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2016 Four Freshmen Society Convention LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



**AUGUST 25-27,
2016**

Our President, **Neil Lantz**



DOUBLING UP!

For the next eight months, I'll be wearing two hats. In addition to my continuing duties as President of the FFS Board, I've been recruited by my wife, Sara Lou, to join her as Co-chair of the 2016 Convention this August 25-27 in Louisville, Kentucky. We've co-chaired our marriage for the last 54 years, and we co-chaired the 2008 FFS Convention in Indianapolis, so how could I refuse! We're excited about the upcoming convention, and you'll find the details, including YOUR registration form, in this issue.

Several times over the past three years, I've written about the important work of volunteers in the Society, and I know how crucial they are to the planning of the annual event. This year promises to be no exception thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Thanks go to the support of Society Treasurer John Emerson, Webmaster Chaz Cone, Chairman of the Convention Coordination Committee Gil Peterson, Fresh News Editor Barb Meyers, and logo designer extraordinaire Dan de la Torre. No fewer than 23 members of the Society have stepped up to join us on the 2016 Convention Committee. In fact, 17 members of the committee met while attending the 2015 Convention in San Antonio, so we're off to a great start.

And now, we need you! With both of my hats on, it is my pleasure to appoint each and every one of you as an "honorary" member of the committee. Your official duties are as follows:

1. Register to attend the 2016 Convention in Louisville!
2. Recruit family and friends to join you for another great Society event! (As the Convention is open only to Society members, you are encouraged to recruit new members who are welcome to join for only \$10 with their Convention registration.) Feel free to copy the enclosed registration material, or you and your recruits may sign up on line as of February 1, 2016 at www.ffa2016.com.
3. Come to Louisville this August and plan to enjoy a great three days with Bob, Curtis, Stein, Tommy, and a few hundred of your fellow Freshmen fans!

Sara Lou and I look forward to seeing you there.

The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

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January 9, 2016

McKinney, TX

Christ Fellowship, 2801 Orchid Dr.

Showtime: 7:30p

Tickets: 214-548-4384

January 15, 2016

Gold Canyon, AZ

GCAC Sounds of The Canyon Artist Series,

Gold Canyon Methodist Church, 6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd.

Showtime: 7:30p

Tickets: 480-983-2171

January 16, 2016

Coolidge, AZ

Central AZ College, Pence Theatre, 8470 Overfield Rd.

Showtime: 7:00p

Tickets: 520-477-7469

January 29-30, 2016

Arlington Heights, IL

Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St.

Showtime: 8:00p

Tickets: 847-577-2121

January 31, 2016

Springfield IL

Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 South Sixth St.

Showtimes: 3:00p

Tickets: 217-523-2787

February 5, 2016

Bonita Springs, FL

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd. SE

Showtimes: 3:00p & 7:30p

Tickets: 239-992-3410 ext 250

February 20, 2016

Mount Dora, FL

Mount Dora Music Festival, 520 N. Baker St.

Showtimes: 7:30p

Tickets: 352-383-2627

February 22, 2016

Palm Desert, CA

McCallum Theatre, Tribute to the Big Band Singers, 73000 Fred Waring Dr.

Showtime: 7:00p

Tickets: 866-889-ARTS

February 26, 2016

Maryville, MO

Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts, College Park Dr & College Ave.

Showtime: 7:30p

Tickets:

February 29- March 1, 2016 Gulf Shores, AL

Erie Meyer Civic Center, 1930 W 2nd St.

Showtime: 7:00p

Tickets: 251-968-1172

March 3, 2016

Midland, TX

West Texas Jazz Society, 8815 W Wisconsin Ave.

Showtime: TBA

Tickets: TBA

March 11, 2016

Milwaukee, WI

Schwan Concert Hall, 8815 W Wisconsin Ave.

Showtime: 7:30p

Tickets: 414-443-8802

March 16, 2016

Yuma, AZ

Yuma Arts Center, 254 S Main St.

Showtime: 7:00p

Tickets: 928-373-5202

April 10, 2016

Olympia, WA

Kenneth J. Minnaert Center for the Arts, 2011 Mottman Rd. SW

Showtime: 7:00p

Information: 360-753-8586

April 14, 2016

Holland, MI

Evergreen Commons, 480 State St.

