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**REMEMBER
THE DATE:**

Bay City

June 8-10, 2022



*We're
waiting
for you.*

RIVER CRUISES



NAVAL SHIP MUSEUM



PLANETARIUM

Registration opens February 15, 2022.
Please consider registering online at: FFS2022.com

Our President, **Donna Gallaway**



BELATED HOLIDAY GREETINGS FRESH FANS!

I hope you all had an opportunity to spend some quality time with friends and family during the past two months. The threat of the virus is still hanging on, but the availability of the vaccine and its effects have been encouraging.

On a sad note, I must inform you of the loss of an Emeritus member of our FFS Board of Directors, Dick Baldwin. Dick passed in early December in Buffalo, New York. He was a huge fan of The Four



Freshmen and enjoyed playing all of their records as a disc jockey on the radio in his younger days. Dick served on our Board for many years and will be remembered for starting a very popular event at conventions we call **Fresh Talk**, where we hear former and current Freshmen tell us about their experiences. We thank Dick for all the memories he has contributed to our FFS events.

As we start a new year, the great news is that The Four Freshmen have been able to get back on the stage and show their stuff to live audiences again. It was reassuring to hear the excitement in Bob Ferriera's voice during a recent phone conversation. The Four Freshmen had done a Christmas show in Texas the night before and were enjoying a free day before performing again the next night. **(continued on page 9)**

Bay City Will Still Be Ready

by Jim Williams

The uncertainty of the COVID 19 virus has caused the postponement of our 2021 Convention to June 8-10, 2022. Everything will be transitioned without much disruption. One thing for sure, having to continue to wait to hear our beloved Four Freshmen should heighten our anticipation and make the Convention more enjoyable as we break our fast. The tours have changed, and the hotel is just as anxious to host us. We will have the hotel almost entirely to ourselves. (see article elsewhere in this issue) The biggest change again will be the shift from a Thursday – Saturday Convention to Wednesday – Friday. Bay City is a weekend tourist destination during the summer, resulting in virtually all Saturday nights being booked for 2022.

The Michigan weather should be delightful in early June. One of the advantages to a small town is proximity. The DoubleTree Hotel, being on the Saginaw River in the downtown, encourages you to explore both the River Walk and a stroll through the downtown. There are over 20 restaurants and pubs within easy walking distance of the hotel, ranging from Jimmy Johns, and an Omelet Shop to fine dining with a variety of choices in between. Three blocks from the hotel is a full block of antique stores, including Michigan's largest antique store.



Bring a light jacket, a hearty appetite, and of course a desire to once again, hear our favorite vocal group, The Four Freshmen. Until then, stay home, stay safe and stay healthy. See you in June.

Please consider registering for the Convention online at ffs2022.com

Meet Me in Bay City

by Gil Peterson

Greetings to all FFS members and friends.

I know we are all fully aware that the last couple of years have been extremely difficult for everyone. However, I believe I can see a light at the end of the tunnel. If I am correct, I can think of no better way to celebrate the ending of this ordeal than to all gather in Bay City for the 2022 FFS Convention to meet with old friends, make new friends and share the common love affair we have for the fabulous iconic sounds of The Four Freshmen. Can it get any better than that? I don't think so.

Our hosts, Jim and Linda Williams have some very special treats awaiting us there. The tours sound extremely interesting. Jim and Linda also have some unique musical encounters lined up as well. They have done a wonderful job of preparing for this convention. The 2022 convention will be slightly different from conventions in the past due to hotel scheduling. Activities will be scheduled Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Other than that, everything else will primarily be the same. All the registration information is in this issue of **Fresh News**. Plan ahead and register early.

As many of you know, The Four Freshmen are making plans for a new CD. David Bentley informed me that the group will be returning to Connecticut in early January to continue with the primary planning process prior to recording. **(continued on page 9)**

Take a Break and Relax at

BAY CITY

Have you ever visited a new place and felt 'wow' about it? For many visitors, it happens at Bay City.

Bay City may not be as popular as other cities in the United States, but don't let that fool you. Bay City is a smaller but beautiful upcoming tourist destination that is worth a visit. You will be surprised by some of the unique things to do and places you can explore while at the Convention.

