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Whoever is happy will make others happy too. – Anne Frank
CACG Can Be the Change This Community Needs!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership of CACG, it is an honor to welcome you to CACG’s 35th Anniversary Fall Ball. Your presence and continuous support are valuable to me and the Board of Directors; we could not have achieved this 35th anniversary milestone had it not been for you.

To those who travelled across many state lines to get here, it’s a pleasure to see some returning faces. Mahatma Gandhi said, “Be the change you want to see in the world.” It is my desire that CACG will continue to be the change this community needs, and eventually extend it to the wider community – our country.

CACG is a philanthropic, charitable, non-profit member and volunteer-supported organization, dedicated to serving our community. I am proud to report some highlights of our achievements and successes during the past year:

- We acknowledge Mr. Neville Lake, Past President for six years, for his outstanding leadership and invaluable service to CACG.
- The MLK/Scholarship Committee hosted its annual MLK Day service on January 21. Guest speaker was the Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, who challenged the audience to love one another, regardless of race, color or creed.
- This past year the organization awarded fifteen thousand five hundred dollars ($15,500) to fourteen deserving college bound seniors.
- The 5th annual African-themed High Tea Party was held at Ballantrae Country Club on June 30. It was well attended and netted $3,000 in revenue.
- The annual Caribbean Independence Service was another spectacular event; the guest speaker Mr. Nigel Jason, Acting Deputy Director of Homeland Security, gave the 250 attendees a history lesson on the Caribbean countries and their diaspora. The history lesson was well received; it was touted as the best Independence Service to date.
- The Scholarship Committee hosted its first annual fundraising brunch, which was enormously successful, with performances from a Miss Lou impersonator which had the audience “in stitches”.
- The Benevolence Committee embarked on their annual food distribution to the needy and shut-in, providing more than 130 Thanksgiving food baskets, of which 106 were donated to New Horizons clients. The organization also partnered with the Port St Lucie Rotary Club to educate 150 students on water safety drowning prevention, gave away backpacks filled with school supplies, and provided 2,200 + dictionaries to St. Lucie County 3rd graders.
- With much planning and coordination, the group hosted the 3rd Annual Jerk Festival at the Causeway Cove Marina in Fort Pierce. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to next year. We hope to see you there!
• This year, Sports Day was greeted with exhilarating excitement and jubilation as members and visitors came out in droves to support their respective houses/team.

• Our Health and Wellness Forum, in collaboration with the Caribbean Nurses Association of the Treasure Coast, was held on August 17, 2019, offering blood pressure screening and important health tips, including information on diabetes, oral health, prostate cancer, mental health, trauma and vision care.

• The annual Cabaret was a resounding success, as guest artiste Singing Melody had the audience on their feet singing and dancing all night.

• CACG has experienced exponential growth since this time last year, as we have grown from 171 to 210 members, a 23% increase! Some of that growth is probably attributable to the newly implemented social opportunity called Relax After Work (RAW) Fridays, which is held prior to our regular Friday night Games Nights.

Words are inadequate for me to express how proud I am of the members of this organization. Last month, when Hurricane Dorian demolished the Bahamas, this group without hesitation donated six pallets of emergency relief items, including food, water, garbage bags, bedding and hygiene supplies to St. George’s High School in Freeport, Bahamas. “No man is an island”, and we stand ready to support the Bahamian families; we know it will take years for them to rebuild. Our hearts and prayers are with them.

With all the activities mentioned above, we would not have been able to accomplish all that we do without the unwavering commitment from the various committees, especially the Entertainment Committee, our volunteers, and a dedicated and passionate Board of Directors.

An extra special “Thank You” goes to our supporters and generous sponsors, the Ball Committee Co-Chairs Ms. Dorothy McFarlane and Mrs. Jan Oliver Roberts and committee members, for their time and organizational skills in putting this event together for our fellowship and enjoyment.

As the new president of CACG, my vision is to have the first Caribbean Museum in the United States. I believe that as a people we can learn from each other. The children of Caribbean descent will be able to learn about their culture and heritage. This will be our legacy and contribution to our community and to America. Your support of this venture will be greatly appreciated. Help us to make this vision a reality by making a pledge to our Capital Campaign. This facility will also serve as the home of CACG and will enable us to offer so much more. In the memorable words of President John F. Kennedy “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

I look forward to the diverse ways in which we will add our own special flavor as we grow and expand this amazing organization. As your president, it is my desire that with your help we can make CACG the very best it can be. CACG can be the change this community and the country needs!