Showtime: 2:00p and 8:30p

Information: 616-355-5120



WELCOME TO LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The 29th annual FFS Convention will return to the Midwest August 25-27, 2016 and promises to be yet another great Society gathering! Centrally located, Louisville is easily reached by air or car, located within a day's drive of 2/3 of the U.S. population. Overlooking the Ohio River, the beautiful Galt House Hotel boasts 1,290 guest rooms, dozens of meeting rooms, and two spacious ballrooms. It is the largest downtown meeting, convention, and conference hotel in the region and is located conveniently in the heart of Louisville. The Galt House is an official Host Hotel of the Kentucky Derby, Louisville Bats Baseball, the Louisville Opera, and a partner hotel of the University of Louisville Athletics. The hotel includes six restaurants and lounges, a rooftop fitness center, outdoor pool, spa and salon, on-site parking garages, shops, and a beautiful conservatory connecting the two guestroom towers. All of the room block of deluxe guest rooms (\$115/night), Convention sessions, and concerts will be located in the Rivue Tower.



THURSDAY

113 CLUB

Renew FFS friendships and make new ones in the 113 CLUB which will be located in the Willow Room on the 3rd floor of the Rivue Tower. There you'll find hospitality, the Music Mart, and the Silent Auction. Enjoy the recorded sounds of our favorite group, shop for CD's, and place your bids on the SILENT AUCTION items.

IF YOU HAVE FOUR FRESHMEN MEMORABILIA, OTHER MUSIC MEMORABILIA, OR NON-MUSICAL ITEMS (art work, jewelry, photos, etc.) to donate for the SILENT AUCTION, PLEASE CONTACT BUD AND JEAN MENDENHALL at bjmend013@comcast.net or call them at (260) 426-9862 prior to the Convention.

THE 113 CLUB WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY OF THE CONVENTION.

WANNABEES

Join the Wannabees at 2:30 for an hour and half sing-along session. This is always a winner!

THURSDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

Anchoring the traditional Thursday night Jam Session will be a top-notch Louisville rhythm section. This fun evening begins at 7 pm and will be a MUSICAL JAM SESSION. You need to sign up on your registration form if you would like to perform. There is some amazing talent within our membership, and each year the Jam Session has gotten better. We look forward to another entertaining event.

FRIDAY

KENTUCKY DERBY DAY

Get ready for a fun filled day!

TOURS

Two optional tours are offered this year. We're sorry, but timing does not offer the opportunity to take both tours as the Churchill Downs morning tour will not return in time to board the Louisville Belle.

1. The first tour is Churchill Downs, home of the world famous Kentucky Derby. We board the motor coaches at 7:30 am for the Backstretch Breakfast Tour at Churchill Downs, which is a truly exclusive experience as this area of the race track is not open to the general public. Guests are able to experience a behind-the-scenes look into the world of thoroughbred racing by viewing early morning track work-outs. This once-in-a-lifetime tour includes a visit to the Track Kitchen where guests may encounter jockeys, trainers, owners and key personnel involved in the world of horseracing. During breakfast, a retired jockey will mix and mingle with guests while sharing information and answering questions. This adds a true element of authenticity to the backstretch experience with up-close and personal information from an intimate point of view. The jockey appearance provides a first-hand perspective of thoroughbred racing that few ever experience. After visiting the Track Kitchen, guests are escorted to view the horses rail-side where they will not only see but also hear the horses as they thunder down the track.

We will then board the coaches for a quick trip to the frontstretch and the Kentucky Derby Museum. There is only one place that transforms a yearly event into a daily celebration. One place where facts, whimsy, strategy, luck, fashion, and passion align as one to showcase the most exciting 2 minutes in sports. Welcome to the Kentucky Derby Museum! The 360 degree film, "The Greatest Race" puts guests in the heart of the Kentucky Derby action. To further enhance the experience, guests are treated to an exclusive look of the world's most prestigious and historic racetrack with a guided walking tour. The Museum's onsite equine residents stand ready in their private stables located in the Museum's garden to welcome guests to the Bluegrass State. Cost for the Churchill Downs tour is \$58.