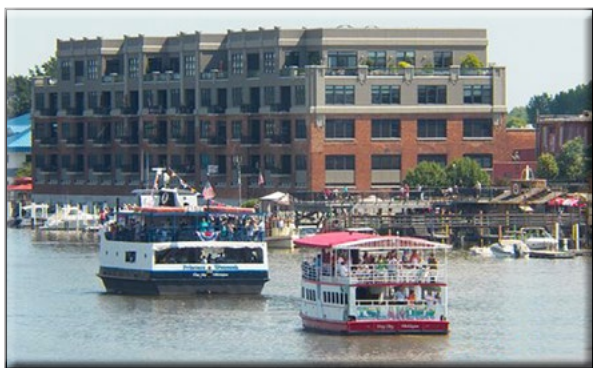
Many folks that have spent a few hours, or a few days, of a side trip here while traveling to Ann Arbor, Detroit, or Mackinac Island have wished to revisit someday, to take a break and relax at Bay City.

Bay City is one of the tri-cities that make up the Mid-Michigan region, along with Saginaw and Midland. Saginaw was known as an automotive town that hosts two of the world's largest foundries, which provided raw materials for a number of war efforts. Midland is home to Dow Chemical. Bay City, which sits at the mouth of the Saginaw River, was at the heart of Michigan's lumber industry. Lumber baron homes still line blocks of Center Avenue.

If you are not sure if Bay City should be included in your Convention plans, you will be pleasantly surprised when you do so. As is not often the case in other convention cities, everything in Bay City is laid back, casually paced and centrally located.

Within a few blocks of the DoubleTree Hotel are specialty shops, pubs, restaurants and one of Michigan's largest antique malls. The DoubleTree Hotel sits adjacent to the Saginaw River providing the opportunity for a leisurely stroll along the River Walk which lines both banks of the river that divides the city. Be sure to include in your visit one of the three tours.

Most importantly, The Four Freshmen will be here. Make plans to join them.



Both the Frankenmuth and Dow Gardens tours include 25 – 30 minute bus rides and some walking, but they are both worth it. Frankenmuth is one of the top tourist attractions in the Midwest. Dow Gardens and a stroll along the canopy in early June should be spectacular. A piece of pie from Grand Traverse is probably worth the trip alone. For those of you who would like to spend less time and/or avoid a bus trip and walking, we are offering a presentation at the Delta College Planetarium directly across the street from the hotel. More detailed information regarding the tours can be found below.

Frankenmuth – Bronner's Christmas Wonderland City Tour and Lunch • Thursday, June 9th, 2022

This morning we depart Bay City 8:30 AM and head to Frankenmuth, Michigan's Little Bavaria. We arrive to shop Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store with over 50,000 trims and gifts for all your holiday needs. While at Bronner's, you can view the replica of the Silent Night Memorial Chapel and spend a memorable moment singing *Silent Night*, the world's favorite Christmas carol.

Back in the heart of downtown we will pick up our step-on guide as we enjoy a city tour of Frankenmuth.

At the Bavarian Inn Restaurant, we take time out to enjoy a world-famous chicken luncheon. Your signature lunch includes homemade bread, cole slaw, three pieces of fresh, plump, tender chicken served with mashed potatoes, gravy and baked dressing! Chef's choice dessert and beverage included.

Afterwards, you will have time to take in the old-world charm and hospitality that has made Frankenmuth the number one tourist attraction of the Midwest. Take a stroll on Main Street to shop in the unique stores or enjoy the short walk for additional charming and colorful shopping at the Frankenmuth River Place Shops. Not interested in shopping? There are plenty of places to enjoy wine tasting, indulge in a German beer or people-watching from a park bench.

You will return to the DoubleTree Hotel at approximately 3:30 PM
Price per person \$55 INCLUDES

- Round trip Motor Coach Transportation
- Shopping time at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland
- City tour of Frankenmuth
- Signature Chicken Lunch at Bavarian Inn Restaurant
- Free time downtown Frankenmuth

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How I Met The Four Freshmen

Linda Harrison
South Palm Beach, Florida

My high school boyfriend introduced me to The Four Freshmen when I was a senior (1959) and he was a college freshman studying music at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. What romantic songs for "falling in love!"

