

## **BREAKING CONVENTION UPDATES**

by Lorraine Dellinger

**Reston, VA April 17, 2002**

The Four Freshmen Society, Inc. Registration Committee has received 153 paid full registrations and 16 paid member registrations for the Saturday night only performances. The Convention Chairs request that you get your registrations in as soon as possible; we are seating on a first-paid reservation, first seated policy.

The Seating Committee Chairman will revisit The Hyatt for another look at the ballroom, with his seating charts in hand, on April 19th. Table numbers will be printed on the name badges; table assignments are for the same table each night. Due to the 32' x 32' dance floor, Friday night's configuration will vary from Thursday and Saturday nights. The ballroom can accommodate 900 guests w/stage and dance floor. We plan to have full-length projection screens on Friday and Saturday nights, therefore there will not be a "bad seat" in the house.

The Convention Chairpersons are proud to announce The Hyatt Regency Reston has booked 409 total room nights as of this date. Our block is 450 room nights. Rest assured that we shall reserve additional blocks of 50 rooms each time we reach the SOLD OUT level. Although this is a 600+ room AAA 4 Diamond Hotel, there is another convention simultaneously. Thus, there may be a limit as to the number of rooms available to FFS attendees. Please make room reservations as soon as possible, followed by your registration form and total \$ amount.

The Hyatt Shuttle is free to Convention 2002 attendees arriving at Dulles Airport (IAD). After picking up your baggage simply walk outside the terminal to curb 2A or 2H and board the white Hyatt Shuttle buses at the top of every hour between 6 AM and 10 PM. Both shuttle buses return to Dulles at 15 minutes before each hour from the Hyatt.

Flying into National Airport? Metro rail will take you to Metro Center where you will transfer to a Metro rail. Signs in the station say Vienna. Get off at West Falls Church stop and catch the Metro Bus marked Fairfax Connector #505 to the Hyatt. Disembark at the intersection of New Dominion Drive and Reston Parkway, which is directly in front of the convention hotel.

Flying to BWI? This probably results in lower airfare for those on the East Coast using Southwest Airlines. However, those using this method may find they need a rental car at BWI. Reston is approximately 70 minutes from BWI. There is a full page map on page of this issue.

Diplomat Travel is our official travel agency for this convention. Their phone number is - Domestic 1-800-476-2333 International 1 703-318-9400. No hassles!

## **Thank You!**

**from the Nevada Rep, Barbara Meyers**

I would like to thank everyone for their concern and prayers. The cards, letters, and calls will certainly help me on the road to recovery.

Dave Barnes told me the FF music is very healing and I am thoroughly convinced. I take my CD's and CD player to my Chemo sessions.

It turns out my Chemo nurse is a long-time fan of the FF. She even takes my earphones off my head to listen once in a while.

She told me a cute story I thought you all might enjoy. She and her husband used to live in Austria and there was a singing group that sang like the FF and they would sing all their songs in English even though they didn't speak much English themselves. The group found out the couple that came all the time to listen to them were not only American, but were fans of the FF. One night they sat down at their table and asked them if they would explain Polka Dots and Moonbeams to them. I would have loved to hear that explanation, wouldn't you?

I'm fighting very hard to be able to make the Convention in August in Virginia and I hope to see you all there.

## **From Bob Jackson of "The Freshtones"**

I visited Ross and Ken Albers on a recent weekend. That night we went to Sue Raney and Carmen Fanzone's house for cocktails and then dinner. The next evening we all went to hear the FF in Thousand Oaks. Talk about a great weekend!



**Bob Jackson, Sue Raney, Carmen Fanzone, Sue Barbour  
at Sue and Carmen's house**