

# The Doane Family News

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## President's Message

What a wonderful experience we had in early August at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for our 48th bi-annual Doane Family Association reunion. We had 111 family members in attendance in wonderful air-conditioned dormitory rooms and fine, modern meeting places. Everyone seemed to be having a great time meeting new family and renewing old acquaintances. And the special presentations were outstanding. We also signed up three new members while there.

We were saddened just prior to the reunion to hear of the sudden passing of our Regional Vice President Wayne "Jim" Doane (FL), who was the Chairman for this year's reunion. Our thanks to his widow, Judy, and children, for helping to find most of the files. This made preparations for the event very difficult as many loose ends still were to be finalized. We were blessed to have past President Bill and Janice Doan (KY), step in to take over many of the chores that needed to be accomplished. Our very special thanks to them for a job well done. And, also to Ann Doane, and husband Vice President Brian (NH), who were in charge of registration. A real big thank you for the additional work that had to be done. Thanks, also, to the other committee members: Janet Jeffries (Doane College), Joyce Jeffries (NE), Lila Doan Hill (OH), Eunice Brabec (CA), Kay Blair (VA) and Albert Doane (OH). We should all be very proud that everything came together, with very few minor hitches.

Well, we haven't as yet found the real origin of Deacon John Doane, but according to the presentation given at the reunion by Derek Done (UK), we seemed to be very close. Some documents in Cape Cod, MA, that we hoped would support our documents, did not materialize after the reunion. So we will continue to keep moving forward with more research and try to keep our membership informed of the progress.

We are extremely pleased to have six new Regional

Vice Presidents for the 2004-2006 period. They are: Linda Doane (MI), Mary Ann Sindt (MI), Robert E. Doane, Sr (NC), Dick Doane (TX), Erna Phillips (CA), and Pamela Saba (CO). Their addresses will be in the Reunion Proceedings that is due out in a November or December. And welcome to our new officers: 1st Vice President Ted Doane (NE), Secretary Julia "Julie" Brown (MI) and Chaplain Bill Fineout (MI). This looks like a very good addition to our existing slate of officers.



We would be remiss if we did not take the time here to thank those elected officers who have helped lead this fine organization and are no longer members of the Board: V.P. Albert Doane (OH), V.P. Sylvia Doane LaVigne (MA), V.P. Eunice Brabec (CA), and V. P. Patsie Doan Sullivan (OK). Thank you all so very much for your dedication.

We are extremely pleased to have been able to give a scholarship to one of our members, Paul Doane of Northern California. Paul is continuing his pursuit of his Doctorate Degree in Psychology, but has had some medical problems that limited his income over the past few years. This scholarship came from the Doane Family Foundation which is held in endowment at Doane College.

Finally, we are pleased to inform you that our investments for our endowment fund have rebounded very nicely over the past year. Look for this report in the Proceedings, as well.

Respectfully yours,  
Dick Doane, President

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# Westward Migration – The 48th Biennial Reunion in Granville, Ohio, 2004

## Sunday, August 1

Early in the afternoon, reunion committee members met to begin the final steps of registration and coordinate activities with the University staff. We were all pleased with the accommodations we would be using, and that they were fully air-conditioned. We were invited to be guests of the University for dinner that evening at the cafeteria and everyone renewed old acquaintances.



Denison University Main Entrance

## Monday, August 2

Registration got off to a fast start and our first "glitch" was discovered. The tour to National Road and Zane Grey Museum had to be cancelled because the facility wasn't open on Mondays. Fortunately, we were able to offer a tour of the Longaberger Basket facility and rescheduled the initial tour later in the week. The Board held the first of three sessions that afternoon. Monday evening found all who had arrived so far at Slater Union for an "ice-breaker" for adults and crafts for the kids. Julie Brown (MI), and her sisters Janet Osborn (CA), and Laura Nichols (MI), helped the kids (and some adults) make special tote bags with heat transfers of pictures of their relatives on them. Elaine Dorman (WA) and Carol Ebe-Lieb (WA) and Monica Dorman (WA) helped some of the younger kids paint and decorate some miniature jewelry boxes. A fun evening was had by all.

