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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNSHINE DISTRICT BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

**SUN SHINES  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE!**

*Congratulations!*  
**GOLD**



**SIGNATURE**

**SILVER**



**THROWBACK**

**BRONZE**



**NEXT  
GENERATION  
VARSITY  
QUARTET  
CHAMPIONS,  
WILDFIRE**

**ROOFTOP RECORDS**



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INTERNATIONAL  
CHORUS,  
HERALDS OF HARMONY**

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# President's Message

Chuck Steiner III  
*Sunshine District President*

Hello Sunshine!

Well...we just can't help ourselves, can we? We are living in what I'd consider a "Golden Age" period for the District. And what a ride we're on! Think about where we were 10-15 years ago compared to now. Night and day.

Your SUN quartets and chorus showed off in grand fashion for the International audience in Salt Lake City, bringing home Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, and a top-10 finish for the Heralds. Two golds if we claim **Wildfire** the NextGen champs! So, of course we will. (Lead-Stephen Goldman is a son of SUN).

**Signature** brought home the Gold Medals, and we could not be prouder of them! The hard work and dedication that these men put in is just astounding- yet they make it look so effortless on stage. I do want to recognize that watching these guys grow in SUN at Harmony Explosion Camps has been a fun ride. Gene Cokerof was their mentor for many years before his passing. Just shows that the seeds planted early can truly grow into a mature, championship-caliber quartet. Red shoes, and all.

Congrats, gentlemen! So well deserved, and your District is bursting in joy with you.

**Throwback** brought home the Silver Medal with outstanding performances throughout the week and were the consummate gentlemen that they always are. The class and grace displayed are a huge part of makes us so unique, and we have that (and then some) in the men of Throwback.

What a feat in itself to medal 5 years straight... we all know their time will come.

**Rooftop Records**...what can I say? Climbing

that ladder. So fun to watch you guys grow. I remember when y'all stunk! And now look- 4th place Bronze medalists in the whole world and nowhere to go but up! Amazing sets, pushing that bar in barbershop, and making people expand their internal musical library. *And you have fun doing it*- that makes it even funner (sic) to watch. Congrats to you all!

*Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony*- what an interesting week we had. **Tony DeRosa** (director) coming off vocal surgery on Tuesday (yes, *the Tuesday of Convention week!*) meant we had a silent Director. He used a Siri text-to-talk app that yelled out monotone commands and encouragement. So as Siri spoke, we looked at Tony, and his face and gestures told us all we had to know. We had to focus like we never had before- so although the surgery was the last thing we wanted, it actually helped boost the chorus to a new level. All in all, we were extremely proud to represent the Sunshine District, and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place against a very stacked field of choruses.

\*Special shout out to SUN Members **Stephen Goldman** Wildfire-DIX (for now...), NextGen Gold Medal Champs and **Christian Diaz** - Midtown-DIX, splashing on the scene with a 5<sup>th</sup> place Bronze medal in their first year!.

Great week, great town, and great rep by the Sunshine District!

Now, on to business...

1. The Society Board and C&J Committee is listening intently to your answers about what you want contests to look like in the future. I encourage you to fill out the survey which takes about 5 minutes to complete. They had stats from people who had already answered and are discussing



suggestions made by YOU! The survey is still open [HERE](#).

2. **Nick Schwob** and I attended the District Presidents Council Meeting. We meet face-to-face at International and Midwinter, along with monthly conference calls. One of the challenges for this particular Council is the turnover. Once a District President gets just “seasoned” enough to have some pull and know what is going on, they are replaced by the next guy in line. The Council also has a “Moderator” that acts as an intermediary between the DPC, Harmony Hall, and The Society Board. The Moderator position, coupled with duties as a DP or EVP is basically a full time job. So, Sunshine proposed that an Immediate Past president be considered for the Moderator position. Long story short- this was a logical solution and was adopted unanimously by the DPC...and Nick Schwob will be serving as the DPC Moderator beginning next year. This will hopefully begin to mend some fences and create some continuity between all of these groups of people who want BHS to thrive. Also, in that meeting, the DPC regained one vote to elect Society Board Members in VP roles as well as Board Members at Large. Good times...
3. **LABOR DAY JAMBOREE!** So, **Byron Poore** called me immediately following the quartet finals in SLC. His question to me: “what was the top five finish in the quartet finals?”. Thinking he’d not watched or had access to the internet in that part of the state, I rattled off the top 5, and he promptly informed me that those quartets: **Signature, Throwback, Quorum, Rooftop Records**, and **Midtown** will be with us at LDJ! Oh and another Gold Medal quartet will be with us too- **Wildfire!** Oh...did I mention **Lunch Break?** Yeah, they’ll be performing. **Double Date, Viva!**, and **GQ**, too. So yeah...**LDJ** is kind of a “must” this year! I mean seriously...go back and read that last sentence. Isn’t it nice when things work out so beautifully? Super Shows will be had! <https://www.labordayjamboree.com/information>
4. **SUNSHINE SENIORS CHORUS**- Hey! Did ya know we’re hosting Midwinter 2020 in Jacksonville? And did ya know that SUN did not have a slot to place a Seniors Chorus this year? And did ya know that your Leadership Team fought hard at our SLC meeting, and that we DO have a slot in Jacksonville now? All you have to do is score a 61 or higher at our SUN Fall Contest and we’re in! If you’re 55 or over, the *Sunshine District Seniors Chorus* is inviting you to sing on the big stage in Jacksonville! Interested? [CLICK HERE](#)

