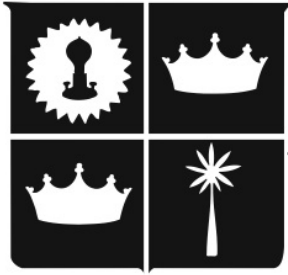


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WINTER 2011

The Lamplighter Tea Time

SPECIAL EDITION



Dear Pageant Friends:

Welcome to the 73rd Pageant season. This is the time of year when all the planning and preparation is put into motion.

I want to thank the Fort Myers Women's Community Club for the beautiful gift of Holiday House. The vision of Beth Schultz and Debi Fussell provided the Fort Myers community with a true holiday gift. Their transformation of the Burrough's and Langford Kingston Homes was breathtaking. Thank you both!

In December, our court members attended a wonderful party hosted by Beth Schultz, President of the Fort Myers Women's Community Club. While the weather outside was chilly, the atmosphere around this group of young adults warmed my heart. Their enthusiasm is catching and they are all anxiously awaiting the February activities. Following the party, the court members served as hosts at Holiday House. The second event was the Court Banquet, hosted by King Donald and Queen Chelsea, along with their parents. This year King Donald and Queen Chelsea have identified the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as their charity of choice. Court members were asked to bring donations to the banquet and many of them participated by donating to the charity.

It's time to mark your calendars and make your plans for the events that are still to come. We have Edison's Birthday Party, the King & Queen Ball, the Coronation Ball, the crowning of the new King and Queen, the Parade and Parade Party. I look forward to visiting with each of you as we renew friendships and make new ones.

All the best as we approach the birthday of our most revered local resident, Thomas Alva Edison.

Susie Grimes Bell
President, Edison Pageant of Light

New Years Greetings!

As we look at the wrapping paper thrown on the floor, the presents in piles around the room, the initial excitement is over, we ask ourselves, was it worth it? Did they appreciate how much time we spent selecting the gift and wrapping it? Does it fit and do they even like the gift?

We have talked about Holiday House being, "Our gift to the Community." So we wonder, did they like the gift? Did they realize how much time we spent on the gift? Was it worth the effort? Standing at the gate of the Burroughs Home the answers was clear through smiles, laughter, photos, and families, the signs of a gift that was loved.

Our gift was more than we had planned. We gave people MEMORIES, cherished time together, beauty, love. They noticed every detail of your gift, the caring hearts that went into the gift, and the love you shared with total strangers. What joy you have brought to so many. At the time of year for the perfect gift, we kept right in the spirit, giving a wonderful gift to our community.

Thank you. Thank you for the hours, the decorations, and for your loving hearts. What a privilege to know each of you and to be part of such a caring group of woman. You are truly a blessing to all who know you.

With hope,

Beth Schultz
FMWCC President

TABLE RESERVATION DAY



Table Reservation Day will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Fort Myers High School Cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Members should have received their packets in the mail that contain your membership number and arrival time for this year's table sign-up! In addition to reserving your seats, members will have the opportunity to pay membership dues, join Friends of the Pageant, make reservations for the K&Q Reception and buy Parade Party tickets. Members will also enjoy visiting with friends and sampling a delicious brunch buffet prepared by members. Ball tickets will also be available by calling the Pageant Office at 334-2550 or email Margaret Garner at edisonpageant@centurylink.net.

IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Robert Arnall
Mr. C. Michael Perry
Mrs. Dan McAllister

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shearman (Susan)
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Burkey (Linda)
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Campbell (Anne)
Mr. & Mrs. Gay C. Bell (Margaret)
Mr. & Mrs. Craig C. Martin
(Jeannie)
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Armes (Mary)

King & Queen's Celebration: A Royal Ball!

King Donald and Queen Chelsea along with the Royal Court, invite you to join them at the 2011 King and Queen's Royal Ball. Shimmering colors of gold and green will adorn the Harborside Event Center on Saturday, February 5th. Traditional court festivities, together with Dan Whitaker and his band, will make this classic Roman style adventure a night to remember!

You are cordially invited to attend the King and Queen's Reception



before the Ball. The cost is \$30.00 per person and guests will enjoy Hors d'oeuvres, a Taste of Tuscany with a variety of pasta dishes, Roasted Prime Rib with all the trimmings and other palette tempting choices. A cash bar will be available, too. The evening will be completed in style with a mouth watering dessert bar!

The King and Queen, along with their families look forward to seeing you. Please make plans to join us!

Put on your Dancing Shoes!

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready for the balls with a special dance class only for members of the Pageant and Community Club. From Jan. 12 to Feb. 2, 2011 (Wednesday evenings), you will learn dance moves you can use at the balls; dancing to music from the 60's through the present. No dance partner is needed. The lessons will be offered at Aki's Dance Studio, located at 6300 Metro Plantation Road, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost for the series of lessons is \$40 per person or \$60 per couple. For more information, contact Kathy Sturgis at 239-851-4842 or email her at nolebirdy@yahoo.com

Introducing our 2011 Dukes and Duchesses of Edsonia

Maxwell Henderson Arnall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnall
Stephen Carter Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Butler
Kevin Frizzell Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman
John Travis Cowart, son of Mrs. Claudia Gadd Cowart and Mr. Richard Cowart
Reeves Richardson Digman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Digman
Jordan Howard Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Griffin
Zachary Lucas Gulnac, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gulnac
Alexander Paul Henderson, son of The Hon. and Mrs. Randall P. Henderson, Jr.
Zachary David Meredith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meredith
Timothy Michael Raber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Raber
Gavin Brock Royal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Royal, III
Joel Lee Sage, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sage

