

Our
President,
**Donna
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GREETINGS FFS MEMBERS & FRESHMEN FANS

I hope you are all doing well and preparing for a joyous holiday season. 2025 will soon be history, and the Freshmen have turned a page in their history. Ryan has retired from the group and Chris has become the newest member of what is now Four Freshmen Group #28! From what I'm hearing, it has been an extremely smooth transition enabling the group to continue performing without missing a beat. That is such a huge advantage for the Freshmen and their fans!

We are looking forward to seeing, hearing and sharing some time with the Freshmen in Nashville the first weekend in March and would love to see a great number of FFS members there as well. Please check out the details in this issue and plan to join us there! I look forward to meeting and greeting you all in Nashville soon! In the meantime, I wish for all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Editors Notes:

We want to acknowledge Linda Harrison for writing the excellent article about Donna Gallaway in the *Past Presidents* section of the previous *Fresh News*. Her biline was inadvertently left off and we wanted to make sure she is credited for such a fine job.

Also; To order CDs for Christmas, go to the [FFS website](#) or [The Four Freshmen website](#) for this edition of *Fresh News*.

– Barb Meyers

Getting to Know Our Members

By Dick Meyer

My wife and I joined the Society after hearing the group at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

I was a musician for four years in the West Point Band. Then I went off to Miami University where I had my own 12 piece band.

I left Miami with Louie Bellson's band in January 1960. While playing the Coconut Grove, my wife had an accident. I then worked for her father's jewelry business in Cincinnati.

During this time, my best friend was Frank Brown, the best all around trumpet player from coast to coast I ever worked with.

In our waning years we were playing in many ballrooms such as the Coney Island Amusement Park, where we played for many years. It closed in 1969. Frank's big band was playing and they brought The Four Freshmen in as guests. The minute Bob Flanigan heard Frank, it became an instant friendship.

We met again in 1980 at Las Vegas and had another fun weekend with Bob. I saw Bob again in 1990 in California at "Back to Balboa."

Also one of the greatest concerts I ever went to was around 2014. It was Group 23 with the Middleton Ohio Symphony Orchestra. The conductor was Carmen DeLeone, who was a great jazz lover. Carmon knew all The Four Freshmen charts and surprised the them. It turned out to be a wonderful night for everyone.

I Suggest You Get to Nashville

By Gil Peterson

Greetings,

I am primarily writing this brief article to encourage everyone to make every effort to attend the upcoming Nashville reunion on March 2026. Linda Harrison and Mark Schlichting have done a masterful job of organizing and bringing all the pieces together for what appears to be an outstanding event for all Freshmen fans. Since we no longer have conventions, this will be a marvelous opportunity for FFS members and others to be together again.

Nashville is a very exciting musical venue on its own. Then add to that The Four Freshmen – I don't think it can get much better.

All the information you will need is on page 3 and the registration form is on page 5 of this edition of *Fresh News*, so make your plans now.

You can't afford to miss this musical bonanza.

What more can I say!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you. Stay safe.

I will see you in Nashville.

Register now ONLINE for the Celebrating the Four Freshmen event!

You can register for the March 6-7 event right now.

Just use your smartphone to scan this QR code

or go to fourfreshmensociety.com/celebration2026

See you in Nashville!