That is all I have to report at this time.

So, so proud of our District. The talent, the people, the camaraderie, the acceptance of change (even if we’re leery at first...). Y’all rock, and it’s an honor to serve you!

In song,

Chuck Steiner, SUN District President

Nick Schwob, SUN District Executive VP and IPP



## 2019 LDJ is just around the corner!

Hello Roxanne,

Labor Day Jamboree is right around the corner!

The talent lineup for this year's LDJ shows is quite frankly unbelievable. The lineup in place will be a first for LDJ and one thing is for sure, you will not want to miss the shows!! We will be announcing the talent for the shows on social media in the coming weeks, so if you have not liked the Labor Day Jamboree Facebook page, head over there and like it now so you can stay in the loop! **Just click the blue button below.**

Like the Laborday Jamboree Facebook page

Rooms are going fast! You do not want to delay booking your room. We are not guaranteed additional rooms outside of our block, so please go book your room ASAP.

**Click the green button below to book your room now!** The deadline for room reservations is **August 9th**, although I expect our block to be sold out long before then!! If you find you are having a hard time booking or need additional assistance, please call the reservations department (800-266-9432) and speak with Thomas. You can also email, text or phone me (contact info below).

I look forward to seeing you in Orlando for what promises to be one of best LDJs ever (of course I say that every year!).

Book your room NOW!

See you there!

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# Chapter Happenings

## Sarasota Chapter

The Sarasota Chorus of the Keys recently awarded Sheridan E. Brown Memorial Scholarships to four high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding musical achievement and will be pursuing a vocal or instrumental college curriculum. Chorus President Jeffry Olesen presented scholarships totaling \$9000 to Jonathan Bruzon and Jacob Harvey of Riverview High School, David Linkenhoker of Bradenton Christian School, and Luca Stine, Homeschool & State College of Florida.

The awards were given to the students at chorus rehearsals on April 30th and May 7th. The funding source for the scholarships is the Sheridan E. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Fund, now valued over \$100,000, was established from estate gifts donated through the wills of chorus members and their spouses.

Each photo has the Chorus President Jeffry Olesen pictured with the student alone or with the student and his parent(s).

The April 30th ceremony has 3 of the 4 students pictured: Jonathan Bruzon, David Linkenhoker, and Jacob Harvey. The May 7th ceremony (two photos) shows Luca Stine with President Olesen and with Luca's mother.

The men of the Sarasota Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2019 as it has been entertaining Sarasota area residents with four-part cap-



ella harmony since 1949.

Chorus rehearsals occur every Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Annex building on Main Street in downtown Sarasota. More information can be learned at [www.chorusofthekeys.org](http://www.chorusofthekeys.org).

Roger Murphy  
VP Marketing  
Sarasota Chorus of the Keys  
[www.chorusofthekeys.org](http://www.chorusofthekeys.org)



## Great Sun City Center Chapter

DIRECTOR WANTED

Par For The Chorus, Greater Sun City Center, FL chapter, seeks an experienced director for a small, noncompetitive chorus. Please contact Joseph Epstein, [epsteinjoe4@gmail.com](mailto:epsteinjoe4@gmail.com) or 813-634-3907 for more information.

Roosevelt Jones, Vice-President  
Membership and Chapter Development



## Music Medics



Mike Verdesca, Bill Winkleman, Arne Themmen and Ernie de la Fe at South Florida hospital with Belle, Anna and Olaf.





