

## **BABS & DOT MOVE TO THE BOARD BY DICK BALDWIN, PRESIDENT**

Barbara P. Frederich and Dorothy M. Lydic are new members of the FFS Corporate Board of Directors, according to Chairman Thomas A. Purvis. FFS President Dick Baldwin said the new appointments are effective immediately. Babs and Dot have been long-time contributors to the Four Freshmen legacy.

President Baldwin reported the composition of the Board now included eleven active Society members. He indicated that the new directors were formerly members of the FFS Advisory Committee.

Both longtime FFS activists were associated with the early Freshmen, and served as officers when the club membership expanded from the original organization - THE FRESHIES. Dot was in charge of the local Pittsburgh, PA club.

At the time with FF leader Hal Kratzsh, Babs was the early organizer directing correspondence promoting the FF. Next, the THE FIFTH FRESHMEN evolved with Mrs. Frederich, President and Mrs. Lydic, Vice President, under FF Manager Bill Wagner. "Now We Know" this was the start of something big!

Babs & Dot were treated at the outset to a two-week vacation via the Freshmen in California. Attention Group #22!

The Lydic family and husband Harry, also an active FF contributor, includes three grandchildren and six grandchildren in and around Pittsburgh. Prior to establishing a family headquarters, Dot was a business secretary before her home/family schedule prevailed.

Mrs. Frederich was almost 12 years old, crazy about music, when she started the first FF Fan Club. As a former newspaper proofreader and reporter in the Cleveland, OH area, she joined husband Wayne and worked in tourism promoted around Ohio and then moved on to Florida for more tourism promotion until retirement. They continue to support music, theatre and sports around Tallahassee, especially Florida State University.

Babs relays that as a youngster, she was into the sounds of big band jazz and grew up with the "Great American Songbook."

The initial Freshmen fan following organized when Babs requested a record - "Now You Know" by the Frosh. Ross Barbour answered her letter via Capitol Records. After a visit in Wildwood, NJ with the then Frosh (#4), the FF bid her farewell with "We'll Be Together Again," another of her FF favorites.

A Stan Kenton listener, Babs has a degree in Chinese/Japanese history.

The Board and Fresh News congratulate these Fresh Ladies!

### **"Largo Loved The Freshmen" By Dick Hatfield - Ohio Rep.**

As an Ohioan wintering in Englewood, Florida, it's always a delight to find that The Four Freshmen have a gig on the Gulf Coast. They seem to play on the ocean side more often.

This time it was a 2 P.M. Sunday show at The Largo Cultural Center, every chair was full, and in this intimate 400-seat concert hall, there came an abounding sense of energy that flowed from The Freshmen to the audience and back again. Every song sung was recognized with gratitude. Not one solo went un-applauded.

The FFS is fortunate to have Elmer Schroeder as the SW Florida rep. He and his dedicated crew were quite busy at the foyer table throughout, even selling Curtis' last ten Snowfall albums.

There is something I've noticed recently, and I can't quite pinpoint what it is, but Brian, Bob, Vince, and Curtis have added a certain zing to earlier ballads. A new lyrical vitality, perhaps, but gems like "The Day Isn't Long Enough", "Little Girl Blue", "Please Remember", and others, even "Graduation Day", sound peppier and better than I have ever heard them. They appear to have modernized the pensive moods attached to these beautiful songs when they were recorded in the fifties to fit the mood of that era, and kick-started them to life in the 21st century.

After the show, I overheard a patron tell his friends, "Man, that was the best money I've spent on entertainment in a long time".

Amen!!