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WINTER NEWSLETTER

January 2024

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Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month during the club year, unless otherwise noted, with the exceptions of December and February.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings ladies,

What an incredible year we have had together so far! It has been my privilege to work with you during the first half of our 96th year as Fort Myers Woman's Community Club, an organization that is steeped in tradition, values, community, and friendship.

We started the Fall by meeting to discuss what Holiday House would look like this year. The plan to decorate the windows of First Street was received with vigor by our members. We met at the Wine Room graciously hosted by one of our new members and owner, Sarah Newcomb; we thank you, Sarah!!!

In October we celebrated our Past Presidents with a White Tea at Riverside Community Center. It has been quite some time since we held a meeting there and it was wonderful to be back. The room was filled with our membership and the tables were set with Community Club's finest china and Silver tea sets. PACE Center for Girls was the outreach for the month. The Past Presidents were honored with white roses as has become tradition after which there was a "Walk thru the Past" as we viewed a presentation of pictures from the past 96 years!

November was full of exciting dates as promised! The Fashion Show was not to be missed! What an amazing night filled with more energy than a camera could capture. Greeted by horses at the entry to Clive Daniel, our members were treated to Champagne and delectable confections made by our talented Board of Directors! Thank you to Lisa Malt and Clive Daniel for a star studded night! As we moved towards Thanksgiving, our decorators got their plans together for their windows. The turn out and support has been incredible. We decorated 24 spaces, many of which were windows while others were lobbies such as the Sheriff's office as well as the lobbies of Sidney & Berne. The kickoff was November 24th and there were literally thousands of people downtown for the Tree Lighting. If you have not made it downtown, please make a point to go as this would not have been possible without our membership coming together and creating a plan that was different from anything we have ever done in the past. Make sure you check out the pictures that have been posted as they may be the only time you ever see snow fall in Fort Myers! I loved it!!!! Finally, our 3rd Annual Wreath Auction took place at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates on November 30th. Our members went above and beyond with their creativity once again!

The Edison Pageant Ball is being held on February 10th at the Edison Home. If you are not yet a member of our "sister organization" space is limited, therefore please do not hesitate in your plans. Please take time to read the Edison Pageant Court Bios that are included in this edition of the newsletter. If you were a paid member of Fort Myers Woman's Community Club by midnight of the first meeting in September you will receive ballots in the mail. Please make sure to cast your vote for King and Queen!

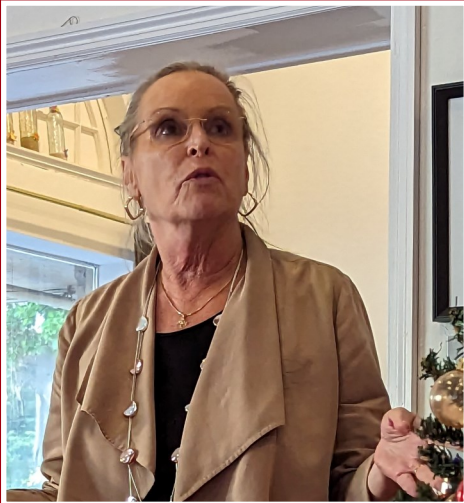
This has been an exhilarating few months and I look forward to enjoying the Christmas holidays with my family! I wish you a peaceful Christmas season and successful new year! Please remember that there is room in this organization for everyone. Whatever part you choose to play within this organization please know that I thank you in advance for doing it all with a happy heart!!!

Amanda Heidt

FMWCC President 2023-2024

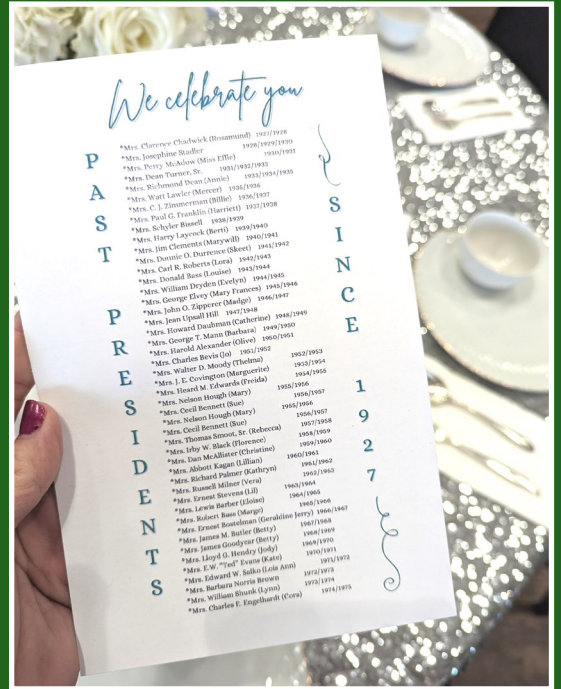
HOLIDAY HOUSE 2023 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

We knew there were big changes happening this Christmas and in September we gathered at the Wine Room on Broadway in downtown Fort Myers to learn about the exciting new twist on our Club's annual gift to the Southwest Florida community. Members were invited to sign up to do a window display and were also encouraged to sign up to make a wreath for our third annual Wreath Auction. A big November was just two months away and we hit the ground running!