# Chapter Happenings

## Pensacola Chapter

### Memorial Weekend Service

The Pace First United Methodist Church was the venue for this year's Pensacola Bay Harmonizer's program to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country. Director Mary Daugherty skillfully led the 14 singers through 10 songs — some patriotic and some spiritual in nature. The songs were interspersed with readings by Scott Harrington (The Flag); Dave Doheny (The Meaning of Memorial Day; Robert Frommel (I Have a Rendezvous With Death); and Andrew Daugherty (The 23rd Psalm). The program also included congregational singing and inspirational messages and prayers by Pastor Mark Lilly. The chorus received a generous "love offering" for the performance.

Scott Harrington  
Pensacola Chapter



### NEW DIRECTOR WANTED

The Palm Beach County Coastmen of Boynton Beach, Florida seek a new director for once a week rehearsals (Wednesday), Sunshine District competition, and local community performances.

Our 25 member chorus seeks a candidate with some experience directing a cappella music and a desire to continue to develop his/her directing skills. The new director should possess the ability to communicate and create a fun/enjoyable environment while working to achieve excellence in singing and performance.

The position is compensated.

**Contact Chuck Swenson:**  
**coastalswede@comcast.net**



### CORRECTION

In the last edition of the Sunburst, Bob Tucker should have been listed as the baritone of TBQ, the reigning SUN District Senior Quartet Champions. Apologies to Bob and the rest of TBQ.

Congrats again to Bob, Ed, Frank, and Dean for a great job at contest, and for deservedly earning recognition as SUN Senior Quartet Champs. May you sing together long and well!

Thank you Joe Kane, founding member and original baritone of TBQ, for setting us straight!



### TBQ

#### Sunshine District Senior Quartet Champions

Bob Tucker (Br), Dean Sellers (Bs),  
Frank Bovino, Jr. (Ld), and Ed McKenzie (Tr)

# VP of Communication & IT's Message

**Roger Smeds**

*Sunshine District VP for Communication & IT*

Wow! What a great International convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. All three Sunshine District Quartet representatives brought home the hardware. Congratulations to **Signature** our International Champion Gold Medalist, **Throwback** our International 2nd place Silver Medalist and **Rooftop Records** our 4th place Bronze Medalist! **On Point** our Sunshine District Next Generation Quartet representative placed 8th. In the Chorus competition, Heralds of Harmony from Tampa took 8th place. Sunshine District was well represented at International!. Links to scoresheets are on the District Website under District News.

We continue to distribute district news via our ConstantContact emails. This is one of your main sources of up to date news (in addition to the District Calendar on the home page of the District Website) about district happenings. I know that everyone gets a ton of email and sometimes it is a burden to wade through all of it. Please know that we only put out information via ConstantContact that will give you current information regarding up coming events. It is information that you need to know. We strongly suggest that you keep your email address up to date in the BHS member center as we use that as a source for keeping our email list current. If you follow Sunshine District on Facebook or Twitter, don't be surprised if you see links to the ConstantContact emails we send out on those platforms as well. We are just trying to make sure we reach as many members as possible no matter where they get their news.

If you were in Orlando for the Spring convention (or in Salt Lake City for International) and

took photos or videos on your mobile device, please send me copies of what you have. We would still like to produce a collage of the event in order to show some of our members who have not attended a convention recently, or members of the general public, what they are missing out on by not attending. Please send them to me at [communications@sunshinedistrict.org](mailto:communications@sunshinedistrict.org) so I can include your creativity.

Are you always on Social Media? Do you post to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc, on a regular basis? Would you like to help out with the districts efforts relating to Social Media? If so, please contact me at [communications@sunshinedistrict.org](mailto:communications@sunshinedistrict.org) and we can discuss how you can help the district in this area.

**Don't forget to support our district programs through purchases at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)!** As of May 2019, the district has received \$219.00 from our members supporting us on [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Not a lot you say? Maybe, but it is money the District would not have received otherwise to help support our programs. If all of our membership who shop online at Amazon were signed up, it could be a lot more. It is easy to sign up and there is always a link on the home page of the district website that will take you to the right place to sign up. Please consider doing so, if you haven't already. Every little bit helps!

Please feel free to contact me regarding questions/suggestions about the District website.

