



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

Cultural Diversity Day: CAFCI in partnership with the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Palm Beach Cultural Council, celebrates Cultural Diversity Day on **Saturday, May 25, 2013**. This is a special day where people from many different backgrounds come to celebrate first as Americans but also highlighting our different customs and culture. What is cultural diversity? Cultural diversity, or multiculturalism, is based on the idea that cultural identities should not be discarded or ignored, but rather maintained and valued. The foundation of this belief is that every culture and race has made a substantial contribution to American history. This belief is firmly rooted in CAFCI's Mission Statement "to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage." I am inviting you to come out and be a part of this celebration. Please volunteer an hour of your time to man the CAFCI booth to give information about our organization and recruit new members. Please see other articles in this publication for a list of diversity day activities.

Relay For Life: Special thanks to Mr. Alvin Nembhard and all the members of his Relay for Life team who worked tirelessly and with very short notice to continue our participation in raising funds for Relay for Life. As usual, CAFCI members, friends and supporters stepped up to make this happen. Special thanks to everyone who contributed food, refreshments, time, entertainment, materials and supplies for this event. Thanks to everyone who contributed money to help us reach our goal of \$2,500. We are still in the process of finalizing our reports and we will report to our members how much was raised.

Dennis Wright
 President

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 7pm
 Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach
 Student Assistance
 Award Ceremony

Happy Birthday:

MAY	
Vera Barker	16
Nadine White-Boyd	17
Owen Smith	18
Vernon Simpson	22
Dr. Karl Russell-Brown	23
Ethel Palmer	24
Patricia Charlton	25
Colgate Gordon	25
Adrius Adams	26

JUNE	
Glenis Chambers	06
Shirley Palmer	11
Norma Rose	14

CONDOLENCES TO:

Paul Baker loss of his relative
 Jess and Victoria Santamaria
 on the loss of their nephew
 Carolyn Sierk
 on the loss of her mother
 Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd
 and Thalia White
 on the loss of their aunt/grand aunt

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Eulalee Coke; Kenneth Coke

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

CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS

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

The annual Student Assistance Awards Ceremony will be the main feature of our monthly meeting on May 11, 2013. Applicants were interviewed on April 6th and eight students will receive assistance to help them pursue their journey to higher learning. This year, there will also be two scouts to be awarded Vivian Ferrin Memorial Scholarships and there will also be a Junior Citizen Award.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. Stephanie Nance, principal of Crestwood Middle School. The theme of the event is "Beyond the Finish Line." Please come out and support our youth as they venture out to help make a difference in the world.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE Garage Sale: The Student Assistance Committee participated in the Village's Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 13, 2013. From the wee hours of the morning (6:00 am until 1:00 pm), CAFCI volunteers kept busy trying to raise funds to help students begin their journey to college. All proceeds from the sale of items from our booth went to the Student Assistance Fund. The day went very well and overall, it was very successful. On behalf of the Student Assistance Committee, thanks to all of you who contributed in any way toward the success of this venture. You have helped to make a dream come true for hard-working and ambitious students.

Submitted by Dr. Elaine Ealy

UP AND COMING

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 25th 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, see flyer in this issue or call Elet Cyris at 561-791-9087, Ernie Garvey at 561-676-5664 or visit CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org.

CAFCI's SCOUT YOUTH PROGRAM

It is with great pride that the Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund award Eagle Scouts Brandon LaRosa and David Gouge, the **2013 Vivian A. Ferrin Eagle Scout Award.**

Both David and Brandon joined Troop 111 in March of 2006. They have worked very hard over the last 7 years earning their way up the ladder to obtain the prestigious Eagle Rank. David and Brandon both did their projects at Everglades Youth Camp. David renovated the campfire island, repairing and painting benches, adding a gateway, repairing the fire pit and building a table. Brandon refurbished the flag pole area, planting native plants and building benches and planters.

In scouting, David and Brandon have been described by their Scoutmaster as gentlemen of strong character and conviction who have developed excellent leadership skills. Both David and Brandon can claim the honor of visiting all three Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Camps. They have backpacked 90 miles in the Philmont Mountains of New Mexico, canoed 50 miles at Northern Tier Campgrounds from Northern Minnesota to Canada, following in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs of the 1800s and sailed the Florida Keys at Sea Base, swimming, snorkeling, and fishing among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

For CAFCI, both David and Brandon have volunteered for numerous flag ceremonies, for MLK Celebrations, Cultural Diversity Day, spent nights camping at Relay for Life and also volunteered at our Business Awareness Event.

David, a rugged outdoorsman who loves a good adventure, has earned over 200 community service hours and 193 camping nights. While attending Suncoast Community High School, he has remained on the Principal's Honor Roll for all 4 years, and earned numerous honors including National Merit Finalist 2012, National Hispanic Recognition Program 2012, AP Scholar 2011, AP Scholar with distinction, passed 13 AP exams and is a member of the National Honor Society. I am sure it is his leadership skills from Scouting that led to David being the Captain of his Varsity Track Team, Varsity Cross Country Team and Vice President of Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club). David has been accepted at the University of Florida, University of Miami, Georgia Tech and Florida State University.

Brandon, while a mentor to the younger Scouts, is a motivator to the older scouts and the leaders. He has earned 232 community service hours and 195 camping nights. While attending Dreyfoos School of the Arts with a major in Band, Brandon also received many honors and awards. He captained his Track and Cross Country Team, received the All District Band and All State Band. Brandon will be attending Florida State University.

Submitted by Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

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and

**THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
PRESENT**



CAFCI



Cultural Diversity Day

Saturday, May 25, 2013

1:00 pm to Sundown

Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)



**MUSIC ★ DANCE ★ FOOD
DISPLAYS ★ DOMINOES
AND MORE...**

**Featuring Artists from:
Around the World**

**Showtime
3:00 PM**

FOOD VENDORS

**EVENT IS
FREE**

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Enjoy food, fashion, history, arts and entertainment.

Bring your chairs, blankets, tents and entire family and be prepared to have a good time.

For More Information, contact:

Elet Cyris 561-791-9087 - Ernie Garvey 561-676-5664

Village Of Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center at 561-790-5100

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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.

- May 11.....General Meeting ~ *Student Assistance Presentation*,
Harvin Center
- May 25.....Cultural Diversity Day, Veteran's Park
- June 8.....General Meeting, Harvin Center
- 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

AROUND TOWN.....

May 5, 2013 at 7 pm: *"Delilah Meets Granny"* at Royal Palm Beach High School. For tickets, contact Jenny Whitley at 561-358-0928 or theatreworldflorida.com.

June 1, 2013 at 8 pm: Children of Helen in Palm Beach, Florida Inc., a non-profit organization that awards scholarships to qualifying high school seniors of Caribbean and St Lucian descent, is organizing their 2nd annual Scholarship and Recognition Dinner/Dance at Westchester Country Club in Boynton Beach. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased by contacting Anastasia Fevrier at 561-714-9981.

June 22, 2013 at 7 pm: The Caribbean Democratic Club presents *"AllSpice - Flavor of the Caribbean"* at the West Palm Beach Lake Front Pavilion, featuring chefs from the Caribbean, a Vacation Village, live music and much more. For tickets (\$75 pp or \$130 per couple), contact Sophia Nelson at 561-531-1876 or sopnel@aol.com, Junette Powell at 561-346-2353 or Genieve White at 561-876-4161. You don't want to miss this awesome event.