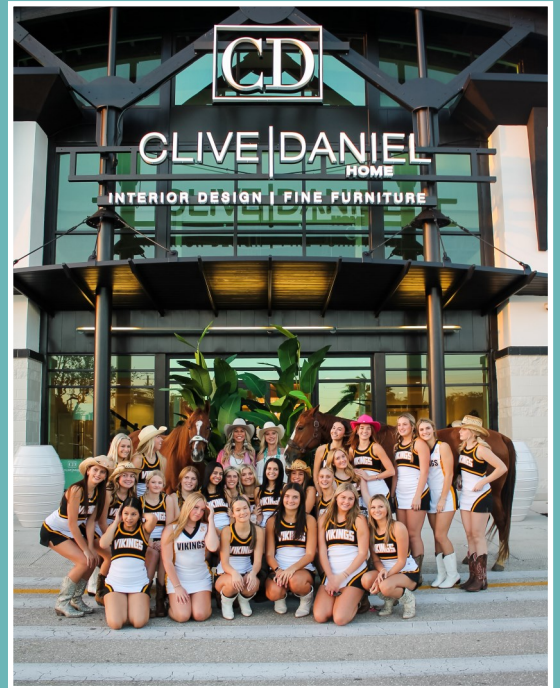
THE WHITE TEA HONORING OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

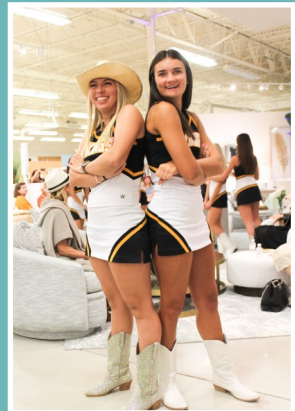
We celebrated the Past Presidents of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club in style this October: we pulled out the china and set the tables with formal tea settings! We welcomed Melanie Musick of PACE Center for Girls, who shared the success and ongoing mission of this amazing organization that serves underprivileged and at-risk girls and young women in Lee County. President Amanda Heidt put together a moving slideshow to close out our afternoon, which featured pictures and news clippings of Community Club leaders over the past ninety-six years.



THE FMWCC FASHION SHOW IS BACK!

This November we were thrilled to bring back the FMWCC Fashion Show! Hosted at Clive Daniel Home in South Fort Myers, chairwoman Lisa Malt put on another amazing event. Guests were greeted by HRH Queen Natalie Arnold and Rodeo Champion Margot Crowther and their equine friends. The Bishop Verot cheerleaders entertained and we learned about the tournament that started the Edison Pageant of Light. The meeting's outreach effort benefitted KKIDS, Inc, and Karen and Bruce Scott shared with us the mission of their non-profit, which serves at-risk families and foster children throughout our community.





THE THIRD ANNUAL WREATH AUCTION

November was a busy month for our organization! Hosted on November 30th on the beautiful banks of the Caloosahatchee, in partnership with the Edison Ford Winter Estates, our third annual wreath auction was another resounding success. Intricate wreaths were again handmade and donated by our creative members to raise money to benefit the preservation and restoration of the Estates. Bidding was competitive as always as we enjoyed passed hors d'oeuvres and delicious desserts in a festive holiday setting. We can't thank you enough for your continued support of this fun new tradition!



HOLIDAY HOUSE 2023



This year our Club was faced with a unique challenge as we began preparations for our annual gift to our community. Due to consistent scheduling conflicts with events and weddings held throughout the holiday season at the Burroughs and Langford-Kingston Homes, hosting Holiday House as we have in the past became increasingly unsustainable. Led by President Amanda Heidt, the creative team behind this treasured tradition, in partnership with the River District Alliance, came up with a wonderful twist: we would host Holiday House as a Christmas Stroll along the First Street corridor in the downtown river district. Our board agreed to make the change and our membership showed up in a big way to decorate the windows and lobbies of the businesses that agreed to participate in this

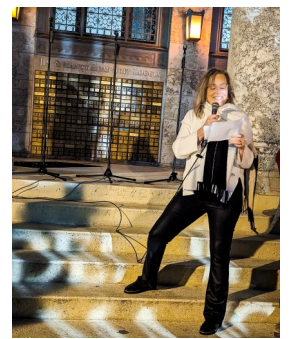
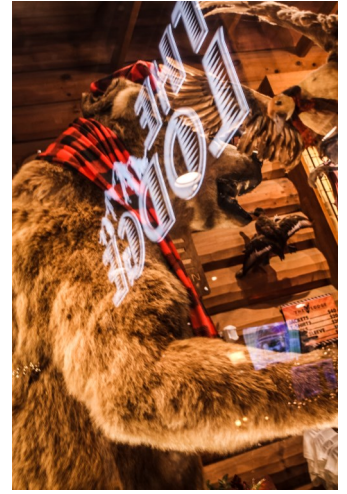
exciting inaugural year. "I'll Be Home for Christmas... If Only In My Dreams" is this year's theme and it is a tribute to our military; the vision was to create something that we would want our loved ones serving our country to see when they come for the holidays. Every display features, large or small, an American flag.



Our event kicked off on November 24th with a tree lighting ceremony in front of the Davis Art Center. The Marines were on hand to collect toys for their Toys for Tots effort and Santa himself came out to countdown to the moment of illumination. To add to the magic of the moment, it even snowed in downtown Fort Myers for us! This year we've created about twenty displays and we look forward to this event growing in seasons to come.

