

# A Christmas Concert at Shell Point, Ft. Meyers

By Barb Meyers

This will be the highlight of my Christmas. An awesome Christmas Concert by the Four Freshmen in the beautiful Tribby Arts Center in this beautiful Senior Living area. From what I could see it was sold out and everyone loved it.

I took my daughter, Michelle, and my good friend Carol Yard. We sat next to Alexis, Ryan's significant other, a very lovely young lady.

The lovely blonde you see in the photo to the right was the guys' bass player for this concert. She is a university student and very accomplished. You could see by the look on her face she was really enjoying playing for them.



# Gatherings

by Gil Peterson

Greetings to everyone. I hope your holidays were everything you wanted them to be and that 2025 will be the best year ever for each of you. Maybe in 2025 you will have the opportunity to attend one of the Gatherings near you. It will not take the place of our conventions, but you will have a chance to see and hear Group #27 as well as visit with other FFS members. My hope is that we will have more of these localized gatherings around the country.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Lynden Music Festival in September. This turned out to be a marvelous five day music

festival. Mark Schlichting, one of our FFS board members, was successful in bringing the Freshmen to the festival as the "headliners". Group #27 performed masterfully in several different venues during the week. One of the most impressive events was a workshop for over one hundred and fifty students. The students received the Freshmen royally.

The two concerts they performed at the fairgrounds were both sold out. There were a number of FFS members present.

The festival was extremely well planned and flawlessly executed.

Since we are not having conventions anymore, we need to have a whole bunch more of these around the country. Gatherings like this are not too difficult to put together and they are much less expensive for our members.

If any of you would like to have such an event like this in your area, there are many of us who would be available to assist you. All you have to do is ask.

Once again, I have high hopes for 2025. Best wishes to each of you and your families. Stay safe, stay healthy and I hope to see many of you next year.

***Best fresh wishes!***