

R-U-O-K?

Ross Barbour, Simi Valley CA

Ken and I thought we were "Famous" after all our years on the road, but NO. What it took was for us in Simi Valley to have a forest fire burn the hills north of town. Then we were really FAMOUS!!

Sue and I got 36 long-distance calls, some from Europe even. They all asked "R-U-O-K?"

That fire burned only a few homes here, but they called it the Simi Valley Fire even after it had burned its way through hills twenty miles away.

Those tired Firefighters kept the fire out of towns until the rain put it out. Sigh!

Yes, we are lucky and thankful. Thank you for asking. We R-O-K!

My Two Cents

Barbara Meyers, Nevada Rep

How lucky can one Rep be? In October the Freshmen performed three nights at the Suncoast. Mel and I hosted an afternoon luncheon for FFS members on Sat., Oct. 4. It was a fun afternoon mingling with Bob, Brian, Vince, Curtis, Bob Flanigan and Greg. Thanks Guys for making the get-together complete!

In November - the Jazz Cruise. I'm sure you will hear from everyone how great the FF were. Mel and I sold CD's for them on Thursday and Friday. We sold lots of CD's and the people who bought them could not say enough good things about them. There were a lot of Jazz "Super Stars" on that ship and believe me The Four Freshmen were as much a "Super Star" as any of them. They were a "Class Act"!

China Lake, CA Gig

Mel Meyers, FFS Dir. SW Region

ZZZ, Zyt, do, re, me, ugh, la, la la dee! What the heck is that, you say. It is "sound check" with the 4F on the 16th of October in preparation for their show at China Lake.

I had the pleasure of doing the gig for Jim Bennie and was given the opportunity to introduce the guys to this audience. I took a minute to pump them up, then brought them on with a rousing hand of applause. After they opened the place fell silent and these 800 people were astounded by the performance of these young guys who cherish the Freshmen legend. Old tunes, new tunes, some reincarnated tunes and light humor by the four filled the room. Even the sound man who helped them thru the soundcheck and subsequent performance said to me "I can't believe how good they sound." Yeah, I know. Brian's arrangement of "Star Spangled Banner" brought all to their feet with respect. What a show!

Alert! Alert! Alert! Information Needed!

Chaz Cone, FFS Membership Director

One of our challenges in the FFS Membership Department is to ensure our database of members is as accurate as we can make it. I notice that we are missing a great number of email addresses. I've put a page up on the FF Site to help you help me get that information right.

Go to **www.fourfreshmen.com/members** and check out your email address (to see if it's right or to see if I have it at all). No one will be able to get to the page without the user name and password. Please do not share these with anyone outside the Four Freshmen Society.

User name:

Password:

Please use lowercase only for This will get you access to the database so you can check your information. There's a link you can click to inform me of any corrections. Please do this, OK?

ROSEBURG, OREGON

THE FOUR FRESHMEN AND ALL THAT JAZZ

by Gil Peterson (Oregon)

I am once again pleased to announce that The Four Freshmen will be returning to Jacoby Auditorium at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, on Friday, May 14th, 2004. Although all the details of the event have not been finalized, everyone here is very excited about their return. The tentative plan is to have the Freshmen present a workshop for the area musicians and singers as they did before and then perform a concert Friday evening. We plan to have the Gary Beck Trio as well as The Big Horn Jazz Band to open the evening concert. It should be another fabulous evening of music and memories. Obviously, we are hoping to have a large contingency of FFS members on hand for the evening. I will have all the details regarding tickets and accommodations in an up-dated article for The Fresh News as soon as everything is finalized, PUT FRIDAY, MAY 14TH, 2004, ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!!

Now that I have your attention, I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Ray Brown and his wonderful team for the fabulous job they did to provide all of us with a sensational FFS convention. The accommodations, meals and music were simply outstanding and the FRESHMEN NEVER SOUNDED BETTER!!! The entire event was masterfully orchestrated and beautifully executed. Having done a few of these types of events myself, I know how difficult it is to bring all the pieces together for a successful conclusion. In my humble opinion, Ray and his team did all of that and more so magnificently. Congratulations Ray and a BIG THANK YOU from all of us.

In closing, I would like to extend my personal thanks to the current Four Freshmen as well as all the past members down through the years for keeping OUR HEARTS SO FULL OF SPRING. We love you all!!!