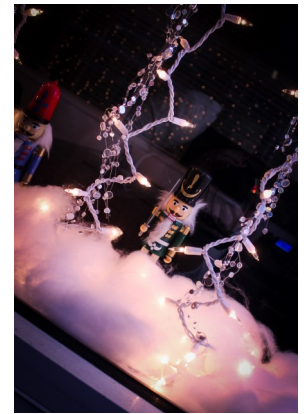


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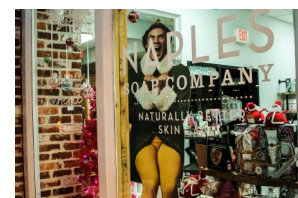
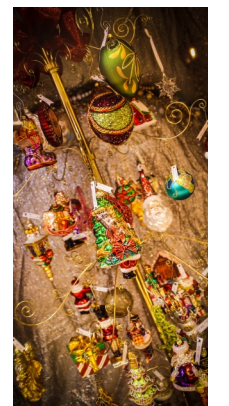



I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
...IF ONLY IN MY DREAMS
HOLIDAY HOUSE CHRISTMAS STROLL 2023
FORT MYERS WOMAN'S COMMUNITY CLUB
A SALUTE TO OUR MILITARY

A CHRISTMAS STROLL THROUGH DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS



HOLIDAY HOUSE 2023



HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING DAYS

Our individual chairs worked with participating business owners to coordinate on their own the best time to come in and decorate their spaces. Together with their committee members, they created unforgettable displays that were ready for our inaugural Stroll after the tree-lighting on November 24h. Displays will be up through the month of December. Special thanks to those who used our Holiday House hashtags and posted their efforts on Facebook so we could all share in the fun that is Decorating Day!



FRIENDS OF FMWCC MAKE MUCH OF OUR PROGRAMMING POSSIBLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME ONE FOR A DONATION OF JUST \$10 (OR MORE!) PLEASE EMAIL US AT FMWCCMAIL@GMAIL.COM AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ADD YOU TO THIS LIST. MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED!

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Fort Myers Women's Community Club
Since 1922

THE HEIDT FAMILY THE BRANT FAMILY THE HAMMOND FAMILY THE SPENCE FAMILY DUKE & JOYCE VAN NETTA REINALDO & DESTINY JEAN-CHARLES ARABELLA & EVERY JEAN-CHARLES JONATHAN, ARIEL, & LILLIANA MARTIN MATT & SHANNON JOHNSON KELLY JUNKINS ANDREW BECHDEL MANDY WILTSHIRE WILL WILTSHIRE ERLEENE SANDERS RONALD & MARIA TYRE KRISTA TYRE MICHELLE BURKS & FAMILY BOBBI STAGE HRH SUE BENNETT GRIMES HRH LIZ GRADY *SUE S. BENNETT JEANNE DOZIER-BARTLETT ANNE HANSEN WHITNEY KEARNS NATALIE VAN HORN ANNABELL VAN HORN CHARLOTTE EDWARDS HOLLY LELAND	SUMMER ELIZA HAMMOND LIANE MCHUGH MIA SUSHIL MARY LEE MANN PAIGE LEBOUTILLIER SUZANNE CLAPP TUESDAY SHANNON ALICE ANN BURNETT DEANNE KYLE THE FOX-YATES FAMILY CRAIG & JEANNIE MARTIN ANGELA D'ALESSANDRO JERRY HIGBY WILL & BELLA HIGBY PRIMARY CARE OF SWFL KIM STRICKLAND KAYDAN STRICKLAND BUTCH STRICKLAND THE HOOP FAMILY FRAN FENNING AINSLEY THOMAS THE FENNING-THOMAS FAMILY THE BUBAR FAMILY
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*In Remembrance

THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT

Lights ON THE Caloosahatchee

THE 87TH ANNUAL EDISON PAGEANT OF LIGHT CORONATION BALL

Edison & Ford Winter Estates

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The Edison Pageant of Light is coming home to Fort Myers!
 We invite you to join FMWCC on the morning of **February 9th** as we transform a tent on the banks of the beautiful Caloosahatchee into the mythical realm of Edisonia.
 Email heidtfmwcc@gmail.com to join the decorating team.

Would you like to attend this time-honored royal affair? There's still time!
 Click the QR code here to join the Edison Pageant of Light.

Already a Pageant member? Don't forget **Table Reservation Day** is **January 13th** in Parish Hall at St. Cecilia's Church. You can pick up your ball tickets, become a friend, pay next year's dues, and purchase a program ad, poker tournament and derby party tickets all in one place!



Fort Myers Woman's Community Club

Post Office Box 62191
Fort Myers, Florida 33906

PAY DUES ONLINE at www.fmwcc.net

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

* Please do not complete any blanks with "same" *

Annual Membership Dues: **\$50** payable to FMWCC

Mrs. ___ Miss ___ Ms. ___ Dr. ___
First
Initial/Maiden
Last

Occupation _____

Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's Occupation _____

Address _____

Primary phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Email Address _____ Contact you by: phone ___ email ___ text ___

Children or Grandchildren (under 25 years old) residing in Lee County

<u>Child/Grandchild</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Grade in school</u>
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Please check the committees on which you would like to serve:

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	<u>HOLIDAY HOUSE</u>	<u>CORONATION</u>	<u>FASHION SHOW</u>	<u>TALENTS</u>
___ Membership	___ Hostess	___ Decorations	___ Decorations	___ Computer
___ Tea Flowers	___ Advertising	___ Ballroom	___ Store Liaison	___ Calligraphy
___ Tea Food	___ Decorations	___ Foyer	___ Door Prizes	___ Musician
___ Newsletter	___ Grounds	___ Table Decoration	___ Refreshments	___ Artist
___ Website	___ Opening	___ Work with Court	___ As Needed	___ Photography
___ PR	___ Refreshments	___ Refreshments		___ Sewing
___ Outreach	___ As Needed	___ As Needed		
___ New Member Social or Mentor*				
___ Properties – Table Cloths				
___ House – Provide Meeting Supplies				
___ As Needed				

LEADERSHIP

___ Please check if you would be interested in pursuing a Leadership position in the FMWCC.

Renewal ___ Past-President ___

New Member ___

Membership Committee Use Only

Check #: _____ Cash: _____ Dated: _____

Friends of FMWCC: _____

Entered by: _____

ALL HAIL THE REIGNING MONARCHS OF EDISONIA!

