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President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and were able to spend time with your family and friends.

I am honored to be serving as President of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club during this our 90th year. I often think about the women who came before me and realize that what I do pales in comparison to what those before me accomplished.

Thank you to everyone that made 2017 a smashing success. The October Fashion Show, the November Bubbly and Brushes and Holiday House were ones for the memory books.

The King and Queen Champagne Reception and 80th Coronation Ball Celebration will be held in the former Saks Fifth Avenue located at the Bell Tower Shops on Friday, February 16th. Our task is large and any and all are encouraged to come lend a hand. The building is currently an empty shell, but by Friday, February 16th it will be transformed into a spectacular venue. If you would like to help with the transformation, we will begin with cleaning on February 13th at 8am and decorating will begin on Wednesday, February 14th. I am hopeful that each of you will find some extra moments and come be a part of this exciting transformation. Please take a moment and read about the outstanding young people who are your Prince and Princesses this year, from this group our 2018 King and Queen will be selected.

Fondly,

Susie Grimes Bell

Fort Myers Woman's Community Club
President 2017-18

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MARCH MEETING UPDATE

Fort Myers Woman's
Community Club presents

**Sip, Shop &
Socialize**



March 8, 2018
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Lulu's Gift Emporium
9140 W. College Pointe Drive
Fort Myers, Florida

Discounts and drawings!
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Followed by social hour at
the new Blanc
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King Jared Thomas Arnold
Queen Suzanne Chandler Brinson

LETTER FROM THE PAGEANT PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 80th Edison Pageant of Light season where we continue to honor the memory of Thomas Alva Edison. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this February's events which include the Edison's Birthday Party, The King and Queen's Celebration and Coronation Ball on February 16th and the Parade Picnic on February 17th. I am excited to report that we have new members who have joined this past year, and I encourage you to continue to invite others to be part of our Edison Pageant of Light.

We have worked extremely hard this past year to make the 80th something to remember. I hope you will all plan to attend the King and Queen Champagne Reception and Coronation Ball. The evening will start at 6:00pm with a reception honoring King Jarred Arnold and Queen Suzanne Brinson. The reception will include heavy passed hors d'oeuvres. We encourage you all to come early and enjoy everything that we have planned for this wonderful evening. The Champagne Reception is the perfect opportunity for you to reconnect with old friends and also meet our new members. The Coronation Ball will begin at 7:45pm.

I want to thank the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club for Holiday House this past December. The decorations were incredible at both the Langford Kingston and Burroughs's homes. This is a wonderful tradition and a holiday gift to the community that is made possible by the dedication of numerous volunteers.

In December the Royal Court attended two beautiful parties where they got to socialize with one another and be part of pageant traditions. The Court Tea was hosted by Susie Bell, President of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club, at the Burrough's homes. The second event was the Court Banquet hosted by King Jarred and Queen Suzanne, along with their parents at the Home of Keith and Maureen Arnold. Thank you to everyone involved for making these two events a success.

I am honored to serve as your president. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Gratefully,

Mr. Donald Melloy

President 17-18

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80 Years of Royal
Celebrations**

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Prince Ethan Thomas Janey

Ethan Thomas Janey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Janey, (Jim and Sharon). Ethan is the grandson of Robert and Lucy Sarlo Schield and Ed and Josie Janey. A third generation Fort Myers resident and a 2015 graduate of Fort Myers High School, Ethan is very proud of his family heritage in Fort Myers. His great grandparents arrived here in the early 1900's and helped start the family business, Sarlo Power Mowers. He is a distance runner and competed in the Edison Junior Parade Fun Runs, the Edison Pageant of Light 5K and ran varsity cross country and track in high school. An avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing and boating, his summer job was Dockmaster at the Fort Myers Beach Doc Fords at Gulf Star Marina. A graduate of the Fort Myers Public Service Academy, with certification as a Firefighter I and II and as an Emergency Medical Tech, he is stationed at the Alva Fire Department.



Prince David Connor Malt

David Connor Malt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Malt, (David and Lisa). David is the grandson of Richard and Isabell Wheeler and Charles and Mildred Malt. Connor graduated from Bishop Verot Catholic High School in 2015. He was a left-handed pitcher on the school's baseball team which was the state runner up in their division Class 4A final his senior year. He is a junior at Florida State University and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. During his summers off from college he has worked for Malt Realty and Development in the Rental Department. Connor was the Junior King of Edisonia and has served the Royal Court at the King and Queen's and Coronation Balls as a Banner Bearer and an Usher.