Enjoy a wonderful, entertaining evening and, once again, thank you for your support and generosity.
Together we will achieve!!
Dawn Bloomfield
If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you. – Steve Jobs

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Life is ours to be spent, not to be saved. – D. H. Lawrence

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CACG HOUSES 2019
Larry Lee, Jr. was born in Statesboro, Georgia to Mary and the late Larry “Bobby” Lee, Sr. He grew up in Ft. Pierce, FL and graduated from Ft. Pierce Central High School in 1972. He graduated from Livingstone College (Salisbury, NC) in 1976 with a BS degree in Health and Physical Education. Upon graduating from Livingstone he signed a professional football contract with the Denver Broncos. He later taught school and coached football and track at Screven County High in Sylvania, Georgia. He later married his college sweetheart Alice and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Dr. LaTasha Lee.

He has been employed by Indian River State College as a job placement counselor and has also taught at Ft. Pierce Central High School. In 1988 he opened his own State Farm Insurance Agency. He has been featured in Black Enterprise magazine and State Farm featured him in their national ad campaign “About State Farm”. He and his wife are the owners of WFLM 104.5FM radio station in Fort Pierce, FL.

In 2012 Larry was elected to the Florida House of Representatives becoming the first Black State Representative in the history of St. Lucie County. He has served on the Insurance and Banking Committee, the Higher Education Appropriations Committee, the Agriculture in Natural Resource Committee and the K-12 Education Committee of the Florida House of Representatives. He has been featured in the book “The Influentials” by Jon Berry and Ed Keller. He is a 2015 recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts and he is also a graduate of Leadership Florida.

He is a member of River of Life Fellowship in Fort Pierce, FL. He has served on the Board of Directors of the former Barnett Bank, Nations Bank and the former Harbor Federal Savings Bank. He is on the Board of Directors of Unity Property Development Corporation. Larry is a member of the Board of Trustees for the United Way of St. Lucie County. He is a founding Board Member of The Parent Academy of St. Lucie County. He is co-founder of the Fort Pierce Jazz Society and co-founder of Ave D Boys Choir. Larry’s passion for helping youth and senior citizens led him to found the Lighthouse Foundation (www.thelighthouseway.org) to serve these populations on Florida’s Treasure Coast and later created the Restoring the Village Initiative to help improve communities on the Treasure Coast. Larry is a driving force behind the formation of the Boy Scout Troop 772.

During his third term in the Legislature he served as ranking member on K-12 Education Appropriations Committee, ranking member on Higher Education Appropriations, the Education Committee and Education Innovation.
Community Partner Award

Over the course of many years, the Caribbean American Cultural Group, Inc. (CACG) has had the privilege and good fortune of partnering with certain entities as we proceed in the business of fulfilling our mission as a 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to being of service to others.

Some of these entities have been outstanding in their faithfulness in supporting the endeavors of CACG through their contributions, either by placing ads in our various publications or by making monetary donations which go a long way in enabling us to underwrite our various activities.

This year we are pleased to single out and honor two such entities – BB&T Bank and ACCH Insurance Agency -- by naming each of them a recipient of the “Community Partner” award for 2019, a recently instituted award designed to recognize and applaud an especially meaningful relationship between CACG and a community entity.

We thank BB&T Bank and ACCH Insurance Agency for their longstanding and substantive support and partnership, and we look forward to many more years of the same.

Caribbean American Cultural Group, Inc. (CACG)
The Caribbean American Spunk.

As this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Caribbean American Cultural Group, it is fitting at this time to look back at some of the contributions of Caribbean Americans who helped to shape the history and culture of the United States of America.

Let us start our review with a poor ‘illegitimate’ orphan boy from one of the smallest islands in the Caribbean, who lived to become one of the most celebrated persons in the United States. He was born and raised in Nevis; his name was Alexander Hamilton.

Here is what Wikipedia has to say about him; “Alexander Hamilton was an American statesman, politician, legal scholar, military commander, lawyer, banker and economist. He was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.”