Roger Smeds

VP for Communication & IT

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# SALT LAKE CITY International 2019

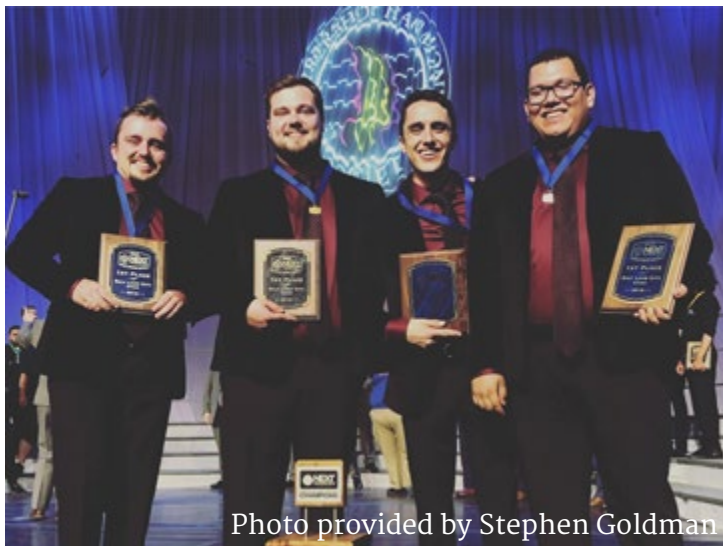


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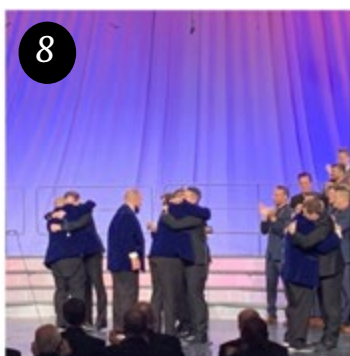
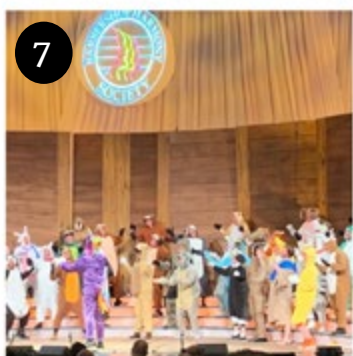
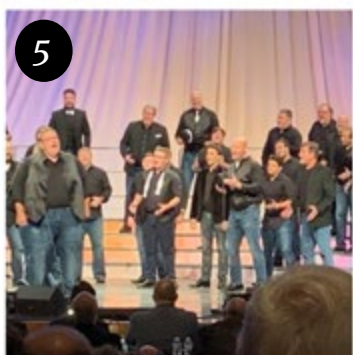
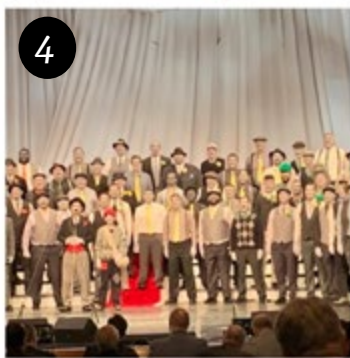
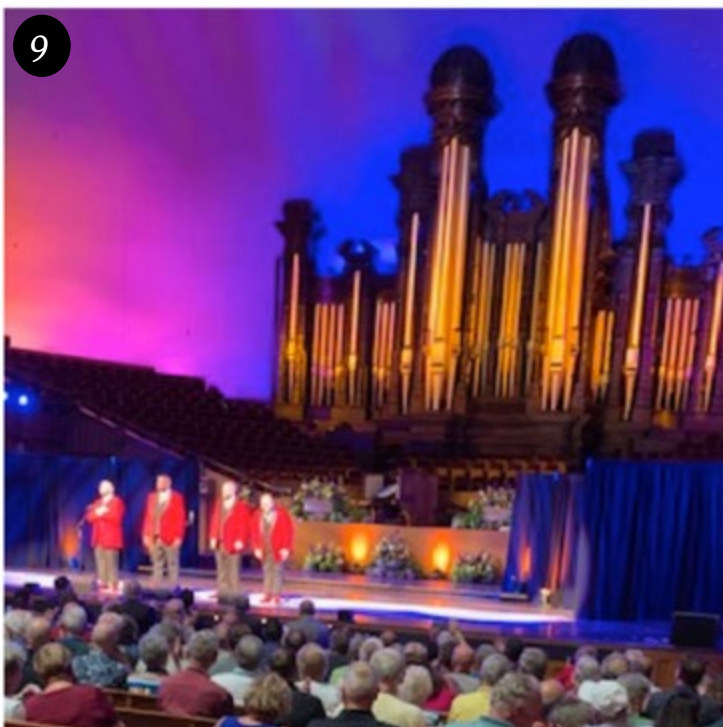
*Vocal Majority Chorus singing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on Sunday after the Convention in the LDS Convention Center . VM is at the bottom of the photo. The occasion was the Choir's weekly radio/TV program, Music and The Spoken Word.*

