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2022 Reflections and Looking Ahead to 2023

By Gil Peterson

My hope for each of you is that you had a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season with family and friends and that 2023 will bring you much success and happiness. 2022 had a lot of ups and downs and I hope the ups exceeded the downs for you. One of the highlights for the FFS in 2022 was the fact that we had a very successful convention in Bay City, MI. Jim and Linda Williams did a masterful job as Co-Chairs of the convention. They had to overcome many obstacles to make it all happen and they did an outstanding job. The FFS owes you both many accolades. I, on behalf of the FFS, extend to you many thanks for your tenacity and dedication. GREAT CONVENTION!!!!

I know it is almost impossible to believe, but 2023 represents the 75th anniversary of The Four Freshmen. Historically, no other musical group has ever come close to continually performing for that length of time. I don't know if you have heard group 27, but if you haven't, do yourself a favor and see them if they happen to be performing anywhere near you.

As I am sure you are all aware by now, our 2023 convention celebrating this miraculous 75th anniversary is going to be held in Fort Wayne. David Blackwell and Marlene Lobsiger are Chairing this convention. A huge celebration is being planned and this is one convention you absolutely do not want to miss. All the information is in this issue of the Fresh News. I suggest you register as soon as registration opens on February 1, 2023. I can assure you that this is going to be a spectacular musical extravaganza.

I am looking forward with great expectations to seeing you all in Fort Wayne.

Happy New Year to you all.

Tribute To Mel

by Gil Peterson

On July 30th, the FFS lost a giant of a friend and dedicated supporter. As most of you know, Mel Meyers was our President and Chairman of the Board for many years. Mel was not one to ever seek the limelight or accolades, but when things needed to be done, in his own quiet way he was always there for us. Frankly, I don't really have the vocabulary to truly honor the remarkable man Mel was. All I can say is that we were very fortunate to have experienced his leadership skills. We will never forget him and he will always be a guiding light for us to follow. If we could all simply follow in his footsteps, what a wonderful world this would be.

May God bless your family, Mel, with the knowledge of how much you were truly loved and appreciated.

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Looking back on 2022, it was a very good year. We enjoyed a successful convention or reunion in September when we were finally able to gather as the Freshmen family once again and experience live music from our favorite vocal group. It was so nice to catch up with all of you and to get to know some new Fresh fans.

I was very happy to attend the Toledo, Ohio show that was dedicated to a former FFS President, Mel Meyers. It was a great show with The Four Freshmen accompanied by five trombones played by masters of the instrument.

Now as we shift gears and prepare for a terrific celebration of the 75th anniversary of The Four Freshmen, excitement is building. This event in Ft. Wayne, Indiana must be on your calendar, or perhaps as a part of your own bucket list. Marlene and Dave are pulling out all the stops to make it a truly memorable experience for us and the Freshmen. Get ready to register in February. You do not want to be full of regret by passing up this wonderful opportunity to share in a very special time with FFS and the four guys who thrill us every time we see and hear them perform.

I have just returned from a week of mission work as I write this, which always makes me full of gratitude for all the many blessings I have enjoyed. I hope you all have had some time to reflect and be thankful as we move into 2023 with a *Fresh* start. Let's make it a year to remember as we celebrate 75 and honor those who are and were able to call themselves Four Freshmen.