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FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY 2023 CONVENTION



**75 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**

**1948-2023
SEPTEMBER 21-23**

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Our
President,
**Donna
Gallaway**



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

FFS 2023 Convention Schedule*

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm Registration
9:00am-4:00pm 113 Club Hospitality
10:00am-12:00pm FFMF Meeting

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00pm-3:30pm Wannabees
3:00pm-4:30pm FFS Board of Directors Meeting

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

7:30pm-10:30pm JAM SESSION-Cash Bar

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm Registration
9:00am-4:00 pm 113 Club Hospitality
9:30am-12:30pm Tour Veterans Memorial with box lunch
9:30am-12:30pm Sweetwater Sound with box lunch

FREE TIME – LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00pm-3:00pm Convention Coordination Committee Meeting
2:30pm-4:00 pm Wannabees
5:30pm-6:30pm Meet and Greet with Cash Bar
6:30pm-7:30pm Dinner
8:00pm Four Freshmen Concert
Mayor Tom Henry
Purdue Fort Wayne
Music Department
Four Freshmen Concert

Afterglow Meet The Four Freshmen in the Hotel Atrium

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

9:00am-4:00 pm Registration
9:00am-4:00 pm 113 Club Hospitality
10:00am-11:30am General Meeting- all FFS members
12:00pm-1:00pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:00pm-2:30pm Fresh Memories
2:30pm-3:30pm Pick up and pay for Silent Auction item. Free time
5:30pm-6:30pm Meet and Greet with Cash Bar
6:30pm-7:30pm Dinner
8:00pm Honor Former and Current Four Freshmen Toast to 75 years
8:30pm Four Freshmen Concert

*Subject To Change

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Let's Celebrate FF 75th in Fort Wayne!

Yas Ichiura, FFS Japan Rep

In late 1990 The Four Freshmen toured Japan. I was so happy to be able to go to their performances. Bob Flanigan gave me a bunch of FFAS (later FFS) application forms, inviting Freshmen fans to join the unique fan club.

In 1991, I met Palle Christensen in Copenhagen Denmark as I had a chance to visit there on my job in Sweden. Palle and I immediately became very close friends. He inspired me to attend FFAS Convention. I decided to attend my first convention in 1992, and found people were very nice and just wanted to talk about their common interest - The Four Freshmen sound, exactly like Palle had told me.

Since 1992, I have attended every year and later brought my wife, Michiko, who also made a lot of friends at these conventions. We have attended 22 FFS Conventions so far. Palle sadly passed away in 2014.

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113 Club Silent Auction

As enthusiasm continues to build for the 2023 Convention celebrating the 75th Anniversary of The Four Freshmen, we are reaching out for donations for the 113 Club Silent Auction. Our members have always played an invaluable role in the success of the auction by donating Four Freshmen memorabilia, collectibles, souvenirs, photos, art, gift cards, themed gift baskets, and other items of interest that continue to make the 113 Club a popular destination for convention attendees and an important fundraiser. From keepsakes to consumables, your contribution makes a difference in supporting the Four Freshmen Society.

The 113 Club at the convention is a great place to connect, visit, and share memories while browsing the wide selection of items for which to place a bid.

We will also be welcoming guests to this year's convention in the 113 Club room at the GRW convention center. Have an item you want to donate? Email peggy_georgi@gpl.bz about your donation/items or for questions. All proceeds from the auction benefit the Four Freshmen Society. We can't thank you enough for considering a donation this year and for any past donations.

Pat and Peggy want your donations for the silent auction.



Welcome All Members of the Four Freshmen Society



From Marlene and Dave, Co-Chairs of the 2023 Convention

If you attended only one or all thirty-three of the Four Freshmen Society's conventions, then you already know what a great time we have meeting and renewing friendships and hearing the fabulous Four Freshmen live in concert, both Friday and Saturday night. Both nights include delicious meals prepared by the Hilton Hotel. We will not only celebrate the thirty-fourth year of The Four Freshmen Society's annual international convention, but also the 75th Anniversary of The Four Freshmen uninterrupted. We will go "Back To The 113 Club," at the Grand Wayne Convention Center located on the very site where four young men, The Four Freshmen, made their first weeklong professional appearance at the club. Now, 75 years later, we will have an opportunity to join with the current Freshmen in celebration of this memorable anniversary and of their legacy. Don't miss this great celebration!



