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## **GREETINGS FFS MEMBERS**

I find it so amazing how time marches on regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in. Can you believe that we have endured another Winter (speaking from Ohio) and now see the hope and new beginnings that Spring always brings! We are finally coming out of the grips of the pandemic that has held us hostage for more than two long years.

The excitement of a convention/reunion for all of us who have missed our Four Freshmen and each other is in full motion now. It looks like Jim Williams and his planning team have everything in place for a terrific event. Now we need all of you to register to come experience some fabulous music and a chance to meet and actually get to know the four guys who are responsible for that music. You can even pretend to be a Freshmen by joining in with the Wannabes as a large group of us at the convention gather to sing Freshmen songs. What a great sound that can be!

Another event you will enjoy is the Jam Session on Wednesday night where we can witness the diverse and awesome talent of our members who will perform. Of course, the Thursday and Friday night dinners and performances by the Four Freshmen are the highlights of our time together. Also, the tours sound so great that you may want to spend an extra day or two in the area checking out the sights. Make it a vacation trip!

There will be a Silent Auction which is always a fun part of our conventions and is a way we can raise funds for FFS. Look for more information about that on page 9 of this *Fresh News* issue. As most of you know, this organization is run only by volunteers who so love the Four Freshmen and all of you who support them. Since we have not been able to have a convention the past two years, this one is critical to keep our FFS afloat, as these events  
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# **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)

## **Our Annual Conventions**

by Gil Peterson

I think it is extremely important that we should all make every effort to attend the 2022 Convention in Bay City. I know there are many obstacles that we will all have to overcome in order to be there, but in my opinion, we all need to attend. I truly believe that our annual conventions are the glue that holds our FFS together and makes our organization so unique. As far as I know, there is no other fan-based group like the FFS. I know, traveling is difficult, fuel is expensive, airline scheduling is painful and numerous other reasons that we could dwell on that would keep us from attending, but I think it is essential for the future of the FFS for all of us to simply overcome whatever we have to and be together again.

Jim and Linda Williams have some very special surprises for us that I know you will not want to miss. One of the highlights this year will of course be Group 27, since many of you have not had the pleasure of seeing them. I spoke with Bob Ferreira a few days ago and he was in Minneapolis with Group 27 recording the new CD. He is very excited about the progress they are making. He believes they will have the CD finished in time for the Bay City Convention. He also said they were planning to perform much of the new CD material at the convention. This new material has never been recorded before by any other Four Freshmen group. That is very exciting and another dog-gone good reason to be there.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Bay City. I am counting on you. Please don't disappoint me. **SEE YOU THERE!**