

# Our President, **Neil Lantz**



## ***WHAT a RECORD!***

I'm confident that most, if not all faithful fans of the Four Freshmen realize that 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of our favorite vocal jazz group. It's especially significant that the 25 Freshmen groups have appeared without interruption across the country and around the world for seven decades! That wonderful musical history began with the first professional gig by Group #1 the week of September 20th at the 113 Club in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It continues this spring with performances by Group #25 in Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, and Washington. Be sure to stay up with their current schedule as listed in this and every issue of Fresh news.

After the 113 Club gig, Group #1, Ross and Don Barbour, Bob Flanigan, and Hal Kratzsch, remained intact for more than five years before the first personnel change when Hal retired from the group. Group #2 performed until 1956 and continued to gain momentum and recognition in the jazz world. Over their 70 year history Freshmen members have come and gone. It's truly some kind of record, however, that in that time, only 26 guys have performed with the group! And now we're joyfully saluting Group #25, Bob Ferreira, Stein Malvey, Tommy Boynton, and Jon Gaines as they continue the wonderful harmonic legacy that began so many years ago.

A few statistics are certainly noteworthy. Founding members Bob and Ross remained with the group(s) for 44 and 29 years, respectively, and original member Don for 12. Double digit tenure in the groups over the years was maintained by several others: Ken Albers for 22 years, Brian Eichenberger for 18, Autie Goodman and Curtis Calderon for 14 each, Bill Comstock and Vince Johnson for 13 years each. And, of course, last year we celebrated Bob Ferreira's 25th uninterrupted year as a Freshman. Since the 1948 beginning, these ten guys, along with sixteen other great Freshmen musicians have entertained thousands of appreciative audiences from coast to coast and across the ponds. What a great record!

So this year, the Freshmen and hundreds of their most faithful fans will be "Back home Again in Indiana," the state where it all began. The 31st annual convention of the Society promises to be another great one, October 18-20 in South Bend; and I hope you're planning to be there to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the wonderful Four Freshmen.

## **The Four Freshmen...On the Road!**

Check the Website: [fourfreshmensociety.com](http://fourfreshmensociety.com) or [fourfreshmen.com](http://fourfreshmen.com) for updates

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

### **January 11, 2018**

### **Clover, SC**

Clover School District Auditorium, 1625 Highway 55 East

Show time: 8:00p

Tickets: 803-222-8018

### **January 28, 2018**

### **Malibu, CA**

Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts - Smothers Theatre,

Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway

Show time: 3:00p

Tickets: 310-506-4522

### **March 11, 2018**

### **Cerritos, CA**

Cerrito Center for the Performing Arts, Tribute to Glenn Miller and Tex Beneke  
12700 Center Court Dr.

Show time: 3:00p

Tickets: 1-800-300-4345

### **March 13, 2018**

### **Green Valley, AZ**

Green Valley Recreation, 1070 S Calle De Las Casitas

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 520-625-0288

### **March 18, 2018**

### **Palm Desert, CA**

McCallum Theater, Tribute to Glenn Miller and Tex Beneke,

73000 Fred Waring Dr.

Show time: 3:00p

Tickets: 760-340-2787

### **April 11, 2018**

### **Fort Lauderdale, FL**

Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Ave.

Show time: TBA

Series Tickets on sale May 2017

### **April 15, 2018**

### **Sarasota, FL**

Glenridge Performing Arts Center, 7333 Scotland Way

Show time: 2:00p

Tickets: 941-552-5325

### **April 27, 2018**

### **Greenville, TX**

Greenville Municipal Auditorium, 2821 Washington St.

Show time: TBA

### **April 29, 2018**

### **Ponca City, OK**

Ponca Theater, 104 East Grand Ave.

Show time: 2:30p

Box Office: 580-304-5261

Series Membership Required

### **April 30, 2018**

### **Terrell, TX**

Terrell ISD Performing Arts Center, 400 Poetry Rd.

Show time: 7:00p

Box Office: 972-563-5703

### **May 1, 2018**

### **Midland, TX**

Wagner Noel Performing Arts, 1310 North FM1788

Show time: 7:00p

Box Office: TBA

### **May 3, 2018**

### **Pasco, WA**

Faith Assembly Auditorium, 1800 N Road 72

Show time: 7:30p

Box Office: 509-205-5848 or 509-547-6243

### **May 5, 2018**

### **Everett, WA**

Everett Civic Auditorium, 2415 Colby Ave.

Show time: 2:00p

Box Office: TBA

Season Ticket Membership Only

### **May 11, 2018**

### **Rancho Santa Fe, CA**

Village Church, 6225 Paseo Delicias

Show time: 7:00p

Box Office: TBA

### **July 21, 2018**

### **Petoskey, MI**

Jazz at Waloon

Details: TBA

### **August 10-11, 2018**

### **Las Vegas, NV**

South Point Hotel & Casino, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd South

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 702 796 7111