What do you do now? Please fill out the registration form, make reservations at the Hilton Hotel and join us as we look forward to hosting the 75th Anniversary of The Four Freshmen "Back To The 113 Club" in Fort Wayne, Indiana, September 21-23, 2023.

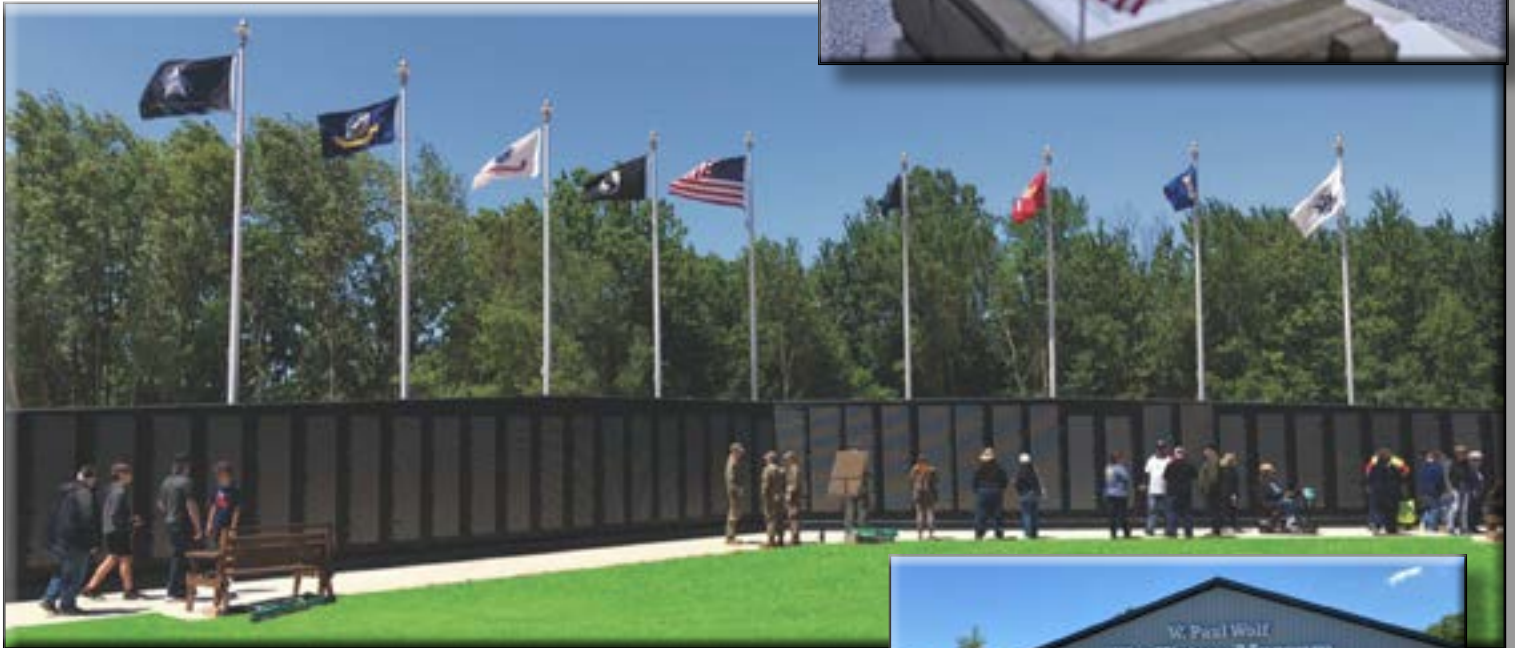


Check out **The Landing** downtown to experience the revitalization of the most historic street in Fort Wayne – where canal boats landed in the 1800s. The Landing was the hub for business in Fort Wayne, due to its proximity to the three rivers and the railroad. The first Fort Wayne post office opened here, along with the newspaper, theater, and eventual railway station. This historic spot has become an epicenter of revival in downtown Fort Wayne, with incredible dining options you won't want to miss. Whether you are looking for something sweet or savory, The Landing is the perfect spot to relax and refuel during your stay.