## Tuesday, August 3

Today there were two more tours. Events Coordinator Vicki Sussman led a tour of the beautiful Denison University campus. We found our second "glitch" in that the other tour to the Columbus Zoo overlapped the first business meeting that afternoon. The group voted not to cut the tour short, so arrived back on campus in time for the later afternoon presentations. The first General Membership meeting was

presided over by President Dick Doane. President Dick announced that this reunion was being dedicated to the memory of our dear friend and Regional Vice President Wayne "Jim" Doane (FL) who was the Reunion chairman, but passed away on June 24, 2004. A moment of silence was held in his memory and for his family.

Our memorial service, acknowledging those members who have died the past two years, was led by Mary Doane (AZ), with the assistance of Past Presidents Bill Doan (KY), Albert Doane (OH) and Dorothy Doan Baker (NY). Denison University President Dr. Dale Knoble welcomed the Doan(e)s to campus and talked at length about the history of the University and the role played by William Howard Doane in campus development. President Dick presented Dr. Knoble with a check for \$500 from the Doane Family Foundation to be placed in their Memorial Scholarship Fund. Then, Dr. Fred Brown, President of Doane College, made a surprise visit and addressed the members - extolling the College and inviting our family to return to Nebraska at our earliest convenience. Dr. Brown also announced that he would be retiring from Doane College in the summer of 2005. Janet Jeffries also reported on the latest news from Doane College, including DFA finances. Following the meeting, presentations were given by Janice Doan (KY) on William Howard Doane's

daughter Marguerite Treat Doane and by Derek Done (UK) on Deacon John Doane Research Status. That evening we were treated to a lovely reception at the University's William Howard Doane Library. After a tour of the library, local musicians entertained us as we enjoyed our punch and dessert.

## Wednesday, August 4

Arising bright and early, 50 of our members boarded a bus for our Cincinnati tour—a two hour trip. The Cincinnati Museum of History, housed in the historic Union Terminal train station was the first stop. This museum gave everyone a fine overview of the development of Cincinnati and the area. The tour was followed by an IMAX theatre presentation of "Australia." It then proceeded to rain, so box lunches were served and eaten there. Our second stop was at the Cincinnati Art Museum which houses a vast collection of rare musical instruments donated by William Howard Doane. The final stop was at "Sunnyside", the 19th century mansion, home to WHD and his family from 1879 until 1920. Due to the inclement weather, we were unable to stop at WHD's grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery.

The day's other side tours included trips to the Columbus Zoo, Ohio Historical Center, Heisey Glass Museum, Longaberger Basket Company, National Road Museum and Zane Grey Museum.



Clara and Carlos Rotger (MA) and Ben Doane (MI) enjoy an Amish buggy ride



Swasey Chapel, Dennison University

Wednesday evening found our President Dick on his way to the emergency room after running into a sharp metal desk and slicing open his knee; (10-12 stitches needed). Finally, three presentations got under way. Lila Doan Hill (OH) began with "Richard Doan, an Early Ohio Pioneer." Albert Doane (OH) followed with "Lake Shore Electric Streetcars." Finally, Lyn Winters (ONT) presented "Joshua Gillam Doane/Mackenzie Rebellion" to complete our very full day.

### Thursday, August 5

Again, an early morning bus was boarded by about 50 travelers for a tour of the Amish country-side. A knowledgeable local guide explained the history and lifestyle of the "Plain" people. We were treated to a wonderful family style dinner on a farm and shopped at Amish bakeries and markets. Some even took buggy rides. Then came our third "glitch" of the week—the Amish tour bus was over an hour late returning, and dinner was missed by these weary travelers. Thankfully, the Denison cafeteria boxed up the meal, and transported it to the dormitory for those on the bus to enjoy.

