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## The 2012 Reno Convention And Beyond

By Gil Peterson

Needless to say, the Reno Convention was a huge success. Joy and Dennis Dobies along with their outstanding committee, did a spectacular job of organizing a flawless convention. Everything moved along just like a well oiled machine. The Thursday night jam session was one of the very best that I have ever attended. Joy, you sang so beautifully and your group was perfect. Thanks to all of those who performed. One of the highlights of the jam session was having Bill Comstock on stage once more. By the way, Mr. Comstock tells me he may just have a very special surprise for all of us in Fort Wayne. I have a bit of inside information, but in order to find out what he is planning, you will simply have to be there. Another very special treat for all of us was having the lovely one and only Sue Barbour and her family there with US;t What a beautiful lady you are and what a delightful family you have. It meant so much to so many to have you all there. Thank you.

Vince Johnson was busy rehearsing for the Saturday night concert and was unable to direct the "Wannabees," so Greg Stegeman stepped up and did a great job directing the group. Thanks Greg!

Chaz Cone did an excellent job as the MC for both Friday and Saturday evening events. He kept everything moving at just the right pace. I even liked his jokes! I think you should be in show business, Chaz.

The music and performances by the Freshmen for Friday and Saturday nights were superb. To be able to hear the group performing several tracks from their new fabulous CD backed by twenty string, under the masterful direction of Dr. Rod Henley, was truly a delightful evening to remember. How could it ever get any better than that!

And now, the rest of the story. There was a time when the selection committee had no one who was interested in organizing a convention for 2012. After speaking with the other members of the selection committee, I contacted my very special friends Dan and Ellen De la Torre and asked if they knew of any FFS members in the Reno area and they introduced me to Joy and Dennis. In turn, I contacted Joy and Dennis who were very reluctant at first, but after many hours of telephone conversations, they agreed to give it their best effort. Once the ball was rolling, there was no stopping them and the results were simply fantastic. Thank you Dan and Ellen... and thank you Joy and Dennis. You more than met the challenge and made a lot of people very happy. GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now moving beyond the convention, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mel Meyers for his dedicated service to the FFS. You led us through some extremely difficult times and you did it very well. Thank you for your three years of service for us. You did an outstanding job. (continued on page 9)