I saw the group later (without that boyfriend) at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa along with the Stan Kenton Orchestra. Then I moved to Ames for college and didn't really keep up with them — life moved on.

It really wasn't until I saw them at the West Palm Beach Kravis Center for the Arts that my interest was renewed. We met Barbara and Charlie Dana, who were enthusiastic fans, and they encouraged us to support the group by selling CDs at select performances, starting in Fort Lauderdale. Greg and I decided to go to the Atlanta Convention in 2009. On the very last day of that convention, we shared a breakfast table with Marlene Lobsiger and Dave Blackwell, and we have been good friends since that time.

When Marlene and Dave produced the Fort Wayne Convention, we helped with little jobs at the venue and got to know many of the Fort Wayne fans, which we continue to look forward to seeing at subsequent conventions. What continues to amaze me at our conventions is the level of musical knowledge and performance experience of the people who attend.

Because our business is located in the neighboring town of Brentwood, Tennessee, we were able to support a couple of performances in the historic Franklin Theater and, in fact, were there the night they recorded *Live at the Franklin*.

Since I have been involved in publishing (for veterinary medicine), I wanted to support the group through print materials, and over the years I produced a membership card, three calendars with The Four Freshmen history identified on specific days, and playbills starting with Group 22.
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2022 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6/8

8:00am – 6:00pm RegistrationGrand Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm 113 ClubWheeler
10:00am – 2:00pm ... FF Music FoundationSalon A
2:30pm – 4:00pm WannabesDavidson
3:00pm – 5:00pm FF Society Board.....Salon B
7:00pm – 11:00pm ... Cash BarGrand Ballroom
7:00pm – 11:00pm ... Jam SessionGrand Ballroom

Thursday 6/9

8:00am – 6:00pm RegistrationGrand Foyer
8:30am – 3:30pm Tour #1 (Frankenmuth)Grand Foyer
9:15am – 2:15pm Tour #2 (Dow Gardens).....Grand Foyer
10:30am – 12:30pm . Tour #3 (Planetarium)Grand Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm 113 ClubWheeler
2:30pm – 4:00pm WannabesDavidson
5:30pm – 6:30pm Meet and GreetGrand Foyer
5:30pm – 11:00pm ... Cash BarGrand Ballroom
6:30pm – 11:00pm ... Dinner and ConcertGrand Ballroom

Friday 6/10

9:00am – 4:00pm 113 ClubWheeler
9:00am – 10:00am.... State RepresentativesDavidson
10:00am – 11:00am.. General MeetingDavidson
1:00pm – 2:30pm FF MemoriesDavidson
2:30pm – 4:00pm WannabesDavidson
2:30pm – 4:00pm Convention Co-ordination
Boardroom
5:30pm – 6:30pm Meet and Greet
Grand Foyer
5:30pm – 11:00pm ... Cash Bar
Grand Ballroom
6:30pm – 11:00pm ... Dinner and Concert
Grand Ballroom
11:00pm – ??? Afterglow
Grand Foyer

**Order your commemorative
shirts before they are sold out!**

Please consider registering for the Convention online at ffs2022.com

2022 FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(This information gives further details regarding the Registration Form)

*Hi Everyone,
I want to make sure you have read that the Registration for Convention will start February 15.
We were a little late getting the newsletter out and I want everyone to have a chance for those close tables.
Barb Meyers, FreshNews Editor*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration begins February 15, 2022. You may register online at [FFS2022.com](https://ffs2022.com) or register by mail and pay by check or credit card using the registration form provided. Please provide all requested information including preferred first **and** last names (for name badges).

