



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.

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**Board meetings are held the
 4th Thursday of the month.
 See back page for calendar of events.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Next year will mark CAFCI's 25th anniversary. Twenty-five years ago, our founders had a dream of people creating a nonprofit organization to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage. One of our members has suggested that we should authorize the formation of a committee to explore and plan a week or a month long celebration to mark this important milestone. At our February board meeting, the approval was given to form this committee. I am inviting all members who would like to be a part of this committee or who have ideas for a celebration to contact us so we can start to plan early. Your 'investments' have made a difference. At the 25-year mark, we can look back and count the successes: programs launched, scholarships granted and youth services created. You are a part of history. Watch for more information in the coming months.

What better way for us to celebrate but in a Home of our Own. I am appealing to members for contributions or fund raising ideas so we can have a home of our own to celebrate our 25th anniversary. This achievement would mark a major milestone for CAFCI and put us in a great place for the next 25 years.

Part of the challenge for our organization to keep growing is to attract and retain new members. We need to redouble our efforts to grow our membership roll and to make all members, especially new members, feel welcome. We need to utilize all of our members' skills and expertise to make our organization great and to last another 25 years.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be no meeting in April.
 The next meeting will be on
 May 11th featuring the
Student Assistance Award.

Happy Birthday.

APRIL

Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Keith McKenzie	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Lloyd Campbell	26
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27

MAY

Monica Grant	05
Cynthia E. Hamm	06
Sharon Suraton	07
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Dr. Cedric M. Lynch	10

CONDOLENCES TO:

Paul Baker
 on the loss of his 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 NEWS:

Elet Cyris, Chair791-9087
 Paul Baker784-0067
 Marjorie Schleifer793-4861

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Annual Picnic ~ Our annual picnic was held on Saturday March 30. If you were not in attendance then you missed a fun filled day. Thanks to all our members, friends of CAFCI and supporters, who came out to make this year's picnic an enjoyable day. The kids had a ball with well-organized games, activities, treats and prizes. We even had the adults participating in the children's games. Special thanks to the team of Junette Powell, Thalia White and Demi-Anne Barnett for organizing the games. Special thanks to Lauriston Simms and his entire recreation team for making this year's picnic a success. Thanks to all who donated food, money, refreshments, deserts and time. Your true spirit of volunteerism is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to members of Grace Episcopal Church who came out in numbers to support us and to Lorraine Cargill who led the children's activities.

Committee Needs ~ We have an urgent need for a Membership Chairperson. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let me know. We are also looking for chairpersons for Fundraising, Nominations, Public Relations, Recreation, Relay for Life and the Talent Show. If you would like to serve on a Committee, please contact the Committee Chair or send an e-mail to cafcibellsouth.net.

Thank you for being a part of CAFCI.

Dennis Wright
President

UP AND COMING

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday to Sunday, April 6 – 7, 2013

Royal Palm Beach High School

CAFCI's Relay for Life Team is working hard to have a successful event. Envelopes have been distributed and the team is working hard to obtain donations, however, more people are needed to join the team. CAFCI's website is now linked to the Internet so that you can make donations directly. Everyone's participation is needed and the committee is still in need of volunteers especially on the day of the event. There will be food and drinks for sale and possibly a 50/50 raffle. Moons and Stars to honor CAFCI survivors and those who have succumbed to cancer will be available for purchase.

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**CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

**Saturday, May 25, 2013**

*Veteran's Park, Royal Palm Beach*

Cultural Diversity Day, a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI, is scheduled for May 25, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to sundown at Veteran's Park in Royal Palm Beach. Invite your friends and family to participate in this day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage. It brings our community together to share its food, language, dance, and customs. There will be diverse entertainment and DJ Ernitones will be on board. This event is free to the public. Vendors are invited at \$30.00 per booth. For additional information, please call Elet Cyris (561-791-9087); Ernie Garvey (561-676-5664; CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipbc.org](http://www.cafcipbc.org) or watch for upcoming issues of the NEWS.

*Live Life to the Fullest*

*As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let us down, probably will. You'll have your heart broken and you'll break others' hearts. You'll fight with your best friend or maybe even fall in love with them, and you'll cry because time is flying by. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, forgive freely, and love like you've never been hurt. Life comes with no guarantees, no time outs, no second chances. you just have to live life to the fullest, tell someone what they mean to you and tell someone off, speak out, dance in the pouring rain, hold someone's hand, comfort a friend, fall asleep watching the sun come up, stay up late, be a flirt, and smile until your face hurts. Don't be afraid to take chances or fall in love and most of all live in the moment because every second you spend angry or upset is a second of happiness you can never get back*

## CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS

*\*\*It is not too late to make a donation to the Student Assistance Fund!*

Deadline for application has passed. Nine applications were received, however, only eight will be invited for an interview as one applicant did not meet all the criteria (she was a junior and not a senior in high school). Interviews will be conducted on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Kevin Harvin Center.

Please be reminded that the awards ceremony will be on **May 11, 2013** when recipients will receive their awards. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Stephanie Nance, Principal of Crestwood Middle School in Royal Palm Beach. We hope you all will come out and support the recipients of CAFCI's 2013 Student Assistance Awards. Remember **YOU** helped to make it happen.