2. The second tour is a luncheon cruise on the Ohio River aboard the 102 year-old paddlewheel steamboat, the Belle of Louisville. Experience a cruise that is like a step back in time. Steam powered and paddlewheel propelled, the Belle is the only remaining authentic steamboat from the great American packet boat era. The Belle is a National Historic Landmark and holds the distinction of the most widely traveled steamboat in American history. Have lunch in the windowed ballroom, visit the original engine room to see engines dating back to the 1890's, and enjoy sightseeing on the open air deck. The Belle is a short walk from the Galt House and requires 30 or 40 steps down from hotel to the dock level. Handicap accessibility is available, but somewhat limited. Once on the Belle, there is a staircase to the dining level. A "lift" is available, but it is a one person lift. We will board the Belle at 11:30 am for a 12 noon departure, and the boat will return at 2:00 pm. Cost for the Belle Cruise is \$35.

HATITUDE

KENTUCKY DERBY DAY will continue from 2:00 - 4:00 pm with HATITUDE at the Galt House! Hats are not only a horseracing tradition but are also the signature fashion statement of the Kentucky Derby. During Hatitude, both men and women design their own one-of-a-kind creations. All hats, ribbons, feathers and fanfare are provided during this fun-filled activity. Guests have the opportunity to showcase their personal style, whether it's simple and chic or flashy and flamboyant. Fashion + attitude = Hatitude! Please wear your hats for the DERBY NIGHT DINNER that evening. Cost for this activity is \$25.



WANNABEES

Join the Wannabees session from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.

FRIDAY

KENTUCKY DERBY DAY continued

DINNER and CONCERT

Wear your Derby Finery and your hat from HATITUDE for Derby Night beginning with a Meet and Greet, followed by dinner with music by one of Louisville's top jazz pianists, Steve Crews. Of course, the day wouldn't be complete without a great concert by our favorite jazz vocal group, THE FOUR FRESHMEN - Group 24!

The guys will be available following the concert for the afterglow and photo op. It will be an amazing evening.



SATURDAY

GENERAL MEETING

Be sure to attend the General Meeting on Saturday morning to learn what is new with the Society, the Freshmen, and the plans for the 2017 FFS Convention.

FRESH MEMORIES

Fresh Memories has become a special event during the Convention. It's a time to hear stories from former Four Freshmen, wives of former Four Freshmen, and the current guys (subject to their rehearsal schedule). It's always fun to hear the many memories of the folks we've heard and come to know over the years.

WANNABEES

This is the last opportunity in the 2016 Convention to experience the great sing-along. The Convention schedule now has a Wannabee session each day - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. These sessions are led by a former FF member and accompanied by Wannabee originator Bill Martin. Members Yas Ichiura on trombone and Dave Blackwell on clarinet usually add their support to these popular sessions.

DINNER and CONCERT

The 2016 FFS Convention will draw to a close with another Meet and Greet and dinner. Following dinner, we'll be entertained by the Kentuckiana All Star Big Band under the direction of Don Krekel and Convention Committee member Dave Mehl. All of this leads up to the evening's highlight - another wonderful concert by the Freshmen - who can ever get enough of those guys! And, again this year we'll enjoy a variety of the legendary Freshmen hits along with some of the more recent arrangements recorded by Group 24 - Bob, Curtis, Stein, and Tommy. It will be a most enjoyable musical evening.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

While the 2016 FFS Convention will provide many activities for you, Louisville has much more to offer. Within walking distance are many museums, restaurants, and activities. There is a Free Zero Bus that runs along Main and Market Streets every 10 to 15 minutes, and another that runs along 4th Street. You will find attractions such as the Louisville Slugger Bat Company, the Muhammad Ali Center, KFC YUM! Center, Kentucky Science Center, Sons of the American Revolution, Frazier Center, Glassworks, the Museum Hotel, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Thomas Edison House, and more - even an underground zip line. If whiskey is your thing, you are in the right place. Louisville is known for its "Whiskey Row" along Main Street. You may want to visit the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience to learn about the early days of Louisville's bourbon-steeped history and see a distillery in action or visit one of several other distilleries in downtown Louisville. We hope you come early for the Convention and stay late! There is much to see and do in the beautiful city of Louisville.

