

Remembering Hank Roysden

by Gil Peterson

Hank was truly one of our most dedicated and ardent supporters of The Four Freshmen, the FFS and the FFMF. He was a very low-profile individual who never sought recognition or accolades for any and all the things he did to promote the success of our organization. I had the honor and privilege of working very closely with Hank during the planning stages of the Dayton Convention. He was always very positive and when faced with a problem, he simply found a solution and moved forward. The Dayton Convention was one of the most well orchestrated and financially successful convention we have ever had. In my opinion, that was primarily due to his steadfast determination and financial acumen. Of course, he always had Sue, the lady he loved more than anything, right there beside him.

There is no question that we will certainly miss him. He was one of those individuals that you simply cannot replace. Our thoughts and prayers reach out to Sue and the entire Roysden family and may God bless and comfort each of them.

Godspeed, Hank, on your eternal journey beyond the back side of the sky.



It's a Blue World without Jack Morrison

by Donna Gallaway, FFS Sec.

All of us on the Board of Directors of the Four Freshmen Society sadly share with you the passing of Jack Morrison on March 18th. Jack was a great friend to the Four Freshmen, and he contributed endless time and business expertise to the Four Freshmen Society. He generously supported the Four Freshmen Music Foundation as well as FFS and the Freshmen. Jack and his wife Mary chaired the 2004 annual FFS convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan where I was able to observe his organizational skills first hand while working at the registration table. It was a pleasure to be part of such a smooth operation.

Jack was a great problem solver who could tackle difficult situations with compassion and yet get what could have been a sinking ship on course again. This gift allowed him to steer our Convention Coordinating Committee for several years and contribute so much to the success of those events.

On a personal note, I have so many precious good memories of spending time with Jack and Mary after shows, sharing our thoughts and laughter with other FFS members going back 20 years or so. A special memory I will share is from the summer of 2007 when I attended a live performance of



The Four Freshmen. Jack had arranged for them to participate in an outdoor festival in Michigan, and I wanted to be there. I had just lost my husband a couple of months before and felt that seeing and hearing the guys would be a form of healing for me. Little did I know how much impact I would feel when they sang *It's A Blue World*. Thank goodness Jack and Mary were there to practically hold me up as the tears flowed.

Jack was never interested in being in the limelight - he just wanted to do all he could to support The Four Freshmen and FFS. That goal he accomplished with great skill, much dignity, with humility and a whole lot of love. We will all miss you Jack, but your legacy of love and dedication will live on. It will be a very *Blue World* without you, but *We'll Be Together Again*.