

# Fresh News

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## 2012 CONVENTION RENO

Left: Yas Ichiura plays trombone at the "Wannabees."

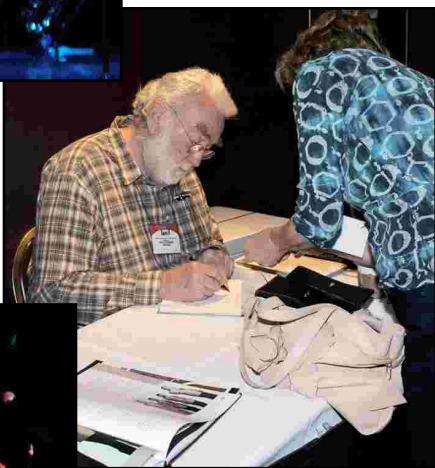
Below: Russ Cochran sign the new Four Freshmen book.

Right: The Four Freshmen at rehearsal.



Below Left: Ross's daughter, Natalie Brus, holds up many convention gift bags.

Below Right: Greg Stegemen and John Garcia enjoy the social time.



Tom Kilbride  
purchases CDs from  
Barbara Emerson of  
the Music Mart.



The Four Freshmen surprised board members (l-r) John Emerson, David Bentley, Chaz Cone and Mel Meyers with a plaque for helping them get *Love Songs* off the ground.



"Wannabees" on stage.



Above: The Great Ron Kalina.

Left: Bill Comstock entertains the crowd with a song.

Below: Jack and Jeannine Chivatero visit with Elmer Schroeder.



Above: Hanna and Kermit Sveen visit with former Freshman Greg Stegemen.

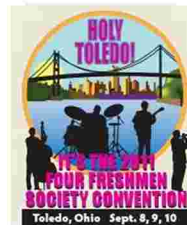


Right: Yas Ichiura and Maurice Byrne have an animated discussion.



# Past Convention Logos

Do you remember if you were there? Thank you Dan De la Torre for all the beautiful artwork.





# Our new Fresh News Editors

I have been a FF fan since high school. Mel and I joined the FFS in 1998. I have been a Nevada Rep, and am now an Ohio Rep. I am also on the Convention Selection Committee. I was Chairman of the 2011 Convention and Donna Gallaway was my registration Chairman. I am confident that Donna and I will work great together.

Barbara Meyers

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# Our New President, **Neil Lantz**



Neil Lantz of Fishers, Indiana has been elected by the Corporate Board of Directors to replace retiring president, Mel Meyers. Lantz and his wife Sara Lou have been Freshmen fans since the 1950's and members of the Society since 2000. They co-chaired the highly successful 2008 convention in Indianapolis in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Four Freshmen.

Neil has served as the FFS Indiana Representative, as a member of the Convention Site Selection Committee, and the Advisory Council. He is the immediate past president of the Jazz Arts Society of Indiana and both he and Sara Lou continue to serve on that organization's board of directors. After a 40-year sabbatical, he recently resumed his musical hobby by playing tenor sax in several big bands in the Indianapolis area.

He began his professional career as a teacher with the Fort Wayne, Community Schools where he later served as a junior high school assistant principal. He then was named registrar of the Indiana-Purdue (IUPFW) campus in Fort Wayne and subsequently held major administrative positions at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI) and for the Indiana University system-wide system.

In 1985, Neil became a broker manager of a large real estate office in Indianapolis and later served as associate broker and vice president, residential division, of the largest independent real estate company in Indiana from which he retired in 2010.

Neil has a long history of volunteer work in a variety of non-profit organizations including the United Way, American Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House, USA Baseball, and the International Baseball Association. He was president of USA Baseball, the national governing body of all amateur baseball in the United States, when the U.S. team won the Olympic gold medal in Sydney, Australia in 2000. His 18 year involvement with national and international baseball involved travel throughout the world in a variety of official capacities at the Olympics, the Pan American Games, World University Games, and world championships.

Neil and Sara Lou have three adult children and nine grandchildren. Both remain active in a variety of music, church, and volunteer efforts in the central Indiana area.

## From the Outgoing Pres...

Mel Meyers, Past President, FFS

The recently completed Reno Convention was done nicely by Dennis and Joy Dobies and their staff. Hopefully all had a good time.

