

Our
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**Donna
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GREETINGS FFS MEMBERS & FRESHMEN FANS

Excitement is building as we have begun registration for our big celebration of the 75th Anniversary of The Four Freshmen. Dave Blackwell and Marlene Lobsiger and their team are busy in Fort Wayne preparing a convention/reunion that will be spectacular by all accounts. Take a look at all the information in this issue of *Fresh News*, then send in your own registration! I have been to every one of the FFS conventions except two since 1991, so this will be my 30th time to be a part of one of these wonderful and exciting events.

My husband, Tom, who passed away fifteen years ago, was a quiet guy who did not like large gatherings, but he truly loved these FFS annual conventions, so we made sure they made it on our calendar as soon as we had confirmed dates each year. The memories of moments spent with The Four Freshmen and FFS members, who now are friends, are sweet and will be treasured. Come join us in Fort Wayne in September, make new friends as you experience the love and great fun that fills a weekend of all things FRESH.

NOTE: If you would like to make a donation to help underwrite the cost of this event, you can send a check to FFS at the address on the registration form in this issue. We will gratefully appreciate any donations to help make this one special. Thank you!

Editors Note:

I am sad to announce, we lost our beloved Tom Purvis Thursday, March 16th. We will have more about Tom in the next issue.

— Barb Meyers

75th and More

By Gil Peterson

Greetings to all FFS members.

As you all know by now, the 75th anniversary of the amazing Four Freshmen is scheduled for September 21-23 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. If you have not registered, I suggest you do so immediately. Dave Blackwell and Marlene Lobsiger are planning a huge, and I do mean huge, celebration. This is one you do not want to miss. No other musical group in history has ever performed continuously for 75 years as the iconic Four Freshmen have. We all need to honor this unbelievably prestigious record by being in Fort Wayne for the celebration. I know, without a doubt, this will be one of the best conventions we have ever had. Trust me, you better be there.

I truly believe that our annual conventions have been the catalyst that holds the FFS together. According to Chaz Cone, our membership chairman, we currently have 808 members in the FFS. Right now, we have no one to host a 2024 convention. It is difficult for me to believe, knowing how important these conventions are, that no one in our organization has offered to host a 2024 convention. Our Convention Coordination Committee has streamlined the process to make the conventions much less labor intensive than they once were. Anyone who might be interested can contact me by phone at 541-672-0937 or by email at jazzflyer@outlook.com. I would be delighted to discuss the possibility and give you all the details. I think you would find chairing a convention to be very rewarding and a heck of a lot of fun. TALK TO ME.....WE NEED YOU!! SEE YOU IN FORT WAYNE!!!!!!

A Diamond Jubilee Celebration

*We are planning
a big opening night celebration
Friday night.*

75th Anniversary Highlights

- Remembering the original Four Freshmen
- Honoring the past Four Freshmen
- Celebrating the Legacy
- The Four Freshmen live

***Dress in your best with your diamonds, glitter and all.
It's going to be a great night!***

Marlene and Dave