We welcome you and look forward to seeing you August 25 to 27, 2016.

*Sara Lou and Neil Lantz
Convention Co-Chairs*

FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY

2016 CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please read carefully before completing Registration Form)

YOU WILL FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE ITEMS WITHIN THIS ISSUE OF FRESH NEWS

REGISTRATION: Registration begins on February 1, 2016. You may register by mail and pay by check or credit card using the Registration Form in this newsletter or online at www.ffi.2016 Please provide all requested information, including first and last names.

TABLE ASSIGNMENTS: Dinner seating will be at tables of eight (8). Location will be made based on the postmark date or online registration date on or after 2-1-16 of the last member in your party. We encourage you to send them all at the same time. To ensure that you will receive assigned seating with others you want at your table, please provide all names.

HOTEL INFORMATION: We recommend you make your hotel reservation early. Rooms at the Galt House Hotel will be reserved on a first-come, first served basis. Rates for the convention are guaranteed at \$115 plus tax per night in the Revue Tower for a deluxe guestroom with two queen beds or one king bed. Executive suites in the Suite Tower are available for \$135 plus tax per night. (One-bedroom waterfront balcony suites in the Revue Tower are available at \$195 plus tax per night). These rates will also be available for three days before and three days after the official convention dates of August 25 - 27, as long as rooms are available. FREE WIFI.

****TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM,** call THE GALT HOUSE directly at 1-800-THE GALT (1-800-843-4258). Select option 2 which is reservations. You must mention that you are with the Four Freshmen Society to get the group rate. You may also make your reservation on line at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ffi0823> It will take you directly to the reservation page for the group.

SHIRTS: The 2016 commemorative shirts in both women's (v-neck) and men's (golf shirt) collared styles are royal blue with the 2016 convention logo designed by Dan de la Torre. They are silk touch 65/35 poly/cotton blend and very true to size. Only a few shirts will be available at the convention, so you are encouraged to order with your registration.

TOURS: The Churchill Downs Tour includes breakfast at the backstretch Kitchen where you will be able to watch the horses' morning workout. Following breakfast, the coaches will take us for a quick trip to the frontstretch and the Kentucky Derby Museum. This tour is wheelchair accessible. Cost for the Churchill Downs Tour is \$58. See additional information in this issue.

The Belle of Louisville River Cruise on the Ohio River includes lunch. Boarding begins at 11:30 am for a noon departure. If you may need extra time to board, it is suggested that you arrive at 11:15. Cost for the Belle of Louisville River Cruise with lunch is \$35.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not possible to take both tours as coaches from Churchill Downs do not return in time to board the Belle.

HATITUDE: Hatitude is a new session at this year's convention on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Galt House. In recognition of the 142nd year of the Kentucky Derby, convention ladies and gentlemen are invited to Hatitude. Hats and decorations will be provided along with assistance for you to design your own Derby Hat to wear to the Friday evening dinner which will be Derby Night! Cost for Hatitude is \$25.

MENU SELECTION: Please specify if you require vegetarian dinners.

JAM SESSION: Thursday night's Music Jam Session promises to be another great evening, and Society members are encouraged to participate. While a talented local trio will anchor the session, past and current Freshmen and Society members are welcomed. Please indicate your song, key, and instrument on the registration form so the trio will be prepared to back up your selection. Time is limited, so only music participation will be accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES: Early registration (\$195) on or before June 1 is encouraged and must be accompanied by payment. After June 1, every effort will be made to accommodate late registrations (\$215), but priority dinner seating and tour reservations cannot be guaranteed. Please complete all information on the Registration Form and forward it with your payment. While checks are preferred, you may charge your fees using Visa or MasterCard only. The 3-digit CVCC security number on the back of the card must be included. **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY MAY ATTEND THIS CONVENTION.** Non-members will be allowed to join for a special fee of only \$10 (single or couple - please indicate) if submitted with a convention registration. We encourage you to duplicate the registration form and this information section for your non-member friends who may be interested.

