I/We would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$110 each.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ table of ten (10) for \$1,100.

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

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*(additional charges apply)*



### CHECK YOUR STATUS

Visit the My Status page:

<https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Voters/My-Status>

- Review and update your voter registration information
- Look at your personalized sample ballot
- Check your Vote-by-Mail requests
- Track your Vote-by-Mail ballot to see when it went out and when it was received by our office
- Find out where you vote on Election Day
- See your voter activity for the past 12 months

### THREE WAYS TO VOTE

**EARLY VOTING:** August 10 - 18, 2024, 7 am to 7 pm. You can vote in person or drop off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at any Early Voting location during this time.

**VOTE-BY-MAIL:** Voted ballots must be in the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 pm August 20. To receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot, you must request one. The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is 5 pm August 8, 2024.

**ELECTION DAY:** August 20, 2024, 7 am to 7 pm To vote in person on Election Day, you must vote in the polling place assigned to your precinct.

### CLOSED PRIMARIES

Your party affiliation will determine which partisan races are on your Primary Election ballot because Florida has closed primaries. However, the 2024 Primary Election also includes nonpartisan races for school board and judges, a countywide question, and a Universal Primary Contest\* for Public Defender, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit that all registered voters, including those registered with a different party or not affiliated with a party.

The deadline to change your political party affiliation for this election was July 22.

*\*A Universal Primary Contest occurs when all the candidates for an office belong to the same party and the winning candidate will have no opposition in the General Election.*

### SAMPLE BALLOT

The races on your Primary ballot are determined by where you live and your party affiliation in partisan races. Look up your voter information here to find your specific sample ballot.

The links to "All Races" sample ballots below show all of the races that are included in this election, including those that are district-specific.

2024 Republican Primary Election All Races Sample Ballot

[https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Portals/PalmBeach/2024%20Elections/Compressed%20Republican%20Party%20Sample%20Ballot%20Primary%20Election%202024.pdf?ver=lvuiOSpIT\\_Hq9F2gEQTBkA%3d%3d](https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Portals/PalmBeach/2024%20Elections/Compressed%20Republican%20Party%20Sample%20Ballot%20Primary%20Election%202024.pdf?ver=lvuiOSpIT_Hq9F2gEQTBkA%3d%3d)

2024 Democratic Primary Election All Races Sample Ballot

<https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Portals/PalmBeach/2024%20Elections/Compressed%20Democratic%20Party%20Sample%20Ballot%20Primary%20Election%202024.pdf?ver=xH7xE6brULzADDM4oDARpA%3d%3d>

2024 Nonpartisan Primary Election All Races Sample Ballot

<https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Portals/PalmBeach/2024%20Elections/Compressed%20Nonpartisan%20Sample%20Ballot%20Primary%20Election%202024.pdf?ver=HTU8U3i8SeuWobtHID6LBQ%3d%3d>



### ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES & POLLING PLACE CHANGES

Verify your assigned election day polling place at <https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Voters/Precinct-Finder>  
*We've Moved!*

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections  
Main Office and Voting Equipment Center  
4301 Cherry Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Source: <https://www.votepalmbeach.gov/>

## AUGUST ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS & AWARENESS

### WHAT IS THE MONTH OF AUGUST KNOWN FOR:

August, eighth month of the Gregorian calendar. It was named for the first Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar, in 8 bce. Its original name was Sextilus, Latin for "sixth month," indicating its position in the early Roman calendar.

### Fun Facts about August:

- August is the eighth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar.
- August is named after the Roman emperor Augustus.
- August is National Wellness Month in the United States.
- August is Diversity Awareness Month.
- The zodiac signs for August are Leo (July 23 – August 22) and Virgo (August 23 – September 22).

Source: [what is celebrated during the month of august - Google Search](#)

## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

### HAPPY LABOR DAY!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

**6 FUN FACTS ABOUT LABOR DAY!** Many of us will be enjoying this day off of work to celebrate the end of summer with family and friends at picnics, pool parties and BBQs. Here are some fun and interesting facts about Labor Day that might help you out in the next game of Trivial Pursuit!

1. The first U.S. Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union. The Labor Day parade of about 10,000 workers took unpaid leave and marched from City Hall past Union Square uptown to 42nd street, and ended in Wendel's Elm Park at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue for a concert, speeches, and a picnic.
2. Oregon was the first to declare Labor Day an official holiday in 1887.
3. Labor Day is considered the 'unofficial NFL season kickoff.' 99.44 percent of the time, the NFL plays its first official season game the Thursday after Labor Day.
4. The first Waffle house opened on Labor Day. In 1955, in Avondale Estates, GA, the very first Waffle House opened its doors to the public.
5. What are we celebrating? The contributions and achievements of the 155 million men and women who are in the U.S. workforce.
6. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.



Source: <https://www.hydroworx.com/blog/fun-facts-labor-day/>

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$80 \* Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.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, August 10: General Membership Meeting ~ Potluck | Games Night, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, September 14: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 7pm

### CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

*Celebrating CAFCI: 35 Years Strong in Community Involvement*

Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 12: General Membership Meeting ~ Membership Appreciation | Games Night, 7 pm, Hybrid

Saturday, November 9: General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Hybrid

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

## AROUND TOWN

- Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12 noon – 10 pm | 6<sup>th</sup> Annual *TREASURE COAST CARIBBEAN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL*; MidFlorida Event Center, Port St. Lucie, FL. For ticket prices and more information, go to [www.CACGPSL.com](http://www.CACGPSL.com).
- Visit the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the Kravis Center at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events.
- For information on what's going on around Wellington, go to [AroundWellington.com](http://AroundWellington.com).

### 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](mailto: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](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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**2024 HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE – BE PREPARED**

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

Take an Active Role in Your Safety.

- Go to [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) and use FEMA's Guide for Alerts and Warnings to learn more about hurricane watches and warnings.
- Download the FEMA app to get more information about how to prepare.
- Check out this link to get all the information you need to ensure you're prepared this hurricane season: [floridadisaster.org/planprepare/florida-hurricane-guide](https://floridadisaster.org/planprepare/florida-hurricane-guide)

*To review previous articles about Hurricane Preparedness see CAFCI NEWS*

- *May Issue for PREPARE NOW*
- *June Issue for SURVIVE DURING*
- *July Issue for BE SAFE AFTER*

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