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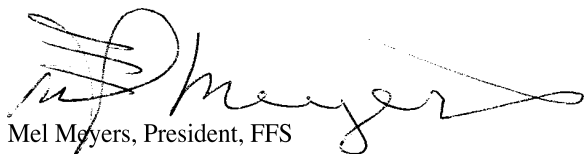
About the time I attended the Las Vegas Convention, I got back on the radar with the Four Freshmen Society and subsequently did my duties as the Arizona Rep. for a time, then; as Southwest Regional Director, I found myself hooked on the aura of the Four Freshmen Society and really became a "believer". We moved to Las Vegas later and at the time the current four guys were getting it "together". I had the pleasure of Bob Flanigan's friendship as a result of selling more and more CDs etc., and we all shared a Saturday gathering at our condo in Las Vegas that included 6 Freshmen and some 40 members and friends. Who would have expected that? It felt good. Barb felt the same.

For one reason or another we left Las Vegas for Toledo and took up residence. There we decided that we would ask the Board for permission to produce a convention. During that time I spent a year or so as Publicist for IVI then along came Tom Purvis who asked if I was interested in being President of FFS. We talked of our wish to produce a convention in Toledo. This conversation took place in Toledo. Barbara and I began to make plans for the 2011 Convention. After accepting the Presidency, I backed off the Convention chair and Barbara became the Convention Chair. I was relegated to "entertainment chairman" reporting to her. This is where I recognized that here was the last item on my bucket list. It was to produce two shows with the Four Freshmen and the Toledo Jazz Orchestra featuring the music of my favorite bandleader, Stan Kenton and favorite vocal group, The Four Freshmen. The timing here was perfect-Stan Kenton's 100th birthday. Everything was going along, people registering, food getting ordered, music was coming in place, lights, Eric, again "the audio guy" agreed to join us again. The Hotel and Seagate Center convention facilities were cooperative and all were looking up. Then terror almost swept us off our feet, 5 months before the dates, Dr Bob Flanigan dies! Oh my God! We held our breath. We discovered only a few cancellations but more reservations kept coming. Whew!

Meanwhile, Dr Ross Barbour was weaker and so on, and in August, he died. Oh My God! Now what? Cancellations? Disaster? The economy was tanking but you know, you all stood firm and we had our FFS Convention on Sept. 8-10, 2011. Barb and I were extremely worried what would come next.

In spite of the 2 major losses, you all came to celebrate our fallen stars, the Four Freshmen and Toledo Jazz Orchestra. And what a show it was! Great music, great food, great rooms, and most importantly what a responsive audience! Barbara, your Chairwoman, and I thank you for attending the Holy Toledo Convention. It was so much fun and memorable.

Next year we'll be in Reno, Nevada, where, the attendance will increase and we'll get together again. Read your "Fresh News" on the Internet and hard copies for information as it becomes available. Don't miss it!



Mel Meyers, President, FFS

The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

Check the Website: fourfreshmensociety.com or fourfreshmen.com for updates

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January 8, 2012 Stoneham, MA

Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main Street

Show Times: 2PM, Box Office: 781-279-2200

February 12, 2012 Folsom, CA

Folsom Lake College, Stage 1, 10 College Parkway

Show Times: 3PM, Box Office: 916-608-6888

February 17, 2012 Walhalla, SC

Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. North Broad St

Show Time: 12:00PM, Tickets: 864-638-5277

February 18, 2012 Newberry, SC

Newberry Opera House, 1201 McKibben St

Show Time: 8:00PM, Box Office: 803-276-6264

February 20, 2012 Punta Gorda, FL

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Rd

Show Time: 7:30PM, Tickets: 941-639-0001

February 24, 2012 Creston, IA

SWCC Vocal Jazz Festival, South Western Community College,

1501 W Townline St, Show Time: TBA, Tickets: 641-782-1448

February 25, 2012 Creston, IA

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1501 W Townline St, Show Time: TBA, Tickets: 641-782-1448

March 10, 2012 Blackfoot, ID

Blackfoot Performing Arts Center Jazz Festival, 870 South Fisher,

Tickets: 208-317-5508

March 12, 2012 Kirkland, WA

Kirkland Performance Center, 350 Kirkland Ave,

Box Office: 425-893-9900

March 24, 2012 Stuart, FL

Lyric Theatre, 59 S W Flagler Ave,

Show Time: 3PM, Tickets: 772-286-7827

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Show Time: 7PM, Tickets: 772-286-7827

March 26, 2012 Palm Desert, CA

McCallum Theatre for the Performing Arts, 73000 Fred Warning Dr,

Show Time: 8PM, Tickets: 760-340-ARTS

April 06, 2012 Norman, OK

Sooner Theatre, 101 E Main St,

Show Time: TBA, Tickets: 405-321-9600

April 15, 2012 Shippensburg, PA

H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center at Shippensburg University,

1871 Old Main Dr,

Show Time: 3PM, Tickets: 717-477-SHOW (7469)

April 28, 2012 Bay Springs, MS

16th Annual Jazz in the Grove, Bay Springs Mississippi in the Grove

Show Time: 2:15PM, Admission is free

Information: 1-800-898-2782

April 29, 2012 Brooklyn Park, MD

Chesapeake Arts Center (CAC), 194 Hammonds Lane

Show Time: 3PM, Series Subscription Available: 410-859-3308 (PAAL)

Individual Tickets: 410-636-6597 (CAC Events Office)