

NEWS

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.

December 2019





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Cultural	Elet Cyris
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Grants	Barbara Walker
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NewsletterJunette F	Powell & Thalia White
Membership	
Parliamentarian	Nadine White-Boyd
Picnic	To be determined
Program	Rhonda Ferrin-Davis
Relay for Life	Nova Brown
Student Assistance Program	Junette Powell
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Sunshine	
Talent Show	Junette Powell
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Toys for Tots	
Venue/Reservations	Lawrence Logan
Ferrin Memorial Scholarship	
Website	Radcliffe Brown
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Board meetings - 4th Thursday of the month See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As CAFCI concludes 30 years, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all CAFCI members, friends and supporters for your contributions during the year. Each one of you has helped CAFCI by donating time, money, goods and services to fulfill our mission. For all who stepped up to chair committees and raise needed funds, on behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your support and I look forward to your active participation next year. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

Toys for Tots/Christmas Potluck: Please support our Toys for Tots drive by bringing a new and unwrapped toy to our December meeting. These toys will be donated on behalf of CAFCI to a needy group in our community. If you would like to make a cash donation, we will be happy to purchase the toys. Please bring your favorite dish to share with the CAFCI family at our membership meeting on December 14th.

Board Member Elections: We will be electing board members at our upcoming meeting in December. This is an opportunity for our members to have their voices heard and to contribute to the future direction of CAFCI. I hope to see a large gathering for this meeting. Thanks to Pamela Fraser for her service on the Board and Chair of the Membership Committee. Your contribution to the leadership and direction of CAFCI is greatly appreciated.

New Year's Eve Party: Our New Year's Eve party will be held on December 31st. Please plan to celebrate with us as we conclude another year. The party is a time for CAFCI's family, friends and supporters to come together and celebrate our achievements for the year. See elsewhere in this issue for additional information. Tickets and flyers are available.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Newsletter Committee, we wish each member of CAFCI and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Dennis Wright, President





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CONDOLENCES TO:

Rhonda and Winston Davis on the loss of her cousin

Please Let Us Know...

Please contact one of our Sunshine Committee members if you are ill, know of anyone who is ill or would like to share any condolences and would like it to be announced in the newsletter:

Elet Cyris, Chair	561.791.9087
Paul Baker	561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter	561.798.2864

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TOYS FOR TOTS & BOARD ELECTION

Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 7 pm

Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center, Room C 100 Sweet Bay Lane, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

On Saturday, December 14th, CAFCI will have its annual membership meeting and Christmas potluck party. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drive and a dish to share. Also, don't forget to wear your Santa hat and/or Christmas attire.

CAFCI'S NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 8 pm

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

Plans are in the works for a fabulous New Year's Eve celebration so mark your calendars and check the website (www.cafcipbc.org) and this newsletter for more details. Come join CAFCI and ring in the New Year at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center and let's end the year with a bang!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Monday, January 20, 2020 at 8:30 am

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

On January 20th, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach will host its seventeenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. There will be a continental breakfast from 8:30 am to 9:30 am followed by an amazing program with an array of talents from 10 am until noon. As usual the event is free. Please visit CAFCI's website (www.cafcipbc.org) for additional details as well as the flyer elsewhere in this issue.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 2 pm to 10 pm

South Florida Fairgrounds

The Relay for Life of Western Palm Beach event will be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds. This year's theme is "Holidays" and CAFCI's choice is "Easter." Save the date and stay tuned for further information in the coming issues of the newsletter, at the monthly meetings and on CAFCI's website. I encourage you to set a personal goal for how much money you would like to collect and start thinking about all your friends and family who can help you reach your goal. We would like to meet or exceed last year's team goal of \$3,000. You can access the CAFCI Relay For Life web page at http://main.acsevents.org/goto/cafcirelay or the page the **CAFCI** on web https://www.cafcipbc.org/events. From the CAFCI Relay web page you can make a donation or join our team to solicit donations from friends and family.

Submitted by: Nova Brown, Relay for Life Chair

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI is very pleased to spotlight Jermaine Scott, son of Peter and May Scott, for his many accomplishments which include: Assistant Professor of History at Mississippi State University; Because of his research - which focuses on the cultural politics of sport, Black politics, Black diaspora studies, and modernity/coloniality theory - he was appointed Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Virginia Carter G. Woodson Institute. His forthcoming manuscript, "Black Teamwork: Football and Black Politics in the African Diaspora, 1950-2008," seeks to understand the ways in which Black athletic collectives in the African Diaspora negotiate the colonial and racial constitution of modern sports - football/soccer in particular. His writings have been included in: ESPN's The Undefeated, the award winning blog, Black Perspectives, and the Journal of Sports History. Congratulations Dr. Scott. CAFCI is proud to honor you.