To this we can add that he was the first United States Secretary of the Treasury. He was the leading author of the Federalist Papers that was influential in selling the idea of a United States of America, as opposed to independent individual states. His image is memorialized on the United States $10 bill. Indeed, many historians credit him as one of the more active individuals who advocated for the creation of the United States of America.

Another stalwart from the Caribbean diaspora that left his imprint on the American society was Marcus Garvey. He was born in Jamaica and left school prematurely to become a printer's assistant. He founded the United Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) in Jamaica, then moved his operations to the USA, where his philosophy made an indelible impact in the USA and other countries.

David Van Leeuwen, writing for the National Humanities Center, has this to say about Marcus Garvey: “Marcus Garvey and his organization, the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), represented the largest mass movement in African-American history. Proclaiming a black nationalist 'Back to Africa' message, Garvey and the UNIA established 700 branches in thirty-eight states by the early 1920s. While chapters existed in the larger urban areas such as New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, Garvey's message reached into small towns across the country as well.”

The UNIA at its peak had more than 2 million members. No other African American organization has ever been able to achieve this popularity. Garvey's message was pride and confidence in oneself as a black person. He was an advocate of black people repatriating to Africa because he thought they could never get justice in America. His organization had a newspaper called the Negro World which had a circulation of 50,000 to 200,000 readers, and owned a shipping company called The Black Star Line and several restaurants and stores in the USA.

The distinguishing characteristic that was quite evident in both Hamilton and Garvey was their defiant determination to pursue their goals without inhibition – self-imposed or otherwise – because of their color, class or social status.

There are many others who have Caribbean heritage by virtue of the fact that their parents were born in the Caribbean. Colin Powell is one of those people. The son of Jamaican parents, he started from a humble beginning to become the first African American Secretary of State. On his way to this lofty position he was a Four Star General, the National Security Adviser to the President and Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff in the US Department of Defense.

Malcolm X was a civil rights leader and a leader of The Nation of Islam. Louis Farrakhan is also a civil rights leader and a leader of the Nation of Islam. Both of these men have Caribbean heritage since their parents were born in Caribbean countries.

Harry Belafonte, the world-famous singer and civil rights activist, is also of Caribbean heritage. His parents were emigrants from Jamaica and Martinique. His record-breaking album, called Calypso, was the first album to sell over one million copies.

Looking at all of these Caribbean American personalities, the distinguishing characteristic that stands out most clearly is their spunkiness. They had a dream and a passion, and they saw obstacles as stepping stones, not boulders to block their progress.

CACG is currently being driven by a dream to move into a building of its own and to create the first Caribbean Museum in the United States. The dream is vivid and the passion is intense, so it is only a question of time before our innate Caribbean spunkiness will see that dream materialize into a reality. We invite you to join us in this venture, because, with your help, “Together we will achieve”.

Written by: Wilberforce Reid
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In the end, it is not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years. – Abraham Lincoln
Rev. Brian A. Carr is originally from the metropolis of Mullens, West Virginia where he grew up in a loving, faith-filled, often-laughing family. The best thing that happened in his first attempt at college was a personal encounter with Jesus Christ which left him forever altered. Innocently accepting an invitation to participate in a mission trip to Mexico, he had no idea that it would completely transform his life and lead him into serving as a volunteer missionary in Mexico for three years. After a college career that extended over nine years including a five year hiatus, Brian received his B.A. degree from Marshall University in Spanish.

Meeting Lorena Rodriguez, the love of his life in Mexico was certainly the icing on the cake. After a whirlwind romance which pretty much stunned all who knew him, Brian and Lorena were married and are now in the twenty-ninth year of their marriage. They have three incredible daughters: Lidia, Maia and Sterling.

Brian has served much of his life in the service of Christ: three years as a missionary in Mexico, four years as a Youth Director and is now in his twenty-second year of Ordained Ministry with the United Methodist Church after graduating from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Brian is completely humbled that GOD chose him, even him, to serve in this way. He is delighted to be in his third year as the Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Port St. Lucie. Those who know him would confess that he can be a man of many words yet he finds himself speechless at the invitation to speak at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service. Wow!
The Caribbean American Cultural Group, Inc. (CACG) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located and operating in Port Saint Lucie since 1984. We are governed by a set of by-laws and rules and regulations to which members are held accountable. A Board of Directors is elected every two years. There are thirteen standing committees to which chairpersons are appointed every two years. General membership meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. We currently have 210 members.

