

Joan Sheets is also part of IVI. Her credits are many and are for her work in front of the camera. Her TV work was recognized with 3 TV Guide covers and features plus countless fan magazines. Her credits include 30 feature films and over 350 television shows including 3 series before the current Freshmen were even born! She gave up acting in order to start a family and work in tandem with her husband Dale in managing Artists. A star in the 60's of film and TV Joan Staley's most recognized film today is her co-starring role with Don Knotts in *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*, now a tv perennial favorite. She is also active in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as well as the Television Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dina Sheets-Roth has been exposed her entire life to the entertainment business. She has been active both in front of the camera as well as behind the scenes. Lured to full time involvement with IVI 9 years ago from mortgage banking, she has been at the forefront of corporate direction as Vice President.

We hope this thumbnail information on the IVI "key players" helps you understand the depth of industry background IVI brings to The Four Freshmen.

Thank you again for the continued support! Please know your efforts are recognized as integral and are most appreciated.

Warmly,

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SHOT IN LAS VEGAS

by Jack Crosthwait, Huntington Beach CA

For three nights, over the President's Day long weekend, The Four Freshmen did their "thing" at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Friday night's show was, as Bob Ferreira put it, a "rehearsal" for the grand production DVD filming of the Saturday night show. On Saturday, three cameras positioned right, center and left of stage filmed and recorded the ninety minute performance in its entirety. Bob Flanigan, as only he can do, revved up the nearly sold-out house of almost 500 with words that generated applause, not only for the introduction of the Four Freshmen but throughout the entire evening show. Needless to say, the show was exceptional.

The DVD was filmed by a crew from Big Pictures Studio, Las Vegas. The Studio has a long and successful history of high end specialty filming of feature films, television shows, music videos, live shows, commercials and special events. In addition it has been honored with several Film Festival awards. The finished product should be an exceptional showcase of The Four Freshmen for all to enjoy.

The FF in FL **by Dick Hatfield, Ohio Rep**

This is our third Jan.-Feb. in Englewood, Florida and the first one for the Fresh to appear on this coast. Sunday Naples, Monday Sarasota, and Tuesday Punta Gorda.

We caught the Punta Gorda Show last night in the beautiful Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Nice joint, great acoustics, good crowd. One fan had on a pair of Madras slacks. I assume he wore them in honor of the first time he ever saw the Freshmen back in the mid fifties.

Bob, Vince, Brian and Curtis were everything you could possibly want to have in the Four Freshmen. Dressed in sharp suits and ties, and looking classy, they regaled the audience with their talent. Their charm, their easy sense of humor, and ear-pleasing voices transformed the CPAC into that of an intimate club.

These Four Freshmen are so damned good! I can't wait til the next time.

Dallas Initiates FFS Lunch Bunch

by Ann Smith, Texas Coordinator

Three members of the FFS decided to get together about a month ago and share lunch while talking avidly about the Four Freshmen. These members included Carolyn Austin of McKinney, Texas (near Dallas), Dick Avery of Dallas, Texas, and Ann Smith of Richardson, Texas (Dallas suburb). The second gathering was held March 8 at a restaurant in their party room. This allowed us to listen to CDs while enjoying lunch. Although several others were invited, there was only the loyal three in attendance. We even invited several people who were dining in the restaurant to join us. They looked like they might be of a vintage to know who the Four Freshmen are (and they did). We plan to make this a monthly event and will be contacting local FFS members to give them the details. We'll also be inviting friends who are Four Freshmen fans - but not yet FFS members.

The reason for mentioning this gathering at all is that it could be a good way to stimulate membership. Individuals in other cities could schedule a small lunch gathering and invite friends who are interested. A number of restaurants have party rooms - usually free of charge - that can be reserved. That allows you to bring a CD player and enjoy Freshmen music while dining. It's just an idea we thought we'd share with you. It's worth looking into. Also, we had a lot of fun. It's so great to have another avid fan or two to talk Four Freshmen with. It's like a mini-convention. Whether the group is large or small, it's still great fun.