

## Our President, **Donna Gallaway**



## **GREETINGS FFS MEMBERS & FRESH FANS EVERYWHERE**

I hope all of you have enjoyed a wonderful summer of outdoor activity and have been able to connect with friends and family. In Ohio, life has been a lot closer to normal than in the early days of the pandemic, but this crazy virus keeps hanging on. I continue to pray for all of you to stay safe and healthy and that you will be looking forward to seeing and hearing The Four Freshmen in Bay City, MI next June.

The Society continues to plan the next convention/reunion to take place June 8-10, 2022. Watch for registration information in the next issue of *Fresh News* and circle the dates on your calendar! Bay City has much to offer in addition to our activities.

I have been hearing very positive things about the current Freshmen and their incredible sound from those who have been fortunate to hear and see them perform live, most recently in Eugene, OR. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to witness that myself! The posts I have seen on Facebook are such a tease of what is to come.

Bob, Tommy, Jake and Ryan are preparing to start recording the new material for the CD we have been waiting for. In the meantime, hang in there, make plans to come to Bay City for our Fresh Bash in June to renew old friendships and make new ones. You must be a member of FFS to attend our conventions, so sign up your family and friends and bring them with you for an experience you will not forget. We will be making up for not having our annual gatherings for the past two years, so you can bet it will be super special!

# Back in Roseburg, OR

by Gil Peterson

On July 20th and 21st, Group 27 performed two fantastic concerts here in Roseburg, OR. The concert on the 20th was open to the public for the "Music on the Half Shell" summer concert series. These events are free and open to the public. Approximately twelve to fifteen hundred people attended. The Four Freshmen performed flawlessly and the crowd loved every minute of it.

On July 21st, I had the group perform at my river-front residence on the North Umpqua River for an "invitation only" concert for approximately fifty special invited guests. The weather was perfect and the entire evening was spectacular.

The FFS was well represented. About half those attending were members of the FFS from Nevada, California, Washington and numerous members from Oregon, including many local members from the Roseburg area. We had Kathy Barbour Feese from Washington with us as our special "guest of honor." It was wonderful to have her here with us. Thank you, Kathy, for making that happen.

Another delightful event occurred here at the concerts. Mark and Erin Schlichting from Bellingham, WA, who are huge fans and supporters of The Four Freshmen, very generously supplied 1,000 handheld cooling fans - at their own expense. The fans had The Four Freshmen name, a silhouette of the group and The Four Freshmen web site printed on them. They handed out a fan to anyone attending either concert to have as a cooling device or just to keep as a souvenir. They were a huge hit with the audience. What a great idea! Thank you, Mark and Erin.

All in all, I have to say, that I was extremely pleased with both events. Since we were unable to have our annual convention this year, I think this was the next best thing we could hope for. If you were not here, we missed you, but we will see you next year in Bay City.



With the help of other FFS Members, (Dan and Ellen de La Torre, John and Ronnie Garcia, Steve, Lila, and Brett Spratt, Dan Ellis, John and Barbara Osterholm, and Kathy Feese) Mark and Erin were able to distribute several hundred of these fans to those who attended the concert. Mark says "All I know is that 500 more Four Freshmen Fans left the concert than had originally arrived!" At Gil Peterson's party in nearby Winchester the next night, there were even more fans distributed... which helped everyone to be "The Cool Ones."