Our evening program had a late start, but no one complained. We were blessed with a cool evening to enjoy the wonderful acoustics and architecture of the Swasey Chapel, a beautiful

early 1900s structure. Eunice Brabec (CA) began the talent show with her presentation "A Stitch in Time." This was followed by a variety of acts featuring many family members. The highlight of the evening was the finale—a William Howard Doane hymn sing. The chapel was rocking as the family sang many of WHD's most popular hymns, accompanied by Teddie Westlake, a Denison alumnus. What an awesome experience to stand on the stage and listen to over 100 Doanes stand and sing the final hymn, "To God be the Glory." (This hymn sing will definitely happen again at future reunions.)

*Editor's note: William Howard Doane wrote the music to over 2,000 hymns during his lifetime.*

### Friday, August 6

The final General Meeting session was held today. President Dick presented a new Chapter Charter to Washington - Oregon - Idaho Chapter. Cora Brodie (ONT) presented a plaque to President Dick from the Doane House in Ontario for the DFA contribution made two years ago. Two "lap robes" donated by Mary Belle Lontz (PA) were won by Ethridge Doane III (NJ) and Virgil Doan (UT). The members voted to accept the proposal for the 2006 reunion to be held in Northern California or N.W. Nevada. In a lighter moment, Chaplain Ray Doane presented President Dick with a Purple Heart for his "heroic deeds."

The Friday evening festivities began with wine and hors d'oeuvre in the Curtis West Party Room. Then our annual picture taking took place. Everyone was decked out in their finest array.

A tasty dinner of prime rib and chicken was served buffet style. After dinner, President Dick introduced new officers and directors. He then presented plaques of appreciation to the officers and directors who had contributed immensely to the Association

over 10 years or more: Secretary Mary Ann Sindt (MI), VP Albert Doane (OH), VP Sylvia Doane LaVigne (MA) and 1st VP Erma Phillips (CA). A plaque was also sent to Pat Sullivan (OK) for her dedication to the family as Regional Vice President.

Historian Kay Blair (VA), Virgil Doan (UT), and Albert Doane (OH) provided a moment of levity, while expressing the heartfelt sentiments of the members, by presenting a "Wounded in Action" plaque and "Purple Heart" to our President Dick for "being attacked by table while leading DFA into action".

Family members contributed a gratuity of more than \$350 to the students who helped us get around campus in the extended golf carts and took us on some of the tours. We were pleased that several members of the Denison staff were able to join us for this evening's festivities. The evening closed with another tribute to our deceased Vice President Wayne "Jim" Doane.

### Saturday, August 7

Well, the week has ended and everyone is packing for home or other vacation destinations. Most everyone turned in their evaluations of the reunion and those will be studied as we plan for upcoming reunions. Thanks to all who participated. We think everyone had a great time at Denison University and would consider returning there again.

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 Eunice Brabec (CA)  
 Kay Blair (VA)  
 Albert Doane (OH)  
 and more especially,  
 Judy Doane (FL) and her family.



Three generations of an Amish family extended their hospitality

# OBITUARIES

*DFA Members extend  
heartfelt sympathy to the families of:*

Margaret Bellamy, CAN  
Thursa Anger Brandow, CAN  
Lester Breeden, Fontána, CA  
Lois Doane Davis: Citrus Heights, CA  
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*(Honorary member DFA and former President of Doane College)*

## Mayflower Society Connection

Virgil Doane, Chairman of the Research Committee, reports that he has been accepted by the Mayflower society. He has kindly offered to share his line so that others might use it to prove their eligibility and only have to prove part of theirs.

