

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would just like to say what an honor it is to be the AIS president for 2013-15. When I began to grow irises I never dreamed that I would have such a position. I follow in the footsteps of other Region 18 members who have held this office: Dr. Hugo Wall (1972-75), Jim Rasmussen (1987-89), Dave Niswonger (1996-98) and Judy Keisling (2010-12).

With a lot of help from our AIS members I hope I can lead us in these changing times with all the challenges that AIS faces. I especially appeal to those members with personal computer skills to step forward and help. There are many positions or jobs that can be fulfilling to you if you will provide some volunteer services to our society. And please, let's have a little fun. Try your best to see the positive side of things and think for a bit before you criticize the other fellow. It does "take a village" to get things done and we do have many things worth doing.

For those of you who don't know me, introduce yourself and tell me a bit about your iris experience; what types of irises you like; how you got into growing them and what you expect from the society.

My wife Jean (current president of MIS – yes we are two peas in a pod) and I are hosting a gathering in the Convention hotel Hospitality Room Friday, April 19, 2013 from 6:00 P. M. to 10:30 P. M. All Convention attendees are invited to drop by sometime to partake of snacks and drinks, maybe even try our J. W. Morris brand Reisling wine. You have many choices for the evening with the Geek dinner and auction, Judges' Training, the Artistic Design Workshop and the AIS Silent Auction but try to stop by for a couple of minutes!

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