

FIRST TIME IN THE FIRST STATE

by Fred and Ronnie Williamson (DELAWARE Reps)

The Freshmen made their first appearance in the State of Delaware on February 1, 2002. As Bob Ferreira addressed the crowd of 400 at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater, he noted that the group did not know what to expect of the theater or of the crowd. But after the first two songs, all questions were answered. WOW!!!!

I had a chance to "work" the crowd that night, an appreciative group that included everyone from local radio personalities, family and friends, FFS State Reps from Vermont and Virginia, to NAACP Leader Julian Bond.

The whistles and the cheers truly spoke for the show that the Freshmen put on that night. The guys looked truly relaxed and were into the show themselves - again they commented about the great setting to perform in.

As I made the rounds, selling the FFS before and after the show, there were those who had not seen the Freshmen since the days of Group 4 and those who were first timers for such great talent.

Nick Immeadiato, the owner and one of the Three Little Bakers, made note during the groups introduction that he was there for the "soundcheck" that afternoon and that we were in for a treat from one of the Best Group of Performers that he had the opportunity to bring on stage. A personal note: There are a number of big names that have graced that stage, so this was a true tribute to the Freshmen.

Washington, D.C. radio personality, Dallas Burnett of WEBR, came up for the show to interview Curtis Calderon but was treated to an interview from all four of the Freshmen plus a bonus interview with the Four Lads who shared the billing that night.

After traveling many hours in the past to see the group, it was great to have them in our own back yard. It should be noted also that FFS Vermont State Rep., Cheley Miller, came down by train, a trip of 8 hours no less, to see the group perform. Our own Membership Directors, Dave Barnes and Lorraine Dellinger, were also with us. Wish that we could have had more time to share with all the Society Members there but the guys had an early start the next morning. As always, the FF made themselves available after the show and the accolades continued.



We presented the group with Delaware shirts to commemorate this event. Bob, Vince, Curtis and Brian, you looked and sounded Great - thanks for a wonderful show and come back and entertain us again. It was a great start to our 40th Anniversary celebration.

THANKS GUYS - YOU'RE 1ST RATE IN THE 1ST STATE!!!



Four State Representatives with Bob & Vince in Wilmington. Cheley Miller (VT), Ronnie & Fred Williamson (DE) and Dave Barnes (VA)

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Vince with Joe and Alberta Draper



Bob with his father, "Sonny"