

## 2004 Four Freshmen Reunion - Convention News

Mary & Jack Morrison, Convention Chairmen



A big thanks to Dan de la Torre for providing the above FFS 2004 Convention Logo. Dan, from Clearlake, CA, is a talented artist and a big FF fan. His continued contributions and support of the Four Freshmen Society are very much appreciated.

### CONVENTION UPDATE

We are looking forward to greeting you at the FFS 2004 Reunion-Convention, July 29-31. The Four Freshmen warmed us up at their January concert (-4 outside) with a great performance in Skokie, IL. We were pleased to meet so many fans during intermission and in the hotel bar after the show. We talked to people from 5 different states and are pleased to report every one of them said they were coming to the Convention. We are all eager to hear the Freshmen in July's warmer weather.

One of our goals is to make this a friendly convention. We plan to have a separate "get together" for those people who are attending their first convention. We also hope to have a time for those who come alone to meet others. Our hospitality table will be staffed to assist attendees.

Registrations are coming in at a very rapid rate, so at this time it appears only full registrations (no single nights) can be accepted, even though we factored in a 10% increase in registrations over the three previous years. There is a possibility that we could have a full house!

### Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Tour

Lois Tomaszewicz of our Convention Committee has arranged for a great tour for our visitors. The bus(es) will leave the hotel at 11:15 Friday and drive downtown. There will be a guide to point out highlights of our city. On the way we will pass through Heritage Hill, one of the largest areas on the National Register of Historic Places. Over 60 architectural styles are represented including Voigt House, a Victorian Museum and the Meyer May House, a 1908 Prairie Style home by Frank Lloyd Wright. Our lovely riverfront is the site for the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and the beautiful new Public Museum with its building extending out into the river to house its working 1928 Carousel. Our downtown plaza features "La Grande Vitesse," a 43 foot tall red stabile by Alexander Calder.

The bus will proceed out to the 125 acre Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. It features Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; the Midwest's largest carnivorous plant house; Michigan's Farm Garden; desert and Victorian gardens; outdoor gardens; the Midwest's most comprehensive outdoor sculpture collection, featuring works by Rodin, Moore, Pomodoro and others; indoor sculpture galleries.

You will receive a voucher for lunch at your leisure in the café. There are many paths, so this is a good spot to take a walk and enjoy the surroundings. If the July sun is too hot, there is a shaded Tram ride or plenty to see and do in the air conditioned building. The two gift and garden shops have some very interesting items. You will be back to the hotel between 3:30 and 4:00.

Please sign up for the Tour and include \$27 payment per person with your registration. We did not ask for payment in the January newsletter, so for those who have already registered and showed interest, we will contact you separately.