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## **GREETINGS FFS MEMBERS & FRESHMEN FANS**

Summertime, and the living is easy....sound familiar? Guess that depends on where you are in life's cycle and what responsibilities you hold at this time. At least the longer hours of daylight give us the chance to spend more time outside enjoying nature and perhaps take in an outdoor concert which is always a pleasure.

You will notice in this issue a detailed description of the Gathering event being put together by our FFS Board member, Mark Schlichting. It sounds like a great opportunity for all of you in the northwest part of the country to enjoy some good music, beautiful scenery, and of course time with other Fresh fans and the Four Freshmen. This event will be like a scaled down convention with less cost to participate, so I hope many FFS members will plan to attend.

This brings up the question of how do we raise funds without a convention? The cost of printing and putting out the quarterly newsletter *Fresh News* is our biggest expense but also the lifeline of our organization that keeps us connected. In order to continue doing that, we will need another source of income besides the revenue from dues. I feel sure most of you would be willing to make a donation to FFS to help keep the Society financially secure.

Many of us who have been regular attendees of past conventions are not able to make the trip to Washington State in October, so we will not have the expense of travel, lodging and registration fees. So why not send a donation to keep FFS going and able to provide all of us with *Fresh News*? Any amount will be appreciated and will help your Board of Directors to effectively make decisions regarding how we can support the Freshmen. TO DONATE just go to [FourFreshmenSociety.com/contribute](http://FourFreshmenSociety.com/contribute). Fresh gratitude to all of you who care enough to do this for the Four Freshmen Society and to continue our support of the Freshmen!

***We can have a FRESH FUTURE with your help.***

# **“Gatherings”**

by Gil Peterson

I am sure by now, that all FFS members have heard that our 2023 Convention in Fort Wayne, without some miracle, will in fact be our last FFS Convention. Dave Blackwell, Marlene Lobsiger and their committee certainly did a masterful job of planning and providing one of our most memorable conventions ever. The FFS owes you all a standing ovation for your outstanding dedication and achievement.

This is painful for all of us, but perhaps we need to simply remember all the wonderful conventions, the friends we have acquired and the memories that will remain in our hearts forever. No other fan-based group in the history of the music industry can even come close to our success. That is a tremendous legacy and we should all be proud of our history. But, it ain't over yet! There is a new game in town. The new game is called Gatherings. This occurs when the Freshmen are performing and FFS members in the area gather to see and hear them. There have been several Gatherings over the past few months and the reports are that they were well-attended by many FFS members and very successful. There happens to be a very special Gathering planned this October in Lynden, WA, that from all accounts, is going to be terrific. The Freshmen are going to be the



headliners for the Lynden Music Festival. This edition of *The Fresh News* contains a lot of information regarding this event. Mark Schlichting has been very involved with the festival organizers and has arranged some very special opportunities for FFS members. I think this a wonderful opportunity for all of us, and especially those of us who live on the west coast, to gather for this outstanding music festival.

The weather in the Pacific Northwest in the fall is generally excellent. If you have never visited here, this is a marvelous opportunity for you to enjoy the Fabulous Four Freshmen, the fantastic scenery, the renewal of FFS friends old and new, and the ambiance of this very special musical extravaganza.

There will be updates regarding the event forthcoming as the festival draws near. Should you need further assistance regarding planning, you can contact Mark Schlichting at [mschlich@comcast.net](mailto:mschlich@comcast.net).

Start making your plans now. I will be looking forward to “Gathering” with you all in October.