The Four Freshmen brought their latest "offering", *Love Songs* and it was exciting to watch and listen to the lovely songs with strings accompaniment. They become more diverse than ever before. Their "book" now includes strings, symphony, big band jazz, self-contained, and more selective presentations like the music of Stan Kenton using their *Live Trombones* as a lead in.

The songlist on the new album includes a variety of styles all focused on being in love. All were done well. The stage presentation conducted by Dr. Rod Henley was very pleasant and added a "touch of love".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board, and Advisory Council for the support they gave me during my three-year hitch as President. To all the members who came to the last three conventions, "Thank You, Thank you, and Thank you."

So its now my time to hand over the reins of President to a man well groomed to take my place. We did that at the convention as well, leaving Neil Lantz in charge. He is a studied successor and I say to him the words of Sage, Dave Barnes, "Call any time!"

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## HOT NEW FF CHARTS ON **HOTTER SUMMER NIGHT**

by Wayne Corey, FFS - Wisconsin

The Four Freshmen opened with a swinger from their new CD and later added three more of the new songs in a 50 minute set opening for The Lettermen Saturday night. The two groups that sold a lot of albums for Capitol Records in the pre-Beatles 1960s appeared in the Music by the Lake series at George Williams College.

The venue offers a lovely outdoor setting on the north shore of beautiful Geneva Lake in southeast Wisconsin. Geneva Lake is noted for being the summer home to a lot of old Chicago money. Temperatures hovered around 90 degrees as the Freshmen took the stage, causing Curtis Calderon, with flugelhorn but sans trumpet, to comment, "You may be wondering why we're wearing suits." Yup!

Three Great American Songbook classics from the new CD were grouped together late in the set. *I Can't Believe That You're in Love with Me* was taken at a moderately swinging pace while *Stardust* and *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square* seem likely to compete for fan favorite on the new CD. *Stardust* and *Nightingale* are both Brian Eichenberger charts drenched with classic Four Freshmen chords.

The remainder of the Four Freshmen set was predictable and predictably excellent. *Poinciana*, *Route 66*, *It's a Blue World* and other Freshmen classics received enthusiastic deserved applause.

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## Art Park in Lewiston NY

Moe Byrne, FFS Canada Representative

We arrived at Art Park in Lewiston NY after an horrendous hour and a half at the Lewiston bridge coming from Ontario (damn that Canadian dollar) but it was worth it to see and hear the Fabulous Four Freshmen again. This was my first time to see this beautiful facility and I was impressed by the size of the auditorium, the acoustics, and the helpful staff.

The Freshmen were in top form and performed a well-rounded selection starting with *Plenty of Money and You* from the new album, selections from their *In Session* album, and *Live Trombones*.

Curtis talked about the brand new album of love songs (aptly titled *Love Songs*) with mostly never-before recorded songs. We heard *Stardust*, *A Nightengale Sang In Berkeley Square*, and *I Can't Believe That You're In Love With Me*.

It was nice to meet so many fans and hear their stories and memories of the Freshmen of old and judging by the sales of the CDs they were delighted with the show. All-in-all we heard the greatest hits of the Four Freshmen plus *Surfer Girl*, on a beautiful summer day in Lewiston, NY. Then went home to Toronto well-pleased and ready to face that dreaded border crossing.

## Rocky Mountain Alto (High)

Paul and Monica Daniggelis

We didn't know what to expect. It was our first trip to the Spencer Theater in Alto, New Mexico. But it was our umpteenth visit to see the Four Freshmen. We have been fans (however isolated) of the fabulous foursome since that night at the now defunct Café Charmont in Juarez, Mexico way back in 1955. We got to chat with the late great Ross Barbour. Even motion picture star Jane Withers made an appearance to watch her new husband, Ken Errair, sing fourth voice with the Freshmen and wail on his trumpet.

We left our hotel in Ruidoso and kept climbing into the wilderness. The winding road obstructed our view so we saw few cars on the road. This is Lincoln Forest country and we had that sinking feeling that we were the only ones going to this concert. Finally, we left the wooded area behind in favor of rolling hills. Had we passed the freeze line where trees don't grow? I didn't think so. What I wondered was how our guys could sing at this altitude? You need oxygen to sing.

At last, the modern structure we had visited via Google Earth appeared and there seemed to be many cars nearby. But this was adjacent to a golf course. Perhaps this was the remnants of a golf crowd? Not to worry. The parking was between golf and Spencer's and we saw some folks headed for the concert hall. We made our way inside to a milling crowd in the lobby. I enquired of an attendant how ticket sales were going. Sold out!! They even added some extra seats in the orchestra section to accommodate the burgeoning crowd. I was elated.