Four Freshmen to Appear at the Veterans' Memorial

You won't want to miss this tour!

The Veterans' National Memorial Shrine has invited The Four Freshmen to perform the National Anthem during our Friday morning tour. Not only will you hear The Four Freshmen perform during the tour, you will experience the beauty of the grounds, the Vietnam Memorial Wall, the Chapel, and view the extensive collection of military artifacts from all wars in the new Paul Wolfe Museum. A box lunch is included for you.



Sweetwater

TOUR IS LIMITED TO 30. REGISTER EARLY.

You won't want to miss the tour of Sweetwater, the nation's largest retailer for musical instruments, pro audio gear, three state-of-the-art recording studios and in-house diner/café where you can get your favorite ice cream, DeBrand Chocolates and your flavored coffees at the coffee bar. A box lunch is included in their Down Beat Diner following the tour.



2023 FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Listed below are details that give further information in regard to the Registration Form

REGISTRATION INFORMATION - Registration may be made online at ffs2023.com or by mail. Pay by check or with credit card using the form on the back of this page. Please provide all requested information including first and last names. Early registration is encouraged.

TABLE ASSIGNMENTS: Please provide all names of others you want seated at your table. Encourage your preferred tablemates to mail or create online their registrations early. **Seating will be arranged by postmark date or online registration date of the last member in your party. MULTIPLE REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED ON THE SAME DATE WILL BE DECIDED BY A LOTTERY.**

HOTEL INFORMATION: We recommend making your hotel reservations early. Rooms at the Hilton Fort Wayne and Convention Center will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Rates for the convention are guaranteed at \$149 per night plus tax for two queen beds or a king bed, double occupancy. Reservation rates subject to availability will also be available for three days before and three days after the official convention dates of September 21 - 23. **TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM, CALL Hilton at (800) 445-8667 and ask for Reservations.** Be sure to use the group code FOU (FOUR FRESHMEN)

SHIRTS: The shirt color is Black with the convention logo. Shirts are silk-touch 65%polyester, 35%cotton polo-style with collars. **Please Note: Convention shirts must be ordered at time of registration. Shirts will not be available for sale at the convention.**

JAM SESSION: Thursday night's open jam session promises to be a great evening of jazz. Society members are encouraged to participate. A professional jazz combo will anchor the evening's festivities. Freshmen past and current and attendees are welcome and encouraged to perform. **Please indicate your song, key and instrument on the registration form so the combo will be prepared to back up your song.**

TOUR: Two tours will be offered. The Veterans National Memorial Shrine is a tour of the grounds including an 80% replica of the Vietnam Wall and a Museum with artifacts from all wars. The Sweetwater tour will take you to the complex of the largest dealer in the United States of music gear, instruments, recording studios and equipment. Please refer to the photos in Fresh News. Both tours leave the hotel Friday Morning at 9:30 AM. You can only take one tour.

MENU SELECTION: Please specify if you require vegetarian or gluten free meals.

PAYMENT SUMMARY: Please complete all information on the Registration Form and forward your payment. Pay by check or credit card. Only **MEMBERS** of the Four Freshmen Society may attend this convention. Non-members must join the FFS for \$15, single or for a couple in to attend the convention. The registration form can be duplicated for non-members who wish to attend the convention.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL: The Hilton Hotel offers a free shuttle from the Fort Wayne International Airport. Please call the hotel with your arrival time two days in advance. 260/420-1100. Rental cars and other transportation services are also available at the airport.

HOTEL PARKING: Parking is free for convention hotel guests **with in and out privileges.**

Online registration (PREFERRED): Go to [FFS2023.com](https://ffs2023.com)



PLEASE PRINT REGISTRATION: Read registration Information details in *Fresh News* prior to filling out this form.

Name(s) _____
(First Name) (Last Name) (First Name) (Last Name)

Address _____

Address 2: _____ Telephone # (____) _____

City, State, Zip _____ E-mail _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

POSTMARKED (or online) February 1 to July 1, 2023 - \$215 per person. **POSTMARKED** (or online) after July 1, 2023 - \$225 per person. Cancellations - Cancellations with full refund before July 1, 2023. Cancellations from July 1 to July 31, 2023, will incur a \$25 processing fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 31, 2023**

HOTEL INFORMATION: Have you made your Fort Wayne Hilton Hotel Reservation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate the day you will arrive in order to assure the availability of rooms at the hotel: Day / /

JAM SESSION: Plan to perform at Thursday's Jam Session? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Since the *Jam Session* time is limited, we will need your song, key and instrument so we can be ready for you.