Prince George Theodore Mann IV

George Theodore Mann IV is the son of George T. Mann III, (Teddy) & the late Janice Mann. George is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Mann Jr., (Pat and Jena). A graduate of Fort Myers High School in 2015, TJ was on the baseball team for two years and a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Club for two years. He attended Florida SouthWestern State College for two semesters, leaving with a 4.0 GPA and is now employed full time by Ascend Wireless Network where he installs, tests and maintains systems for the cellular industry. An accomplished mechanic, he also excels at hunting and enjoys fishing and boating. TJ was a member of the Junior Court of Edisonia and has served as a Page, Banner Bearer and Usher and has assisted with King and Queen's and Coronation Ball decorating and take down for several years.



Prince John Timothy McGee III

John Timothy McGee III is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. McGee II, (John and Tracy). JT is the grandson of Michael D. and Kathy Weaver and Tim and Diana McGee. The Prince is a sixth generation resident of Fort Myers, being the great-great-great-grandson of Dr. William Hanson, one of Thomas Edison's physicians and the great-great grandson of W. Stanley Hanson, the White Medicine Man. JT graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2015 from Canterbury School where he ran cross country and track and was Team Captain and a member of the Scholar-Athlete Society. He is an Order of the Arrow recipient and an Eagle Scout. He sang the lead role in the school musical, has been a Holiday House Helper, ridden on floats and an Edison Festival of Lights Junior Marshal. JT was a member of the Junior Court and has served the Court of Edisonia as a Page, Banner Bearer and Usher. Now a junior at the University of Florida majoring in Sociology, his fraternity is Pi Kappa Phi.



Prince Austin James Simpson

Austin James Simpson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, (James and Sandra). A 2015 graduate of Fort Myers High School, he was a member of the baseball and football teams. Austin is now attending Florida SouthWestern State College and is a junior. He is completing the preliminary courses there that are required for his major in the Medical Field, working toward becoming a Radiologist. Austin has belonged to the Ultimate Frisbee Club and spends his summers, when he's not working, fishing and boating. He has assisted at the Pageant Balls as an Usher.

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Princess Grace Ann Beatty

Grace Ann Beatty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Beatty, (Scott and Susan). Grace is granddaughter of Mrs. Linda Beard, the late Mr. Terry Beard, and Mr. Dwight Beatty and Mrs. Toni Twiggs. A 2013 graduate of Fort Myers High School, she was a member of Young Life and in her senior year was selected to serve as a Page in the Florida State Senate. Grace attends Florida SouthWestern State College where she is majoring in Business. She is currently volunteering as a Young Life Leader for Fort Myers High School. A member of Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Grace works with both the Sunday School and Youth programs at the Fellowship. She is also a Personal Stylist at Fab'rik Clothing Boutique and a sales associate for Norman Love Confections.



Princess Lillianna Price Hughes Diamond

Lillianna Price Hughes Diamond is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. David Diamond, (David and Nancy). Lilly graduated in 2015 from Evangelical Christian School where she was on the volley ball and track teams and was soccer team manager for two years. A junior majoring in Behavioral Science and minoring in criminology at the University of South Florida in Tampa, she is a coordinator for The Children's Miracle Network Hospital working with Bulls for Kids, is in the National Society of Leadership and Success at the university and attends CRU, a Christian organization. She worked at Bobbie Noonan's Child Care Academy for 4 and a half years and now works at Carrollwood Day School as an Aftercare Worker. Lilly has participated in the Pageant Balls as a Ribbon Dancer, Banner Bearer and Program Hostess.



Princess Andrea Alyse Globetti

Andrea Alyse Globetti is the daughter of Mr. John R. Globetti, (John) and Ms. Karen A. Globetti, (Karen). Andrea is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Adkins, (Bob and Marilyn). A graduate of Bishop Verot Catholic High School in 2015, she was a member of the varsity tennis team and the junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams, in addition to playing USA South Club volleyball. At the University of Alabama, where Andrea is a junior, she is majoring in Accounting. Her sorority is Pi Beta Phi. In Tuscaloosa and over the summer, she has worked as a business receptionist and in the food service industry. Andrea was a member of the Junior Court of Edisonia and has served the Edison Pageant Royal Court as a Trumpeter and for two years as a Program Hostess.