**Mission**

- To establish a bond between Americans and nationals of the Caribbean countries.
- To promote social, educational and recreational benefits to the community.
- To develop an Outreach Program to assist the needy.
- To become involved in causes deemed worthy by the group.

The organization’s strength is its commitment to being an active, participatory member of the community. Some examples of our civic contributions include hosting an ecumenical service to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and offering both computer classes and the preparation of tax returns free of charge to members of the community.

Each year we award scholarships to high school graduates heading to college; earlier in 2019 we awarded fourteen (14) scholarships, eleven for $1,000 each, and three (given in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and funded from the proceeds of our annual MLK Day Memorial Service) for $1,500 each. Toys are given to children at Christmas time during a party that is held specifically for them, and backpacks, filled with school supplies, are distributed in August to students returning to school. (This year, 157 were given out). Also, Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets are prepared and distributed to seniors and needy families in the community. (Last year, over 140 families were recipients, both at Thanksgiving and at Christmas.)

These contributions are in addition to monetary donations that are given to other charitable causes, both within the community and beyond, such as The Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity.

**Social Activities**

Every Wednesday and Friday nights members and friends get together to play games such as Dominoes, Ludo, Scrabble, Checkers, Darts, card games or any other game that a member wishes to play. On the third Sunday of every month there is inter-house bowling competition, followed by inter-house domino competition on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Points are awarded for these contests, and at the end of the year there are trophies and, more important, bragging rights to be enjoyed by the winning houses. Each year we also host a Tea Party and a Cabaret, and parties to celebrate members’ anniversaries and birthdays, as well as occasions such as Valentine’s Day, Labor Day, New Year’s Eve, Mother’s Day, and Father’s Day. In addition to these activities that are held at our headquarters, we also go on cruises, take trips to points of cultural or geopolitical interest, such as a recent visit to Cuba. One major off-site event of the year is our annual Sports Day, which is always an exciting occasion when the three CACG houses compete vigorously, and it is always good to see both adults and children giving their all on the track. A highlight of 2019 was the third Annual Treasure Coast Jerk Festival, which was hosted by CACG in July at the Causeway Cove Marina in Fort Pierce.

Celebrating the independence of the Caribbean countries is an important time of the year for us, which we start with a church service on the first Sunday in August and cap off with a festive dance the following Saturday. Our marquee social event of the year, though, is our formal Annual Fall Ball in October, where members “dress to impress”, and where it is not unusual to find local politicians and other dignitaries mingling with the crowd and “cutting-a-rug” with the guests.

CACG is located at 10012-10016 S. US Hwy 1, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952. For further information about CACG and/or how to become a member, please contact Jim Haughton at 917-237-5422 or Roy Neil at 917-501-5376 or go to our website at cacgpsl.com.
2019 Scholarship Awards
By: Wilberforce Reid and Lorraine Hunter

In keeping with the mission of the Caribbean American Cultural Group to partner with the community to improve the lives of its people through better educational, cultural, and benevolent activities, CACG has awarded fourteen scholarships at a cost of $15,500 to college bound students from the community. This is for the year 2019. Every year at this time, CACG makes these scholarship awards. The following are the names of the students and the institutions to which they are heading.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship
David Ferguson graduated from Treasure Coast HS with a GPA of 3.35 and will be attending Berklee College of Music in Boston, majoring in music. As stated in his application, his musical abilities started with forming a band with friends where he plays the alto saxophone as well as the electric bass, playing and performing in the community retirement homes, churches, and local events.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship
Jalen C. Grant graduated from Fort Pierce Central HS with a GPA of 3.4, and will be attending Florida International University majoring in Psychology. His goals are to earn a doctoral degree in Psychology. He is now working towards an Associate degree in Political Science.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship
Briana Pierre graduated from Port St. Lucie HS with a GPA of 3.88 and will be attending the University of Florida, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Briana’s goals after completing her bachelor's degree is to work in a local hospital as a Biomedical Engineer to begin growing in her career, while completing her master's degree.