TABLE ASSIGNMENTS: Please provide all names of others you want seated at your table. Encourage your preferred tablemates to mail or create online their registrations early. **Seating will be arranged by postmark date or online registration date of the last member in your party. MULTIPLE REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED ON THE SAME DATE WILL BE SELECTED BY A LOTTERY.**

HOTEL INFORMATION: We recommend you make your hotel reservations early (even before February). Rooms at the DoubleTree by Hilton will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Rates for the convention are guaranteed at \$129 plus tax per night for Riverfront view or \$119 plus tax for city view. Please specify two queen beds or a king bed. These rates will be available also for three days before and three days after the convention dates of June 8-10, 2022.

TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM: Call DoubleTree reservations at 989-891-6000. Be sure to mention The Four Freshmen Society Group rate.

COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS: The shirts are light blue collared golf style in Ladies' and Men's sizes with our 2022 convention logo embroidered on the upper left chest. They are made by Port Authority. Please order shirts with your registration as shirts will NOT be available for purchase at the convention.

JAM SESSION (MEMBERS' TALENT NIGHT): A great evening of jazz. A talented local jazz group will accompany the evening's festivities as past and current Freshmen and convention attendees perform. Please indicate your song, key, and instrument on the registration form so that the group will be prepared to accompany your song.

TOURS:

Thursday, June 9, **Tour #1** (\$55/person) embarks from the hotel at 8:30 AM by bus for the Village of Frankenmuth including Bronner's Christmas store with lunch at the Bavarian Inn.

Thursday, June 9 **Tour #2** (\$58/person) embarks from the hotel at 9:15 AM for the city of Midland, home of Dow Chemical. The group will tour Dow Gardens and the Canopy Walk. Lunch will be at the Grand Traverse Pie Restaurant.

Thursday, June 9, **Tour #3** (\$30/person) leaves the hotel at 9:45 AM for a short walk to the Delta College Planetarium. Lunch will be catered by a local deli.

MENU VARIATIONS: Please specify whether you require vegetarian or other specifics for lunch or evening meals.

REGISTRATION FEES: Early registration, prior to April 15, is encouraged and must be accompanied by payment. Every effort will be made to accommodate late registrations, but priority dinner seating cannot be guaranteed.

PAYMENT SUMMARY: Please complete all information on the Registration Form and forward your payments. You may pay by check or credit card. Only **MEMBERS** of the Four Freshmen Society may attend this convention. Non-members will be able to join the FFS for \$15 (single or couple - please indicate). Feel free to duplicate the registration form for your non-member friends who may be interested in attending the convention.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL: There is a free shuttle to and from the MBS International Airport. Rental cars and taxi service are also available at the airport.

HOTEL PARKING: Parking at the hotel is complimentary.

Beginning February 15, 2022 you may register online at: [FFS2022.com](https://ffs2022.com)

Form 01/07/2020

2022 FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY CONVENTION
Bay City MI June 8 - 10, 2022

Mail form to: FFS
6900 Hunters Knl
Atlanta GA 30328-1763
QUESTIONS? 717-377-6012

PLEASE PRINT

NAME(S) _____
(First Name) (Last Name) (First name) (Last Name)

ADDRESS _____ Phone# _____
_____ Email _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

COMMEMORATIVE SHIRT: \$35 EACH (shirts will not be available for purchase at the convention).
Enter NUMBER of shirts wanted by size and gender

MEN (____small) (____med) (____large) (____XL) (____XXL) ____XXXL)

WOMEN (____small) (____med) (____large) (____XL) (____XXL)

MENU SELECTIONS: Do you need vegetarian or otherwise special meals? How Many? Friday _____ Saturday _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Have you made your DoubleTree hotel reservation? Yes _____ No _____
Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, MI 989 891 6000

Rates are \$129/night and \$119/night depending on view including breakfast prior to the Thursday tours.
Rates apply three days before and/or three days after convention date (if rooms are available). Complimentary Parking.

(See Registration Information in FreshNews or on the ffs2022.com website for hotel reservation procedure)

REGISTRATION FEE: POSTMARKED (or online) FEBRUARY 15 to APRIL 15 2022 - \$205 per person
POSTMARKED (or online) after April 15 2022 - \$225 per person

Cancellations: -- Cancellations with full refund before April 15, 2022. Cancellations from April 15 to
May 1 will incur a \$25 processing fee. NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 1, 2022

TABLE SEATING: Tables of eight. List names of those you want at your table SEATING IS
ARRANGED BY REGISTRATION POSTMARK or ONLINE DATE OF LAST MEMBER IN YOUR
PARTY. MULTIPLE REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED ON THE SAME DATE WILL BE SELECTED
BY LOTTERY.

