

# Some Most Memorable Encounters

## Bill Huber's Memorable Encounter

In early September 2001, my wife, Angie, and I departed from the New York City harbor bound for Montreal, excited to be visiting New England and Canada, but even more thrilled to be sailing with the Four Freshmen. As we reached the southern tip of Manhattan, the sun glinted off the World Trade Center buildings. During the cruise we were treated to several performances by the Freshmen, including some private sessions open only to members of the Four Freshmen Society. Another special privilege was being seated at Bob Flanigan's table for each evening meal. Bob was a charming guy with endless stories of the Freshmen.

The photo shows Vince Johnson, Curtis Calderon, Bob Flanigan, Angie Huber, Brian Eichenberger, Bob Ferreira, and Bill Huber. The cruise was fantastic until after lunch at Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia on September 11. On returning to the ship, we learned of the multiple tragedies at the Pentagon, Shanksville, PA, and New York City. We would never again see the World Trade Center buildings.

Our next in-person visit with the Freshmen was at the 2006 Pittsburgh Convention. There we got to meet Ross Barbour, Greg Stegeman and Ray Brown, and renewed acquaintances with the Group #22 guys who were on the ill-fated 2001 cruise. The first page from my copy of *Now You Know* shows the autographs I collected there.



## Barb Meyers' Memorable Encounter

Mel and I were on the same cruise as Bill. We left New York Harbor four days before 9/11. The photo of the ship is our Holland /America ship waiting for us to board. We were in Nova Scotia when the attack happened. We were all devastated and wondering what next, and how will we get home. The Captain told us all planes were grounded and there was no way for us to get home and he would try to make the rest of the cruise as memorable as possible for us - and he did. Our last stop was Montreal and the planes started flying by then. All in all it was a ten-day cruise.

If any other FFS member was on that cruise and have thoughts, please send them to me and I will put them in the next *Fresh News*.

