## **K. FALL BANQUET:**

The Fall Banquet is held on the first or second Saturday of November. The meal is usually served at noon, but members are encouraged to come early and mingle, sign up to win a door prize, and judge entries in the Betty Miller Photo Contest. Door prizes are made possible through the generosity of club members. The meal is provided at no cost to paid-up members (i.e. dues paid by April 1st of that year). Guests are also welcome but are asked to pay for their meal. Reservations, which are typically due one week before the banquet, must be made with the banquet organizers.

After the meal, a brief business meeting is held at which winners of the Betty Miller Photo Contest and door prizes are announced. If not already allocated at the October meeting, the amount of funds to purchase the following year's club plants will be discussed and voted upon. The election of club officers will also take place before adjournment at approximately 3:30 PM.

## **Banquet Organization:**

The banquet date is set at the beginning of the year by the Board, if possible avoiding a home Hawkeye football game day. At the January and February meetings, the President will call for volunteers to assist the Hospitality Chair in organizing the banquet. The chairperson assigns tasks, including selection of banquet location and menu, registration, advertising, and decorations. The banquet is promoted via the newsletter and website and at club events (especially at the Fall Plant Sale and October meeting, when members are reminded to make their reservations before the advertized deadline). For useful suggestions, organizers should consult: http://www.cvids.org/K-Organization.pdf