The Founder Scholarship – Marjorie English
Lourdina Payen graduated from Lincoln Park Academy HS with a GPA of 3.89 and will be attending Florida State University majoring in Pre-Med. Lourdina graduated HS with an Associate of Arts degree from Indian River State College, she will then continue to pursue her bachelor degree in Biochemistry. Her plans are to return to her community of Fort Pierce to practice Pediatrics.

The David Walker Scholarship
Shanel Higuera graduated from Lincoln Park Academy with a GPA of 3.9. She will be attending John Cabot University in the fall, majoring in International Relations and Affairs.

Shanel stated that she believes prosperity is majorly dependent upon one's desire to have an impactful contribution in their lifetime. She is hoping to be an altruistic individual who studies and works for the betterment of her communities.

The Wilma Europe Scholarship
Genny Naomi Cruz graduated from Fort Pierce H.S. and has been accepted to Indian River State College, majoring in Nursing. Her GPA is 3.7. Genny is a dual enrollment student at Indian River State college, pursuing a career in nursing. Genny has been doing community service at a very early age at her local church as a catechist helper for kids, then was appointed as a Religious Education teacher.

The Keesha Alexander Scholarship
Laura Mejia graduated from Fort Pierce H.S. with a GPA of 3.4, and has been accepted to Indian River State College, majoring in Business Administration. Laura was a dual enrolled student who received her AA degree and will pursue her Bachelor degree in Business Administration, specializing in Human Resources.

CACG Scholarship
Courtney Wills graduated from Lincoln Park Academy with a GPA of 3.24 and has been accepted at the University of South Florida, majoring in Psychology this fall.

Courtney states that upon completion of Medical School she would like to volunteer her time to Doctors Without Borders, to help families without resources to afford care. She spent much of her childhood at the Nicklaus Children Hospital and was humbled and inspired by the level of care given by the medical staff, so she feels compelled to give back to the patients of an organization that saved her life.
Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough. – Og Mandino

CACG Scholarship
Lindsey O’Sullivan graduated from St. Lucie West Centennial H.S. with a GPA of 3.6 and has been accepted to Keiser University this fall, majoring in Sports Medicine & Fitness. Lindsey has a passion for sports and sports medicine, her dream is to be a personal trainer for any of the NBA sports team.

CACG Scholarship
Michael Gorbach graduated from Fort Pierce H.S. with a GPA of 4.0 and has been accepted to the University of Florida this fall, majoring in Biology/Pre-Professional. Michael was a dual enrolled student with Indian River State College as well as Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. His goal is to attend medical school to become a doctor. He states his skills and ability for playing the piano and trumpet, as well as singing on his church choir.

CACG Scholarship
Chase Vincent graduated from Fort Pierce H.S with a GPA of 3.57 and has been accepted at Florida State University, majoring in Biology. He was a dual enrolled student at Indian River State College, pursuing his AA degree. His goal is to become a certified neurosurgeon.

CACG Scholarship
Adrian M. Ionescu graduated from Fort Pierce H.S with a GPA of 3.95 and has been accepted to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He will be majoring in Aerospace Engineering. He has completed his AA Degree under the dual enrollment program at Indian River State College. His goal is to work in research into new fields of space exploration and space management.

CACG Scholarship
Justin Brunelle graduated from Fort Pierce H.S. with a GPA of 3.1 and has been accepted at Stetson University. His major will be Environmental Studies. Justin’s aspiration is to become a forest/park ranger and his main goal is to return to his community to work in the state parks. His desire is to help develop programs for the community in order to raise awareness for the native animals and plants so that future generations can enjoy them.

The Thelma Lake Scholarship
Marilyn Rancel attended St. Lucie West Centennial H.S. and graduated with a GPA of 3.9. She has been accepted at Florida Atlantic University this fall, majoring in Nursing. Marilyn's ultimate goal is to be a neonatal nurse. Children have always had a special place in her heart, especially those who are terminally ill. Therefore, her aspiration is to fight for those children who need all the medical attention, love and care that they can get in those critical times in their lives.

She stated that having been raised by a single mother who held three jobs taught her the values of community and volunteering.
Benevolence Committee

The Benevolence Committee has four annual events geared towards serving our community: Annual Back-to-School Program with Backpack & Supplies Giveaway; Thanksgiving food distribution for needy families; Christmas food distribution for the elderly and shut-ins; and Annual Christmas Party and gifts for the children in the community.

