

# ...and so it's over

## THE 2015 SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION AND BEYOND.

by Gil Peterson

In my opinion, the 2015 convention in San Antonio was a great success. Geoff and Sarah Comstock did a masterful job of putting all the pieces together leading to a first class convention. Everything moved along like a well-oiled machine. They also added a few new twists making the whole experience exceptional. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude. I had the pleasure of working very closely with both of them preparing for the convention. It was truly a delight for me to have that privilege.

***Thank you Geoff and Sarah.***

The musical experience was simply terrific! I believe that Group #24 has the potential of being one of the best ever. The new arrangements and material written by Curtis are no less than superb. There seems to be a new energy and a new openness surrounding the group. They were having a great time up there and you could feel those vibes coming through loud and clear. On Saturday evening, the five trumpets blew us all away. What a treat!!!

Everyone I spoke with was very excited about the group. Thank you Group #24 for your wonderful performances. We loved it!!

One of the highlights of the 2015 convention was the presence of Bill Comstock. Without a doubt, he is one of the most talented and remarkable gentleman ever. When he performed for us on Thursday evening, if your eyes were dry, you were perhaps the only one. Memories like that only come a few times in a lifetime and for me they find their way to that very special tiny place in my heart where they will remain forever.

Thank you Bill.....all of us - love you more than you could ever know.

Another very exciting thing happened at the 2015 Convention. Trudy Fiegum announced to the FFS general meeting that the Four Freshmen Music Foundation had been founded. I believe this is something we should have done some time ago and we have to give Trudy a tremendous amount of credit for being the catalyst. You will be further informed about the Foundation's progress as time goes by.

When you step back and look at the overall 2015 convention, the hotel, the location, the food, the entertainment, the organization and the friendly Texas attitude, you would have to give the whole experience an A+. Don't all y'all agree?

With this outstanding convention behind us, we are now looking toward Louisville. With Neil and Sara Lou Lantz as co-chairs, I can't help but believe that the Louisville convention will be a super blockbuster! The Galt Hotel is certainly a beautiful venue and the city of Louisville has so many interesting facets to offer. How can you go wrong? I know we have a lot of time yet, but I am suggesting you get your ducks in a row and start making plans to be there. I can only assure you that you will not be disappointed. I will be looking forward to seeing you there and making some more wonderful Freshmen memories.

