

WHERE DO MY MEMBERSHIP DUES GO?

Annual membership dues are required for membership in the Four Freshmen Society (FFS). Here's how your dues are used:

- Not for labor :) The FFS is all volunteers. No one is paid to do Society work; there's no paid staff.
- *Fresh News* Newsletter is published quarterly and is full of information and member stories to help members learn about the upcoming convention, Four Freshmen gigs, latest CD releases, to gain access to the Merchandise Mart, and so much more.
- A mailing list is maintained for the newsletter and other mailings to FFS members. All mailing expenses are paid by the FFS.
- The FFS often purchases items for the Freshmen -- clothing and sometimes instruments and cases, replacements for damaged items, publicity photographs and posters.
- Four Freshmen recordings on CDs are usually produced by the FFS.
- Transition expenses for bringing new Freshmen into the group are paid by the FFS.

Your annual dues of \$30 (or \$25/year when renewing for multiple years at once) stretch far beyond what's listed above in benefits and expenses. As a FFS member, you are part of the greatest fan club in the world for a group of hard working, skilled and talented young men who, for more than 75 years, continue to perform one of the greatest historical legacies in American music!

You can renew your membership at any time by going to dues.fourfreshmensociety.com; please do!



Gatherings

by Gil Peterson

Greetings to all,

I recently had a conversation with Bob Ferreira and he informed me that things seem to be picking up for the group and he is very positive about their future. They have a number of dates coming up soon. I have been working on having the group back here in Oregon this summer. I don't have anything currently set in stone, but I am hopeful that I can secure a date someday soon. I have also been in touch with Jake's sister, Emily, who lives in Eugene, Oregon, and she informed me that she has several contacts there that she will be pursuing. Our hope is that we can put together several venues this summer. Between us, maybe we can put our heads together and make something happen. Stay tuned!

I know that our membership has declined, but we still have members scattered all over the country. I would like to encourage everyone to always be on the lookout for possibilities for the Freshmen in your area. Most communities have some kind of summer music venue. If there is one in your community, I suggest you contact the committee Chairman and promote the Four Freshmen for the event. You might be surprised. At least make the effort. If anyone is interested, I would be very pleased to assist you in the process.

The news from the "gatherings" around the country has been very exciting. The one I attended in Lynden, Washington was superb. Keep up the good work and let's have a bunch more of these. It may not be a convention, but it's a great way to celebrate the Four Freshmen. These also serve as a wonderful way for us to meet again and share the iconic sounds of our favorite group. Put one together and if it's anywhere close, I will be there.

I wish each of you a delightful spring and summer.
Stay healthy and safe.

Best fresh wishes!

Editors Note:

I have decided to add a page called ***Memories***. If any of you have photos from Conventions or parties that you love and would like to see them in ***Fresh News***, just send them to me and I will eventually get them in. They, of course, always have to be with the Four Freshmen and Society Members.

– Barb Meyers