Our most recent event was our Annual Back-to-School program in August. This year’s attendance far exceeded our expectations, and we distributed over 157 backpacks filled with school supplies to children throughout the community. Special thanks to those who helped in any way to make this year’s Back-to-School program the success it was.

[This year we were saddened by the untimely passing of Officer Steve Brown of the Port St. Lucie Police Department. Officer Brown had for several years come to CACG’s Annual Back-to-School event, and offered wise counsel regarding safety and words of encouragement to the kids as they got ready to start a new school year. At the Port St. Lucie Police Awards Ceremony this past August, CACG was pleased to honor Officer Brown by presenting to his widow a plaque of appreciation and a gift of $500 (collected from our members) for his family, in recognition of his service and commitment to CACG.]

At Thanksgiving 2018, we were able to supply over 132 families in St. Lucie County with a turkey along with all the trimmings. In so doing, we doubled the amount of families that we helped in 2017. Thanks to the members who helped to prepare and deliver the food bags. A special thank-you goes to Rina Aikens, whose annual contribution helps tremendously with the Thanksgiving and Christmas food bags for shut-ins and needy families.

During Christmas time, CACG members gave back to the community in more than one way:
1) We delivered 32 bags filled with groceries to shut-ins in the St Lucie County area.
2) CACG’s Annual Children’s Christmas Party and Gifts was well attended. The children were entertained by CACG’s own comedian/magician/MC, Don Smith, and, as usual, DJ C. Brown had everybody rocking in their seats. The children laughed, played, ate and went home with a well wrapped gift. Thanks again to all the members and friends who came out and wrapped gifts and those who took time away from their families to help with CACG’s Annual Children’s Christmas Party.

Throughout the year CACG continues to make its annual generous donations to several worthy non-profit organizations, locally and internationally.

Fiona M. Williams
Benevolence Co-Chair, CACG Vice President

CACG Singers

CACG Singers is currently a group of women and men who love to bless and encourage others by singing God’s praises. In the past year, the group has performed at several events throughout the community, including a church opening service at the Civic Center, several funerals, church services and other events.

CACG Singers hosts an annual event called Gospel Fiesta. This event is to raise funds to defray the cost of CACG’s Caribbean Independence Service held in August. Over a hundred and fifty people were in attendance at the

Gospel Fiesta this year. Kudos to the CACG Singers for a spiritually uplifting program.

We will continue to sing to the honor and glory of His name……

“Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.” Psalms 47:6

Fiona M. Williams
CACG Singers Director
Caribbean American Cultural Group donates 106 turkeys, fixings

Lisa Rymer
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers
USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

For the second consecutive year, the Caribbean American Cultural Group donated turkey dinners to New Horizons for mental health clients to prepare at home for their families.

This year, the group delivered 106 turkeys, sides and all the fixings, requiring a veritable army of volunteers for distribution.

In the days leading up to Thanksgiving, New Horizons of the Treasure Coast case managers from four counties loaded their cars with the makings of holiday meals and headed out to deliver the goods.

“We are happy to be of service,” said Dawn Bloomfield, incoming president of the club and a vice president at BB&T Bank.

Bloomfield learned about New Horizons last year when she toured the Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class. Later, she reached out and asked if she and the club could be of assistance.

In addition to their annual contributions of food throughout Thanksgiving and Christmas, much of it made possible by the generosity of area resident Rina Aikens Absalom, the club provides scholarships and essential supplies to students. This past year, the Caribbean American Cultural Group gave out 13 scholarships to college-bound seniors and 150 backpacks filled with school supplies.

“We also help support the Salvation Army and Hospice, and we throw a party for area children at Christ mas,” said Fiona Williams, chair of the group’s benevolence committee.

