

Our President,
Neil Lantz



Near or Far... Were YOU There?

We're coming up on the 32nd annual Society Convention, 2019 to be celebrated with the Four Freshmen in beautiful Denver, Colorado, September 5-7. Once again, the Freshmen fan family will have an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new ones, and enjoy the great music of the Freshmen. If you haven't yet registered, you still have time by using the registration form in this issue or registering online at <http://www/ffs2019.com>. Space for you is still available for all the festivities, and I hope to see you there.

It's almost hard to comprehend that an organized music fan club could sustain its active interest and support over three decades, although that record pales when measured aside the wonderful 71-year record of the Four Freshmen. I find it interesting to look back at the locations of our conventions, around the country and across the pond, beginning with the first one held in 1988 at the Barbary Coast in Las Vegas, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Freshmen. That year featured Group #13, Bob Flanigan, Autie Goodman, Mike Beisner, and Gary Lee Rosenberg. It would be interesting to know how many, if any, of our current Society members will have attended all 32 conventions as of this year. If you did, I hope you'll let me know. Following is year-by-year refresher on the convention you may have attended:

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| 1988 – Las Vegas, NV | 1989 – Toledo, OH |
| 1990 – Springfield, OH | 1991 – Oshkosh, WI |
| 1992 – Columbus, OH | 1993 – Columbus, IN |
| 1994 – Oshkosh, WI | 1995 – Lakeside, OH |
| 1996 – Lincolnshire, IL | 1997 – Sharon, PA |
| 1998 – Las Vegas, NV | 1999 – Oshkosh, WI |
| 2000 – Colorado Springs, CO | |
| 2001 – Bowling Green, KY | |
| 2002 – Reston, VA | 2003 – Orlando, FL |
| 2004 – Grand Rapids, MI | |
| 2005 – Amsterdam, Netherlands | |
| 2006 – Pittsburgh, PA | 2007 – Portland, OR |
| 2008 – Indianapolis, IN | 2009 – Atlanta, GA |
| 2010 – Annapolis, MD | 2011 – Toledo, OH |
| 2012 – Reno, NV | 2013 – Fort Wayne, IN |
| 2014 – Tampa, FL | 2015 – San Antonio, TX |
| 2016 – Louisville, KY | 2017 – Dayton, OH |
| 2018 – South Bend, IN | 2019 – DENVER, CO. |

As I asked, were you there? See you in Denver!

2019 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept 5th

9:00am-6:00pm	Registration	Ballroom Hallway
9:00am-4:00pm	113 Club & Silent Auction	Colorado III
10:00am-2:00pm	FFMF Board Meeting	Executive A
3:00pm-5:00pm	FFS Board Meeting	Executive A
2:30pm-4:00pm	Wannabees	Grand Ballroom 1
DINNER ON YOUR OWN		
7:00pm-11:00pm	Jam Session (Cash Bar)	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4

Friday, Sept 6th

7:30am-noon	Registration	Ballroom Hallway
8:15am-2:30pm	Tour of Denver & MT Area Meet in Lobby	LUNCH INCLUDED
9:00am-4:00pm	113 Club & Silent Auction	Colorado III
9:00am-2:00pm	Board of Directors	Executive A
2:00pm-3:30pm	Convention Coord. Comm.	Executive A
3:00pm-4:30pm	Wannabees	Grand Ballroom 1
5:00pm-6:00pm	Meet / Greet Cash Bar	Ballroom Hallway
6:00pm-7:15pm	Dinner	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
7:30pm	FOUR FRESHMEN	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
	AFTERGLOW	Doubletree Bar

Saturday, Sept 7th

9:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Ballroom Hallway
9:00am-4:00pm	Board of Directors	Executive A
9:00am-4:00pm	113 Club & Silent Auction	Colorado III
9:00am-10:00am	State Representative Meeting	Grand Ballroom 1
10:00am-11:00am	General Meeting	Grand Ballroom 1
11:00am-1:00pm	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
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1:00pm-2:30pm	Fresh Memories	Grand Ballroom 1
3:00pm-4:00pm	Wannabees	Grand Ballroom 1
5:00pm-6:00pm	Meet / Greet Cash Bar	Ballroom Hallway
6:00pm-7:15pm	Dinner	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
7:15pm-7:30pm	Neil Lantz	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
7:30pm-7:45pm	Quartet from Orlando High	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
8:00pm	FOUR FRESHMEN	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4

GO DENVER!

Greetings to all,

If you have not registered for our 2019 Denver Convention, I would strongly suggest you do so today. Co-chairs, Kathy Bazz and Nancy Driscoll, along with their entire committee, are planning a blockbuster convention for us this year. This will not only be a marvelous opportunity to share the magic with the number one jazz vocal harmony group in the history of the music industry, but also a time to reunite with old friends, make new friends, and take advantage of a perfect chance to experience Denver and the gorgeous surrounding area. Denver is known as one of the most exciting tourist destination cities world-wide. If you have not spent time in that area, this would be a perfect time to do so. By the way, there will be a few surprises for you that I am not at liberty to share with you. You will just have to be there to find out what they are.

It is extremely important for all of us to support our annual conventions. In order to continue to offer the quality conventions that we have had each year, we truly need YOUR SUPPORT. As a matter of fact, we can't continue to do so without you. So I am appealing to all of you to make a special effort to join us this year in Denver. You really don't want to miss this one!

Have a safe journey to Denver, and I look forward to seeing all of you.

Best fresh wishes,
Gil Peterson