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**GREETINGS  
FFS MEMBERS &  
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Summer has arrived here in the United States with much promise of a more normal lifestyle than we were dealing with a year ago. Gradually, we are adjusting to the idea of shopping without masks, eating inside restaurants (which seem to be understaffed for the most part) and simply able to be in places where there are relatively large numbers of people who are not staying six feet apart! I still keep masks in my car and purse as you never know when a business may require one to enter. We are pretty much open in the state of Ohio, thankfully.

Having recently flown to and from Orlando, I can assure you that people are not staying home anymore. Folks are getting out there as indicated by the busy airports and full planes I experienced. It seemed to be just like it was before the pandemic.

I sincerely hope that you, your family and friends have managed to stay healthy through this stressful time. We all know some who have suffered greatly through loss of loved ones or serious illness, and our hearts go out to them.

On another note, the good news is that The Four Freshmen are able to start performing live shows again, and they have begun working on a new recording which we, as great fans, have underwritten by our generous donations. We will have new Fresh music available soon from Bob, Tommy, Jake and Ryan!

We are also continuing to plan the next annual convention/reunion for June 2022. We will be together again in Bay City, Michigan after two years of no gatherings. I promise this will be a very special one, so start planning now to be there! I look forward to seeing all of you in Michigan.

# UPDATE!

by Gil Peterson

Greetings to all,

I hope you are all having a healthy and safe summer. This past year has been extremely difficult for everyone. It looks like there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. COVID has had a devastating impact, especially on all musical performing groups, since there was nowhere for them to perform. However, The Four Freshmen have endured. It appears that things are beginning to open up and group #27 is ready and eager to hit the road again.

I have been able to arrange for them to perform here in Roseburg, Or. on July 20th and 21st. The concert on the 20th will be at "Music on the Half Shell", open to the public, and on the 21st they will perform at an invitation only event at my residence. We are all very excited to hear group #27. There will be a number of FFS members in attendance for both concerts. Wish you could all join us. I will give you an update after the events.

I recently spoke with Jim Williams, our Chairman of the Bay City convention, and he informed me that everything is still in place and ready to go. Jim has not been in the best of health, but he has done a remarkable job of holding everything together. We are slightly less than twelve months away from convention time. Start making your plans now. The weather should be terrific and this convention is certainly one you do not want to miss. All the registration information will be forthcoming in the January edition of the *Fresh News*.

We all sincerely thank you, Jim, for an outstanding job of planning under extreme circumstances. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Best fresh wishes!

## Nancy Albers

by Sue Barbour

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that Nancy Albers passed away on May 31st. She was born February 28th, 1934. Nancy and Ken Albers met while The Four Freshmen were playing a show at The Crest in Detroit, Michigan. Ken Albers was a very important member of The Four Freshmen from 1956-1977. He wrote arrangements, sang bass, and played those beautiful trumpet and flugelhorn solos.

Nancy and Ken had three children: Marti, Ritchie and Joey. Joey passed away from a heart attack in his 40s. We are grateful that Nancy is at peace though we will miss her dearly.