General Number 73,349  
Utah State Number 456

William Brewster's daughter

Patience Brewster married Thomas Prence, whose daughter  
Mercy Prence married John Freeman, whose son  
Edmund Freeman married Ruth Merrick, whose daughter  
Ruth Freeman married Israel Doane, whose son  
Prence Doane married Elizabeth Godfrey, whose son  
Prince Doane married Deborah Pratt, whose son  
Richard Doane married Anna Post, whose son  
Asahel Doane married Sarah W. Stanley, whose son  
William A. Doan married Anna Louise Palmer, whose son  
John P. Doan married Anna D. Schofield, whose son  
Harry L. Doan married Nettie Marie Fischeisen, whose son  
Virgil L. Doan married Sarah E. Jones.

## In Memory

**Regional Vice President  
Wayne "Jim" Doane**

**1937-2004**

Wayne Allen "Jim" Doane, 66, of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Cambridge, OH, died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL.

He was born Sept. 14, 1937, in Lebanon, OH, son of the late Walter and Myrtle (Kilpatrick) Doane.

Mr. Doane was a graduate of the University of Maryland. He was in the Air Force, a senior executive for the Department of Defense, and a member of the Power Squadron, St. Pete Yacht Club. He loved woodworking, biking and sailing. He was Methodist by faith.

He leaves his wife, Judith Faye Doane of St. Petersburg, whom he married May 30, 1956; a daughter, Debbie Zillig of St. Petersburg; two sons, Darrell Doane of Memphis, Tenn., and Dennis Doane of Sarasota, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

Burial was at Clearfork Cemetery, in Birmingham, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to

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## New England Chapter Seeks Addresses

The New England DFA Chapter plans to contact Doanes who are not currently members in order to re-activate this group. Maggie Doane is compiling a list of people to contact. If you can suggest names and addresses of people in New England that we could invite to our next meeting please send them to Maggie. Her e-mail is: donald.doane@comcast.net. Mailing address is: 90 Old Lee Road, Newfields, NH 03856

# Olympian Phil Doane Trinter Competes in Athens

Phil Doane Trinter of Lorain, Ohio represented the United States in the Olympic Sailing competition in Athens this past summer. His mother, Diane Doane Trinter, sends us the following account of their experience:

*Hello Everybody,*

*My name is Diane Doane Trinter, and I just came home from one of the most extraordinary adventures of my life. I attended the 28th Olympiad in Athens, Greece to watch my son participate in these games. He and his skipper, Paul Cayard, raced in the sailing venue in the Star Class sailboat. It is a two-man, keel class, about 22 feet long, and two sails - a jib, and a mainsail. There were eleven races, and although they did not bring home a medal, they were in the hunt until the last race. The winds were against them and they ended up in 5th place out of 17 competitors.*

*My new daughter-in-law, Chrissy, and I went out to watch every race on a 250 ft observation boat, (three decks), to cheer our team. The former Chrissy Idiart, competed in college as a member of the lightweight four - the first Fordham University rowing team to win a national championship in a course record that still stands today, and was just inducted into their Sports Hall of Fame.*

*On board our ship, we were served bread, salad, pasta, rice, meat, potatoes, and dessert by uniformed waiters every day. There was also a bar where you could get any liquid refreshment that you wanted. Water, for me, as it was hot, hot, hot. Although the ship was air-conditioned you could get out of the sun easily enough. This was a dry heat, not the humidity we have around Lake Erie.*

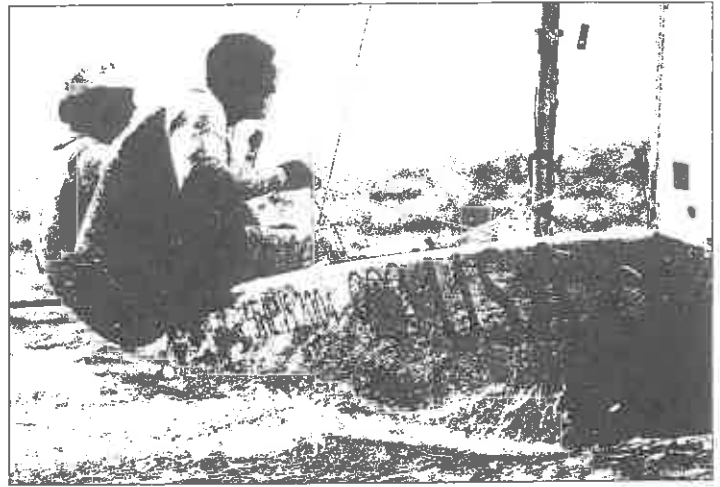
*We live in Lorain, Ohio, right on Lake Erie, where Phil, at the age of eight, started his sailing destiny. He did get sidetracked by playing football on a full scholarship at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, and lettered all four years, weighing in at 300 lbs, 6 ft. 6 in. He is now at 220 sailing weight.*