We had gotten our tickets early and were seated in row B, center; perfect view of the guys. My wife, naturally, noticed that Bob Ferreira and Brian E. were wearing wedding bands. That was news to us. Our heartiest congratulations to the guys. And then, that familiar Freshmen sound filled the hall; the boisterous *Day In, Day Out* followed by the melancholy *Graduation Day*. I couldn't help but reflect on the recent graduations of a couple of New York nieces.

The guys sprinkled some new arrangements (Thank you Mr. Eichenberger) into the mix of all-time favorites. Curtis Calderon and Bob Ferreira handled most of the audience interaction duties with great good humor. If it had been winter, Curtis might have melted the nearby snow-capped Sierra Blanca with his high-toned trumpet riffs; even triple tonguing here and there (*There Will Never be Another You*). Wow!

And then there's Vince Johnson. What can you say about Vince and his "veejing" vocalizations harmonizing with his bass instrument (*Something's Got to Give*)? I know a lot of you folks out there love to call it "scat" but that term should be reserved for the "vocalization of nonsense syllables." Vince has a broad range of sounds, i.e. whistling (That Old Feeling), humming - other buzzing sounds that can only be described by the all-inclusive eponymous expression, veejing, named for Vince.

I love it when the Freshmen go off-mike for an "a cappella" arrangement. This is harmony at its purest. One of their best is the enchanting *Always Chasing Rainbows*. Then came the new arrangement of *Stardust* that had the crowd quivering in their seats. I think Brian was responsible for this gem as well. What incredible talent these guys have. I had hoped to hear Brian do his whimsical version of *If I Only Had a Brain* from Wizard fame. Alas, no. The crowd would have loved it though. Well, you just can't squeeze it all into a single concert. And, we never get enough of Bob Ferreira's mellow fourth voice but he had his moments this night.

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## FRESH MEMORIES

By Barb Meyers

Something new was introduced for everyone's pleasure - the telling of Fresh Memories. It made a hit with 185 Fresh Fans attending.

Mel Meyers was MC, with Sue Barbour, Rod Henley, Greg Stegman and Bill Comstock sharing their memories.

Sue started it all by telling a sweet story about the struggles they went through at the beginning. The other three shared their memories and got the audience to share as well. Geoffrey Comstock and Gary Barbour shared childhood memories as sons of two of the Fab Four.

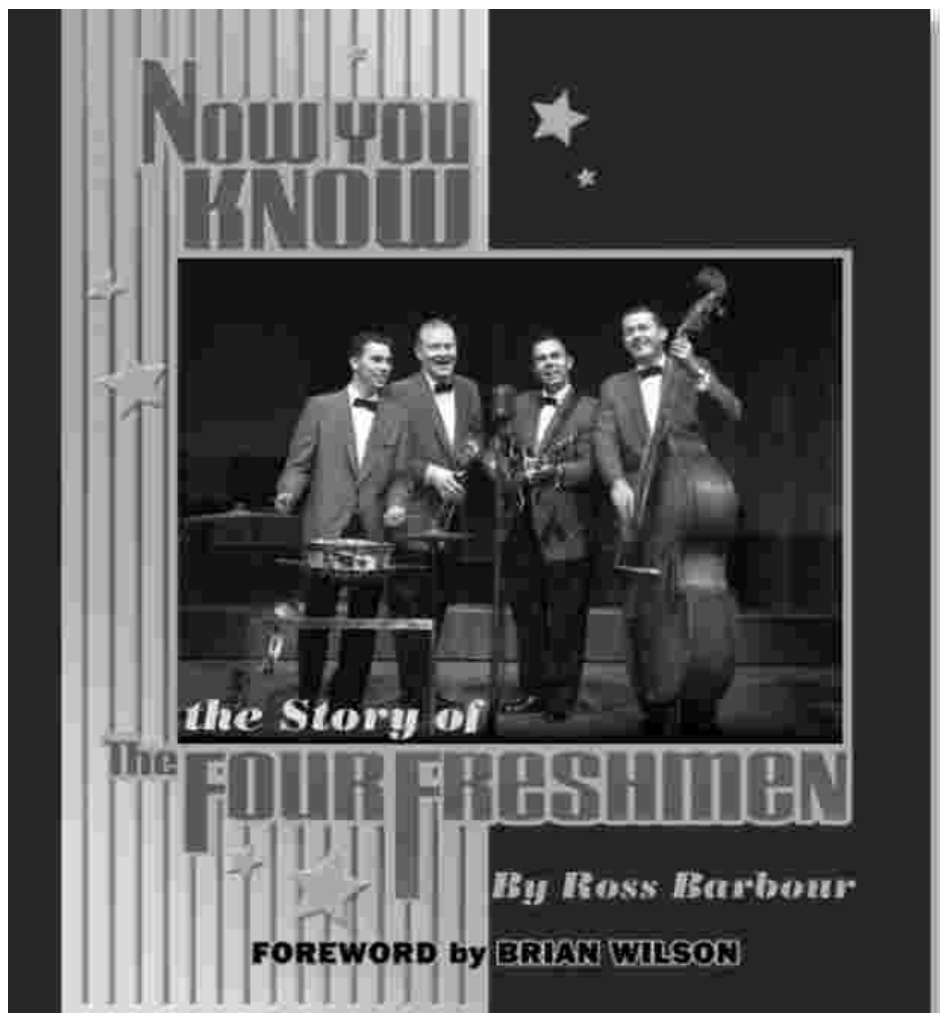
What was supposed to be an hour ran a little over with stories yet to tell. I can't wait to hear the left-over stories next year.