HOTEL PARKING: Parking is \$5 per day with in and out privileges.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION: Sandollar will provide airport shuttle service to the hotel and return (round trip) for \$22 per person. You must make a reservation for your seat on the shuttle prior to airport arrival. Go to www.sandollarlimo.com When you get to the "additional comments" box on the reservation form, please enter "FFS" to receive the discounted price and pay the \$22 per person on the form. When returning to the airport, go to the Transportation Counter in the Galt House to confirm your return shuttle seat and receive a time from them. You may also call (502) 561-4022 and give the "FFS" code to the shuttle reservation people to receive the special price. *****SHUTTLE RESERVATIONS MAY NOT BE MADE BEFORE MAY 25, 2016 - 90 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL.***** Taxi service is also available at the airport for approximately \$20 one way.

SILENT AUCTION: As in previous years, there will be a Silent Auction in the 113 CLUB. If you have Four Freshmen memorabilia, musical items, or other items you think would be worthwhile for the Auction, please contact: Jean and Bud Mendenhall at (260) 426-986 or email them at bjmend013@comcast.net

Be sure to read registration Information details in this issue before filling out this form.

2016 FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY CONVENTION

Louisville, Kentucky August 25 – 27, 2016 **Flying in?** ____ **Driving in?** ____ **Send form to:** Neil & Sara Lou Lantz
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Fishers, IN 46037
Question? 317-849-7443

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____
(First Name) (Last Name) (First Name) (Last Name)
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E-mail _____

COMMEMORATIVE SHIRT: \$34 EACH. (Add \$3 ea. for sizes XXL thru XXXXXXL)

(Enter NUMBER of shirts wanted by size and gender)

Men (____small) (____med) (____large) (____XL) (____XXL) (____XXXL) (____XXXXL) (____XXXXXL) (____XXXXXXL)

Women (____small) (____med) (____large) (____XL) (____XXL) (____XXL) (____XXXL) (____XXXXL) (____XXXXXL) (____XXXXXXL)

JAM SESSION: Plan to perform at Thursday night **Musical Jam Session?** ____ Yes ____ No

Since this will be a Musical Jam Session and time is limited, we will need your song, key, and instrument so we can be ready for you.

Song: _____ Key: ____ Instrument _____

MENU SELECTIONS: Do you need **vegetarian meals**? How many Friday _____ Saturday _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Have you made your **Galt House** Hotel Reservation? Yes ____ No ____

Rates are \$115/night for Deluxe Guest Room (Rivue Tower) or \$135/night for limited number of Executive Suites (Suite Tower)

Rates available for 3 days before and/or 3 days after convention at the same FFS rate if rooms available.

Parking is \$5/day with in and out privileges. (See Registration Information in this issue for hotel reservation procedure.)

REGISTRATION FEE: POSTMARKED (or online) FEBRUARY 1 to JUNE 1, 2016 - \$195 per person.

POSTMARKED (or online) AFTER JUNE 1, 2016 - \$215 per person.

Cancellations – Cancellations with full refund before June 1, 2016. Cancellations from June 1 to July 15 will have a \$25 processing fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 15, 2016.**

TABLE SEATING: Tables of eight. List names of those you want at your table. **SEATING IS ARRANGED BY REGISTRATION**

POSTMARKED DATE or ONLINE DATE OF LAST MEMBER OF YOUR PARTY.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

TOURS: Tour #1 – Churchill Downs Backstretch Breakfast and Museum Tour **\$58** OR
Tour #2 – Belle of Louisville Riverboat Lunch Cruise **\$35**

Timing does not allow for participation in both tours.

HATITUDE: Men and Women come make your hat for Friday's Derby Night Dinner. All supplies provided. **\$25 each.**

PAYMENT SUMMARY:

REGISTRATION: \$195 (or \$215 after June 1, 2016) _____ people @ \$_____ each = _____

COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS: men's _____ women's _____ **\$34 OR \$37 per pricing above** = _____

TOURS: Tour #1 Churchill Downs _____ @ **\$58 each** = _____

Tour #2 Belle of Louisville _____ @ **\$35 each** = _____

HATITUDE: men's _____ women's _____ @ **\$25 each** = _____

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: Four Freshmen Society Membership Fee \$10 = _____

