

Group #28 Report

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GREETINGS FFS MEMBERS & FRESHMEN FANS

As I write this brief column, I am on a bus in the mountains of Wyoming heading to Yellowstone National Park. I hope you will all plan to travel to Nashville in a few months to join in a celebration of the Four Freshmen and welcome the newest member to the group, Chris. I have listened to all the available songs they have posted on YouTube and Facebook and can't wait to hear them in person. He sounds like a perfect addition to the group, and he is young and cute! (I actually remember saying that about Bob in Columbus, Ohio more than 30 years ago!)

Linda Harrison and Mark Schlichting have been working together to create a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather once again to enjoy a couple of days of live Freshmen music and visiting with each other and the Four Guys we love so much. More information can be found in this copy of *Fresh News*. Hope to see you all in Nashville!

Group #28 has had several performances recently and all the reports I have received have been outstanding. I was supposed to attend the recent concert in Mableton, GA, but due to circumstances beyond my control, I had to cancel my plans. However, I received information from Chaz Cone that the Freshmen were excellent and were very well received. I, of course, was very disappointed and I look forward to seeing and hearing them soon when they are anywhere near my location.

I have recently been in contact with Linda Harrison and Mark Schlichting who are planning a fabulous event with the Freshmen scheduled in March in Nashville, Tennessee. This will not be a convention, but will be a "reunion" of the Freshmen and Freshmen fans. I don't have all the details yet, but what I do have sounds superb. Nashville is a very interesting city known throughout the world for every kind of music anyone can imagine. It is a city easy to reach by the airlines from anywhere in the world. As I understand now, the venue for the event is conveniently located directly across the street from the airport. No ground transportation will be necessary. All the information regarding this sensational event will be forthcoming when it becomes available. This will be a very special "reunion" that you will not want to miss.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! If all goes well, I will see you there.

Group #28 at the Grand Opera House

By Christian Rank, FFS historian

Group 28's journey began on July 18th in Minneapolis. Three performances later I got the opportunity to hear their 4th show at the historic Grand Opera House in Cheboygan, a picturesque town located near the northern tip of Michigan's lower peninsula. I was not disappointed!

The boys came out swinging with *From This Moment On*. A time-honored favorite *In This Whole Wide World*, followed and the full house was feeling the love. A jubilant *Give Me the Simple Life*, a joyful *When You're Smiling* provided a setup of four tunes from the group's time-honored masterpiece album *5 Trombones: Angel Eyes, You Stepped Out Of A Dream, Love Is Just Around the Corner* and the tender *Guilty*. Tommy and Jake then joined forces on *I've Got A Crush On You*, from Tommy's new album. A swinging *Route 66* brought us to the Intermission.

The second half started off with the boys going back to the beginning when they came front and center around one microphone and treated us to some of the Freshmen's earliest arrangements: *Easy Street, Then I'll Be Happy* (Group 28's first single, check it out if you haven't already), *The Day Isn't Long Enough, Poinciana*, and Bobby Troup's *Ain't Seen Nothing Like You*. Jake then segued into a swinging *Someone Like You* which led to *Day By Day. It's A Blue World*, dedicated to Group One, led to the closer *Day In Day Out*, swinger which makes a perfect opener or closer. A moving encore of *What A Wonderful World* had the crowd on its feet. This is becoming a Freshmen classic in the *Chasing Rainbows* vein. (continued on page 5)

