



## 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.

May

2011

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 Alliance.....Gienie White  
 Annual Friendship Ball.....TBD  
 Budget.....Frederick Pinto  
 Business Awareness.....TBD  
 Bylaws.....Frederick Pinto  
 Cultural.....Elet Cyris  
 Finance.....TBD  
 Food.....Marjorie Aiken  
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 Membership.....Lawrence Logan  
 Nominations.....TBD  
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 Program.....Elaine Ealy  
 Protocols/Advisor to Board...Rhonda Ferrin-Davis  
 Recreation.....Recreation Team  
 Recruitment & Retention.....TBD  
 Relay For Life.....TBD  
 Student Assistance.....TBD  
 Sunshine.....Elet Cyris  
 Talent Show.....Nadine White-Boyd  
 Task Force.....Newbolt Wilson  
 Toys for Tots.....Lauriston Simms  
 Venue Reservations.....Kathleen Lannaman  
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 Website.....Winston Davis/Radcliffe Brown  
 Youth.....Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CAFCI Members and friends,

As the months go by, we are getting down to the 'meat' of the activities for 2011. We had a very successful "Family Fun Day" (Easter Picnic), thanks to Mr. Simms and his committee. On Saturday May 7, 2011, CAFCI hosted another Cultural Diversity Day at the Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach. This event was 'first class'. International groups were on hand plus the event began and ended a bit later in the day.

CAFCI mourns the passing of our Past President, J. Amanayea Abraham, and we hope the immediate family and the CAFCI family will find peace and closure soon.

The newsletter will soon be 'electronic' as we phase in the era of e-mails etc. Dues, tickets, bids, donations and general payments can now be done online through Pay Pal. Our phone system will be updated to a less costly, more efficient system as we transform to a new 'hi-tech' world. Please check the website for new updates and almost 'instant pictures' of all our events.

Please invite your friends to become members of this great organization, the goal for 2011 is 100 new members. The dues still remain at \$60.00 per person and couples \$100.00..

Thanks for being a part of CAFCI and have a wonderful summer. Please go to the website regularly to view information on our upcoming Talent Show, Business Awareness Expo and Annual Friendship Ball.

Ernie Garvey  
 President

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 14 at 7 pm

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 May 26 at 7 pm

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
*General Membership:*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 7 pm  
*Board:* 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7 pm

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Talent Show – 7/23/11**  
**Business Expo – 8/13/11**  
**Annual Ball – 9/24/11**

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**GET WELL WISHES TO:**  
 Audrey Nelson, Yvonne Richardson

**CONDOLENCES TO:**  
 Cynthia Hamm  
 on the loss of her uncle in Jamaica  
 Marjorie Schleifer  
 on the loss of her daughter  
 J. Amanayea Abraham  
 The family of Picton Garnett

**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

# In A Moment - In memory of J. Amanayea Abraham

By Dr. Elaine Ealy

In a moment she was gone  
Taken from us by a calming wind  
Powered by the Almighty  
With loving gentle hands  
He held her tenderly.

Tenderly as a father  
Cuddles his newborn  
Tenderly as a father  
Filled with emotions  
Knowing his child has come home.

Though to us, the inevitable - why-  
Echoes over and over in our emptiness  
So loudly that it seems to shut out  
The happy thoughts -  
*It is well with her soul.*

So empty is our emptiness  
That our buckets of tears combined  
Cannot fill half-way, the glass of life  
But God's is overflowing  
Overflowing with joy, with peace, with comfort  
His child has come home to Him.

How happy we need to be  
She gave us back  
All of what God had given to her  
Her work on Earth is done  
She had made her positive mark.

So pleased was God with a job well done  
And in a moment, in a single moment  
He uttered  
She heard  
*"Well done you good and faithful servant...  
Enter you into the joy of your Lord."*

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Saturday, May 14 at 7pm**

*Kevin Harvin Center*

*1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd. RPB*

On May 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., CAFCI will present its Student Assistance Awards to six exemplary high school students. The applicants' high standards made the decision for the interviewing committee members (Dr. Elaine Ealy, Nadine White-Boyd, Eution MacLarty and Alpha McDonald) a difficult one. After much deliberation, however, the decisions were made. The speaker for the evening, Dr. Janice Scott Cover, will provide the award recipients with heartfelt congratulations and words of wisdom to take with them as they venture on this upward path. Please join us on **May 14, 2011** in congratulating and celebrating with these hardworking students on their achievement and success to date. Thanks to all CAFCI members and supporters. Special thanks to members, Lauriston and Shauna Simms, and to the Winn Dixie Foundation for their generous contribution to making these awards possible.

**Cultural Diversity Day**

On May 7, 2011, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach celebrated Cultural Diversity Day at Veterans Park. The Committee reflected on the loss of CAFCI's past President, J. Amanayea Abraham, throughout the day. In an effort to inspire and develop cultural diversity, the committee provided entertainment for the audience through performances by Nana Moses, Ludoteca, Quito, Ecuador, Palm Beach Hindu Mandir, Movement Art Dance, Ma Ju Do and Pan Paradise Steel Band, to name a few. The program was well received by a fairly large crowd of members and supporters. There were fewer vendors than in past years. Thanks to the Cultural Diversity Committee led by Elet Cyris for continuing to make CAFCI proud and for raising the level of tolerance among members of the multicultural community.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**MAY**

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| Vera Barker            | 16 |
| Audrey Gordon          | 18 |
| Owen Smith             | 18 |
| Vernon Simpson         | 22 |
| Tinu Pena              | 23 |
| Dr. Karl Russell-Brown | 23 |
| Ethel Palmer           | 24 |
| Patricia Charlton      | 25 |
| Colgate Gordon         | 25 |
| Adrius Adams           | 26 |
| Victoria Nangle        | 31 |

**JUNE**

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|-----------------|----|
| Glenis Chambers | 04 |
| Vincen Malvo    | 05 |
| Shirley Palmer  | 11 |