Princess Stephanie Elizabeth Norris



Stephanie Elizabeth Norris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Norris, (Lee and Debbie). Stephanie is the granddaughter of the late Thomas Orthman and Dorothy Orthman and Joe and Iva Norris. Stephanie graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Fort Myers High School International Baccalaureate Program in 2015. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics, National Science and Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Societies and Founder of the National English Honor Society chapter. She played varsity softball four years, was Co-Captain and Offensive MVP for two years and was named to the New-Press Softball First Team. She played in the Big League All-Star Softball World Series four years and was on the Southeast Regional Championship team. Stephanie was awarded a softball scholarship to South Florida State College, and received the Coach's Award there. After graduating with her Associates of Arts degree, the Princess transferred to the University of Central Florida and is a health science major. A member Alpha Xi Delta, she has been active in supporting the sorority's philanthropy, "Autism Speaks." She went on mission trips and worked with the children's programs at New Hope Church and was a Bountiful Blessings volunteer at the Heights Foundation. She was on the Junior Court, a Junior Court Page, an Edison Pageant Court Page and Program Hostess.



Princess Amy Theresa Romstadt



Amy Theresa Romstadt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Romstadt, (Joe and Nancy). Amy is the granddaughter of Harry Chernin and the late Mary Charles Chernin and the late Richard and Elizabeth Romstadt. A fifth generation resident of Lee County, Amy enjoys hearing family stories from the 1930's and 40's including learning that her maternal grandparents' first date was to the Edison Pageant Ball in 1949. Amy, a 2015 graduate of North Fort Myers High School, was a member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Students. She was on the school cross country and track teams. Now enrolled at Florida SouthWestern State College, she is a sophomore Biology major with an Environmental Concentration. She is also a rock climber, hiker, swimmer, and plays intramural soccer. At FSW the Princess works in the Office of Adaptive Services as a scribe for students with learning disabilities and speaks to groups of high school student with learning differences about the benefits offered at the college as well as helps students utilize the Adaptive Services Office. Amy continues to raise butterflies and now shares with students, professors or staff who have lost loved ones, the releases in their memory. She was a member of the Junior Court of Edisonia, and took part in the King and Queen's and Coronation Balls as a Ribbon Dancer, Page to the Edison Pageant Royalty, Family Banner Bearer and Program Hostess for three years.



Princess Lauren Kelsey Sherkus



Lauren Kelsey Sherkus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherkus, (Frank and Cindy). Lauren is the granddaughter of Emil and Dorothy Sherkus and John and Catherine White. An International Baccalaureate graduate of Riverdale High School in 2015, she served the Student Government Association four years including as Freshman Secretary, Student Body Secretary and President, and was on the Lee School Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. She was a member of the National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society, the Raider Round Table and a volunteer mentor at River Hall Elementary. She played junior varsity volleyball, junior varsity and varsity soccer and was the team Captain her senior year when she was also elected Homecoming Queen. As an active 4H member, Lauren held offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Reporter in her club and for the county club. Lauren is a junior majoring in Family and Child Sciences on a Pre-Occupational Therapy Track at Florida State University and is a member of Phi Mu sorority where she was Junior Recruitment Assistant, Ritual Chair Assistant and a member of the Best Buddies Organization. Summers she has worked as a North Fort Myers Parks and Recreation Traditional Camp Counselor and now works for Publix Supermarkets. She was a member of the Junior Court and has been a Junior Marshal and a Section Marshall for the Edison Festival Junior Parade and Grand Parade.



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UPCOMING DATES

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**Fort Myers Woman's Community Club
General Meeting Dates**

Thursday, March 8, 2018

SIP, SHOP & SOCIALIZE

March 8, 2018

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Lulu's Gift Emporium

OUTREACH: Children's Home Society

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Mother/Daughter Pink Tea

4:00pm Burroughs Home and Gardens

OUTREACH: Children's Advocacy Center

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Installation of Officers

6:30pm Heights Foundation

OUTREACH: Heights Foundation