**The new leather-bound  
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# **"Now You Know" is now available!**

Russ Cochran Publishing has released a new edition of Ross Barbour's book *Now You Know*. Ross' book, describing decades of road stories, has been out of print for many years. Russ Cochran, working with Ross' widow Sue Barbour, has created a gorgeous "coffee-table" book with Ross' words and hundreds of Freshmen photographs from the Capitol Records archives and elsewhere; some never-before published.

There is a foreword from Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys and a final chapter written by Sue Barbour. Every true Four Freshmen fan should have this wonderful tribute.



This beautiful leather-bound book measures 11½" by 12½" and comes with a slipcase; it weighs 7½ lbs!

The book is a limited edition of only 1,500 copies and, when they're gone, there'll be no more; they are sure to appreciate in value over time. You can have yours today (and in time for Christmas) by ordering here.

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***Enjoy!***



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## Rocky Mountain Alto (High)

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I must comment on the *Berkeley Square* arrangement. Is this Brian as well? Nevertheless, it is Brian and his guitar and Curtis with his trumpet talking to each other instrumentally, urging the other to respond in kind. Folks, you can't hear this kind of music in everyday pop circles. It doesn't exist. They continued wowing the crowd with their signature melodies; *It's a Blue World* and *In This Whole Wide World*; and *Skylark*; and *Guilty*; and *Poinciana*; and, what may be their best arrangement of all time, *Angel Eyes*. Actually, folks, the list is endless. You cannot follow these guys for better than 55 years and not have them as part of your psyche. They finished the night with Beach Boy classic, *Surfer Girl*. These two groups owe each other an enormous debt. I guarantee you; it has been paid in full.

The next day we cruised back home stuffing the CD player with Freshmen albums. It's never enough, people. But you already know that.

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If you missed the Reno convention, you didn't get the terrific DVD of Fresh Memories produced by Dan de la Torre. With Dan and the Reno committee's permission, I put the DVD up on the web so you can enjoy it as well.

Click <http://fourfreshmensociety.com/videos/memories.htm> and enjoy!

Also, you missed a very nice Powerpoint presentation about next year's convention in Fort Wayne.

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If clicking either of those links doesn't work for you, just copy the link into your browser's URL; that'll work for sure!

Enjoy!

Chaz Cone, Four Freshmen Society Membership Director, Webmaster and Database dude

## HOTTER SUMMER NIGHT

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The Freshmen did the entire set grouped around one microphone, an arrangement that, to this listener, seemed to limit the usual Four Freshmen stage energy. Booking the Freshmen with the Lettermen may seem logical, but works less well in person. The Lettermen are musically not very interesting. But leader Tony Butala has done a high energy, reverb-drenched, play-the-audience Vegas-type show for decades and nothing has changed. The Freshmen, by contrast, are extremely interesting musically and sing challenging charts so, to a knowledgeable music fan, the contrast can be a bit jarring.