King Pierce Wells Tyson

King Pierce Wells Tyson is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Farrell Tyson, (Toby and Michele) and the grandson of Drs. Ben and Suzi Martin and the late David and Yvonne Ness. A 2020 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Fort Myers High School while dual enrolled in Florida SouthWestern State College, King Pierce was the captain of the varsity swim team, a member of the varsity tennis team, National Honor Society, Finance and Law Academies and the Rho Kappa Honor Society. He graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Finance. He will be graduating in May with a Master's Degree in Business Analytics from Texas Christian. A third generation Eagle Scout, he is a founding member of TCU's chapter of Epsilon Tau Pi, an honorary Eagle Scout Service Fraternity, a member of the Trap and Skeet Club, Service Dog Organization, College Republicans and Sons of the American Revolution. During the summer, the King worked for Zeiss Ophthalmic as a surgical liaison and data analyst and for BVI Medical as a surgical supplies analyst. Pierce has also worked in accounting, marketing and surgical assisting at Tyson Eye and was an intern in The Martin Law Firm. His hobbies include skim boarding, eFoiling, electric surfboarding, building computers and working on the family ranch in Alva.



Queen Natalie Morgan Arnold

Queen Natalie Morgan Arnold is the daughter of the Honorable and Mrs. J. Keith Arnold (Keith and Maureen). Her family has been in Lee County for almost 150 years, including her Great Grandfather Emmett Kelly, who received his high school diploma in 1929 from Thomas Edison. A 2018 graduate of Bishop Verot Catholic High School, she was a varsity cheerleader for four years, serving as captain in her senior year. Natalie graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and minor in Child Development. While attending Florida State, she was on the Dean's List, President's List, and a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. Now attending Florida Gulf Coast University pursuing a Master's in Social Work, she plans to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Natalie is scheduled to graduate with her Master's degree this May. She currently is interning at the Florida Gulf Coast University Counseling and Psychological Services center, while working part time at Millenium Physicians Group. Natalie is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, Seminole Boosters, Delta Gamma Alumni Association and Fort Myers Woman's Community Club. She has served the Edison Pageant of Light as a hostess and many years helped decorate Holiday House and Pageant Balls.





Prince Garner Allen Brant

Prince Garner Allen Brant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brant, (Mark and Angela) and the grandson of Denny and Carol Brant and Gary and Margaret Bell. A 2021 Summa Cum Laude graduate of the International Baccalaureate program at Fort Myers High School, he served as a Student Government and Class Officer, on Executive Leadership, Marching Band, a member of the Jazz Band and the Chamber Choir, was selected to the Allstate Choir twice, voted by his Senior Class as Most Talented and as a member of the Homecoming and Prom Courts. Garner was also a member of National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta math honorary, Rho Kappa and Tri-M Music Honor Societies, sang with the City of Palms Youth Choir and was a member of the North Fort Myers Indoor Drumline. A junior at Florida State University, the Prince is pursuing a major in Jazz Studies and plays the double bass. He is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and a two year member of the Music Living Learning community. Garner, selected for Scotty Barnhart's ensemble, the Leon Anderson Combo (Honors Combo 2) and Big Band 1, has played in the FSU productions of "Sweet Charity" and "Something Rotten" and locally in Tallahassee "The Light in the Piazza." He traveled to Puerto Rico and volunteered on a *fincas*, learning sustainable farming techniques used by

the locals to feed their community and to London, England with FSU to study Music and Culture. Garner has served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Junior Prince, Medallion Bearer, Standard Bearer, Banner Bearer and an Usher.



Prince Michael Andrew Collier

Prince Michael Andrew Collier, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Collier, (Michael and Robin) is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gene Collier. A 2018 graduate of Bishop Verot Catholic High School, the Prince played football, varsity lacrosse, and competitive travel hockey for the Junior Blades. Michael recently graduated from Augustana College with a degree in History. At Augustana, he was a member of the Hockey and Lacrosse teams and a founding member of the Iota Chi Epsilon Fraternity. His chosen career is Finance. Michael has served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Program Host and an Usher.



Prince Gavin Anderson Halfacre

Prince Gavin Anderson Halfacre is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Halfacre, (Brian and Cathy) and the grandson of Boyd and Mary Halfacre and Carlton and Sharen Anderson. He is a 2020 Summa Cum Laude Graduate of Fort Myers High School and was a member of National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, NAF Finance Academy, and Teen Court. A senior at Florida Gulf Coast University, Gavin will graduate in May 2024 with a degree in Business Management. The Prince has served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Program Host and Usher.

PRESENTING THE 2024 PRINCES AND PRINCESSES



Prince Carson Reed Maschmeier

Prince Carson Reed Maschmeier, the son of Mr. Michael and Mrs. Lorie Watkins Maschmeier is the grandson of John V. Maschmeier and Esther Chance and Dr. Samuel and Mrs. Carol Watkins. The Prince graduated from Fort Myers High School in 2021 and was a member of National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Rho Kappa National Honor Society, Sailing Club, and Chorus. Having also earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Florida Southwestern State College in 2021, Carson graduated from the University of Central Florida in the Spring of 2023 with a degree in History and a minor in Anthropology. He is now pursuing a graduate candidacy in the Public History track. His dissertation and research pertain to Black soldiers, spatial displacement and the American Civil War. He plans to finalize his publication by Spring 2026, graduating from the University of Central Florida again. Alongside his work in academia, Carson is a campus missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ.



