



## 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.

February

2012

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

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Budget..... Radcliffe Brown  
Business Awareness ..... TBD  
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Cultural ..... Elet Cyris  
Finance ..... Genieve White  
Food ..... TBD  
Fundraising ..... TBD  
Grants ..... TBD  
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Recreation..... Recreation Team  
Recruitment & Retention ..... TBD  
Relay For Life ..... TBD  
Student Assistance ..... Elaine Ealy  
Sunshine ..... Elet Cyris  
Talent Show ..... Nadine White-Boyd  
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Board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.  
See over for calendar of events.

*Thank you for reading the NEWS*

*The Newsletter Committee is happy to hear from you and welcomes all suggestions and comments.*

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE

The Student Assistance Committee is pleased to announce that applications for the 2012 College Student Assistance Award are now available to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available on the CAFCI website ([www.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)) and also at monthly meetings. Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2012**.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is planning an extraordinary year for everyone. You cannot afford to miss any of the monthly meetings catered especially for you. Come out and enjoy what is in store for you. Invite a friend to come along with you; offer a ride to someone who needs one; encourage your friend, neighbor or associate who has not been attending, to come out and share the evening with the CAFCI family.

*CAFCI's Board and the Newsletter Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!!*

As we celebrate Black History Months here are a few LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACTS:

1. Carter G. Woodson organized the first Negro History Week Celebration on the second week of February in 1926. The week celebration eventually became a month long celebration which is now known as Black History Month.
2. In 1959, Dr. William C. Davis invented instant mashed potatoes. Not too surprisingly, he invented them while doing research on potatoes at the University of Idaho.
3. Frederick Eversley, an African American sculptor, created a stainless steel sculpture of two wing-like shapes framed by neon lights at the entrance to the Miami International Airport.
4. Elbert Frank Cox became the first Black to hold a doctorate degree in mathematics which he received from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in 1925.
5. For more check out [biography.com/tv/classroom/black-history-little-known-facts](http://biography.com/tv/classroom/black-history-little-known-facts)

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH & VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, February 11 at 7 p.m.**

*Kevin Harvin Center*

*1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, RPB*

February is the season of love and to remember our history. The meeting will be a time to enjoy friends and family. Bring your favorite dish to share with your CAFCI family.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

#### FEBRUARY

Alfred Nelson	22
Betty Mallory	23
Stephen Williams	25

#### MARCH

Vinette Tracey	04
Marjorie Smikle	10
Millie Hampton	11
Gwendolyn Wright	14
Winston Davis	15

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Hazel McKenzie

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Mavis and Samuel Baxter who had two deaths in their family

Margaret Granda on the loss of a niece

### 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

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**CAFCI'S 2012 EVENTS**

FEBRUARY 11..... General Meeting – Black History Month/Valentine's Celebration  
 MARCH 10..... General Meeting – Education Awareness  
 APRIL 7 ..... Annual Picnic  
 APRIL 14-15..... Relay For Life  
 MAY 5..... General Meeting – Students & Junior Citizens award  
 MAY 12..... Cultural Diversity Day  
 JUNE 9..... Business Awareness Day  
 JULY 14 ..... General Meeting  
 AUGUST 11 ..... General Meeting – Membership Appreciation  
 AUGUST 25 ..... Talent Show  
 SEPTEMBER 8..... General Meeting  
 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

Your support is needed to raise the funds needed for our scholarship fund and to fulfill our mission to *enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage*. **If you would like to serve on a Committee for any of these events, please contact the Committee Chair or send an e-mail to [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net).**

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ★ Dennis Wright**

Dennis Wright, CAFCI Board member is a devoted husband to Yvonne, his wife of 30 years. They are the parents of Brian, a 2011 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and Melissa, a senior majoring in economics at Fordham University in NY. Dennis has always shown a commitment to volunteerism. Dennis volunteered as the equipment director for 10 years with the Danbury Youth Soccer Club in Connecticut and is the House Sponsor to his primary school, Grove Town Primary School, Manchester, Jamaica WI. As the house sponsor, Dennis provides merit based scholarships to six students, a scholarship to the best math student in the school and helps out with school supplies and special projects. He always takes the time to visit his old school to encourage the students to strive for excellence. Dennis has a Master of Science in chemistry, an MBA in Business Management and currently works for a telecommunications company headquartered in Exeter, Rhode Island. We look forward to working with Dennis.

*Submitted by Nadine White-Boyd*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

***If you have not paid your 2012 dues, please submit them to Lawrence Logan, Membership Chairperson.***