Jennifer Elizabeth Aubuchon, daughter of The Hon. and Mrs. Gary Aubuchon
Catherine Campbell Cowart, daughter of Mrs. Claudia Gadd Cowart and Mr. Richard Cowart
Ciara Danielle Everly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Everly
Julie Anne Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Foster
Erin Alyssa Gresham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Travis Gresham III
Emily Grace Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henderson
Jessica Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Underhill
Caroline Marian Larson, daughter of Dr. Heather Auld and Dr. Dean Larson
Jillian Elise Moore, daughter of Mrs. Dawn Moore and Mr. Robert Moore
Holly Briann Parham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parham
Kayla Elise Richmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Richmond
Kelsey Ann Shearman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearman

TEA TIME

WELCOME NEW FMWCC MEMBERS!

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| Ms. Latasha Armstead | Mrs. Ronald Gebauer | Margaret Nahurst |
| Ms. Ethel Barbara | Mrs. Laura Gebauer-White | Mrs. Anthony Rajterowski |
| Mrs. Brett Bever | Mrs. Dale Givens | Mrs. Patrick Reid |
| Mrs. Terry Bower | Mrs. Chris Isley | Mrs. Kirk Richmond |
| Mrs. Jeremy B. Brueske | Mrs. Saeed Kazemi | Mrs. Bob Shearman |
| Ms. Rio Dearmont | Miss Morgan Kirk | Ms. Malynne Wall |
| Mrs. Robert DePhillippis | Mrs. Steve Koeppel | Ms. Nikole Wesley |
| Kathleen Engels | Mrs. Daniel Krumpe | Miss Brittany White |
| Mrs. Todd Everly | Mrs. Jonathan Martin | Miss Lauren White |
| Michel Falco | Mrs. Mark McCulley | Rev. Lia Willetts |
| Mrs. Louis Faustini | Mrs. Donna Miceli | |

Remember to invite your friends to join us by downloading a membership form from our website at www.fmwcc.com. Member Password is Tradition.

HOLIDAY HOUSE 2010

As Holiday House chair for 2010, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped to make Holiday House Christmas through a Child's Eye" so very successful! I'm still working the numbers but can say we had over



10,000 total visitors thru these two beautifully decorated homes! We are already talking about Holiday House 2011!! It truly is our "gift to the community." Thank you so very much for being a part of this event!

Debi Fussell, Chairman

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This month, FMWCC supported ACT (Abuse Counseling & Treatment) at our annual Night of Relaxation at Vincent Salon and Spa with members bringing donated items such as towels, hand clothes, sheets, shampoo and conditioners, toothpaste, deodarant, brushes, diapers, children's snacks and juices and monetary donations, as well. Thank you members for reaching out to a much deserved organization!



Coronation Ball 2011

Friday, February 18th

This year's Coronation Ball will bloom with inspiration from nature, according to FMWCC President Beth Schultz. A lush, garden theme will feature bursts of pinks, peacock blues, yellows and greens and will welcome guests as they meander through the Harborside and into the Grand Ballroom for our Royal event.

After the royal procession, festivities and crowning of our new Mornarchs, the celebration will begin, with live music, dancing and as always, friends to visit and enjoy. A delicious breakfast buffet will crown the evening off as we celebrate another year of traditions and friendships. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony will follow. Make your plans today!



The Care/Sunshine committee is our way of remembering our past and current members during their times of joy or concern. Please contact Cheri Karkalits at 454-8231 or email at Cherink@earthlink.net, when you know of someone in our membership who needs to be praised or uplifted this year.

FMWCC CALENDAR

NIGHT OF RELAXATION VINCENT SALON & SPA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011 6:30 P.M.

WHITE TEA EDISON STATE COLLEGE
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011 2 P.M.

PINK TEA BURROUGHS HOME
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011 4 P.M.

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER EVENTS AT WWW.FMWCC.COM

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INTERESTED IN JOINING PAGEANT?

Membership is \$300 for 2011. A special one year, non-voting membership is also available for \$200. For more information, call the Pageant office at 239-334-2550. Email is edisonpageant@centurylink.net



EPL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TABLE RESERVATION DAY Saturday, January 22, 2011	Fort Myers High School Cafeteria 8 a.m. - Noon
KING & QUEENS BALL Saturday, February 5, 2011	Harborside Event Center Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Ceremonies begin at 8:00 p.m. (Hors d'oeuvre Reception - 5:45 - 7 p.m.)
EDISON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY Friday, February 11, 2011	Edison-Ford Winter Estates 10 a.m.
CORONATION BALL February 18, 2011	Harborside Event Center Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Ceremonies begin at 8:00 p.m.
PARADE PARTY PICNIC Saturday, February 19, 2011	Langford-Kingston Home 6 to 10 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, April 14, 2011	Langford-Kingston Home 7 p.m.



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Congratulations to the Honorable HRH Nick Thompson and his wife Chenè on the birth of their son, Nicholas Ignacio Thompson.

At the King & Queen's Court Banquet on Dec. 28th, the Royal Court collectively donated a total of \$500.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and it will be sent to the Florida Chapter.

Congratulations to Sue. S. Bennett and the Hart family on the naming of the Bennett-Hart Park located in the River District!