

# Looking Forward to 2022

By Jim Williams

Bay City is located on the east side of Michigan's lower peninsula near the base of the Saginaw Bay on Lake Huron. The city, along with nearby Midland and Saginaw, form the Great Lakes Bay Region. Bay City's proximity to Saginaw Bay made it the center of Michigan's storied lumber industry. Stately homes of former lumber barons still line Center Avenue.

The Saginaw River runs through the city. There are river walks on both sides of the river allowing for pleasant leisurely strolls. Marinas up and down the river serve all kinds of pleasure-boaters from sailors seeking the wind to power-boaters out for a cruise. Only Florida has more pleasure boats than Michigan.

From a fresh-catch seafood restaurant on the water to an authentic churrascaria (Brazilian steakhouse) new to Uptown, get ready to experience bright, bold flavors — and the unbeatable views to match! Choose from 54 craft brews on tap and American gastropub classics with a twist while you take in views of waterfront Wenonah Park at Tavern 101, or experience a bistro inside Bay City's original City Hall with 150+ wines from around the globe. See sushi hand-rolled before your eyes at Fusion 1 Cafe, try poké bowls and bubble tea at Sushi Remix, or sample fresh, local eats at our new City Market.

The Doubletree Hotel, site of the 2022 Four Freshmen Society Convention, sits adjacent to the river, with easy access to the East side river walk. Experience some of the best antique shopping in Michigan — including Michigan's largest antique center — and pop into dozens of other boutiques and eateries peppered from Uptown to Downtown, most of which are in easy walking distance from the hotel.

I know you will find an enthusiastic welcome when you visit. Both the Hotel and the Great Lakes Bay Region Bureau of Tourism, who are looking forward to you being here, have promised to do everything they can to make your time here, not only pleasant, but memorable. More to come. By the way, The Four Freshmen will be here!



# It's a Small World After All

by Mel and Barb Meyers

Much to my surprise this poster appeared on the Four Freshmen Society website. Mel and I attended this Concert. Mel got home from his service in the Army at the end of Aug. 1958. We had our second child in Sept. 1958. The Army was gracious enough to let him come home early for that event. When we saw this concert advertised we were determined to go no matter what. It was the Four Freshmen after all, and the added bonus for us was Dave Brubeck and Maynard Ferguson. You might ask how we can remember this so long ago? It was an awesome concert and the first big outing we attended in a very long time. To the member who posted this, thank you it brought back a lot of memories.



## The Four Freshmen RECORDING in New Canaan, CT

By Dave Bentley

The Four Freshmen came to New Canaan, CT on 5 June, and stayed until the 9th. During those 5 days they met with our Executive Producers group, BHW, and rehearsed for a total of ten hours. In between discussions on recording production and rehearsing vocals, there was opportunity to, as Flanigan would have said "have a taste." The boys worked hard at their sound, and they have a very identifiable sound indeed. Newly minted Ryan Howe loves singing the top part, and his tone marries well for the ensemble blend. It was exciting to hear them, and to see their enthusiasm. As I told them on a number of occasions, in all my years of knowing The Four Freshmen, this is the only group I have witnessed who truly got along with no hidden agendas. Wonderful to witness. Plans now call for a week's rehearsal in Minneapolis mid August, and sometime in the Fall, the actual recording production. Stay tuned, as this will be an exciting recording.