## Our President, **Donna** Gallaway





The Bean Tones

...from the Editor

by Barb Meyers

I apologize for the Fresh News being late. But I wanted to give everyone a

The convention/reunion we planned for three long years finally happened in Bay City, Michigan June 8th thru June 10th. What a joy to see you all again! If you were not able to be there, I hope you can get a feel for just how incredible those three days were by reading the articles and seeing the photos in this issue of *Fresh News*.

We were amazed by the talented group of four young men from the Boston area who call themselves The Bean Tones. They are recent grant recipients of The Four Freshmen Music Foundation who were able to participate in a workshop led by the Freshmen on site.

The Bean Tones opened the concert on Thursday evening singing several Four Freshmen favorites in perfect harmony staying true to the charts and playing their instruments.

The Wednesday night Jam Session was very well organized and run by Dave Blackwell who contributed his own talent on clarinet. Many folks said it was the best Jam Session ever! We were also blessed to hear from another FFMF grant recipient Josh Evert who sang for a bit and then spoke during the day about his own work and interest in FF music.

The hotel staff was gracious and always ready to help whenever needed. The 113 Club Room and Music Mart were spacious enough to accomodate the Silent Auction which made for a great gathering space. The new Four Freshmen CD was selling at a fast pace as well, and you can order one or more from the Music Mart. (We have a special deal with the Four Freshmen so that all the proceeds from this CD go directly into our FFS treasury)

The two concerts by The Four Freshmen were absolutely some of the best performances by a

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## chance to submit articles and photos. A big thank you to those who did. It was a great Convention.

- Our four guys introduced a new CD.
- The four young men brought to us by The Foundation were excellent and will keep the Four Freshmen music alive

We also had Dina Sheets-Roth, The Four Freshmen's manager, with us for the first time in a long time.

We also had hats for sale. Contact me if interested.