*"In this troubled world, it's refreshing to find someone who still has the time to be kind. Someone who still has the faith to believe that the more you give, the more you receive. Someone who's ready by thought, word, or deed to reach out a hand in the hour of need."--Helen Steiner Rice.*

Letter from Past Recipient:

*Good Afternoon,*

*I am sending this email to let you all know that I do still think about you. I just wanted to say hello and to remind you guys of how thankful I am for the opportunity you guys gave me. Although, I may not contact you all on a daily, weekly, or even monthly basis you guys are on my mind. I just wanted to give you all a follow up. I am currently a Junior at Florida State University. My major is still Political Science and YES I still aspire to become an attorney :- ) (I don't think I'll ever change that goal) This is my second year at FSU and I still live on campus but I look forward to moving off campus next year. Things are going well for me so far. The only thing that I can complain is the weather here in Tallahassee. For instance, last weekend, on Sunday it rained. On Monday, it was a sunny day. On Tuesday, it was 34 degrees outside and on Wednesday there was a hail storm. When I speak of the weather in Tallahassee you can say it is quite bi-polar. Besides that everything is great. I am in the mid semester of Spring. As of August, I began to work as a circulation assistant at the Florida State University College of Law. Just yesterday, I spoke to a volunteer/internship coordinator at the Democratic House of Representatives and I have an interview tomorrow for an internship. I am beyond excited but at the same time very nervous but I'll inform you all if I got the internship or not. Besides that, I am just focusing on my classes this semester. I hope to be home for spring break, if so I will be sure to visit. If not, I will make sure I visit you all sometime when I visit home. I hope all is well and continue to do great things. Someday, I hope to give back to the Caribbean community and other communities the same way you guys did for me. God bless!*

*Sincerely,  
Cassandra Knaggs*

*Submitted by Dr. Elaine Ealy*

## CAFCI's SCOUT YOUTH PROGRAM

### CUB SCOUT PACK 120

**Blue and Gold Annual Banquet:** On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Cub Scout Pack 120 had their Annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Many CAFCI Board members attended. The boys had a blast and were so proud to receive their awards in front of everyone. The Committee Chair Vicky Onofrey stepped down because she and her son are crossing over to Troop 111. She was presented with the traditional engraved plaque from CAFCI for all her hard work and dedication.

**Fundraising Opportunity:** The Pack took advantage of an opportunity to run a booth at the Commons Park Opening where they sold Camp Cards and Recycle Carts. Camp Cards are only \$5 and there is a \$5 coupon for Publix so it really ends up costing you nothing. What a great way to support the scouts. If you would like to purchase a Camp Card, please contact Rhonda Ferrin-Davis at 561-685-9836.

**Pinewood Derby:** The Cubs carved, painted and built their derby cars out of a block of pine wood and then off to the Derby in Boynton Beach on March 16<sup>th</sup> to race them.

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 111

**New Crossover Scouts:** On February 24<sup>th</sup> and on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Cub Scouts from Pack 123 and 6 Cub Scouts from Pack 120 crossed over into Troop 111. The Troop took these new scouts and their parents on their first campout as Boy Scouts teaching them skills and orienting them to the Troop 111 way of life.

**Troop Garden at Camp Davis:** On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the scouts spent the morning weeding and planting a wide array of vegetables.

**Court of Honor:** On March 19<sup>th</sup>, Genieve White, Shirley Palmer and Rhonda Ferrin-Davis attended the Troop's Court of Honor where Casey Whalen became Senior Patrol Leader. Numerous awards and merit badges were awarded. CAFCI Certificates of Appreciation for performing the Flag Ceremony at MLK were handed out to each scout who participated.

**Relay For Life:** Volunteer Scouts from the Troop and a couple of adults will be at Relay for Life for CAFCI. The Troop's role in helping CAFCI is to make sure they have at least one person on the track walking at all times. They will also be assisting the Relay For Life Committee, helping them to set up for the event and breaking down throughout the night and other various small jobs.

**Fundraising Reminder:** Just a reminder that the Troop collects and recycles empty toner cartridges, inkjets and cell phones as an ongoing fundraiser. Please give all of your empty cartridges to Shirley Palmer, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis or Genieve White.

*Submitted by Rhonda Ferrin-Davis*

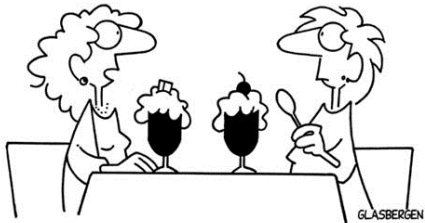
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**CAFCI'S 2013 EVENTS**

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

- April .....NO GENERAL MEETING
- April 6 – 7 .....Relay for Life, Royal Palm Beach High School
- May 11.....General Meeting ~ *Student Assistance Presentation*, Harvin Center
- May 25.....Cultural Diversity Day, Veteran's Park
- June.....NO GENERAL MEETING
- July 13.....General Meeting, Harvin Center
- August 10 .....General Meeting ~ *Membership Appreciation*, Harvin Center
- August 17 .....Talent Show, Cultural Center
- September 14.....General Meeting, Harvin Center
- September 21.....Annual Friendship Ball
- October 12.....General Meeting, Harvin Center
- November 9.....General Meeting ~ *Election*, Harvin Center
- December 14.....Pot Luck/Christmas Party & Toys for Tots
- December 31.....New Year's Eve Party

*A day without laughter is a day wasted*



**"If you put a crouton on your sundae instead of a cherry, it counts as a salad."**



**"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."**