

And So It's Over...NOT!

All things good always have a way of ending. That's what happened to us in that Barbara Meyers has retired from her position of Nevada State Rep., and Mel Meyers has retired from his position of Arizona State Rep. and Director of the West Region for FFS.

We leave these positions with "heavy heart" as they say. We have been traveling the Western states trying to keep up with the most engaging young men in the business. We have enjoyed every minute of the casinos, lounges, bars, theaters, outdoor arenas, RV sites, cruises and meeting with the local supportive society members at the gigs and sending out occasional notices to the memberships and the state reps reminding them of coming events, etc. We are not leaving the FFS, however, but will of course see you all in Portland. We enjoy these conventions because we get to see all of you. I shall continue on with supporting the Convention Requirements Committee as required.

We have elected to return to our roots, namely Toledo Ohio, as permanent residents. We expect to be active from there catching up to the Guys when they work this area and as requested by FFS management.

We appreciate the support given the Guys by the West States Members and thank them for that.

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Flat Out Tremendous

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Just a note from my wife (Susan) and me to tell you we just returned from The Elkhart (IN) Jazz Festival, and what a joy it was to attend all three performances of the Four Freshmen. Without doubt, they were the absolute best of all groups at the Festival as well as drawing the largest crowds at every session.

All three performances were at different times of the day and/or at a different setting, and there were very few duplicates in the programs. As the Freshmen sound continues to improve with age over the years, it even happened in Elkhart in a space of two days. They were really in top form, and the mix of old standards along with some newer arrangements made for a marvelous treat.

We date back to the original group at Butler, although both of us are Indiana University grads. After listening to some of the early 50's and down through the years recordings, the "In Session" CD we just purchased in Elkhart is a real testimony to the fact that the Freshmen sound is alive, well and continually getting better. This current group is just flat out tremendous. Each brings a special talent to the gathering