

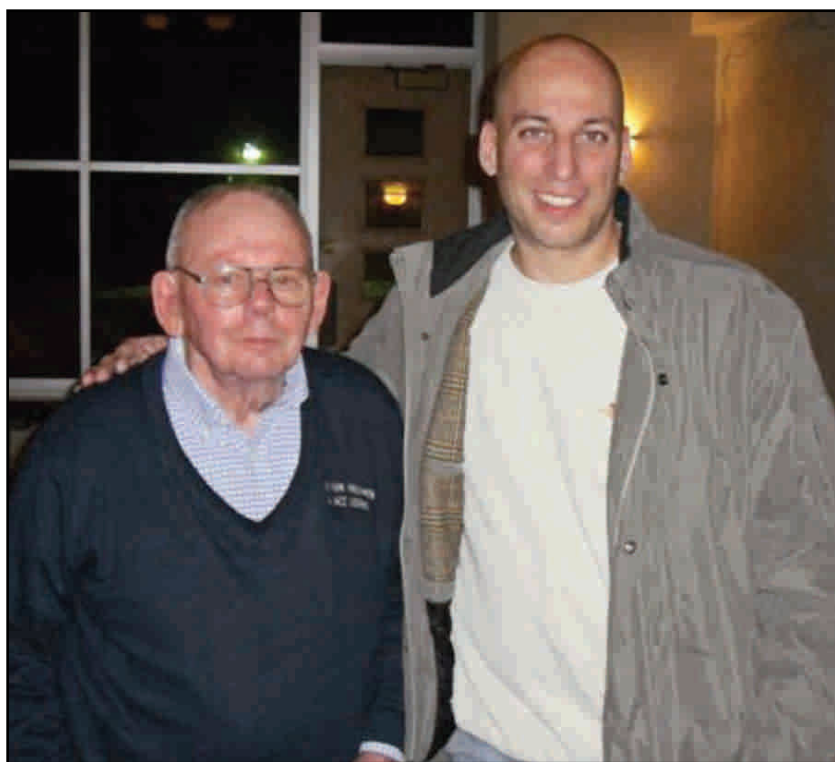
# Fresh News

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## FRESH VALENTINES IN WISCONSIN!

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**Four Freshmen Society living legend John Bangs was at the February FF concert in Door County, Wisconsin. John (L) chatted with veteran FF fourth voice & drummer Bob Ferreira after the show. John, the founder of the FFS Music Mart, is Chairman of the Board Emeritus, former Board Chair and long-time President of the Four Freshmen Society. He attended the concert with FFS Wisconsin representative Mike McCoy and FFS Board member Wayne Corey. John recruited Mike and Wayne to the then-fledgling FFS in 1991.**

Three songs never recorded by Four Freshmen Group #22 were highlights of the Valentine's Eve show in Door County, Wisconsin. A small but enthusiastic Fish Creek audience welcomed the Freshmen to a venue that has through the years seen headlines Harry Belafonte, Roseanne Cash, Smothers Brothers, Second City, George Winston and, more than a decade ago, the Four Freshmen.

Door County, a northeast Wisconsin peninsula sandwiched between Lake Michigan and Green Bay (the bay, not the football city), is a tourist haven much of the year but can lie quiet under a beautiful blanket of snow mid-winter. That's why the Freshmen were there for Valentine's weekend. The Door Community Auditorium wanted topnotch entertainment for couples making a winter weekend getaway. The couples got their weekend getaway, the snow covering and the topnotch entertainment.

In "This Whole Wide World, I Remember You" and "Give Me the Simple Life" are Freshmen favorites never recorded commercially by Group #22. "Wide World" and "I Remember You" seemed to really thrill the audience, with the stunning chords opening "Wide World," and the 'distant bell' really ringing out in "I Remember You." Fan

favorites including It's a "Blue World," "Route 66," "Poinciana" and "Angel Eyes" wowed a crowd that came to hear the hits. They heard 'em!

The Freshmen followed opening standup Minneapolis comic C. Willi Myles with 17 songs in a 60 minute set. The Four Freshmen Society-Wisconsin hosted a pre-show reception and dinner. Freshmen Vince Johnson joined fans for the post-concert "afterglow" at The Landmark Resort where FF and FFS members spent the weekend.

A highlight for the Freshmen and FFS members was the attendance of John Bangs, legendary FFS official. John founded the FFS Music Mart, is responsible for many of the Four Freshmen CD releases through Collectors' Choice Music, was a longtime president of FFS and is currently Board Chairman Emeritus. Health issues have curtailed his FFS convention attendance in recent years but fan club members were thrilled to have him with us in Door County.