The two groups joined to sing *Graduation Day* at the end of the Lettermen set with the Four Freshmen carrying the instrumentation and the harmonies.

Southern Wisconsin is looking forward to a Freshmen return November 10th when they headline the Verona Arts Series in suburban Madison.



The Lettermen joined the Four Freshmen to sing *Graduation Day* and close the show at George Williams College.

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# BACK TO THE "113" CLUB

## Four Freshmen Society 2013 Convention, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Can you imagine? As we celebrate the 2013 Society Convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana, it will have been 65 uninterrupted years since our favorite musical group began its first professional gig on September 20, 1948 at the 113 Club in Fort Wayne. Also, imagine this: the 2013 Convention will be held in the sparkling, spacious Grand Wayne Convention Center on the exact location of the original 113 Club at 113 West Washington Street. What a coincidence! Sixty-five years will have passed next year, but the Freshmen sound remains timeless, and we're looking forward to seeing and hearing the current guys.

The Convention Center is connected to the newly renovated Hilton Hotel, our convention hotel, and both facilities are conveniently located within a short walk of nearby restaurants and attractions in the downtown area. The Hilton offers free parking in an attached parking garage, a free shuttle from the airport and very reasonable rates.

So... mark your calendars now and plan to join your many Society friends and Four Freshmen fans in Fort Wayne from September 5 to 7, 2013. The convention Planning Committee is already hard at work to make the 2013 gathering one of the best ever! We hope to see you then. Convention details will be available in January 2013. Registration begins February 1, 2013. Don't miss it!

Marlene Lobsiger and Dave Blackwell  
Co-Chairpersons



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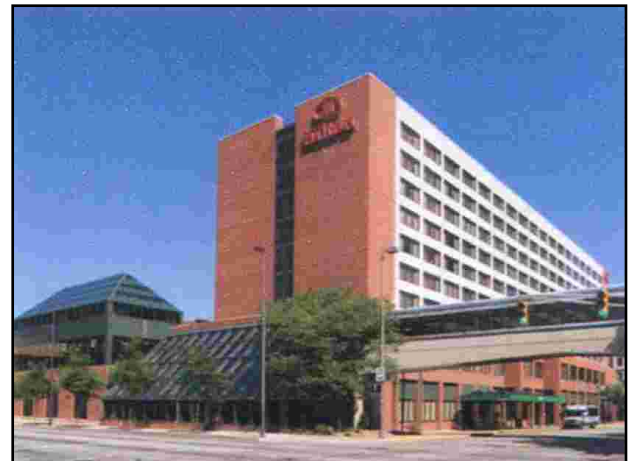


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Above:  
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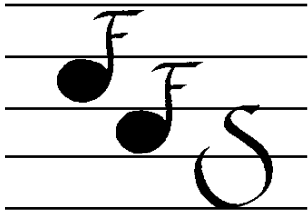
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## LOVE LOVE LOVE!!! LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!!

Hey Freshmen Fans! Brian E. here. The guys and I are thrilled to announce the long-awaited arrival of our new record, The Four Freshmen - **LOVE SONGS**.

If you've seen us perform live in the past year or so, you may have heard a few of these new arrangements. (but wait till you hear them with the full string orchestra! mmmmm... yum.)

For this project, we wanted to highlight some of the truly lovely love songs that the old group(s) never got around to singing. A few familiar standards like *Stardust*, *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*, and *Body and Soul* are on there, along with a few less-familiar but quite beautiful tunes, such as *Only Trust Your Heart* and *As Long As I'm Dreaming*. Finally, there is one brand new song I wrote for the record, simply titled *Love You*. If you like tight harmonies, lush strings, and songs that tug on the ol' heartstrings, you are going to love **LOVE SONGS**. (of course we snuck a couple swinging tunes in there too, just for good measure.)

In the studio, we were very fortunate to connect with some great friends and players in Hollywood and a gorgeous string orchestra in the Czech Republic to bring the classic Freshmen sound to these all-new arrangements. We couldn't be more pleased with the way it all turned out. I think this record would make the perfect backdrop for a romantic candle-lit Valentines Day dinner with that special someone... Of course we're too excited (impatient) about it to wait for a February release! ;)

**LOVE SONGS** is available for purchase NOW! Go to [www.fourfreshmensociety.com/lovesongs](http://www.fourfreshmensociety.com/lovesongs) or by mail via page 10 of this issue of FreshNews.

