

## GUESS WHO!

This lovely Lady was very important to one of our Founding Four Freshmen. She is from Bryan, Ohio and went to the University of

Toledo. Met her love at Cedar Point, a famous amusement park, where he was performing. He told me she didn't like him at first, but he fell in love with her cute little daughter.

(If you guessed Mary Flanigan you were right.) She is the bridesmaid and her twin sister, Marilyn, is the bride.

I am proud to call her my friend. While I lived in Las Vegas we shared many fun luncheons. Our favorite place was a quaint little tea room.

Mary is now residing in a beautiful assisted living apartment. If you would like to send her your notes or cards, send them to IVI and they will happily forward them to her.

— Barbara Meyers



# CONVENTION SURVEY RESULTS

Chairman Jack Morrison, Gil Peterson, Bruce Camlin, Barbara Meyers

Twenty two people responded to the Survey. Twenty plan to attend the Fort Wayne Convention, two are unable to attend. One has health problems and one wants the conventions to go back to the Summer.

As expected, the primary reason for attending is to enjoy the performance of The Four Freshmen, followed by the desire to see old friends and people with a common interest in music. The Thursday Night Jam Session placed third, followed by the local tours and the Wannabees singing.

Additional reasons for attending is to discuss the Four Freshmen Society and it's importance, to conduct FFS business. To support the convention and the current Four Freshmen. A great time shared by all.

The reasons for *not* attending are: health 11, cost of travel 9, flying 7, cost of registration 2, program 1.

The last questions were: Would you attend a cruise? 12 said yes, 5 no. Should we meet in San Antonio? 13 said yes, Kansas City received 12, Chicago got 11 votes, Las Vegas 8, Tampa 0. There were some write in suggestions with one or two requests.

The Convention Site Committee sends thanks to all who took the time to respond. We think the small number of responses is an indication of satisfaction with the conventions. See you in Fort Wayne.

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tell you a little story about that. During the afternoon, we were all in the hotel lobby, talking and waiting to see our heroes off to the rehearsal session with the big band. They came down with their instruments, walked through the lobby and out to a waiting limo. As the car was ready to drive, Flanigan came out and walked back to me. "Palle, would you and your son like to join us to the rehearsal?" You better believe that Jesper and I were some proud guys sitting in the limo with the Four Freshmen?

The Dan de la Torre's DVD of the 25th Anniversary shows a few pictures from this occasion.

### June 1991

The 1991, convention was hosted by President John Bangs in Oshkosh. It was very successful. I remember taking the Greyhound bus from Chicago O'Hare Airport all the way up to Oshkosh, which I just knew from the yearly airplane Get-Togethers. We stayed at the Hilton just around the corner from the bus station. John Bangs had arranged the Old Opera House for the Four Freshmen Concert. The concert was recorded and made available from the Music Mart.

In addition to the participants from the earlier years, Betty Kratzsch was now with us. I am sure that those of us who were sitting one evening by the river side exchanging viewpoints of life, still remember this occasion.

While in Oshkosh, I had the possibility to visit the Bangs' residence - which also was the FFAS head office. John is a beer bottle collector and I have never seen so many bottles in my life.

More conventions followed, and I'm sure that many of you can complete this list of conventions.

Finally, I hope you have enjoyed my story about the early Four Freshmen Conventions. Writing this article has been a trip down memory lane with *FreshNews* newsletters, pictures, videos, music, etc. I would like to thank everyone for their friendship during these 25 years. Mentioning all of you would take up way too much space. But let me just add, that I have enjoyed the company and friendship of Bob, Ross, Bill and their families very much and I am very thankful for that.