Song: _____ Key: _____ Instrument: _____

TABLE SEATING: Tables of 8. List names of those you want at your table.

SEATING IS ARRANGED BY POSTMARKED REGISTRATION DATE Be sure your entire group mails in on the same day.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

MENU SELECTIONS: Do you need **vegetarian or gluten free meals**? How many? Friday _____ Saturday _____

TOURS: Tours will be Friday, September 22, 2023

Tour #1 Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum (includes box lunch). \$35 _____ (limited to 80, reserve early)

Tour #2 Sweetwater (includes box lunch). \$35 _____ (limited to 30, reserve early)

COMMEMORATIVE SHIRT: \$37 each: (Shirts will not be available for sale at the convention)

(Enter NUMBER of shirts wanted by size and gender)

Men's Sizes: (____small) (____med) (____large) (____XL) (____XXL) (____XXXL) (Add \$2.00 each for XXL and XXXL)

Women's Sizes: (____small) (____med) (____large) (____XL) (____XXL) (____XXXL) (Add \$2.00 each for XXL and XXXL)

PAYMENT SUMMARY:

REGISTRATION: (\$215 OR \$225 after July 1) _____ people @ \$_____ each = \$_____

Add \$6/person if paying by credit card _____ people @ \$6 each = \$_____

COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS: Men's _____ Ladies _____ @ \$37 or \$39 each = \$_____

Tour #1 Veterans National Memorial Shrine _____ people @ \$35 each = \$_____

Tour #2 Sweetwater _____ people @ \$35 each = \$_____

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY Membership Fee \$15 = \$_____

(\$15 fee applies to couple OR single)

Couple _____ Single _____ Name(s) if different from above _____

Total = \$_____

If paying by check, please make checks payable to **Four Freshmen Society**

If paying by credit card, please fill out the form below.

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While in Fort Wayne, tour the Museum of Art



Or, enjoy a canal boat ride at Promenade Park.

The Four Freshmen Society Inc.

Item	Cost	QTY	Total
5 Trombones/5 Trumpets	\$15.00		
50 Years Fresh	\$15.00		
Culmination - Greg Stegeman (*)	\$15.00		
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Rod Henley's Jazzmin Vocal Band	\$10.00		
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Subtotal

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\$4 per LP for US orders

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and LPs, \$20 for "Now You Know" book

Total

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Fresh (2)

Return to Romance

Remembering Ken

Voice in Love (2)

The Liberty Years

Voices in Latin

Still Fresh

Greatest Hits

Live at Butler

Faux Freshmen

Unsung

Scratchin' the Surface (2)

Season of the Heart

Ray Brown

Southern Comfort

Thank You Very Large

New LP's - Friends \$20, others \$15

Four Freshmen and Friends

Fresh

The Freshmen Year

(*) Available to Members Only

Returning to the Birthplace of “The Four Freshmen”

By Kathy Barbour Feese

Although The Four Freshmen had played a few performances before September of 1948, their professional career began in earnest when they performed at “The 113 Club” in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 28th, 1948.

After hiring an agent, Dick Sheldon, they secured their first real gig at “The 113 Club” in Fort Wayne. It was named for its location at 113 Washington Boulevard. They knew all their songs down cold, but the stage act was a little rough. The club owner, Mr. Walsh, was not impressed with their initial performance and wanted them gone! But his daughter, Paula, liked them and thought Hal Kratzsch was dreamy! She prevailed upon her dad to keep them on the bill. With added reassurance from their new agent, that they would make some changes, the club owner decided to allow them to stay and finish out the rest of the week long booking.