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

TOURS: Tours will be on Thursday, June 9th.

Tour #1 Frankenmuth Village \$55 _____ (limited, reserve early)
Tour #2 Dow Gardens \$58 _____ (limited, reserve early)
Tour #3 Delta Planetarium \$30 _____

JAM SESSION: Plan to perform at the Wednesday 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 by
April 15th so we can be ready for you.

PAYMENT SUMMARY

REGISTRATION: \$205 (or \$225 after April 15th) _____ people @ _____ each = _____
Add \$6/person if paying by credit card _____ people @ \$6 each = _____
COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS: Men's _____ Ladies' _____ @ \$35 each = _____
TOURS: Tour #1 Frankenmuth Village _____ @ \$55 each = _____
Tour #2 Dow Gardens _____ @ \$58 each = _____
Tour #3 Delta College Planetarium _____ @ \$30 each = _____

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: Four Freshmen Society Membership Fee: \$15= _____
(\$15 fee applies to couple or single) Check one: Couple _____ Single _____
Name if different from above. TOTAL = _____

If paying by check, please make payable to **FFS** Check No: _____

If paying by credit card, please fill out the rest of the form:

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Item	Cost	QTY	Total
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50 Years Fresh	\$15.00		
Capitol Collector Series	\$15.00		
Culmination - Greg Stegeman (*)	\$15.00		
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Four Freshmen and Friends LP	\$20.00		
"Now You Know" (Leather Bound Book)	\$100.00		
Book is \$120 for orders outside US			

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 and LPs, \$20 for "Now You Know" book

Total

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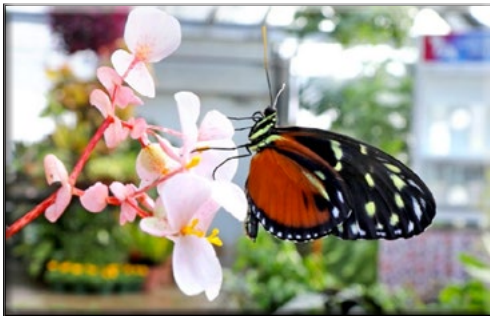
In 1979, the Airmen of Note under the direction of Dave Steinmeyer had a concert at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. They had, as their guests, The Four Freshmen (group 6). That concert was preserved from the sound board by Dave Barnes. It was then cleaned up by Paul Halac. The result was a "new" CD of the Four Freshmen Live at Constitution Hall in 1979, backed by the Airmen of Note, the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force. The Music Mart has embarked on a plan to find and release these rare recordings, particularly in years when there is no new CD from the Freshmen themselves. While the Society has done this in the past, we will now try to be more aggressive in this endeavor. We hope to have a "new" CD ready for each convention. We hope you enjoy this new material. Barbara Emerson

Holiday Greetings (continued from page 2)

Bob said he was thrilled to see and hear how smoothly Ryan has moved into singing the first part and Tommy has then shifted to the second part. As they prepare to start recording the new CD, they have learned many new songs and brought back some of the old favorites into the book.

Bob said at the Christmas show "We killed it!" Of course, meaning it was fantastic, and they had a great time doing it.

If you have Facebook or Youtube, you can hear some of their rehearsal time that has been posted as well as some stage time a fan posted, but nothing beats the real live thing. That is only a taste of what you can experience in Bay City in June. Yes folks, we are finally going to be able to gather again as the FFS family in just a few months in Michigan. What a celebration we will have! You will not want to miss this one, my friends. So fill out the registration form in this issue and plan to join us for an unforgettable experience of all things Fresh! Great memories and historic fun along with fantastic music guaranteed!



Meet Me In Bay City

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When everything is in place, the four voices will be added over the pre-cut instrumental tracks. Dave says if everything continues along smoothly, the goal is to have the new CD available for the 2022 convention. Very cool!!!!

