

Our President, **Neil Lantz**



Remembering Bob, Ross, Bobby & Blue II

Looking ahead to the 2016 Convention in Louisville triggers my memory of so many enjoyable experiences following the Freshmen over the years, their wonderful music, their personalities, and their continuing warm relationship with their loyal fan base in the Society.

For me, aside from dozens of wonderful concerts over the past fifty years, a very special memory dates back to May of 2008 when Ross Barbour and Bob Flanigan were awarded honorary doctoral



degrees by Bobby Fong (yes, real name Bobby), the 20th President of Butler University. On that occasion, Butler's institutional pride in two of its former students came through loud and clear as the University recognized Ross and Bob who were students at Butler's Jordan Conservatory of Music in 1948, together with Don Barbour and Hal Kratzsch, where the Freshmen sound began. For Bob and Ross, along with those of us who worked to make this happen and were proud to represent the Society, it was certainly a memorable occasion.

The festivities began on Friday night, May 9, at a dinner held at President Fong's campus home in honor of Ross, Bob, and Dr. Susan Soloman, world leader in the field of atmospheric science and co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, who also was to receive an honorary doctorate. It was a wonderful evening, highlighted by Ross singing his parody of Back Home Again in Indiana:

"Back Home again in Indiana, I went away to seek my fortune, and I smile 'cause I'll enjoy toured this earth from Perth to Nome.

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The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

April 10, 2016

Kenneth J. Minnaert Center for the Arts, 2011 Mottman Rd. SW
Showtime: 7:00p

Olympia, WA

Information: 360-753-8586

April 14, 2016

Evergreen Commons, 480 State St.
Showtime: 2:00p and 8:30p

Holland, MI

Information: 616-355-5120

May 22, 2016

Warren Performing Arts Center, Eash Auditorium, 500 East 16th St.
Show time: 4:00p

Indianapolis, IN

Tickets: 317-532-6280

June 27, 2016

Lees-McRae College, Hayes Auditorium, 235 Main St. W.
Show time: 8:00p

Banner Elk, NC

Tickets: 828-898-8709 (opens June 2016)

July 20-23, 2016

The Dirty Dog Café, 97 Kercheval Ave.
Showtimes: 6:00p and 8:30p

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Tickets: 313-882-5299

July 27, 2016

Sunset Jazz at Newport, Rose Garden, 900 Newport Center Dr.
Showtimes: 6:00p and 7:30p

Newport Beach, CA

Tickets: 949-759-5003

August 25-27, 2016

Four Freshmen Society Convention & Reunion
FFS Members Only!

Louisville, KY

September 8, 2016

Carrie Cerino's Ballroom, 8922 Ridge Rd.
Show times: 12:00p, 1:30p, 6:30p and 8:00p
Tickets: 800-482-3531

North Royalton, OH

September 9, 2016

Croatian Lodge Ballroom, 34900 Lake Shore Blvd.
Show times: 12:00p, 1:30P, 6:30p and 8:00p
Tickets: 800-482-3531

Eastlake, OH

September 24, 2016

The Opera House, 403 N. Huron St.
Show time: TBA

Cheboygan, WI

Tickets: 231-627-5841

November 12, 2016

Shell Point Concert Series, 15101 Shell Point Blvd.
Show time: 7:30p

Fort Meyers, FL

Tickets: 239-454-2067

November 19, 2016

The American Theatre, 125 East Mellen St.
Show time: 8:00p

Hampton, VA

Tickets: 757-722-2787

December 4, 2016

Fowler Center, 201 Olympic Dr.
Show time: TBA

Jonesboro, AR

Tickets: 870-972-2781

December 8, 2016

Monmouth College, Kasch Performance Hall, 700 East Broadway
Show time: 7:00p

Monmouth, IL

Tickets: TBA

December 14-17, 2016

The Colony Hotel, Royal Room Supper Club, 155 Hammon Ave.
Show time: 8:00p

Palm Beach, FL

Reservations: 561-655-5430

December 31, 2016

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.
Show time: 8:00p

Livermore, CA

Tickets: 925-373-6100