



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 - 4th Thursday of the month

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In these challenging times, we are all navigating through uncertainty for ourselves, our loved ones and our organization. I hope you have been able to make the necessary adjustments in your daily routine to stay safe and protect your loved ones. We at CAFCI are working hard to fulfil our mission to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.

Considering the current situation, the board has made the following decision with regards to our remaining programs for this year:

1. General Membership Meetings – Cancelled for April. Stay tuned for information for Zoom meeting for the month of May. Please note, anyone joining will need to have a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone.
2. Annual Friendship Ball – Moved from September to October or November (date to be determined.)
3. Annual Picnic – Canceled for 2020.
4. Cultural Diversity Day – Working with the Village of Royal Palm Beach to determine status.
5. Relay for Life – CAFCI will participate when Regional Relay for Life organization announces new date.
6. Student Assistance – Planning continues. Details of the number of awards and the date of the Awards Ceremony is still in progress.
7. Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund (VAFMSF) *Divine Wine & High Tea* – Postponed, new date to be announced.

We will send out regular updates as conditions change. Special welcome to all our new members. We are looking forward to utilizing your skills and talents to move the organization forward.

We don't know when this difficult period will end, but I do know that we are all in this together. I wish good health, safety and success for everyone.

Dennis Wright, *President*



APRIL 16 - 30

Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Joan Bisasor	17
Barrington Berry	17
Keith McKenzie	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Lloyd Campbell	26
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27
Nicholas Johnson	30

MAY 1 - 15

Monica Grant	05
Jude Thomas	05
Cynthia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Cedric Lynch	10
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15
Audrey Smith	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Cindy Beckles on the loss of a cousin
 Kanetia & Dwayne Clarke
 on the loss of her grandmother
 Clover Henry-Gilroy
 on the loss of her mother
 Peter & Mary Scott
 on the loss of his uncle
 Audrey & Aldin Smith on the loss of her
 mother and his brother
 Genieve White, Nadine White-Boyd &
 Thalia White Lauren on the loss of
 Genieve's sister & Nadine & Thalia's aunt
 Sheila & Jerome Wright
 on the loss of their daughter

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 newsletter:

Elet Cyris, Chair.....	561.791.9087
Paul Baker	561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter	561.798.2864

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Awards Committee would be honored to recognize its members' relatives and their accomplishments so please share your good news with us and we will publish as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD FUND

Student Assistance Awards Ceremony

Theme: Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future

Date: To be announced

Venue: To be announced

DONATION:

On behalf of the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee, we join with the Board and other CAFCI members in emphasizing that everyone abide by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and healthcare professionals' guidelines regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We hope everyone will continue to practice social distancing and continue to stay safe. The SAF Committee depends heavily on fundraisers, individual donations and sponsors and we continue to seek donations and sponsorships as there are students who need our financial support for their education. A number of past SAF Award recipients are now taking care of their parents and siblings; so please help us to help others. Thank you for your generous support and contribution to this worthy cause for deserving students. To donate to the Student Assistance Awards Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or donate on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipc.org.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to **BJ's Brewhouse Restaurant** located at 1807 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard in West Palm Beach for donating 20% of proceeds at their "Dining to Donate" promotion on Thursday, March 12th. A special thank you to all who supported our fundraiser by dining in or taking out. Thanks for your support.

Thanks to **Golden Krust Bakery**, located at 6901 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach (Jog Road and Okeechobee Boulevard) for generously donating 10% of their sales for the month of February to CAFCI Student Assistance Fund Committee. A special thank you to all who supported our fundraiser by purchasing dinners from Golden Krust. Golden Krust has agreed to again donate 10% of their sales during the **month of May**. The coupon is included on the last page of this newsletter. Coupon must be presented at the time of purchase during the month of May.

GO FUND ME: We thought you might be interested in supporting this GoFundMe, <https://gf.me/u/xdcw93>. Even a small donation could help CAFCI's Student Assistance Committee reach their fundraising goal. If you cannot make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word. Thanks for taking a look!

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Dr. Jermaine Scott, Mary and Peter Scott's son, who will be an Assistant Professor of African American and African Diaspora History at Florida Atlantic University starting in the Fall. He has always dreamt of coming back home to South Florida to teach, and now it has come true.

Tyra J. Walker, granddaughter of Barbara Walker, for being hired as a Teaching Fellow for a Harvard College course entitled "Making Change when Change is Hard." The course is led by Professors Cass Sustein (Harvard Law School) and former UN Ambassador Samantha Power (Harvard Kennedy School), a husband and wife teaching duo. Teaching fellows serve as section leaders and tutors under the supervision of faculty members. Tyra will be leading two discussion sections of undergraduate students for the 2020 Spring semester, as she completes her Master in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School (expected graduation May 28, 2020). She received her Juris Doctor degree at Harvard in 2018.

LETTER FROM A PAST AWARD RECIPIENT

I am currently a sophomore at Florida State majoring in Marketing and I am part of the combined degree program where I will graduate in 3 years with my bachelor's degree and in my 4th year I will receive my MBA. While at Florida State University I have been fortunate to be a part of numerous organizations and hold many leadership positions. For example, I am currently the Operations Director for Homecoming 2020, the Merchandise Finance Coordinator for Dance Marathon, and a member of Garnet and Gold key which is one of the oldest leadership honor societies in Florida as well as a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. I endeavor to always strive for success and be a role model to others who wish to acquire a college degree. Thank you so much CAFCI for helping me to purchase my computer which I utilize every day.

Taylor Deering

A For C.A.F.C.I.



Unfortunately, we were unable to meet with potential lenders last month. Our nation is currently going through a tough time and we all should be doing our part to slow the spreading of the virus and helping each other and those in need. Hopefully things will get better and we will be able to meet to investigate various financing sources. Being prequalified will make it easier to acquire property and to close a deal when that time comes.

We continue to search for that ideal gem in our preferred search area but are open to reasonable opportunities outside the immediate western community. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west; but we will also investigate leads in other areas.

You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promote an activity to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002.

To share your ideas on, or information about, available property, land or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

Submitted by
Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI Home Chair

*Welcome
New Members*

Jaliette Bramwell

*Kanetia & Dwayne
Clarke*

CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT:

Caribbean American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic background.

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socio-economic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.

CAFCI MEMBERS.....*If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com).*

IMPORTANT: *Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.*

CAFCI WISHES EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER!

IDEAS TO CELEBRATE EASTER WHILE BEING STUCK AT HOME

www.organizedhomeschooler.com/ideas-to-celebrate-easter-while-being-stuck-at-home/

COVID-19 RESOURCE DIRECTORY

<https://thrivingat.homethrive.com/covid-19-resource-directory>

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/covid-19



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2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipbc.org OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan, 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

MARK YOUR CALENDAR CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS cancelled for the month of April. Stay tuned for information for Zoom meeting for the month of May. Please note, anyone joining will need to have a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone.

POSTPONED - ~~Sunday, April 5~~: **Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund "Divine Wine and High Tea,"** New date and location to be announced

~~CANCELLED - Saturday, April 11~~: **Annual Picnic**

POSTPONED - ~~Saturday, May 2~~: **Students Assistance Award Ceremony,** New date and location to be announced

POSTPONED - ~~Saturday, May 16~~: **Cultural Diversity Day,** 11 am to 8 pm, New date and location to be announced

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

POSTPONED

~~Saturday, September 19, 2020~~

(New date to be announced)

Thursday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Gala,** 8 pm, Location to be announced