

Our President, **Neil Lantz**



Thanks Curtis and Welcome Jon

My memories of September 2001 are bittersweet. As all Americans, I will forever remember the tragedy of 9/11. In contrast to that sad remembrance, however, that time was the first opportunity for Sara Lou and me to meet and enjoy the newest member of the Four Freshmen, Curtis Calderon. We were excited, as always, to hear the Freshmen and to learn more about their new young baritone singer and trumpet player extraordinaire from San Antonio, Texas. Along with the guys, we had sailed out of New York City two days before 9/11 on a New England/Canadian cruise.

Obviously, the tragic events of 9/11 cast a pall over the ship in the days that followed, but the chance to enjoy our favorite vocal jazz group served as a welcomed relief to the otherwise disheartening experience. Curtis blended nicely into the legendary Freshmen sound along with Bob Ferreira, Brian Eichenberger, and Vince Johnson. And, of course, his wonderful trumpet and flugelhorn techniques were extraordinary.

But time passes. By the time you read this, Curtis will have opted to come off the road and will have played his last gig as a member of Freshmen Group #24. He has made a difficult, but commendable, decision to stay at home with his wife and growing family in San Antonio. As much as he will be missed by the Society, he is to be congratulated. The life of a musician on the road is not an easy one, and we salute Curtis for the decision he has reached. We thank him for his fifteen years with the Four Freshmen, and we wish him many happy and rewarding years ahead. Hopefully, he'll remain in close touch with Group #25 and with his countless friends as a Lifetime Member of the Four Freshmen Society.

On behalf of the Society, I'd also like to welcome the newest member of the Four Freshmen, Jon Gaines. Jon is a 2014 graduate from the New England Conservatory of Music where he studied classical trumpet and jazz improvisation, along with several years of voice and piano lessons. Bob, Stein, and Tommy are excited to be joined by Jon as Group #25. They will be rehearsing from January 8th to 18th in Des Moines, Iowa in preparation for their first show at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana on January 19th. Congratulations Jon, and we look forward to your association as the freshest member of the Four Freshmen and your new relationship with the Four Freshmen Society.

The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

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

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

January 19, 2017

Pruis Hall Ball State University, 2000 W. University Ave.

Show time: 7:30p

Muncie, IN

Tickets: 765-285-1539

January 21, 2017

NightTown, 12387 Cedar Rd.

Show times: 5:00p and 7:00p

Cleveland, OH

Tickets: 216-795-0550

February 10-11, 2017

Dirty Dog Jazz Café, 97 Kercheval Ave.

Show times: 6:00p and 8:30p

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Tickets: 313-882-5299

February 25, 2017

Younts Center for the Performing Arts, 315 N Main St.

Show time: 4:00p

Fountain Inn, SC

Tickets: 864-409-1050

March 10, 2017

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 North Pima Rd.

Show time: 7:30p

Scottsdale, AZ

Tickets: 480-303-2474

March 11, 2017

Moonlight Amphitheatre, 1200 Vale Terrace Dr.

Show times: 2:00p and 8:00p

Vista, CA

Tickets: 760-724-2110

March 12 2017

The Gallo Center for the Arts, 1000 I St.

Show Time: 2:00p

Modesto, CA

Tickets: 1-877-488-3380

March 13, 2017

The State Theatre for the Arts, 333 Oak St.

Show time: 7:30p

Red Bluff, CA

Tickets: 530-529-2787

March 19, 2017

Homestead Community Concerts, South Dade High School
28401 SW 167th Ave.

Show time: 2:30p

Homestead, FL

Tickets: 305-230-6690

March 25, 2017

Saddleback College McKinney Theatre, 28000 Marguerite Pkwy.

Show time: 7:00p

Mission Viejo, CA

Tickets: 949-582-4656

April 19, 2017

Community Arts Center, 220 W Fourth St.

Show time: 7:30p

Williamsport, PA

Tickets: 1-800-432-9382

April 21, 2017

Jabez Sanford Hardin Performing Arts Center

7022 Evans Town Center Blvd.

Show time: 7:30p

Evans, GA

Tickets: 706-726-0366

April 22, 2017

TBA, 7022 Evans Town Center Blvd.

Show time: TBA

This is a Members Only event for the Jazz Lovers Club

The Villages, FL

Tickets: TBA

April 23, 2017

Glenridge Performing Arts Center, 7333 Scotland Way

Show time: 2:00p

Sarasota, FL

Tickets: 941-552-5325