As a side note, none of the songs to be recorded have ever been recorded before by The Four Freshmen. Obviously, we are all looking forward to the finished product.

I was fortunate enough to have The Four Freshmen here in Oregon this past June for two concerts. I can speak with first-hand knowledge, you do not want to miss the opportunity to see and hear Group 27. Therefore, do yourself a big favor and **MEET ME IN BAY CITY.**



Bay City Tours (continued from page 3)

Dow Gardens – Traverse City Pie Company

Thursday, June 9th, 2022

This morning we depart Bay City 9:15 AM and head to Midland to visit the award winning Dow Gardens where we enjoy a guided tour. Enjoy the magnificent colors of the season where there are over 100 acres of flowers, shrubs, ponds and trees in a relaxing pastoral setting. Follow the paved curving paths as you meander past a waterfall, beside a winding brook and over bridges. Be sure not to miss the Conservatory with lush tropical orchids and seasonal displays. You may even find the young-at-heart exploring a tree house.

We then take the short drive (or you can walk) to the visitor center located at the former Whiting Forest. Guests of all ages and abilities will become immersed in the forest on the longest canopy walk in America. The canopy walk stretches 1,400 feet long (just over ¼ mile) and soars 40 feet above the lush forest and apple orchard.

It's then time to head to a Michigan favorite for lunch at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. Make yourself at home in the warm and welcoming atmosphere as you enjoy a full deli sandwich, chips, beverage, and of course a slice of pie!

You will return to the DoubleTree Hotel at approximately 2:15 PM

Price per person \$58 INCLUDES

- Round trip Motor Coach Transportation
- Guided Tour of Dow Gardens
- Free time to explore the Canopy Walk
- Deli lunch at Grand Traverse Pie Company

Bay City – Delta College Planetarium – Box Lunch

Thursday, June 9th, 2022

This morning you will take the short walk from the hotel to the Delta College Planetarium arriving at 10:00 AM. The Delta College Planetarium was designed around metaphors of space and exploration! The sun is the center of our solar system and the exterior colors are red and orange to represent the true colors of the sun's gases. The planetarium is certainly one of the most unique and significant buildings in downtown Bay City and has won significant awards from the American Institute of Architects!

Upon arrival in the theatre you will learn many more facts on the design and architectural elements before the main event entitled *From Earth to the Universe*. An immersive grand tour of the universe, this show starts with the splendor of the various worlds in the solar system and the ferocity of the scorching Sun. The program then leaves our home to take the audience out to the colorful birthplaces and burial grounds of stars, and still further out, beyond the Milky Way, to the unimaginable immensity of countless galaxies. Along the way, you will learn about famous astronomers, the invention of the telescope, and today's giant telescopes that allow us to probe ever deeper into the Universe.

After the amazing show you will have a box lunch provided at approximately 11:30 AM

You will return to the DoubleTree Hotel at your leisure, leaving you ample time to discover the waterfront and unique shops located downtown.

Price per person \$30 INCLUDES

- Delta College Planetarium facility tour
- Planetarium show - *From Earth to the Universe*
- Boxed deli-style lunch

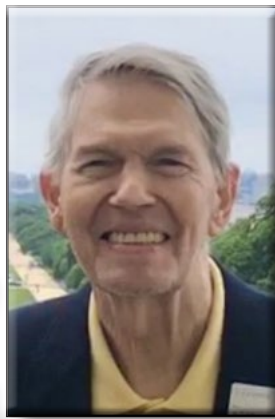
Good bye to a Great Friend, Bob Solheim

by Barb Meyers

We lost another long time member of the Four Freshmen Society. Bob loved The Four Freshmen and big band jazz. It's hard to write a small article about someone who was a friend to everyone. There are so many stories from all of us it would be impossible to tell them all.

Mel and I were lucky enough to call him our friend. We were all living in Tucson at the time we met him. He talked Mel into becoming the Arizona Rep, and although we were members, that put us on the path of getting more involved.

He eventually left Arizona to be closer to his kids and grandchildren. He slowly was unable to come to conventions. Bob sent me many pictures that I might be able to use in the *Fresh News*. However he didn't tell me who a lot of them were. This one I knew.



