## **Important 2021 Reunion News!**

After careful consideration, and a meeting with the Doane University staff, the "2020" DFA Reunion Committee and DFA executive board decided to postpone our reunion yet again until July of 2022. It is just not safe yet to be traveling and to have gatherings such as this, even with the vaccines rolling out.



The Doane University event team is particularly worried about groups like ours who have a majority of older participants, and who come from all over the country. More than half of the conferences scheduled on campus for this summer have already cancelled, and others are considering. At this time, Doane University is not officially banning scheduled groups, but rather putting strict protocols in place as per our local health department re: facility capacity, and dining and meeting room arrangements. That said, it is possible that Doane University will indeed ban all groups from coming as they assess the Covid situation, here and nationally, in the next few weeks. The University has been doing a great job keeping the students safe this academic year, and frankly there is concern about opening up what has been a pretty successful and protected campus "bubble" to people from all over the country this summer. The university also does not want anyone to get sick by coming here to a gathering.

We need to let this virus play out, let the situation stabilize nationwide, and see how the vaccines work out over several months before we gather. We want to be able to have a great time, and do our normal activities such as tours as per usual. One very important consideration – at this time the Canadian border is closed and has been for months. There is no indication as to when it will open, and we have to be sure our Canadian cousins can join us!!

Again, one more time, please tuck away your 2020 reunion flyer so that you will have the reunion background information. We will send a new registration sheet with sign up information in early 2022. Do check the website and the DFA Facebook page periodically as any updates will be posted. *Janet Jeffries, chair*