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Big Changes for the 23rd Annual *Taste For Knowledge* **A Celebration of a Quarter Century of the NVEF**

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Napa Valley Education Foundation is hosting *Taste For Knowledge* – the signature fundraising event in support of public education in the Napa Valley -- at the Silverado Resort for the very first time.

In keeping with tradition, the event will take place as it always has the first Saturday in November – November 3, 2007. The format, however, of this annual event has changed. This year's guests will be treated to a sparkling wine and hors d'oeuvres reception during the Silent Auction on the Fairway Deck, followed by a special four-course seated "Food and Wine Pairing" dinner and Live Auction in the Grand Ballroom. This unique dining experience is being created especially for this event by Executive Chef Peter Pahk.

The walk-about wine tasting normally associated with *Taste For Knowledge* is now officially part of the "Rally for Education!" – the Teacher Of The Year ceremony co-sponsored by the NVEF and Napa Noon Rotary and held in early September.

Wines to be served at this year's event have been generously donated by local wineries, including Mumm, Louis Martini, Beringer Vineyards, Benessere Vineyards and Elizabeth Spencer Wines.

There will also be a special presentation honoring the original founding board of directors of the NVEF and special recognition for all board members over the past 25 years.

The featured entertainment this year -- both the Napa High School and Vintage High School Chamber Choirs – will open the Live Auction part of the evening.

Richard D. Pio Roda will once again serve as Live Auctioneer.

The Silent Auction will begin promptly at 5pm, with tables closing at 7pm, and the Live Auction will be held in conjunction with dinner.

This year's featured artwork, "Gabriel's Games" donated by Yountville artist Steven Gordon (www.thegordongallery.com) will also be available during the Live Auction.

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All proceeds from this annual event benefit the students of the Napa Valley Unified School District and are distributed to all public schools, grades K-12, in American Canyon, Napa and Yountville. Since 1983, the NVEF has granted more than \$1 million back to the students and teachers of the Napa Valley Unified School District.

Please visit www.nvef.org beginning October 15th for a complete listing of all available auction items, which currently include hard-to-find magnums of wine, dining and spa certificates, private parties at several of the Napa Valley's most spectacular wineries, sports ticket packages and memorabilia, local, national and international travel destination packages, and the use of a fully-stocked 35-case wine locker for the period of one year.

Tickets are available at the cost of \$100 per person/\$125 after October 26, 2007. In order to receive an invitation or order tickets online via PayPal, please send an e-mail to foundation@nvusd.k12.ca.us or call (707)253-3563 or visit www.nvef.org. Seating is limited for this event; please make sure to purchase your tickets early.

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