

## (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 BOB FERREIRA ARTICLE)

One should be as lucky as I am to be able to perform with such outstanding musicians and great human beings. Brian Eichenberger is a musical talent worthy of major success. His abilities in writing and arranging rival those of professional studio arrangers. Vince Johnson is truly a world-class bass player and all around nice guy. He was truly born to be a Freshmen and has brought back a light-hearted solidity to the 3rd part that has not been there since Ross Barbour. Curtis Calderon. It is a wonderful thing to come to work every night and listen to that man play his horn, because from night to night you never know what he is going to play, but you can be sure his sound will get inside you.

These are the people with whom I go to work and with whom I prefer to surround myself, and as long as there are people wanting to hear our sound we will continue to give 100% of ourselves because that is who we are.

## WANNABEES PARTICIPATION SETS RECORD IN PITTSBURGH

By Mike Collins (Texas)

Participation in the three afternoon singalong sessions commonly known as the Four Freshmen Wannabees reached record highs at the 2006 annual convention in Pittsburgh, with as many as 60 persons joining in by the conclusion of the Friday and Saturday events.

In the past, FFS members huddled around Bill Martin's piano, where from 10-25 would share sheet arrangements of Four Freshmen tunes to try our collective skills.

This year, Martin and Yas Ichiura produced a book of 36 songs...most participants purchased a copy for future use, and two additional on-the-spot printings were needed. This printing doubled the Wannabees songbook, so repeat performances were not required (although, by request of late-arriving singers, a few numbers merited a refrain). Sax man Jim Greenslate aided with the selection, instrumental interludes and upgrading.



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Chaz Cone, Membership Director

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## "The Day Wasn't Long Enough"

Bob Baker, Convention Chairman

I've taken liberty with a familiar phrase to all of us who cherish "the" sound. The group was on fire...Ms. Raney hypnotic, and the Betters' group energizing and entertaining. The city, the venue, the food, from early returns were somewhere between "wonderful" and "smashing." Gratefully, your words...not those of our Task-Force.

For all of you who blessed us with your presence...**Thank you!** You all were pretty wonderful and smashing as well. Ultimately your estimation of what took place here is what counts. Will the memories be lasting? I realize that we could not, and likely did not, satisfy everyone. Our people will be pleased if most Society brothers and sisters took with them some new found joy and happiness.

You know you have F.F.S. status when first names are all you need. Bob, Ross and Greg were everywhere! Bob was Bob...Ross, ever so creative in his "Chickster" tribute...Greg's handling of the Fan/Jam was superb. We also learned two new names - Johanna and Trish!

Joe (I prefer Joel) was overwhelming with style and generosity! Yas, charming, performing and helping everywhere; Palle's constant smile and cruising the city's canals??? Dick, Tom, Jim Chaz, Don, Mel, Donna, and the "two" Barbara/s provided the official F.F.S. touch and aid.