

## HERE IS THE NEWS Some good and some sad - Tom Purvis

It is my pleasure to report that we will soon have some new officers to begin administering the affairs of our important Society. This has been an ongoing process for about a year and while important, is not likely to reach a final conclusion until the 2006 Convention in Pittsburgh.

Long time member Dick Baldwin will be assuming the Presidents position over the next few months thus permitting this tired soldier to relax a bit. You should recall seeing Dick's name at the top of the **Trustee Advisors** listing in Fresh News for several years so the name should not be new to you. Dick has also been the orchestrator of the very successful FRESH TALK sessions at several of our conventions. I am sure that Dick will be a worthy administrator of the business affairs of our Society.

Additionally, Florida member Jim Whitmire will be working toward assuming the Treasurer position effective with the beginning of our fiscal year in January 2006. Jim has a long history with the technical aspects of finance having worked with IBM, ADP and OPMS, a company founded by Jim and our Membership Director Chaz Cone. Bruce Camlin, our long time Treasurer will be working with Jim through the closing of our fiscal year and the tax requirements for 2005 thus efficiently passing the mantle in good fashion. It is my intent to offer a more detailed introduction of these changes in the January 2006 issue of Fresh News.

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An important item of business at the 2006 Pittsburgh Convention will be the election of a complete slate of members to the Corporate Board of Directors as the terms of all current Directors have expired. We have a potential list of members who have indicated an interest in serving which we will also publish in January. Should you wish to have your name included please let me or new President Dick Baldwin know.

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As some of you may know, our long serving and dependable Fresh News Editor, Chick Trafford, has suffered some extended health issues, involving very extended hospitalization and multiple surgeries beginning last fall. He is now at his home recovering from the most recent surgery and would enjoy hearing from our members. Cards and good wishes can be sent to P.O. Box 993, Greensburg PA 15601-0993. We sincerely hope that Chick will be able to resume his full schedule very soon.

**Editors note: Thank you, FFSers, for your concern. I'm grateful for your good wishes.**

**C. Trafford, Editor**

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Our membership and Four Freshmen fan base continues to decline as our members age and pass on. Each week seems to bring the news of the loss of another longtime fan. This brings me to the subject of John G. (Jack) Souter of Sandusky, OH. Jack was a fan of the Freshmen going back to their earliest success and had been a member of the Four Freshmen Society for over 17 years dating back to the inception. We routinely send a card when we hear of such loss through our Secretary Donna Gallaway. Following Jack's death Donna received a very moving reply from Jack's family which I include following, in part...

*"Growing up in Sandusky, Dad would play Four Freshmen as he worked at his parents newsstand. His sister said that he played it because it was perfect for picking up papers. He collected every single one of your albums & CD's. He had all 4 signed photographs of the old Four Freshmen on the mantle. He listened to you on a headset as he lay at Hospice. Thank you for providing such enjoyment for my Dad. His favorite song was Blue World - but Rainy Day hits home with the loss of my Dad and your #1 fan. If you know of anyone who would like this mint set of albums and CD's, please let me know so they don't end up in the wrong hands."*

Jack died August 24th after an extended battle with cancer. He was 67.

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Reports for the 2005 Convention indicate that a good time was had by all! Some more detailed information of our first European party is included elsewhere in this issue. Final details of attendance are not yet available, but it would seem that there was a good crowd and significant attendance from the U.S.

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Planning is well along for the 2006 Convention in Pittsburgh for next August. Additional information is also included in this issue. We do solicit proposals for 2007 and even beyond. Think about it - the longer you have to develop a program the easier it becomes. Don't wait until we are all out in Senior cities!

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### NEWS FROM ROSS

Sue and I WILL be on the December cruise. We can't let all of you cruisers have so much fun without us being there to enjoy you!