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**The Dayton Art Institute** – One of the nation's finest mid-sized art museums, The Dayton Art Institute features world-class special exhibitions: a family-oriented, interactive Experience center; and a diverse permanent collection of African, American, Asian and European Art.

[www.daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org) (937) 223-5277

**Scene75 Entertainment Center** is the largest indoor entertainment center in the country! Scene75 opened in July of 2012 and is what many are calling one of the most exciting entertainment venues to have ever opened in Dayton.

[www.scene75.com](http://www.scene75.com) (937) 619-3200

## To do within 15 minutes

**National Museum of the US Air Force** –

The oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world tells the story of aviation from the Wright Brother's first flight to the undefeated Stealth Fighter and, new in 2003, the story of the Cold War. The National Aviation Hall of Fame house inside the NMUSAF honors pioneers in the field of aviation. Free Admission.

[www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil) (937) 255-3286

**Wright Memorial** – This historic memorial overlooks Huffman Prairie where Orville and Wilbur Wright flew their experimental airplanes and the Wright Company conducted a flying school. Free Admission

**Huffman Prairie Flying Field & Interpretive Center** –

It was here that the Wright Brothers learned how to fly. See where the brothers successfully mastered the mechanics of controlled, powered, heavier than air flight. Visit the new Interpretive Center. A National Park Ranger will bring history to life! Free Admission. [www.nps.gov/daav/learn/historyculture/huffman-prairie-flying-field.htm](http://www.nps.gov/daav/learn/historyculture/huffman-prairie-flying-field.htm) (937) 425-0008

**The Greene** – Unlike anything the Miami Valley has experienced before The Greene is a fun and unique shopping and entertainment destination with upscale shops and restaurants. The regions new village – like open mall concept with cobblestone streets and a Greene space focuses on a family experience filled with possibilities for all.

[www.thegreene.com](http://www.thegreene.com) (937) 490-4990

# A Note From the “Old Man.”

by Bob Ferreira

Hello fans and friends,

It's been a quite some time since I have had the privilege to contribute to The Fresh News. Obviously there has been a lot of changes happening, but I have to say, I cannot be more excited about the future of this storied group! We all were sad to see the departure of Curtis Calderon who, after 15 dedicated years in the Freshmen, had decided to hang up his road shoes to spend quality time with his family; especially, after welcoming another child into the world! I wish nothing but the best for Curtis as I consider him a dear friend. Curtis is still actively involved with The Four Freshmen, but more in a behind-the-scenes capacity these days so he is still around, folks!

With the departure of Curtis brought us Mr. Jon Gaines. Jon's musical talents seemed to be tailor made for the Freshmen and his talent and dedication are only rivaled by his non stop enthusiasm for this group and passion for this sound and tradition. We joke that Jon was born four days after I joined the Freshmen back in August of 1992! Wow! How time flies! But, it just confirms that with the additions of Stein Malvey four years ago, Tommy Boynton three years ago and our recent acquisition of Mr. Gaines back in January that the Freshmen legacy is in safe and caring hands. In the nearly 25 years I have had the privilege of performing with the Freshmen I have never been more optimistic and excited about the future. It seems that every show we four perform just gets better! We are always looking for ways to improve. We listen to the fans praise, criticisms, and concerns with equal value and take those words to heart and try to apply those critiques in ways that will improve our overall quality of performance. I am so proud of each of these guys as they pour their hearts and souls into this music, business, and tradition. You can all look forward to hearing the classic freshmen charts, but there will be some revivals of which the group has not performed in many a moon! There will also be some brand new arrangements on the horizon; some from yours truly! The main thing is that we are always working hard to keep this sound alive and thriving for all of you and future generations.

This brings up an important point. I know as time goes on it gets to be a little more difficult to travel and enjoy the moments like the ones most of us have experienced in attending the Four Freshmen Society Conventions over the years. But, I truly hope that you all will make an effort to come out to Dayton and see the four of us perform for you. More importantly, in my eyes, I hope you make the effort to attend this convention to see your friends with

whom you have built lasting relationships over the years. I do not see these annual conventions as mere fan club get togethers. I see these weekends as FAMILY REUNIONS. I truly look forward to seeing all your smiling faces and getting to chat with as many of you as possible. One of my personal joys about being on the road these days is hearing the stories from our fans and friends on what the Freshmen music means to them; how they met their one and only loves and fell in love with and to the Freshmen sound. The impact of this music is not lost on us by any means. We adore you all and appreciate the passion and support you have all expressed that has kept this sound going for almost 70 years! So please make the effort to come out to Dayton and see all your friends. These are the special times and they become all the more cherished as the years pass by. I wish you all much health and happiness and truly look forward to seeing you down the road real soon!