Established in 1984 in Port St. Lucie, the club’s mission is to provide people of Caribbean descent -- and from elsewhere -- with a welcoming social and cultural outlet. The club meets the third Wednesday of the month, but also get together every Friday to play Dominoes and games, bowling is the third Sunday, they travel together, and they host frequent celebrations.
Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out. – John Wooden

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It's not whether you get knocked down [that matters], it's whether you get up. – Vince Lombardi
Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
– Albert Einstein
Don't let yesterday take up too much of today. – Will Rogers
<p>| Our children and grandchildren join us in congratulating the Caribbean American Cultural Group on its 35 years of commitment and service to the community of Port Saint Lucie. May God continue to bless and prosper this organization in the years to come. Vasco and Audrey Coombs |
| Congratulations, CACG, for always reaching out to be of help to the community. Wishing you continued success, Bruce &amp; Sharon Arthurs |
| Greetings! Congratulations for the great job CACG is doing for the Community Barbara Young |
| Congrats, CACG, as you continue to overwhelmingly exceed expectations in all your ventures. Happy 35th Anniversary! Stanley &amp; Jean Abrahams |
| Congratulations, CACG, on reaching your 35th Anniversary. Your many contributions to the community are to be commended. We wish you continued success. Andy &amp; Patsy Anderson |
| We are excited to be members of this thriving organization, and join with the leadership and members to continue to support our local community. Gene &amp; Viviene Salkey |
| Ramesses: Congratulations on your achievements during your Freshman Year! Your loving grandparents, Graciela &amp; Milton Antonio |
| Greetings and Best Wishes on another successful Ball Henry &amp; Erma Brown |</p>
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### Wishing CACG God’s many blessings on its 35th anniversary.
**Jim Haughton**

### Congratulations to our CACG family and friends!
Continue with great work in the community and successful events. We are proud to be a part of the CACG family. May God bless you all!
**John & Yvonne Robertson**

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**Ivon & Marie Hunt**

### Congratulations, CACG, on your 35th Anniversary!
Wishing you God’s continued blessings.
**Faye Linton**

### The greatest gift life could have made to you is yourself.
You are a spontaneous, self-choosing center of life, in the great drama of being, the great joy of becoming, the certainty of eternal expansion.
To my CACG family,
**From Lorraine Hunter**

### Congratulations, CACG, on your 35th Anniversary!
Continue with your great community outreach and successful events.
We are proud to be a part of the CACG family!
**Ray & Sybil Jackson**

### Best Wishes for another successful year!
from
**Roy & Elaine Neil**

### Be kind to all cats and dogs!
They are little people with a fur coat on.
They are God’s creatures.
Adopt a cat or dog!
**Karlene Knight**

### Best Wishes for a successful Ball and continued success throughout the coming years.
**Marvia and Wilberforce Reid**

### Best Wishes for continued growth and success.
**Ray Powell**

### Congratulations and best wishes to CACG on your 35th anniversary of service to the community!
**Dorothy McFarlane**

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_October 5, 2019_

If you look at what you have in life, you’ll always have more. If you look at what you don’t have in life, you’ll never have enough.
— Oprah Winfrey

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Do not dwell too long on what was or what might have been. What will be is waiting.

Dennis and Pauline Rookwood

CACG:

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

Barbara & Vivian Robinson

Congratulations, CACG.

You are a beacon of light in the community. Keep on shining, so you can show others the way.

Linford & Patricia Young

Best wishes to CACG on your 35th anniversary!

Bernard Cunningham

Many, many, heartfelt thanks to our CACG family for your prayers, get-well cards, words of encouragement and the love that has been shown towards our family. We love and appreciate you all.

Eliah and May Townsend

Congratulations and Best Wishes to CACG on your 35th anniversary of service to the community.

Trevor Vaughn

Congratulations to CACG on their 35th year committed to excellence.

Continued blessings from Robin and Fitz Dickson

Kudos to the CACG Benevolence Committee, which was able to outfit over 150 students with backpacks and school supplies this year. Thanks to the members and friends who donated to this very worthy cause.

Conrad Brown and Fiona Williams

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of our dearly beloved departed members (since last Fall Ball):

Jan Grant

David Johnson

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CACG Events …

2018 Ball

Martin Luther King Jr. Service

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Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.

– Babe Ruth

Independence Service

Glow Party

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We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.
– Maya Angelou

Tea Party

Scholarships

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The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. – Nelson Mandela

Past Presidents Appreciation Gala

Sports Day

Rotary Project

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CARIBBEAN AMERICAN CULTURAL GROUP, INC. (CACG)
2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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