*Tabernacle and Utah State Capitol*  
Photo provided by  
Chuck Steiner





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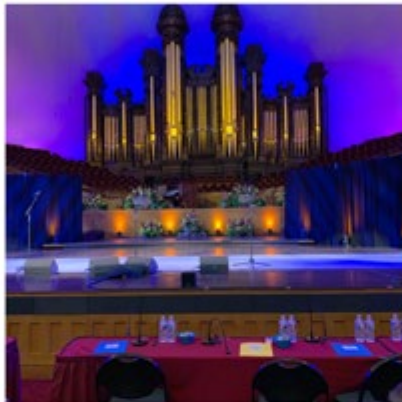


1) Mormon tabernacle; 2) Studio 4 - first round; 3 & 4) Ambassadors in Harmony - Old time movies; 5) Heralds of Harmony; 6) Signature appears on the Ark 7) Nashville Singers- Noah's Ark; 8) Gold Medal Announcement; 9) Signature- first round. Photos provided by Arne Thenmen



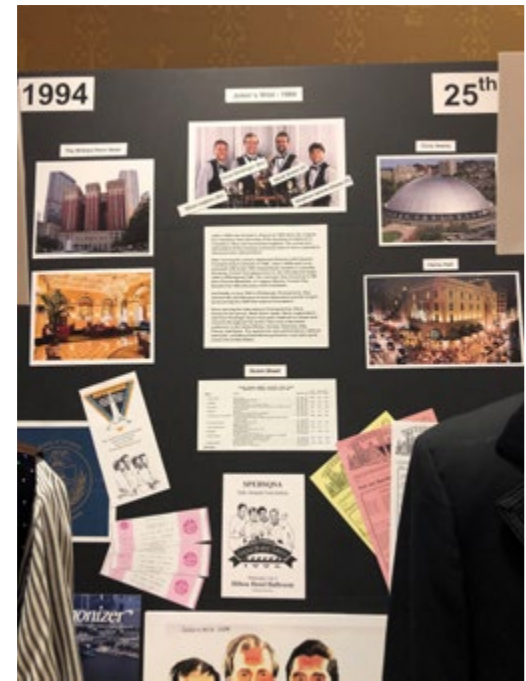
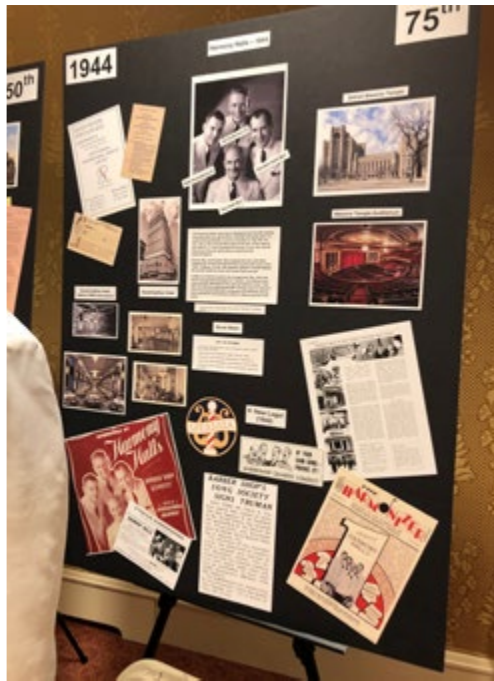


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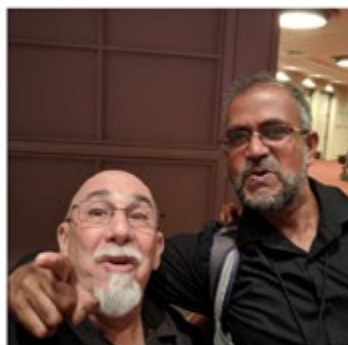
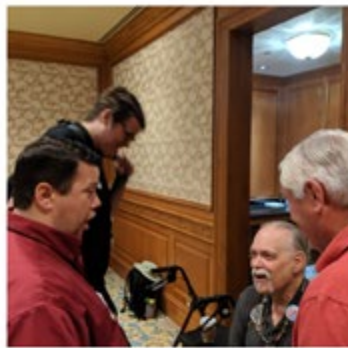