They began to work on their stage act – breaking it up into sets and making it more like a **show**. They decided they needed to have an emcee, which Ross took on and at the suggestion of their agent, Ross began to play a drum instead of piano. Also, at the suggestion of Dick Sheldon, they began playing their instruments and singing at the same time. Don on guitar and Bob and Hal traded off on bass and horns. Before this they had played a few songs on their instruments and then sung a few all together on one microphone. Accompanying themselves while singing was not what other vocal groups were doing and it was difficult at first but each night they learned and improved. This was what set them apart from other vocal quartets who relied on big bands to accompany them.

The instrumentation added a layer of fun and excitement to their songs and created nuances that gave them the full package. Soon they had adopted a format that would become their performing style, showing off their musical talents, their unique vocal arrangements and their irrepressible personalities. On September 28th, they posed for their first professional pictures wearing tuxedos - very classy! Today, “The 113 Club” is gone, but in its place is the beautiful Grand Wayne Convention Center which will allow the Four Freshmen Society to hold their 75th Anniversary Year Celebration in style and comfort.



Our Jazz Trio Fort Wayne's Finest



Jim Steele jazz pianist brings over 30 years of professional performing experience to his private teaching, specializing in traditional classical and jazz lessons and is on the music faculty at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

He has performed throughout Indiana, New York City, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Washington D.C., playing with Ernie Watts, Chuck Mangione, and James Carter, among others. He plays with the New Millennium Jazz Orchestra, PFW Faculty Jazz Combo and West Central Quartet. His compositions and arrangements have been performed by the Indiana All-State Jazz Combo, New Millennium Jazz Orchestra and many other groups.

Friday night will be a very special celebration and you will have the opportunity to enjoy Jim Steele's jazz piano stylings.

Brad Kuhns is a Northeast Indiana-based bassist who plays many genres. In addition to jazz combo work, he can be seen playing in various groups performing big band, original roots-rock, pop, and is a member of Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra.

He is on faculty at the Purdue Fort Wayne School of Music, teaching Electric Bass and Popular Music Ensembles, and also serves as an Artist in Residence at a fine arts magnet school in Fort Wayne.



Kent Klee is an award-winning composer, arranger, performer, and educator. He studied with legendary drummer Ed Soph at the University of North Texas, graduated from IPFW

with a bachelor's degree in music performance, and completed his master's degree in music performance from Ball State University. He served as the percussion director for 27 years and taught percussion at over 40 high school band programs, accumulating hundreds of private students. He currently performs with the Jim Steele Trio and the Kent Klee Quartet.

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The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

Check the Website: fourfreshmensociety.com or fourfreshmen.com for updates

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

Due to the current health restrictions, please be sure to keep up with the status of concerts online at fourfreshmensociety.com

2023

April 1

Bothell, WA

Northshore Performing Arts Center, 18125 92nd Ave NW

Show time: 7:30p

Tickets: 425-298-3449 (availability TBA)

April 27

Mansfield, PA

Straughn Hall, Mansfield University, 35 Straughn Dr

Show time: 7:00p

Tickets: 570-662-4170

June 24

Elkhart, IN

The Lerner Theatre, 410 South Main St

Show time: 3:00p

Tickets: 574-293-4469

June 25

Indianapolis, IN

The Jazz Kitchen, 5377 N College Av

Show times: 2:00p and 4:00p Tickets: 317-253-4900

July 26-29

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

The Dirty Dog Cafe, 97 Kercheval Ave

Show times: 6:30p and 9:00p Reservations: 313-882-5299

September 21-23

Fort Wayne, IN

Four Freshmen Society Convention

Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center

1020 S Calhoun St

FFS Members only; join HERE! Registration is open

December 2

Green Valley, AZ

Community Performing and Arts Center, 125 W Continental Rd

Show times: 3:00p and 7:00p Tickets: 520-399-1750

(Available June 19, 2023)

December 3

Gold Canyon, AZ

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, 6640 South Kings Ranch Rd

Show time: 7:00p

Tickets: 480-493-6731

Let's Celebrate FF 75th

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We have been invited to some of the members' homes on our way to FFS Conventions. Among others, Paul and Kris Halac became great friends of ours. We have visited them several times in Colorado and they once visited us in Tokyo.

The photos are a small example of our friendships between Freshmen fans.



I want to encourage all of you to attend the 2023 FFS Convention in Fort Wayne, IN, September 21 - 23, in spite of whether you have ever attended a convention or not.

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