*Phil has been the winning crew in two North American championships, he is a Gold Star World Champion, he has competed in two America's cups, the list goes on, and finally the highest honor any sailor can achieve, representing your country in the Olympics.*

*Phil's father, a World War II Navy veteran who died in 1996, taught him how to skipper a power boat. That's right, I'm the sailor and it was a nice combination. Phil, also, is backed by a loving family of one brother and three sisters. He has now added his wife's family as strong supporters.*

*Greece is a beautiful and historic country. We felt so comfortable and "at home" as most everybody speaks English. We shopped and did some sight seeing when able, and went out to dinner every night, and then to the Internet Café to use one of the many computers to catch up on e-mail. We did not stay in Athens, but the Glyfada, and city/suburb of Athens.*

*U.S. Sailing, the prime source of finances for sailors, took all eighteen American Sailors and any family member present and support staff out to dinner at a restaurant on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. It was lovely. The second trip was when Phil got the Star can and we took a trip west of Athens on the coast road and ended up on a high cliff overlooking the sea at the Temple Ruins of Poseidon, God of the Sea. How very appropriate! There was a shaded open-air restaurant where we partook of the local*



Phil Doane Trinter (foreground) and his skipper, Paul Cayard, sail in Olympic Competition in Athens, Greece.

*delicacies.*

*Although it was somewhat heartbreaking, we attended the medal ceremony (some sailors did not) for the Star Class winners, as Phil, Chrissy and I knew the recipients and wanted to wish them well.*

*The next day, with my bags packed, I said goodbye to family, the Olympics, and Greece, and took a wonderful experience tucked away in my memory and headed for the long trip home.*

*So, my life gets back to normal, and my wish for you, is to hope that someday you can also attend the Olympic Games, as it is a "happening" and there is no other sporting event like it.*

*Best Regards,  
Diane Doane Trinter*

Upon return from the Olympics, Phil and his teammates had the honor of being guests at the White House and met President Bush. They also were presented with a "Crystal Apple" by New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg. Congratulations, Phil!

## *Get well wishes to Ethridge Doane*

**O**n Friday before the reunion, Ethridge F. Doane, Sr., was in a near fatal car accident in Delaware. He was national treasurer of DFA, a Vice President, and former president of the NJ/PA/DE DFA chapter. Ethridge was in the hospital in Newark, DE for several months, where Evelyn drove fifty miles each way every day to see him. Many thanks to his daughter Sandy and son, Skip who kept me informed of his progress. He is now recovering at home. Please send letters and cards to the family's home address: 1310 Fords Corner Road, Hartly, DE 19953.

*Submitted by Kay Blair, DFA Historian*

## News from Ontario

### "Doane Antiques Roadshow"

#### Part of Fall Meeting

On a sunny, warm Sunday, Sept. 12th about 55 men, women and children arrived at Herb Campbell School in King's Cross. After greetings and a sumptuous lunch, the children adjourned outside to enjoy games and playground equipment supervised by a sixteen year old youth.