Prince Adam Tyler Oakes-Lottridge

Prince Adam Tyler Oakes-Lottridge is the son of Drs. Andrew and Denise Oakes-Lottridge and the grandson of Clarence and Zoila Lottridge and Robert Oakes and Sohia Gergely. A 2021 graduate of the Fort Myers High School International Baccalaureate Program, Adam was selected as a Bright Futures Scholar. Now a junior at Florida Southern College, he is pursuing a major in Psychology within a Pre-Dental track. The Prince is involved with the Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation, which is a non-profit committed to exonerating the wrongfully convicted as well as wrongful conviction prevention, and is also a partner with the Innocence Project, a member of the Psychology Club, Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society and serves as chapter Vice President of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.



Prince Ryan Oakes-Lottridge

Prince Ryan Oakes-Lottridge, the son of Drs. Andrew and Denise Oakes-Lottridge is the grandson of Clarence and Zoila Lottridge and Robert Oakes and Sohia Gergely. He is a 2019 graduate of Fort Myers High School and was selected as a Bright Futures Scholar. At Florida Southern College the Prince was a Student Assistant Coach and a Public Address Announcer for Florida Southern College Sports, including basketball, baseball, and softball. He graduated in 2023 with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy/Ethics. Ryan will be attending graduate school in Spain in the fall of 2024 and until then will be backpacking across South America.

PRESENTING THE 2024 PRINCES AND PRINCESSES



Princess Peyton Sheridan Halfacre

Princess Peyton Sheridan Halfacre is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Halfacre, (Brian and Cathy) and the granddaughter of Boyd and Mary Halfacre and Carlton and Sharen Anderson. A 2021 International Baccalaureate Graduate of Fort Myers High School, she was a member of National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, NAF Finance Academy, and Teen Court. Peyton is a 2023 graduate of Florida State University with a degree in Cyber Criminology.

The Princess has served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Program Hostess.



Princess Elinor Harrison Hansen

Princess Elinor Harrison Hansen, the daughter of Mr. Thomas Adams Hansen and Ms. Anne Weller Hansen is the granddaughter of John E. Hanson and Nancy Harrison and Nancy Adams Glaser. The Princess is a 2021 Honors Graduate of Fort Myers High School where she was a cheerleader, ran cross country, and was on the yearbook staff.

Ellie thoroughly enjoys her current position as a Ramp Agent at Southwest Florida International airport. She has served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Program Hostess.



Princess Kennedy Violet Mann

Princess Kennedy Violet Mann is the daughter of Mr. Ian Ferguson Mann and Ms. Sheila Jerome and granddaughter of the late Honorable Frank Mann, Sr. and Mary Lee Mann. The Princess, a 2021 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Cypress Lake High School was a member of National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, National Thespian Honor Society, and President of the Model United Nations. While in high school Kennedy appeared in several productions at Florida Repertory Theatre including "Metamorphoses," "Into the Woods," "Spring Awakening," and "The Wolves." She attended The New School in New York City, and received her Associate of Arts Degree from Florida SouthWestern State College in 2023. The Princess plans to transfer to Florida Gulf Coast University to complete her undergraduate studies and then attend

law school. A member of Fort Myers Woman's Community Club she has been on decorating committees for Holiday House, Holiday House Stroll, was a Lamplighter and has also served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Page, Banner Bearer, Trumpeter and Program Hostess.

PRESENTING THE 2024 PRINCES AND PRINCESSES



Princess Emi Alexandra Shannon

Princess Emi Alexandra Shannon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, III, (John and Tuesday) is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Ronald Lueptow and Mrs. Lueptow. She is a 2021 graduate of the International Baccalaureate Program of Fort Myers High School where she was a member of National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa and Tri-M Music Honor Societies, Chamber Choir, and the Riptide Dance Team. Emi is in the Honors Program for Music Performance and Psychology at Florida Southern College and has been selected to present a research paper at the South Eastern Psychology Association Conference in Orlando. The Princess has served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Program Hostess.



Princess Holland Kathryn Tyson

Princess Holland Kathryn Tyson is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Farrell Tyson, (Toby and Michele) and the granddaughter of Drs. Ben and Suzi Martin and the late David and Yvonne Ness. The Princess, a 1921 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Fort Myers High School, she received at the same time, her Associate of Arts Degree from Florida SouthWestern State College Honors Program. Active in Student Government at Fort Myers High, she was also a member of Young Life, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society. Holland won the High School Designs & Dreams of Young Artists award, was a competitive dancer for 14 years, winning numerous national dance titles and scholarships, was an assistant ballet and acrobatic teacher and acrobatic choreographer. She has modeled for multiple apparel companies and is a certified Pilate's instructor at Wake Forest University where she is a junior, majoring in Honors Psychology with double minors in Philosophy and Marketing Communications and is a member of the Neuroscience Club. She had her research in psychology published and presented at a Paris conference this past summer. A

member of Wake Forest's Club Gymnastics team, Holland won 2nd place on "Floor" at Nationals and was featured in the magazine 'Upcoming Gymnast.' She belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Myers Woman's Community Club and has served as a Hostess at Holiday House. Her summer job was at Eye Surgery & Laser Center as an ophthalmic pre and post-surgery aide.

