

# Friends for Life

by Barb Meyers

The first Convention that Mel and I attended was the 50th Anniversary Convention. We were hooked! In fact, we only missed the two following conventions because of business obligations. After that we never missed one.

Roy Anderson top left was Mel's Fraternity Brother and life long friend who is now deceased. Roy was responsible for our joining the Four Freshmen Society. The three of us have always been Freshmen Fans

We met JeriAnn Kelly at this reunion and found out she lived in Phoenix; at that time we lived in Tucson. JeriAnn was the lady that planned all those wonderful cruises that many of you went on. After the second cruise, I became one of her helpers.

We have met so many people over the years who are Freshmen Fans and they all become such good friends. We have met so many of the Freshmen themselves like Greg and that has become so special for Mel and me. Mel and I agree with Bob who said, "Attending a Four Freshmen Society Convention is like attending a family reunion."



# Freshmen Dazzle Capacity Crowd

by Larry V Thren, Eastern Pa. Rep.

The Four Freshmen returned to Lebanon, PA on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17th for a 3:00 pm concert. The concert opened the Lebanon County Community Concert Association season and the membership voted the Four Freshmen the group "as the one they wanted to see again more than any other group" in a poll taken. The Four Freshmen appeared there in April of 2014.

WOW.....The Four Freshmen Sound is in great hands for the future with Group 25! The capacity crowd of just under 1,200 were explosive throughout the concert with their applause. Having been a fan for over 50 years attending Four Freshmen concerts and FFS conventions I saw a unique energy that came from the Group - and it was returned throughout this concert by the audience.

Of the 26 songs that the guys performed the audience especially liked the two Latin songs, *So Danco Samba* and *Girl From Ipanema*. You could hear lots of "wows" and "oh yeahs" from this audience. Had there been an applause meter, however, the clear winners would have been *Stardust* and *It's A Blue World*.

Bob seemed so moved by the capacity attendance and their energy that he thanked them twice "for filling the huge auditorium at Lebanon High School and for their overwhelming support for the Arts".

A couple of new additions to the song list, arranged by Bob Ferreira were *Let Me Love You* and *Social Call*.

Even CD sales were brisk and better than what I have been accustomed to - and they lined up outside of the auditorium after the performance "to meet and greet" the guys and have their CDs autographed.

While approximately half of the audience said it was their first attendance at a Four Freshmen concert, the overall energy level of the audience was discernible.

The FFS was well represented when polled by the Master of Ceremonies with members from Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee and Pennsylvania.

Undoubtedly, this audiences' reactions tell you that the music of the Four Freshmen and The American Songbook are in good hands with Group 25.

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Saturday night's Freshmen concert will be preceded by birthday cake and a champagne toast to honor the 70-year anniversary of the Freshmen sound.

Downtown South Bend has excellent restaurants in easy walking distance from the DoubleTree. There is a Starbucks within the atrium of the hotel, and just down the street is the South Bend Chocolate Factory Store and Restaurant, which claims to be the "largest chocolate store in the world."

The Fresh Memories session on Saturday afternoon is a chance to hear the musicians who are the wonderful current iteration of the Four Freshmen. They will be talking about their experiences and answering our questions. In short, our excitement is justified, because the 2018

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Convention promises to be a stellar event.

If you haven't already registered or made reservations at the South Bend Doubletree, please do so at your earliest convenience, because the hotel is filling up, and seating at the tables for dinner and the concerts is preferentially given by date of registration.

### Share the excitement. Share the Four Freshmen experience.

Plan to come to South Bend October 18, 19 and 20. We are excited to have you with us.

The Four Freshmen Convention Committee 2018  
Janet and Larry Thompson,  
Convention Chairs  
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