LETTER FROM A PAST AWARD RECIPIENT

October 10, 2019

Good evening Ms. Powell,

I wanted to update you on my progress this semester, as it is coming to an end: This semester has been going pretty well. I have maintained really good grades and have adopted great study habits. I am really learning to manage my time better and it is giving me more time to truly have a rewarding college experience. I have made some really good and close friends here at the University so far and I am really glad that I chose this place to further my education. This semester has gone by so quickly and I am excited for Thanksgiving and winter break, so that I can spend time with my friends and family back home. I hope that you and the organization are doing well and I wish you all the best this holiday season.

Again, I wanted to thank you for your generous scholarship and I wish the new applicants good luck in the selection process!

Best wishes, Nia 'Symone Francisco

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Awards Committee would be honored to recognize its members' relatives and their accomplishments, so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD FUND

Student Assistance Awards Ceremony

Date: May 2, 2020 at 6 pm Venue: To be determined

APPLICATION: The application for CAFCI Student Assistance is included in this newsletter, on CAFCI's website, www.cafcipbc.org as well as the School District website www.palmbeachschools.org. Please encourage graduating Palm Beach County high school seniors who have been accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning to apply for the award.

DONATION: To donate to the Student Assistance Awards Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or donate on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org.

CAFCI ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

All are invited to attend our General Membership meeting on Saturday, December 14, 2019 when we will hold Board of Directors elections. CAFCI members in good standing will be eligible to vote in the election of those Board members. Criteria for eligibility to serve on the Board include: Good standing; member of CAFCI for at least one year; have actively worked on, and was an integral part of a Committee within the past three (3) years; submission of a brief biography; a commitment to attend bimonthly board meetings, monthly General Membership meetings, and special events.

Any member who meet the above criteria and wish to serve as a Director, or wish to recommend another CAFCI member to serve, should contact Dennis Wright at 561.653.1586 or CAFCI@bellsouth.net.

The Nominating Committee has submitted, in alphabetical order, the names Marjorie Mendez, Genieve White and Dennis Wright as nominees for Board of Directors. See the letter to members from the Nominating Committee in this issue of CAFCI NEWS.

Best wishes, Dennis Wright, President



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November 22, 2019

Dear CAFCI Member:

In accordance with Article V Section 1 of CAFCI's Bylaws we, the members of the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following names, in alphabetical order, as nominees for the Board of Directors:

> Marjorie Mendez Genieve White Dennis Wright

Members are reminded that Article V Section 2 of the ByLaws states: "Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor. Nominations signed by at least five (5) members in good standing and submitted to the Nomination (sic) Committee no later than seven (7) days before the annual meeting shall be included in the slate of candidates presented to the members of the meeting."

Please note that the elections will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 (annual meeting.) We are looking forward to your attendance and participation.

Respectfully,

Nominating Committee (Radcliffe Brown, Johnny Davis, Nadine White-Boyd)

cc: CAFCI File



CAFCI MEMBERSHIP CORNER "CAFCI AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, TOGETHER WE SOAR"

Greetings CAFCI!

Life seems to be moving at the speed of light. I cannot believe that 2019 is almost over. It is always a dizzying feeling to review CAFCI's accomplishments at the end of the year. Our membership does so much for the community.

This year we celebrated our 30th Anniversary of making a difference. From A-D our membership team worked hard to make this an awesome year:

- * African Dancing at Black History Month Celebration
- **☀ B**rightline Trip
- * Cruise-themed Membership Appreciation Day
- * Dynamic International Games Night

Thank you to the dedicated Membership and Recruitment Committee chaired by Pamela Fraser which includes Cynthia Beckles, Charmaine Henry, Carolyn Hmara and Audrey Smith. We worked diligently to take our events to the next level.

Our team put our heart and soul into everything we did. No matter what we did, we wanted to do something unique and meaningful for CAFCI Members. Who could forget the wonderful African Dancing at the Black History Month? The African drum music was mesmerizing. It was fun, but so hard not to get up and join the dance troupe.

Our Inaugural Brightline Trip was a fun day in Miami with our CAFCI family featuring a day cruise, lunch and terrific train ride. Bayside was a dynamic place to go and relax for a day.

The Membership Appreciation Day and International Games Night were well-attended. The highlights for both stellar events included great food, fun, games and dancing. Who can forget the Membership Appreciation Day where we almost ran out of chairs? Some people felt like they were actually on a cruise due to the rhythms of steel band drums, a captain's wheel and the sea of blue table cloths. It was an unforgettable event, and everyone hated to see the evening end. The International Games Night had a nice twist this year, because Rhonda Ferrin-Davis prepared lovely commemorative 30th Anniversary pendants for all attendees.

As we close out the year, we wish you the very best in 2020. May all your dreams come true. Happy Holidays!

