

## Our President, **Donna Gallaway**



## **BELATED HOLIDAY GREETINGS FRESH FANS!**

I hope you all had an opportunity to spend some quality time with friends and family during the past two months. The threat of the virus is still hanging on, but the availability of the vaccine and its effects have been encouraging.

On a sad note, I must inform you of the loss of an Emeritus member of our FFS Board of Directors, Dick Baldwin. Dick passed in early December in Buffalo, New York. He was a huge fan of The Four



Freshmen and enjoyed playing all of their records as a disc jockey on the radio in his younger days. Dick served on our Board for many years and will be remembered for starting a very popular event at conventions we call **Fresh Talk**, where we hear former and current Freshmen tell us about their experiences. We thank Dick for all the memories he has contributed to our FFS events.

As we start a new year, the great news is that The Four Freshmen have been able to get back on the stage and show their stuff to live audiences again. It was reassuring to hear the excitement in Bob Ferriera's voice during a recent phone conversation. The Four Freshmen had done a Christmas show in Texas the night before and were enjoying a free day before performing again the next night. **(continued on page 9)**

# Bay City Will Still Be Ready

by Jim Williams

The uncertainty of the COVID 19 virus has caused the postponement of our 2021 Convention to June 8-10, 2022. Everything will be transitioned without much disruption. One thing for sure, having to continue to wait to hear our beloved Four Freshmen should heighten our anticipation and make the Convention more enjoyable as we break our fast. The tours have changed, and the hotel is just as anxious to host us. We will have the hotel almost entirely to ourselves. (see article elsewhere in this issue) The biggest change again will be the shift from a Thursday – Saturday Convention to Wednesday – Friday. Bay City is a weekend tourist destination during the summer, resulting in virtually all Saturday nights being booked for 2022.

The Michigan weather should be delightful in early June. One of the advantages to a small town is proximity. The DoubleTree Hotel, being on the Saginaw River in the downtown, encourages you to explore both the River Walk and a stroll through the downtown. There are over 20 restaurants and pubs within easy walking distance of the hotel, ranging from Jimmy Johns, and an Omelet Shop to fine dining with a variety of choices in between. Three blocks from the hotel is a full block of antique stores, including Michigan's largest antique store.



Bring a light jacket, a hearty appetite, and of course a desire to once again, hear our favorite vocal group, The Four Freshmen. Until then, stay home, stay safe and stay healthy. See you in June.

Please consider registering for the Convention online at [ffs2022.com](https://ffs2022.com)

## Meet Me in Bay City

by Gil Peterson

Greetings to all FFS members and friends.

I know we are all fully aware that the last couple of years have been extremely difficult for everyone. However, I believe I can see a light at the end of the tunnel. If I am correct, I can think of no better way to celebrate the ending of this ordeal than to all gather in Bay City for the 2022 FFS Convention to meet with old friends, make new friends and share the common love affair we have for the fabulous iconic sounds of The Four Freshmen. Can it get any better than that? I don't think so.

Our hosts, Jim and Linda Williams have some very special treats awaiting us there. The tours sound extremely interesting. Jim and Linda also have some unique musical encounters lined up as well. They have done a wonderful job of preparing for this convention. The 2022 convention will be slightly different from conventions in the past due to hotel scheduling. Activities will be scheduled Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Other than that, everything else will primarily be the same. All the registration information is in this issue of **Fresh News**. Plan ahead and register early.

As many of you know, The Four Freshmen are making plans for a new CD. David Bentley informed me that the group will be returning to Connecticut in early January to continue with the primary planning process prior to recording. **(continued on page 9)**