(\$10 fee applies to couple OR single) Couple _____ Single _____

Name if different from above. _____ **TOTAL** = _____

PAYMENT BY CHECK IS ENCOURAGED: Please make checks payable to **FFS CONVENTION 2016**. Check No. _____

Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard may be used: Charge my Visa _____ Mastercard _____

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Beginning February 1, 2016, you may register online at: www.ffi.2016

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| Item | Cost | QTY | Total |
|--|-----------|-----|-------|
| 5 Saxes/5 Guitars | \$ 15.00 | | |
| 5 Trombones/5 Trumpets | \$ 15.00 | | |
| 50 Years Fresh | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Capital Collector | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Culmination - Greg Stegemann (*) | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Faux Freshmen - Scratchin' the Surface | \$ 10.00 | | |
| Faux Freshmen - Season of the Heart | \$ 10.00 | | |
| Faux Freshmen - Unsung | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Four Freshmen and Friends NEW | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Fresh | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Freshmas | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Freshmen Year/Voices in Latin | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Golden Anniversary | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Graduation Day | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Graduation Day - Double CD | \$ 15.00 | | |
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| Live at Clearwater | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Live at Penn State (*) | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Live at the Franklin Theatre | \$ 15.00 | | |
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| Live from Vegas DVD | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Live from Vegas (DVD & CD) | \$ 25.00 | | |
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| Love Songs | \$ 15.00 | | |
| More 5 Trombones/In Person Vol. 2 | \$ 15.00 | | |
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| "Now You Know" (Book - Overseas Order) | \$ 120.00 | | |
| Remembering Ken (*) | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Return to Romance/Live in Manchester (*) | \$ 15.00 | | |
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| Road to Portsmouth (*) | \$ 15.00 | | |
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| The Liberty Years | \$ 15.00 | | |
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PERFECT HARMONY:

Music career took vocalist around the world

By Brenda M. Klinger, Special to the Pahrump Valley Times

There is always perfect harmony in the home of Autie Goodman, retired and living in Pahrump with his wife and son.

Goodman was a musician and vocalist with The Four Freshmen, the original group dating back to 1948 and known for performing jazz, and classic pop in the style of a barbershop quartet.

Goodman's son, known in the music industry as Terry Nails, moved from Florida to live with his parents, bringing together two talented musicians from different musical eras under the same roof.

Goodman used to live in Las Vegas for almost 40 years before coming to Pahrump in 1999 after he retired from The Four Freshmen.

"We love it out here, it's so quiet and nice," Goodman said.

Born and raised in Burns, Oregon, Goodman was about 12 years old when he heard world-renowned Artie Shaw play the clarinet. He told his dad that's what he wanted to do.

He got his first clarinet in the mail, took some lessons and his interest in music just continued from there.

Goodman started playing a tenor sax in his teens so he could join a group in Burns.

Another one of his idols and friends was the late Buddy DeFranco, Goodman calling him the "greatest jazz clarinet player that ever lived."

He moved to Portland, Oregon after serving time in the military, got married and lived in Phoenix for a short time before relocating to Las Vegas where his professional musical career took off.

"Music's the only thing I've ever done good," Goodman said.

His son, Terry Nails, with a background as a rock musician has performed and recorded music with a sound far different from The Four Freshmen.

"He's a good guy, he's done a lot of stuff too, different than what we did, but he still has the talent that he got from his mother and I," Goodman said.

Goodman said that his son has a lot of jazz in him and is a good bass player.

In the 1960's, Goodman was with a group called The Modernaires and later joined a band working at the former Hacienda Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas before being invited by Bob Flanigan, the



Autie Goodman, who spent 15 years with The Four Freshmen, points out some photos and memorabilia from his career hanging in his home music room.



Soloist/jazz musician Autie Goodman of The Four Freshmen along with son, Terry Nails, who is an accomplished bass guitar player from the rock era, are living together in harmony in Pahrump.

last original member of The Four Freshman, to join their group in 1977. Goodman performed with them for fifteen years.

After moving to Pahrump, Goodman entertained for about three years at the now closed Tommasino's restaurant with owner/musician Tom Saitta and well-known Vegas pianist Tommy Deering.

"Tommy Deering told me one thing," Goodman said. "You didn't become a musician, you were born a musician'."

