

## 70 Years & Counting (from page 2)

Colleges, the 32 different countries and all 50 states. We thank you for making these 30 years “a Very Happy Time” for the Four Freshmen.”

**1988** In 1988, the first issue of *Fresh News* was published in January following the October, 1987 founding of the Four Freshmen Appreciation Society by Edd Townsend. (The name was later shortened to the Four Freshmen Society.) The 40th Anniversary Party was held at the Barbary Coast Lounge in Las Vegas on September 20, exactly 40 years from the first gig on September 20, 1948 in Fort Wayne. Retired Freshmen Ross Barbour and Bill Comstock were in attendance and were invited to the stage to sing with Group #13. Sue Barbour was also called to the stage to sing lead with husband Ross and the group, as she had done at rehearsals 40 years earlier. More than 150 fans enjoyed the celebration, including devotees all the way from Denmark, Great Britain, and Japan.

**1998** In *Now You Know*, Ross cited the March release of his two favorite Freshmen albums, *Voices in Love* and *Love Lost*. “We four, who began doing the Freshmen sound in 1948, had a need to hear chords sung that way. Evidently, you did too. Happy 50th Anniversary everybody.” A few years prior to the 50th, the inexhaustible and original member Bob Flanigan retired in 1992 as the lead singer after an incredible 44 years on the road! The Four Freshmen lineup was shuffled, and young Bob Ferreira became the newest member of the Four Freshmen Group #18. Thankfully, young Bob is still singing and drumming, now as the leader and longest tenured current member of the Freshmen.

**2008** In August, the Society gathered in Indianapolis for its 21st annual Convention to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Freshmen. In attendance were 600 members from 31 states and four countries. A special milestone that year was the recognition of Ross and Bob who had come to Indy a few weeks earlier to receive Honorary Doctoral Degrees at the May commencement of Butler University. Indeed, congratulations were well deserved for founding members Dr. Barbour and Dr. Flanigan for the wonderful uninterrupted musical legacy of the Freshmen which they began. Unfortunately, both Bob and Ross passed away within three months of each other in 2011.

**2018** This year we’ll be gathering to celebrate 70 years of the wonderful Four Freshmen. Who could have imagined the staying power of the 25 groups, made up over the seven decades by 26 talented and creative musicians who’ve delighted our membership and thousands of fans throughout the world with their very special music and their friendship.

*I hope to see you all in South Bend for FFS Convention #31 in celebration of the 70th Anniversary.*

## The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

Check the Website: [fourfreshmensociety.com](http://fourfreshmensociety.com) or [fourfreshmen.com](http://fourfreshmen.com) for updates

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

### April 11, 2018

Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Ave.

Show time: 7:45p

### Fort Lauderdale, FL

Series Tickets on sale May 2017

### April 15, 2018

Glenridge Performing Arts Center, 7333 Scotland Way

Show time: 2:00p

### Sarasota, FL

Tickets: 941-552-5325

### April 26, 2018

Jazz Texas, 312 Pearl Parkway, Bldg 6, Suite 6001

Show times: 6:00p and 9:00p

### San Antonio, TX

Tickets: 210-332-9386

### April 27, 2018

Greenville Municipal Auditorium, 2821 Washington St.

Showtime: TBA

### Greenville, TX

### April 29, 2018

Ponca Theater, 104 East Grand Ave.

Showtime: 2:30p

Series Membership Required

### Ponca City, OK

Box Office: 580-304-5261

### April 30, 2018

Terrell ISD Performing Arts Center, 400 Poetry Rd.

Showtime: 7:00p

### Terrell, TX

Box Office: 972-563-5703

### May 1, 2018

Wagner Noel Performing Arts, 1310 North FM1788

Showtime: 7:00p

### Midland, TX

Box Office: TBA

### May 3, 2018

Faith Assembly Auditorium, 1800 N Road 72

Showtime: 7:30p

### Pasco, WA

Box Office: 509-205-5848 or 509-547-6243

### May 5, 2018

Everett Civic Auditorium, 2415 Colby Ave.

Showtime: 2:00p

Season Ticket Membership Only

### Everett, WA

Box Office: TBA

### May 11, 2018

Village Church, 6225 Paseo Delicias

Showtime: 7:00p

### Rancho Santa Fe, CA

Box Office: TBA

### May 12, 2018

Upstairs at Vitellos, 4349 Tujunga Ave.

Showtimes: 7:00p and 9:00p

### Studio City, CA

Box Office: 818-769-0905

### July 15, 2018

Orshan Memorial Civic Center Band Shell, Waterworth Park at Sunset Blvd.

Showtime: 6:00p

### Salem, OH

Tickets: FREE!

### July 17, 2018

NightTown, 12387 Cedar Rd.

Showtime: 6:00p and 8:00p

### Cleveland Heights, OH

Tickets: 216-795-0550

### July 19, 2018

Lakeside Chautauqua, 236 Walnut Ave.

Showtime: 8:15p

### Lakeside, OH

Tickets: 419-798-4461

### July 21, 2018

A benefit concert. Limited seating

Showtime: 8:00p

### Petoskey, MI

Details: [www.stmichaelpetoskey.com](http://www.stmichaelpetoskey.com)

### July 25-28, 2018

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval

Show time: 6:00p and 8:30p

### Grosse Pointe, MI

Tickets: 313-882-5299