



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.

September

2012

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 8 at 7 pm

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

The General membership meeting will be dedicated to the Annual Friendship Ball. For those of you who have not purchased your tickets for the ball or the raffle, you will have the opportunity to do so at the meeting.

HOME OF OUR OWN WALK-A-THON

September 14, 2012

Royal Palm Beach Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

How about getting a little exercise while having fellowship with friends and family? As part of our efforts to reach our goal of having a home for CAFCI, the "Home of Our Own" team is encouraging members and friends to join us on Friday, September 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a Walk-a-Thon. Walkers can begin their laps any time within this time frame. We are asking walkers to request donations of \$1.00 per lap or a flat donation of \$5.00 from family, friends and neighbors. Our goal is to have each walker raise at least \$50.00. Envelopes and sign-up sheets can be obtained at the next general meeting or by calling Woody Brown at 561-791-3344. If you are unable to walk, please support one of our walkers by sponsoring them or making a contribution. CAFCI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation so contributions are tax deductible. Let us all work together to obtain our goal of getting a CAFCI a home.

CAFCI 2012 ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

September 22, 2012

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, Royal Palm Beach

Our annual Friendship Ball date is rapidly approaching. Tickets are \$65.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting: Alvin Nembhard (670-8113); Elet Cyris (791-9087); Millie Hampton (790-1751); Lawrence Logan (791-0162); Junette Powell (793-7370); Genieve White (876-4161); Dennis Wright (653-1586); Jerome Wright (386-5204). Please get your tickets early this year.

Purchase an ad in CAFCI's program booklet to congratulate CAFCI on its work in the community, and/or to promote your business. Use the form that is enclosed to purchase an advertisement or have a friend purchase an advertisement. Raffle tickets are also on sale. Proceeds from the ball will benefit CAFCI's scholarship program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

SEPTEMBER

Olga Mason	16
Newbolt Wilson	17
Vincent Elliott	18
Shauna Simms	19
Uriah Belle	20
Frederick Pinto	21
Jannette Sharpe-Paul	23
Elizabeth Morgan	24
James Knox	25
Marjorie Aiken	27
Hugh Smith	30
Lucille Walters	30

OCTOBER

Greta McMorris	04
Frank Watson	04
Larry Milender	05
Ridley L. Ingram	06
William Turner	12
Sheila Wright	14
Lorna Pearson	15

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Marjorie Aiken
 Yvonne Lawrence
 Hyacinth "Dolly" Lewis
 Aubin Wade Robinson
 Jerome Wright

CONDOLENCES TO:

Junette Powell
 on the loss of her uncle

The family of Gloucester Barnett

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, Chair 791-9087
 Paul Baker 784-0067
 Marjorie Schleifer 793-4861

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental liberties we enjoy as Americans and it is also one of our greatest civic responsibilities. Make freedom count. Please register and vote!

EACH REGISTERED VOTER IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA HAS THE RIGHT TO:

- Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted
- Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county
- Ask for and receive assistance in voting
- Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast
- An explanation if his or her registration is in question
- If his or her registration is in question, cast a provisional ballot
- Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from election officers
- Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person
- Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast

EACH REGISTERED VOTER SHOULD:

- Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues
- Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address
- Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation
- Bring proper identification to the polling station
- Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct
- Treat precinct workers with courtesy
- Respect the privacy of other voters
- Report any problems or violations of election laws to the supervisor of elections
- Ask questions, if needed
- Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station

NOTE TO VOTER: *Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.*

For more information about voting go to <http://www.pbcelections.org/>

If you have any further questions or would like additional information, contact the Palm Beach County Election Team at (561) 656-6200, via e-mail at mailbox@pbcelections.org.

IMPORTANT: Please check to make sure you go to the right precinct to vote. It may be different from the last time you voted even if you haven't changed your address.

TALENT SHOW 2012 - A DYNAMIC EVENING

Never for a minute were we worried about Isaac, the alleged hurricane/thunderstorm, wreaking havoc on our day. As is said, "the show must go on". CAFCI's annual youth talent show on August 25, 2012 provided the Western communities with an amazing evening to remember – it also made for a wonderful date night. The full house audience in attendance supported and cheered on the performers throughout the evening.

