THE BALBOA BAY CLUB

by Jack Crosthwait, Huntington Beach, CA

Friday evening, August 10th, The Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach was where is was happening for The Four Freshmen and 200 plus, appreciative fans. Hosted mainly by Curtis Calderon, the two set, ninety minute performance, coming just five days after the rousing Four Freshmen convention in Portland, was warmly received by the crowd.

In addition, the program was also enjoyed by passing sailboats, launches and cruisers slowing down to hear the rich tones of the Freshmen flow over the waters of Balboa Bay.

Introduced by Bob Flanigan, the programs first set of fifteen songs started with "Something's Gotta Give" and concluded with "After You've Gone." Highlighted were three songs - "Angel Eyes," "Somebody Loves Me" & "Mam'selle" - from the original Four Freshmen and 5 Trombones album, as the sun set into the Pacific and loud jetliners climbed west out of Orange County's John Wayne Airport.

After intermission, the upbeat of "Route 66" opened the second set, half of which featured "one mike" and concluded with "And So It's Over." And so it was and it was grand, as Bob Ferreira noted that "Helicopter 7" also joined in their finale.

Come join us next year as there is no better setting to marvel to the melodies of these fine young men celebrating some of the classics of the original Four Freshmen.





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On the first evening of summer, June 21, the Four Freshmen sang to over two thousand people, outdoors, at Veterans Park, in my hometown of Springfield, Ohio. They were fantastic!

It was the second night of our Summer Arts Festival, an annual five-week-long series of music, dance, and Broadway plays.

Many Society members from near and far were amid the fans. Among those enjoying the Fresh air were Tom and Delee Purvis from Sandusky, Mel and Barbara Meyers from Toledo, and the Dot and Harry Lydic clan fom Pittsburgh, just to mention a few.

After sundown, the platform lights got brighter and brought about an assortment of flying bugs to center stage, some of which Bob and Brian chortled "tasted just like chicken!"

All in all, it was perfect music by a perfect foursome on a perfect evening.

The performance was sponsored by the Juergens family in memory of Tim Juergens who passed away in early Spring. Tim was a longtime Four Freshmen Society member, who, along with his wife, Jackie, attended almost all the conventions and cruises. He was a man who treasured his music, particularly that of the Four Freshmen.