

roof of her mouth that kept her from speaking normally. Other kids teased and ridiculed her. She came to Shriners Hospitals for Children and the surgeons not only figured out her condition but were able to fix it! She is one heck of a singer now. There was not a dry eye in the room as she told her story and then sang for us. Bella is amazing! Of course we had some fun, because, after all we're all about having fun and helping kids.



Here's my Lady Sarah, Princess Paige and me at the Beach Party! There was even a wedding, a first at a Shriners International event. Talk about fun! The Potentates of 2022 are ready to bring the Shrine into the next generation! And it was a pleasure to visit and tour Shriners International Headquarters in Tampa.

**Contest update:** in the March-April edition of the Ahmedian, there was a contest in my report... who wrote it: "I'm Leaving on a Jet Plane". Past Potentate Mike Hill was the first one with the correct answer, Tim Marshbanks was a close second. The song was written by John Denver in 1966 and most famously recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary. Thanks for reading and playing along!

It's circus season, put on your Fez, and get out to support this major fundraiser. I'll see you in Sault Ste. Marie on May 13th at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

While in Tampa, they stressed the importance of signing up and visiting Shriners Village. A great way to stay up to date with what's going on with Shriners International. There are many

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