Goodman, a multi-talented musician, sang solos, played the drums and the saxophone while with The Four Freshmen. The other group members also sang and played instruments including keyboard, trombone, bass and guitar.

"We were very busy, I'll tell you, we were self-contained," said Goodman, as he pointed to a photo of the group playing at the Dunes in Vegas. "If we went somewhere and they didn't have a band, we didn't care, we just set up, did our own thing anyway."

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2016 FFS Convention Schedule

Louisville, Kentucky

as of 11/14/2015

Thursday, August 25

- 8:00am-4:00pm Registration
- 9:00am-4:00pm 113 Club
- 2:30pm-4:00pm Wannabees
- 3:00pm-4:30pm FFS Board of Directors Meeting
- 5:00pm-6:30pm FF Music Foundation Reception
- 7:00pm-10:30pm .. Jam Session

Friday, August 26

- 7:30am-noon Churchill Downs Tour with breakfast
- 9:00am-4:00pm Registration
- 9:00am-4:00pm 113 Club
- 11:30am-2:00pm .. *Belle of Louisville* River Cruise with lunch
- 2:00pm-4:00pm Hatitude
- 2:30pm-4:00pm Wannabees
- 5:30pm-6:30pm Meet and Greet
- 6:30pm-11:00pm .. Dinner and Concert Afterglow Photo Ops

Saturday, August 27

- 9:00am-noon Registration
- 9:00am-4:00pm 113 Club
- 9:00am-10:00am .. State Reps Meeting
- 10:00am-11:00am General Meeting
- 1:00pm-2:15pm Fresh Memories
- 2:30pm-4:00pm Wannabees
- 5:30pm-6:30pm Meet and Greet
- 6:30pm-11:00pm .. Dinner and Concert

Autie Goodman (Continued from page 10)

Goodman's career with The Four Freshmen took him all around the world, including stops in about 20 different countries and every state in the union.

He got to meet many musical icons such as Sammy Davis Jr., Vic Damon and Nat King Cole, whom Goodman described as "the greatest singer that ever lived," calling him his "idol".

Goodman also worked in popular jazz singer Billy Eckstine's big band for a time.

Perry, his wife of 63 years, is still very smitten with Autie and, of course, a longtime loyal fan.

She said no one can play the alto sax as good as him and he is the greatest vocalist.

"He phrases when he sings, he doesn't blah, blah, blah, you know, the lyrics," she said. "He gives you the whole thing as if he's written a poem or a love song." She refers to him as the "greatest love song singer" who still gives her the chills and has a beautiful voice.

They met in Oregon in a club where Autie was singing.

"And what a voice he had and beautiful blue eyes, adorable," Perry Goodman said.

Autie Goodman said that Perry is musically inclined even though she has never performed.

"We sing and laugh a lot," Perry Goodman said.

"Terry and I both have that disease, if somebody says a phrase that's in a song, we immediately sing it," she said.

"We've always got some musical thing going," Autie Goodman said.

His favorite song was one written by Ken Albers, "It Could Happen to You." It was the greatest arrangement that Goodman said he ever sang.

Other hits performed by The Four Freshmen over their six-decade history include *Graduation Day*, *It's a Blue World* and *Day by Day* and the list just goes on.

Over the years the names and faces of the group have changed multiple times from when two brothers, Ross and Don Barbour, both deceased, started a barbershop-type quartet with a different name while college freshmen in Indianapolis.

Ross Barbour, the last of the original Four Freshmen was 82 when he died in 2011. Referring to a 1986 photo cover of The Four Freshmen on the Las Vegas magazine *What's On*, Goodman remarked that it was the best, most talented group they had.

He and Flanigan left the group in 1993 when Flanigan retired since Goodman didn't want to work without him. Flanigan, who managed the group and owned the name rights, died in 2011 at the age of 84.

A new group of performers still tour under the The Four Freshmen name.

"They're good kids, they're really good guys," said Goodman, adding that for him true The Four Freshman ended with the departure of Flanigan.



The Four Freshmen on the cover of *What's On* Las Vegas magazine in 1986. Autie Goodman is center front, with original member Bob Flanigan center top. Other members are Rod Henley, left, and Mike Beisner, right.

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