

**Sites in Des Moines.** At the International Conference—Leadership, you will also be able to learn about Des Moines, Iowa and visit these sites:
• Pappajohn Sculpture Garden (30 pieces—1 newly installed)
• World Food Prize Headquarters
• Iowa Capital Building
• Living History Farms

• Salisbury House (British mansion)
• Better Homes and Garden Testing Plot
• Downtown Farmers’ Market (9 city blocks)

**What’s Happening in the Northwest:**

I will feature 5-6 state organizations in each newsletter:

**Alaska:** An Order of the Rose Challenge was issued for each chapter to initiate 5 new members in 2017-2018 with one member under age 30, one diversified member, one reinstated member, and two of any category.

**Alberta:** At this year’s Alberta convention, 12 new attendees each received $60.

**British Columbia:** A Women of Wisdom and Passion Award honors “a woman in our province who has demonstrated passion and wisdom in her pursuit to improve the lives of others in her community or in under-developed regions of the world.”

**Idaho:** A “Shake It Up” revitalization seminar was held in October with presenter Dr. Lyn Schmid.

**Iowa:** The Fall Executive Board meeting featured speakers from Kosovo (sister state of Iowa) who talked about the country’s educational and economic needs.

**Manitoba:** This state organization is celebrating its 60th birthday this year and the highest number of members in seven years.

**Get to Know Your Regional Director:**

Hello! I am Donna Niday, your Northwest Regional Director, and I am excited to work with you this biennium. I coordinate the English Education program at Iowa State University and teach young adult literature, a literature methods course, and a student teacher seminar (and supervise student teachers in central Iowa and our Iowa State students who wish to student teach overseas in Norway).

 I’m eager to get to know you! Please send me a brief email describing your state organization’s successes and concerns. I’ll look forward to hearing from you. Please also send your state organization newsletter to Donna Niday dniday@iastate.edu.

Get ready for an exciting International Conference—Leadership in Iowa in July 2019!

**International Conference—Iowa**

July 9-10, 2019 Leadership Training

July 10-12, 2019 Leadership Conference

It is exciting that our international conference next July will be preceded by international leadership training. The incoming state organization presidents from the U.S. and Canada will be present on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9-10, and the incoming state organization treasurers, membership chairs, and Educational Excellence Committee chairs (EEC) will be meeting on Wednesday, July 10. We’re looking forward to a fun Iowa Night on Wednesday night, as the opening to our conference on Thursday and Friday, July 11-12, with leadership strands. At Friday night’s banquet, we will be welcoming all of the state presidents from the United States and Canada.

**Keynote Speaker.** I am delighted to announce that our keynote speaker will be Susan Leahy from New Jersey. Susan will be presenting an interactive session titled “Leadership Bootcamp, Part 1” on Wednesday night, following our “Taste of Iowa” foods. Then, on Thursday morning, she will involve us in “Leadership Bootcamp, Part 2.” During one of the morning workshop times, she will lead a session entitled “How to Chair a Meeting with Confidence” which will feature tips on parliamentary procedure, along with ways to have an effective member-involved meeting. Nita Scott, our DKG executive director, will speak at Thursday’s luncheon, and Cathy Daugherty, our international president, will speak on Friday morning. We are working on the Friday evening banquet speaker.

**Workshops and Take-Away Sessions.** Please consider submitting a proposal for a workshop (45 minutes) or take-away session (10 minutes). Possible topics include leadership characteristics, growing future leaders, leadership styles, collaboration/mentoring, conflict management and negotiation, and others. Of course, it would be fine to have a few workshops which do not focus on the leadership theme. The workshop and take-away session proposals are due January 15. From the DKG homepage, click on “Events” and then on “IA-Leadership.” The forms are at the bottom of the website page.

**Volunteers.** In addition to submitting workshops and takeaway proposals, your incoming and outgoing state organization presidents are invited to serve as a workshop facilitator to introduce the speaker, check on the room setup, and assist with distributing handouts. Please email me dniday@iastate.edu if you are willing to serve as a workshop facilitator.

 **Northwest Region News……**

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From the Desk of Dr. Donna Niday, NW Regional Director

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