Terrific in Tennessee

by David Mehl

The Four Freshmen, Group 27, presented a concert to a large, enthusiastic audience in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee on October 21, 2021.

When you think of the words "exceptional blend" your first thought might be the advertisements for your favorite whiskey or coffee.....until you hear Group 27. After you do, they will be the first thing you think of exemplifying "exceptional blend."

I have been a devoted fan of the guys since 1948. (Yes, I know—I'm old.) In all of that time, and many concerts, albums and youtube presentations later, I have never been more emotionally moved as I was during the concert on October 21.

The guys were simply terrific! Group 27 has an exceptional blend. Very smooth. The four voices combine to create the epitome of the "Freshmen sound" that we all love so much. It blew me away!

As a long time trumpet player, I was anxious to hear Jake Baldwin. Wow! He can play! I think Jake has more control of his instrument than any other trumpeter I have heard. He can do it all, seemingly effortlessly. His solos were very tasty yet reflective of his excellent technical expertise. You will love Jake.

Bob Ferreira was at his best as the emcee. He warmed the audience with his charm, humor and knowledge.

The guys were having a good time and it was reflected on the audience.

The venue was great. Lawrenceburg's art deco Crockett Theatre was built in 1950, and is one of the few theatres from this era still operating in the United States. It is listed on the National Historic Registry.

I had the opportunity before the concert to talk with about 30 people in the audience and not one had ever heard The Four Freshmen. I was glad when Bob invited them to join the society.

The concert was 90 minutes with no intermission. It kicked off with *Day In, Day Out* and was full of wonderful Freshmen "standards" and some new things including some great solos by Tommy, Ryan, Jake and Bob. It ended with a rousing version of *Route 66* and an encore of *Graduation Day*.

I urge you to go hear them. We drove four hours each way. It was worth it. The future looks very bright for this group. I can't say enough about how much Diane and I enjoyed hearing the guys.



Please consider registering for the Convention online at ffs2022.com

How I Met The Four Freshmen

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When our 50th wedding anniversary was approaching in 2013, we engaged Group 22 to entertain our dinner guests in The Royal Room at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach. It was very special as I had anticipated!

Although many of us have developed personal relationships with some of the members, what we keep coming back for is "The Sound." And for many of us, that started in our youth with memories of our first love and a sense of high expectations for the future.

START MAKING PLANS FOR

**2022 Four Freshmen
Society
Convention**



BAY CITY, MI.

JUNE 8 - 10, 2022

Registration opens February 15, 2022.
Please consider registering online at:
FFS2022.com

The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

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

For bookings: International Ventures Incorporated

Dina Sheets-Roth

P.O. Box 256, McGregor, TX 76657

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

Due to the current health restrictions, please be sure to keep up with the status of concerts online at fourfreshmensociety.com.

January 23, 2022

Malibu, CA

Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts, 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy

Show time: 2:00p

Tickets: 310-506-4522

January 25, 2022

Avon Park, FL

Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts, 600 W College Dr

Show time: 1:30p

Tickets: 863-784-717, 11:30a-2:30p

January 27, 2022

Boca Grande, FL

Friends of Boca Grande Community Center, 131 First Street W

Show times: 5:00p & 8:00p

Tickets: 941-964-0827

February 17, 2022

Scottsdale, AZ

ASU Cultural Center, 6110 North Scottsdale Rd

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 480-596-2660

February 19, 2022

Coolidge, AZ

Central Arizona College, 5470 N. Overfield Rd

Show time: 2:00p

Tickets: 520-477-SHOW

April 3, 2022

La Mirada, CA

La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Blvd

Show time: 2:00p

Tickets: 714-994-6310 / 562-944-9801

June 4-5, 2022

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

The Dirty Dog Cafe, 97 Kercheval Ave

Show times: TBA

Reservations: 313-882-5299

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FFS Members only

DoubleTree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Place

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December 31, 2022

Spring, TX

Venue: The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr

Show time: 8:00p

Tickets: 281-440-4850



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