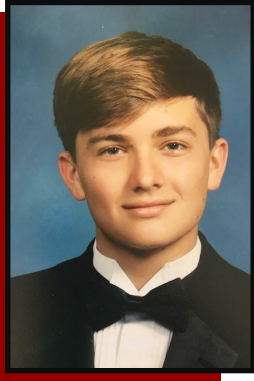
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Duke Daniel Franklin Adams III

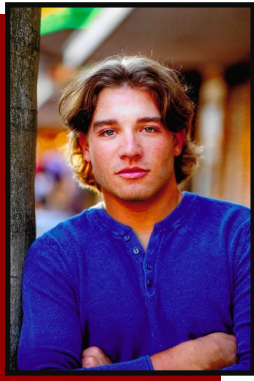
Duke Daniel Franklin Adams, III is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Franklin Adams, Jr. (Dan and Julie) and the grandson of Dan and Kathy Adams, Marc Beaudin and Diane Aurit. A 2023 graduate of Bishop Verot Catholic High School, he participated in track and field, ran cross country and played on the lacrosse team. After attending Ole Miss for 1 year, Danny is now a student at Santa Fe College, majoring in Building Construction. He has continued his interest in running and working out, college football and wake boarding. He has worked over the summer for Keystone Pavers and Viking Carpentry. The Duke was a member of the Edison Festival of Light Junior Court in 2011.

INTRODUCING THE 2024 DUKES AND DUCHESSSES



Duke Maxwell Robert Burg

Duke Maxwell Robert Burg, the son of the late Dr. Brian Burg and Mrs. Katherine Burg is the grandson of Alfred and Sharon Natella and Dr. Robert and Billie Jean Burg. The Duke graduated from Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School in 2022 and is a sophomore at the University of South Florida, majoring in International Business with plans to attend dental school. Maxwell travelled to Italy in the summer of 2023 for a 6 week session to study Italian culture and language then worked at Cedarkirk Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center for the second half of the summer. His hobbies include swimming, cooking, drawing, the theatre and playing guitar. As an active member of his church community he has also participated in summer mission trips.



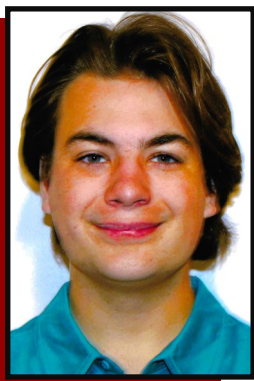
Duke Brighton Joseph Edsell

Duke Brighton Joseph Edsell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin King, (Kevin and Manda) and Mr. Gregory Edsell and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Desjarlais. A 2022 graduate of the International Baccalaureate program of Fort Myers High School, he was a varsity baseball letterman, member of National Honor Society, History Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary and taught in the Little Wave Pre-School program. The Duke is a Junior at Florida State University working toward a Masters in Public Health and plans to continue his education in Medical school. Brighton plays for the FSU Club Baseball Team and works for Powermill Training Academy in Tallahassee giving lessons to youth baseball players. Over the summer he worked as an intern and clinical assistant for a local pediatric group. He was the Edison Festival of Light Junior King in 2011 and has served as a Family Banner Bearer, Standard Bearer and Usher.



Duke Luke Nelson King

Duke Luke Nelson King, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark King, (Mark and Carmen) is the grandson of Clint and Theresa Burge and Charles and Nancy King. The Duke graduated in 2023 from Bonita Springs High School as a dual enrolled Florida Gulf Coast University student and was a four year varsity athlete in both basketball and swimming. He attained the highest rank possible in scouting, becoming an Eagle Scout. He is a sophomore at Florida State University in the Florida State Presidential Scholarship and Honors Program majoring in Finance and spent his summer taking classes at Florida State.



Duke Kyle Patrick Long

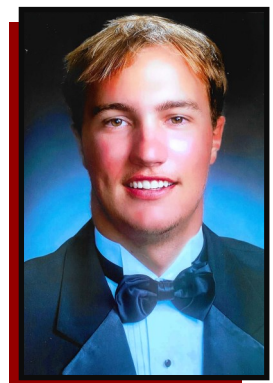
Duke Kyle Patrick Long is the son of Mr. Kevin Long and Ms Ashley Long and the grandson of Bob and Karen Long and Edward and Patricia Biagi. He is a 2022 graduate of Bishop Verot Catholic High School and was a four year member of the varsity band, its wind ensemble, and marching and pep bands, including the drum line. Kyle was a three year member of the varsity lacrosse team and as a member of the wrestling team, placed first, winning his weight class at the District competition and fourth at the Regional contest. A sophomore majoring in marine engineering at the College of the Florida Keys, the Duke is a member of the college scuba diving club and is restoring a 1986 CJ 7 Jeep and a 1989 Corvette, builds computers and enjoys boating and water sports, gun collecting, range shooting and cheering for the Florida State University football team. The past two summers he has been an intern for Regulator Marine in Edenton, North Carolina. Duke Kyle has served as an Usher for the Edison Pageant of Light Balls.

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Duke Charles John Mulicka

Duke Charles John Mulicka, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mulicka, (David and Jenna) and Ms. Stacy Mulicka, and is the grandson of John and Cheryl Honc. A 2022 graduate of Cypress Lake High School he is continuing his education and workforce training at Thrive Academy. Charlie enjoys boating, fishing, computers, music and Gator football games. The Duke has also volunteered at community events and resource centers, including helping to distribute supplies to families in need after Hurricane Ian. His past summer was spent in a work study program at Family Initiative, an organization committed to empowering families in the autism community.