The show featured 24 performances with performers ranging in age 7 through 21. The performers showcased their remarkable talent and despite some of the performers' young age they have already had amazing life experiences on the stage. I was amazed and impressed by the enormity of their talent in singing, dancing and playing the piano, violin and guitar. With their devotion to their art, they will be successful in whatever path they choose for the future. Thanks to Ms. Christi Knight, owner of a consignment store, Runway Consignment, in West Palm Beach, for volunteering her time to be the mistress of ceremony and for encouraging the performers.

Thanks to Winn Dixie in Royal Palm Beach, and Little Caesar's Pizza in Royal Palm Beach for their generous donation which helped to offset the talent show's expenses. Thanks also to Dumplin' Restaurant in West Palm Beach and Karl Kelly and Marjorie Smikle for their door-prize donation. We must continue to support these businesses.

The talent show team's hard work and commitment made this show the success it was. Thanks Marsha Elliott, Junette Powell, Nova Brown, Thalia White, Karl Kelly, Shirley Morrison, Marjorie Smikle, Ernie Garvey, Winsom Martin, Owen ("OG") Smith, Lauriston Simms, and Rhonda Ferrin-Davis for committing your time to putting together an amazing evening. Thanks also to Radcliffe Brown, Alvin Nembhard, and youth volunteers, Robert Simms and Brandon Boyd, for your help during the evening. Your dedication to CAFCI is very much appreciated.

For those of you who missed the awesome event, the event was professionally videotaped by Michael Hightower. CD's will be available for sale at \$10.00 per CD for hand delivery or \$15.00 (including shipping and handling costs). To purchase CD on-line, go to cafcpbc.org and select the tab "Youth Talent Show"

Submitted by: *Nadine White-Boyd, Esq., Talent Show Chairperson*

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# **CALLING ALL CAFCI MEMBERS!**

**HELP SUPPORT THE  
SOUVENIR JOURNAL  
BALL DATE IS SEPTEMBER 13, 2012.**

**Proceeds from the Friendship Ball Support our  
Student Assistance Program and Building Fund**

**Place a 2-line personal  
greeting to CAFCI**

**Cost \$20.00**

**Advertising DEADLINE ... SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

## **Examples**

We salute and congratulate CAFCI.

Congratulations on CAFCI on Continued success.

Congratulations to CAFCI on their committed involvement in the community.

We congratulate CAFCI members on a job well done in the Relay for Life.

Congratulations on Graduation, New born, engagement, etc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Two Line Greeting:

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**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CAFCI OR PAYPAL AT CAFCI@PBC.ORG  
COMPLETE AND RETURN TO AUDREY CAMPBELL – 561-792-1129 OR  
GENIEVE WHITE – 561-876-4161 OR DENNIS WRIGHT – 203-482-5079.**

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**MEMBERSHIP CORNER:**

The Membership Committee is continuing to work to revitalize the membership of CAFCI. The Committee is asking all members to participate. **The current member who brings in the most new members will receive a complimentary ticket for CAFCI's signature ball in September.** The winner must bring in at least two (2) new members to qualify. If there is a tie for first place, there will be a drawing to determine the winner. The competition will end at the September meeting prior to the ball. Membership application packets, including informational brochures, will be made available at upcoming events. Packets are also available from committee members. If you would like a membership application packet via e-mail, please send your request to Lorna Hughes at [lornahughes@bellsouth.net](mailto:lornahughes@bellsouth.net).

Congratulations to all the members who brought in new members.

*"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."*

*Maria Robinson*

**CAFCI'S 2012 EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER 8 ☞ General Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14 ☞ CAFCI "Home Of Our Own" Walk-a-Thon

SEPTEMBER 22 ☞ Annual Friendship Ball

OCTOBER 13 ☞ International Night

NOVEMBER 10 ☞ Annual Meeting

DECEMBER 8 ☞ General Meeting - Christmas Party Potluck & Toys for Tots

DECEMBER 31 ☞ New Year's Eve Party