Quote of the Month:

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

Submitted by: Cynthia Beckles, MBA, DTM Communications Director, Membership and Recruitment Committee







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DONATE TO CAFCI'S STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD FUND

CAFCI Members and Friends:

Thank you for your financial support of Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) Student Assistance Fund. For the past 28 years, CAFCI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students to achieve their educational goals. Your commitment to helping CAFCI advance our youth's higher education help to open college doors to students. With your continued financial support, CAFCI will be able to award between \$500 to \$1,500 to each deserving student.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Committee is again requesting your financial help. We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to assist students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. You will be publicly acknowledged on our *Donors' List*.

You may make your donation online by going to www.cafcipbc.org and clicking on the link or by mailing your donation to:

CAFCI

Attn: Student Assistance 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite #134 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at 561-790-4002.

Respectfully,

Nadine White-Boyd Junette Powell

Dennis Wright

Nadine White-Boyd, Co-Chair Student Asst. Fund Committee

Junette Powell, Co-Chair
Student Asst. Fund Committee

Dennis Wright, President

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Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida Inc. College Student Assistance Application - 2020

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I would like to welcome Marjorie Mendez, Realtor to the Home Of Our Own team. Her expertise, knowledge and insight in the real estate field will be extremely valuable to our team and our efforts to find a home for CAFCI.

There is nothing new to report at this time. We continue to search for that ideal gem in our stated search but are open to reasonable opportunities outside the immediate western community.



<u>Financing is our biggest hurdle at this time</u>. You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promote an activity to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002.

Participation in the Home Of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipbc.org and click on the "Home Of Our Own" tab or call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. We have made it easier to participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.



To share your ideas, information on available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com. Our preferred search area bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney to the west, but will also investigate leads in other areas.

Submitted by: Radcliffe "Woody" Brown

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 socio-economic background.

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socio-economic 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 (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 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.



AROUND TOWN...... KRAVIS CENTER GROUPS:

If you would like to join the CAFCI group to see performances from December 2019 through May 2020 at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, please contact Genieve White at 561.876.4161 or gen_white@msn.com or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353 with the name of the performance you would like to attend along with preferred seating section. Visit the Kravis Center website (kravis.org) for a full calendar of performances and pricing. To date, groups are being booked for the following:

Ш	Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm - Piano Battle
	January 20; February 3, February 24, 2020 at 7 pm - African American Film Festival
	Thursday-Friday, February 6-7, 2019 at 7:30 pm - Jon Boogz & Lil Buck "Love Heals All Wounds"
	Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm - Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar
	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 8 pm - Kenny G
	Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7 pm - Color Purple
	Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 11 am and 2 pm - Forever Motown
	Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8 pm - The Price is Right Live
	Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 8 pm - Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles
	Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 8 pm - Johnny Mathis
	Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 8 pm - Fela! The Concert

Saturday, December 14, 2019: United Sports & Social Club presents their all-inclusive Annual Christmas Ball at Ramada Inn Ballroom, 1901 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, West Palm Beach. To purchase tickets, call 561.290.6350 or 561.767.7188.

Monday, December 23, 2019: Exotic Hair presents their 23rd Annual Holiday Gala at Marriott of Palm Beach, 1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach. For more information, call 561.574.0597 or 561.200.2820.

Saturday, June 20, 2020: Allspice: Flavors of the Caribbean "Community Change Makers 2020." Please send nominee names and bios for "Community Change Makers 2020" to Sophia Nelson sopnel@aol.com for consideration by the AllSpice: Flavors of the Caribbean Committee.

Coming Soon Chat and Chew Restaurant Tour January 2020. What is Chat a Chew? This is your chance to let your voice be heard about issues you are passionate about in the community. Send potential topics and locations to sopnel@aol.com.

Every Wednesday at 7 pm: Looking for ways to improve your public speaking skill? Join Toastmasters. Riverwalk Toastmasters meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Fire Station, 1040 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach. For more information about Riverwalk Toastmasters, contact Cindy Beckles at cindyebeckles@yahoo.com or visit riverwalk.toastmastersclubs.org.

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2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Submit your membership dues online at 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, December 14: **General Membership Meeting** ~ **Toys for Tots/Election,** 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, 100 Sweet Bay Lane Tuesday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala,** 8 pm, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way

Happy New Year!!!

Saturday, January 11, 2020: **General Membership Meeting,** 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, Sweet Bay Lane Monday, January 20: **Martin Luther King Celebration**, 9:30 am, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center Way Saturday, February 8: **General Membership Meeting,** 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, March 14: **General Membership Meeting,** 7 pm, RPB Recreation Ctr, Room C, Sweet Bay Lane Saturday, April 11: **Annual Picnic**, 1 pm, Micanopy Pavilion, Okeeheelee Park Saturday, May 2: **Students Assistance Award Ceremony**, 6 pm, Location to be announced