Duke Dylan Allen Peck

Duke Dylan Allen Peck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Peck, (David and Lisa) and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Stu Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gearing and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peck. The Duke graduated in 2022 from Bishop Verot Catholic High School. He was on the Junior Varsity baseball team one year and three years a Varsity baseball player, a St. Thomas Aquilas House Leader and elected by his classmates to the Homecoming Court. Dylan, a sophomore at Florida State College at Jacksonville, majoring in Criminal Justice has continued his support of Captains for Clean Water, echoing his enjoyment of fishing, scuba diving and water skiing who still finds time to go hunting. Last summer was divided between playing Prospect League baseball on the Cape Catfish team, out of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and working for D. Peck Roofing, Inc. He has also served the Edison Pageant of Light as a Coronation Ball Usher.



Duke Ethan Vaughn Reistad

Duke Ethan Vaughn Reistad, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Reistad, (Jeff and Aimie) is the grandson of Arthur Korsmand and Sara Korsman and the late Vaughn Reistad and Sandra Dahlberg. He is a 2021 Prior Lake High School graduate who played lacrosse, was a wake board surfer and member of Young Life. At 20 years old the Duke has already graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University where his major was Entrepreneurship. He has been an entrepreneur for years, with his first notable success inventing one of the first fidget spinners and selling them from his eighth grade locker, leading to an appearance on The Jimmy Fallon Tonight Show. That was followed by several small businesses and a digital marketing agency while in high school. At FGCU he co-founded the first online boat auction marketplace, "Boats and Buyers" which became the highest funded business in a single round of the University's School of Entrepreneurship "Runway Program." Ethan spends his leisure time mountain biking, surfing and traveling while continuing to work remotely.



Duke Gavin Michael Wimberley

Duke Gavin Michael Wimberley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wimberley, (Chuck and Shelley) and the grandson of James and Susan Biggs and Chalmer and Frances Wimberley. He graduated in 2020 from Bishop Verot Catholic High School where he played football four years, was on the track and field team three years and served as a Leader for both Live Jesus Retreat and St. Cecillia House. A senior business Finance major with an Entrepreneurship minor at the University of Mississippi-Ole Miss, Gavin is a member of the Finance and Entrepreneurial Clubs and Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity which he has served as Academic and Social Chairs. An avid sports lover he has many favorite teams in addition to Ole Miss including Detroit Lions, Chicago White Sox and Notre Dame. He has had summer internships in sales at Wimberly Auto Group, Michigan and in finance and law at Aloia, Roland, Lubell and Morgan Law Firm in Fort Myers.

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Duchess Margaret Layne Brown

Duchess Margaret Layne Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brown, (Stuart and Stacey) and the granddaughter of the late Dr. Robin Brown and Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chadwick. A 2021 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Fort Myers High School, she was a Cheerleader, member of the Dance Team, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, Science National Honor Society, Little Rippler, Best Buddies, Red Cross and Democrat Clubs, received the Math Award for Excellence and was awarded a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. After attending Florida South-Western State College for one year, Margaret transferred to the University of Central Florida and is a Senior majoring in Anthropology. The Duchess is a Certified Crisis Stabilization and Safety Counselor, Reiki Level 2 Practitioner, a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, Italian, Sign Language, Art History, College Democrats and Hominids Anonymous Clubs. She was named to the Dean's List at both FSW and UCF. During the summer she has traveled to Europe, worked as a restaurant Hostess and taken college classes. Duchess Margaret participated in the Edison Festival of Light Children's Parades every year growing up and was a Princess on the Junior Court.



Duchess Arielle Elizabeth Bubar

Duchess Arielle Elizabeth Bubar, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Bubar, (Rodney and Donna) is the granddaughter of the late Thomas and the late Anna Wedlock and the late Dennis Bubar and Kathy Bubar. The Duchess is a 2021 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Fort Myers High School Finance Academy where she was a four year soccer player and a two year lacrosse player and rode horses and participated in horse shows. A junior at Florida State University majoring in Human Health and Sciences she has been named to both the Dean's Lists and President's Academic recognition lists. Her sorority is Alpha Phi. This past summer she was enrolled for classes at Florida Gulf Coast University and continued her love of horse riding.



Duchess Josie Corrin Caldwell Molloy

Duchess Josie Corrin Caldwell-Molloy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Molloy, (Don and Tara) and Mr. and Mrs. Charly Caldwell II (Charly and Melanie) and the granddaughter of Charly and Kim Caldwell, Connie and Donald Molloy and Nancy and Stephon Fox. The Duchess, a 2022 graduate of the International Baccalaureate Program of Fort Myers High School with a 5.72 GPA was a member of the dance team, Save What's Left, Interact Club and a volunteer with the Humane Society. She is a sophomore Engineering major at the University of Florida and is on the Flori-Dance dance team, belongs to the Tennis Club, Society of Women Engineers, Generational Relief in Prosthetics Materials Advantage Club, volunteers at the Gainesville Humane Society and has her First Responder Certification. In the summer she continues her volunteering at the local Humane Society and works at a dog day care. Josie was an Edison Festival of Light Junior Princess and has served the Court of Edisionia as a Ribbon Dancer, Page, and Trumpeter.



