

Central Illinois Four Freshmen Singers

by Jack Morrison (MI)

In the last Fresh News there were a number of good articles recapping the 2004 Convention. One item that seemed to be missed was the performance of the singers from Peoria Illinois. It would be a shame not to include them in such reviews as they contributed to making the Thursday night "Fan-Jam" a big success.

This group of 11 Four Freshmen enthusiasts entertained us with a 30-minute performance, which included many familiar FF songs such as "Day by Day," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Fools Rush In," and "It's A Blue World," all in the Freshmen style. They also did a vocal salute medley that included the Modernaires, Lettermen, Pied Pipers and the Four Lads. The audience enthusiastically received their performance.

CIFFS perform throughout Central Illinois at Senior Citizens Centers, Retirement Homes and other public events. They would like to encourage other members who like to sing Four Freshmen harmonies to start their own groups throughout the country. For more information on this subject you can reach them by phoning Bob McCallum 309-682-6600 or e-mail Ken Krancher bbshp4@ocslink.com.

DJ Features The FF!

FFS members may remember an article about **DALLAS BURNETTE** - "DJ extraordinaire," in a FN publication a few years ago... Well, Dallas is continuing his Freshmen fancy every week in his show "Swingtime" from Station WEBR (Fairfax VA)...on the internet <www.fcac.org>

You'll be mesmerized by a "Freshmen Special" Dallas is planning for MONDAY JANUARY 17, 2005 @ 7 PM (EST). He will be joined by our own DAVE BARNES for the show. Fresh News was informed that there may be a few other special guests (Ross, Flan, etc.) to share good vibrations from Fresh-World.

Dallas has been a Freshmen fan for almost all of his 56 years in music radio broadcasting. Please join Dallas Burnette that night! And, if you have a chance, give a telephone call to Dallas, Dave and Ross @ 703-560-8255, the direct line into the studio!

If you'd like to snail mail Mr. Burnette - here is his address:

Dallas Burnette
10392 Bermuda Lane
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He would love to hear from you!

News from our President (continued from page 1)

Long time FFS member and band leader Dan McMillion was recently featured with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra (CJO) in a concert tribute to Maynard Ferguson. I was not able to attend but reports are that the performances were outstanding.

I neglected to mention in an earlier issue the demise of our internet BBS "chat room" at www.fourfreshmen.com. It had become very time consuming and problematical to our webmaster, Chaz Cone, to keep out the spam and the particularly very offensive materials that were frequently posted. Our web site does have a link to the YAHOO group which provides the same forum but without the problem of the offending materials.

We technically have vacant positions on our corporate board of directors and, following the Grand Rapids convention, have developed a list of prospective candidates. A ballot by mail is under consideration and may be implemented or attempted soon. It is still likely, however, that an election for new board members may have to be delayed until the Amsterdam convention. There are both practical and cost issues involved.

We are working on another CD project...a single of the Four Freshmen version of our National Anthem! We will have a good quantity available for promotional efforts and will make them available to members for just the cost of handling and postage, probably just a couple of bucks. Should be available from our Music Mart early in 2005.

I recently took a driving trip on the famous Route 66, traveling just to Flagstaff AZ. Near the end of our trip we visited the Petrified Forest/Painted Desert in Eastern Arizona. The visit involves a 28-mile self-guided tour, but prior to departure they offer, or insist, viewing a 20-minute video with some directions and explanations. The background music for the presentation is an early studio version of Route 66 by the **Four Freshmen**. They offer a one-hour version of the presentation, music included, for about \$20.00 that makes an excellent souvenir. The title is "**Timeless Impressions**" and can be ordered from the Petrified Forest Museum Asso., PO Box 2277, Petrified Forest AZ 86028.

We Get Letters:

From Doris Marzick, NE Ohio Rep

This is one letter that I really hate to write. My husband Vic Marzick passed away on Nov. 2 while standing in line to vote. We have both been huge fans since 1950, but had grown particularly fond of this group #22. For the memorial service I played *It's A Blue World*, so apro pos for the moment and this was our song. He was a true fan.