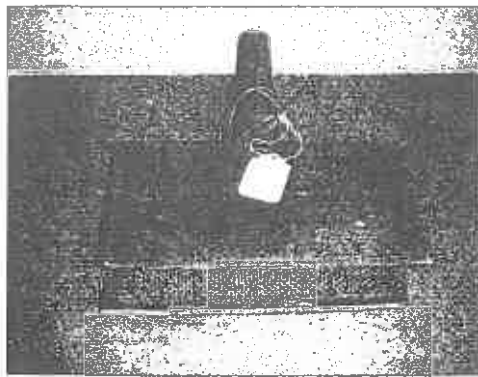
The minutes of the last reunion and Treasurer's report were published in Doane News and sent to all members before the reunion.

Our historian, Josephine Boos was welcomed back after having had surgery earlier. Her report was read and approved, as was Sharon Lipsit's membership report. Chapter secretary Cora Brodie suggested the Ontario Doane Association consider hosting the D.F.A. bi-annual reunion in 2008. After discussion, no conclusion was reached.

Guest Lyn Winters of Ottawa spoke to the members and said he felt 250 miles was



This Doan's Pills thermometer, exhibited by Jim Doane won "#1 Best Doane Artifact" at the Ontario Chapter's "Antiques Roadshow—Doane Style" event.



This box, made by Jesse Doan for his wife, during his imprisonment after a rebellion in Upper Canada, was awarded "Best Doane Artifact"

too far away to be a practical D.F.A. representative for us. We hope that someone living closer will offer to take the position.

Our meeting adjourned and Jim Doane asked if the displayed articles for our Doane Antique Roadshow were ready to be shown. Owners gave background history of their items. A list of them was sent to Kay Hartman earlier by Alma Doane via e-mail. Alma and Jim had ordered plaques with the Doane crest on them as prizes which were presented to winning owners for 3 different categories.

Volume 2 of Doane book given to Cora Brodie while attending D.F.A. reunion in August will be presented to Doane Hospice in Newmarket in October. Our thanks to the D.F.A.

After fond farewells, all left for home. Our next Executive meeting will take place later this month.

*Submitted by Barbara Maunder,  
President, Ontario Doanes*

### Southwestern Ontario Chapter Reunion

The Southwestern Ontario Chapter's family picnic was held at Springwater Conservation Area on September 11th, 2004 in the schoolhouse. 31 adults and 6 children present on this beautiful, sunny day.

Members gathered for a great meal, after which Greg Cassidy welcomed everyone and chaired the business meeting. He mentioned that there is going to be another publication of the Doane Book. All information that is gathered is forwarded to the national historian.

Greg and his little helpers drew tickets for the door prizes. The children happily won several items. The silent auction was a great success once again due to the generous donations by many people, including baked goods, knitted items, crafts, paintings and potted plants. Funds raised contribute to the payment of the park entrance fees.

A group picture was taken and this will become a yearly event. With the weather cooperating, families remained to chat and visited into the afternoon.

Next year's reunion will be at Springwater on Saturday, September 10th, 2005 at noon.

*Submitted by Barbara Cassidy*

### Oklahoma Doan(e)s Unite for their 26th Annual Reunion

On Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, the Oklahoma Doan(e)s met at their family museum in Idabel, Oklahoma for their annual celebration of this prolific number of Doan(e)s in this state.

We can't begin to tell you what a super grand time we all enjoyed! All the hellos, displays, reports, laughing and crying as we met, this, our 26th year of reunions, will last us until our next one, which will be Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, 2005.

Our Friday night program was our regular gospel song fest. These "Oakie" singers along with Doan(e)s from Oregon, California, Texas and Arkansas "raised the roof" as this event left every one feeling fine.

Saturday was the big day of introductions—recognizing everyone present: a business session, the usual pot-luck

feast, a tour inside the family museum of displays, documents, artifacts, and an afternoon of "country songs—singing to the Doan band musicians' great accompaniment. Goodbyes came too soon, but as the departures began to be heard one repeated echo was "We'll see you next year".

From your Oklahoma Doan(e) family we all send to you a great loud message—we are proud to be a Doan(e)—and invite you to visit us some October. We love to celebrate our heritage and so proud of our National Family. In closing, I say for each of us—"Y'all Come".

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