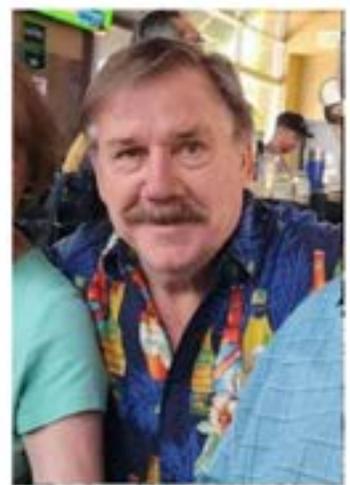




"Why do we need to fly half-way across the country to see our kid?" mused Bob and Kay Boynton, who flew from Denver to hear Tommy play with The Freshmen.



Jake Baldwin and Dmitri Matherly, two virtuoso jazz trumpeters, talk shop and compare notes during a break in Wednesday night concert. The boys let Ryan stay back to rest his voice for the days ahead.



Wes Sorstrikke, an International Barbershop Champion, was the Freshmen's "handler" during the visit.

Thursday:

More than 125 students, parents, teachers and interested observers converged on the WECU Pavilion at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in anticipation of a workshop and Master Class with **The Four Freshmen**. Spirits were high as the students entered the hall, grabbed a complimentary Goody Bag, warmed up their voices, and looked forward to a thrilling day with these musical icons. And, they were not disappointed!

After warming up and singing for one another, the students burst into thunderous applause as The Freshmen entered the performing area and treated the students to a couple of their classic tunes. The workshop/clinic followed, and it was obvious that the musical perspectives of these students from the choral programs of Ferndale, Blaine, and Mt. Baker high schools, were forever changed, and inspired! A quartet and two octets performed songs from The Four Freshmen repertoire— *Graduation Day*, *Candy*, and *Day By Day*—and the Chamber Chorale from Blaine performed a piece that was arranged by former Four Freshman, Kirk Marcy (FF Group #12), entitled *Come and Find the Quiet Center*.



A table full of Goody Bags are ready to greet the Blaine High School Choir Students when they arrive for the Thursday workshop and Master Class!



Local high school choral teachers Jessica Schlichting, Ferndale High (above), Andy Marshall, Blaine High, and Linda Moore, Mt. Baker High, lead the students in vocal warm-ups prior to the arrival of their "mentors" Bob, Tommy, Jake, and Ryan. Teachers had prepared students on Four Freshmen tunes, and had shared historic videos with them.