

## Thursday Evening, December 13, 1990

The Fortieth Annual Banquet was held in the Gold/White Hall of the Stouffer Tower City Plaza Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Peter Vermeulen gave the invocation as a poem he wrote in honor of the 40th anniversary celebration:

### *A Dream, A Theme, A Team Supreme*

*The scriptures declare that "to seek is to find".*

*Though it speaks of a sharing of a different kind it applies just as well, and is tried and true that to truly excel one must think and then do.*

*It was that kind of spirit in our founder, Jim Wells who had a mind for the future that in all great men dwells, a mind that had vision, the kind that foretells of great things to happen, and all doubt dispels.*

*There's another great truth we should learn and keep — that as one sows, so shall one reap And yet another, for all to know and believe — that when one asks from the heart one shall surely receive*

*For forty years now our Society's dare to each of our members is to seek and to share. As we travel our lives, may our work and our dreams ever reflect that most worthy of themes.*

*From humble beginnings our I.P.P.S. name has achieved the honor of world-wide acclaim because of a selfless desire to show to others the knowledge that God did bestow.*

*For all wisdom and knowledge come from above and are given to us to share them with love.*

*So we thank you Lord for each vision and dream — past, present and future, of each on our team of layman and scholar and researcher, all who have stirred in their hearts and answered the call to improve what was given, and with brotherly care did practice our motto—*

**"TO SEEK AND TO SHARE"**

## 1990 RESEARCH GRANT

DR. DEBORAH McCOWN: On behalf of the Research Committee and the members of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society, I would like to present this year's Research Grant Award. This year's grant is \$2,000.

The committee received six excellent applications and had a difficult time selecting the single grant application to receive the award. If your grant was not the one selected, I encourage you to resubmit it this year. I would encourage all members to submit proposals they believe of interest to plant propagators. The application form is only one page and the value of the 1991 grant is \$4,000.

This year's Research Grant has been awarded to Dr. Patricia S. Halloway, Associate Professor of Horticulture, University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Dr. Halloway's proposal is titled: Vegetative Propagation of the lingonberry, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*.