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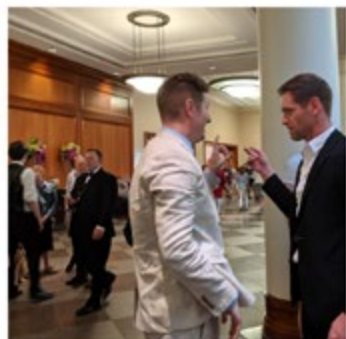
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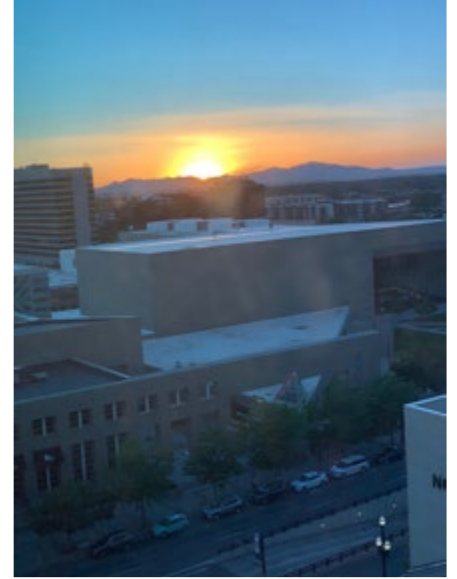
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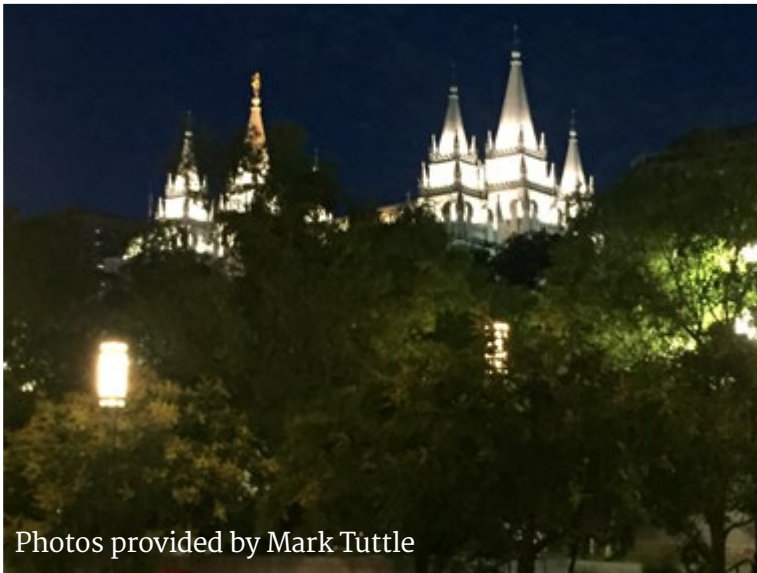


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Sunset over Salt Lake. Photo provided by Chuck Steiner

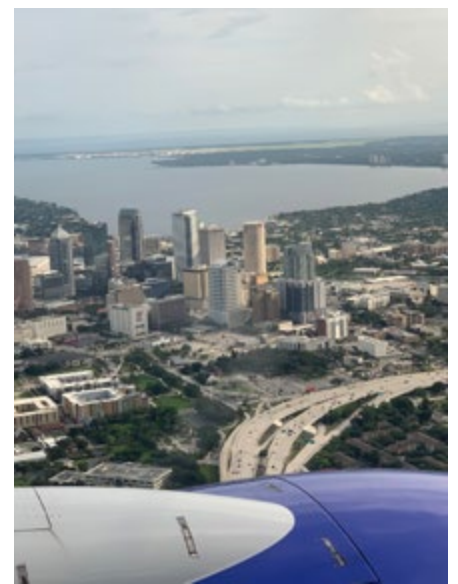


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## SALT LAKE CITY International 2019



Turns out barbershop wasn't the only thing happening in Salt Lake!  
Mark and Karen Tuttle with Laurie and Greg Shuss at the ball game!



Trip complete- landing in Tampa.  
Photo provided by Chuck Steiner



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