Duchess Sydney Reece Hall

Duchess Sydney Reece Hall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, (James and Ramie) is the granddaughter of Gary and Cathy Smith. She is a 2020 graduate of Fort Myers High School where she was a member of National Honor Society, Young Life, Youth in Government, Mock Trial, Teen Court and was Head Peer Attorney, was a cheerleader and Student Liaison to the Lee County School District from Fort Myers High School on the Student Advisory Board and Chair of the Student Advisory Board for Lee County. Reece, a senior at the University of Central Florida is attending Burnet Honors College on a full academic scholarship, majoring in Philosophy. The Duchess, who will graduate in 2024 and begin law school in the fall, is a member of the UCF mock trial team, has served as a senator for the college and represented the university in Tallahassee as a student lobbyist. She has served her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma as historian and is currently the Executive Vice President of UCF's Panhellenic Council. Summers have been spent interning in criminal law and personal injury law and volunteering for UCF. She was Edison Festival of Light Junior Queen in 2009.

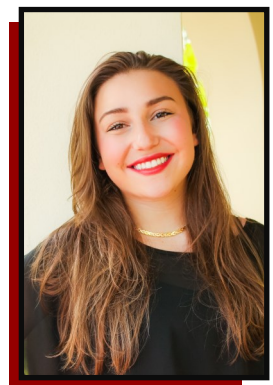


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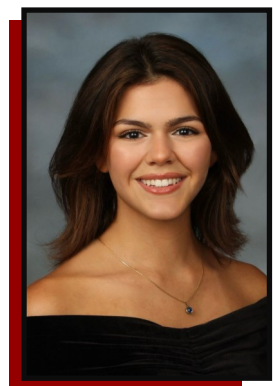
Duchess Morgan Amber Kaplan

Duchess Morgan Amber Kaplan is the daughter of Drs. Angela and Stuart Kaplan and granddaughter of Debra and Daniel Racine and Melvin and Ellen Kaplan. The Duchess was a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the International Baccalaureate Program of Fort Myers High School with a GPA of 6.08, President of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, Captain of the Math Team, Secretary of National Honor Society, a member of Science National Honor, National English Honor, Spanish National Honor, Rho Kappa Honor and Tri-M Music Honor Societies. Morgan played mellophone, guitar and bass in the marching and jazz bands and varsity lacrosse 3 years. A National Merit Scholar, Benacquisto, Franklin Merit and Bright Futures Scholar at the University of Florida, she is a sophomore on a pre-med track majoring in biochemistry with minors in computer and information science, engineering and Spanish. An officer of Kappa Kappa Psi band honorary and of Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry fraternity, she plays mellophone in the Gator Marching Band, is a UF College of Medicine's pharmacology and therapeutics department research lab assistant and a VA Hospital volunteer. Her summer job was an ophthalmology scrub technician at Tyson Eye and a medical assistant at Skin Wellness Physicians. Duchess Morgan has been a Hostess for Holiday House.



Duchess Ainsley Frances Thomas

Duchess Ainsley Frances Thomas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Thomas, (Wally and Jennifer) is the granddaughter of Frances Fenning, Cindy Carlino and Dr. Michael Carlino. A 2021 graduate of Fort Myers High School, the Duchess's activities included gymnastics, dance, lacrosse, skiing and horseback riding. Ainsley is a senior at Keiser University studying Diagnostic Medical Sonography. She is a member of Theta Kappa Honor Society, on the Dean's List and trained in pet behavior management and pet care. Duchess Ainsley has completed clinical rotations at Radiology Regional in North Naples, Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Health Park Medical Center and Vascular and Vein Center at Gulf Coast Surgeons. She has served the Edison Pageant of Light Court as a Page.



Duchess Krista Jean Tyre

Duchess Krista Jean Tyre is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tyre, (Ronald and Maria) and granddaughter of Charles and Effie Tyre and George and Goldie Saclarides. She is a 2022 Honors Graduate of Fort Myers High School and a member of National Honor Society, National Science Honor, National English Honor, National Math Honor, and National Social Studies Honor Societies. She served as Vice President of the Fort Myers High School thespian troupe and appeared in musicals at Alliance for the Arts and Florida Repertory Theatre and served as a Graduate Leader with the National League of Jr. Cotillion for etiquette and ballroom dance instruction. A sophomore at University of Florida majoring in Psychology (Behavioral Analysis) and Criminology on a Pre-law Track, Krista is part of the First Generation Leadership Program to mentor other first generation college students and a volunteer at a Gainesville elementary school. Her sorority is Pi Beta Phi. The past summer was spent as a Counselor and Lifeguard at Cedarkirk Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center and on a mission trip to Bethel Migrant Worker Ministry. The Duchess was 2011 Edison Festival of Light Junior Queen.



Duchess Sabrina Leanne Wessel

Duchess Sabrina Leanne Wessel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, (George and Charla) and Ms Heidi Wessel is the granddaughter of Elizabeth and George Fox III and Mary Madden and Willybald Wessel. The Duchess graduated from Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts in 2022 as a Visual Arts Student and was a member of the National Arts Honor Society, National Honor Society and Model United Nations. She entered the "Art Under 20" competition in Fort Myers' Nationally recognized "Art Walk" and as a junior won third place in Mixed Media and next year, won first place in Sculpture. Dual enrolled in her high school senior year, she is now a sophomore at Florida SouthWestern State College taking STEM classes and an Electronic Art course. During school, Sabrina works part time at Firehouse Subs and worked full time last summer instead of taking any classes.

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January 11, 2024 | A Meeting of Gratitude

February 9, 2024 | Coronation Ball Decorating Day

March 14, 2024 | Brushes & Bubbly

April 11, 2024 | Annual Mother & Daughter Pink Tea

May 9, 2024 | Installation of Officers & Directors

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