ALL JAZZ - ALL THE TIME -LOTS OF PARTIES AND LOTS OF FUN What a menu for an exciting cruise vacation in 2003!

by Jeri Ann Kelly

Dina of IVI, our agent for The Four Freshmen, and Jeri Ann Kelly, our cruise lady, have put together a fabulous all-Jazz Cruise. The Four Freshmen will be an integral part of the entertainment headliners. This is a very special opportunity to spend 7 nights aboard one of the new Holland America ships.

Check your calendar for November 1-8, 2003, and call Jeri Ann Kelly @ 1-800-355-4135 ASAP to reserve a stateroom of your choice for your journey to include Antigua, Tortola and the Grand Turk & Caicos as your ports of call. Departure will be from Ft. Lauderdale and Jeri Ann can assist in getting you the best possible airline rates from your closest city.

Our ship will be fully chartered just for Jazz fans from around the world. You will be thrilled with the 168 hours of live Jazz by 60 top Jazz performers, to include a Big Band. Just to mention a few:

The Four Freshmen Ken Peplowski Freddy Cole Quartet Jeff Hamilton Trio Taylor Eigsti Trio (featuring Chris and Dan Brubeck) Shelly Berg Rickey Woodard

and many more!

Jeri Ann has exclusive plans for the Four Freshmen Society group. Once our first 40 persons are booked, we will order the design for our exclusive Four Freshmen Society shirts (suggestions are most welcome) and definite arrangements will be made for a "Welcome Aboard" party and/or an "After Glow" party. All of this and more will ONLY be for those persons booked into our Four Freshmen group.

As so many of you former Four Freshmen cruisers know, it is a wonderful way to become acquainted in this circle of devoted Four Freshmen fans!

All Society members will receive a detailed brochure by mail in early January. The rates for this cruise will include entrance to all the venues and other extra parties offered by the charterer. Call Jeri Ann, AZ time 9 AM to 9 PM @ 1-800-355-4135. For the past several years this private charter has sold out very early so we strongly suggest getting your stateroom/rates nailed down by deposit ASAP.

An Elegant Affair

by John Morrison (MI)

Thursday, October 24th, Detroit, Michigan - Andiamo Italia Restaurant was the time and place for this elegant Cancer Center Fund Raiser. The evening started with a social hour followed by a lobster dinner. Bob & Mary Flanigan attended the festivities and Bob introduced the entertainers for the evening - first, Johnny Trudell's 20 piece Big Band. Bob and the Freshmen have appeared several times over the years with Johnny's Band and Bob gave him and his band a very nice tribute. The band sounded great doing this Kenton tribute. I got goose bumps listening to the cry of the trumpets and mellow sound of the trombones on such tunes as Peanut Vendor and Artistry in Rhythm. It seemed the energy of the band was coming from its drummer, Jerry McKenzie, who was with the Kenton Band and can be heard on "The Four Freshmen Live at Butler" recording. I noticed that Jerry and Bob were chatting and if I could guess it might have been about those days on the Kenton bus.

Bob next introduced "Our Guys" and they were "right on." I know it gets repetitious saying how great they sound, but it is true!!!!!! I especially like their adding "After You" to the program as I think it is one of the loveliest romantic songs ever performed. Bob also joined them in "Blue World." It was quite appropriate since Detroit was the place that Blue World first became a hit.

You never seem to know what next is coming from Vince. Well, he now has a very stylish mustache and beard/goatee or whatever you call it. Could he be copying Bob? If so, will a shaved head be next?

This was not a typical Four Freshmen crowd as the majority of the 300 people came for dinner and to support the Cancer Center. Approximately 20% left after dinner. But with my wife, Mary, and fellow FFS members George and Ellie Nosky selling CD's and promoting FFS memberships after the concert, it became very clear from the enthusiasm, questions and sales that the Four Freshmen made many new fans.

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