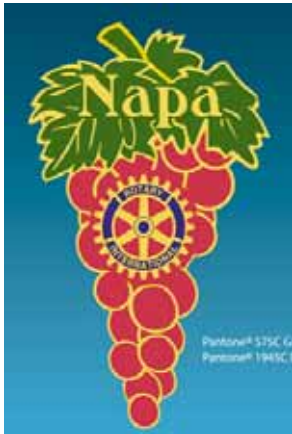


# The Napa Rotagram

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### CELEBRATING FELLOWSHIP AND THE SEASON OF GIVING



**Harrell Miller** lead Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bruce McCall** thanked all Rotarians for the good work that they do and for their dedication. Then his thought for the day was advice on how to come into this world, and how to get out.

#### Visiting Rotarians:



There were no visiting Rotarians present. *Guests of Rotarians:* At first blush it appeared that there were no guests of Rotarians either. However, it was noted that **Arden, Dorothy Lind Salmon's** granddaughter, smartly attired in leopard print, arrived fashionably late.

*Fines and Announcements:* Isn't it fun to have something to look forward to? Well, our wonderful post-holiday party will blow you away on Friday, January 16, at the Silverado Resort. Cocktails at begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. For \$77 per person we will enjoy the delicious seafood buffet, plus prime rib and the famous half lobster. All this and great dance music too!



**Misty Tarver** and her crew are labeling dictionaries, and they will gladly accept additional help. Dictionary delivery to third-graders will be in January.

Cycle for Sight is an ongoing endeavor and **President Gary Rose** has many sponsors lined up. You can buy passes or signs as Christmas gifts. **Pres Gary** kept the momentum going by auctioning off fine-free Santa hats and added some money to the Rotary coffers.

**Bill Blanckenburg** was good for a \$20 donation when he was confronted with a 1950's photo showing him posing with three good-looking ladies. Oh, yes, and a watchful dog who had been employed to entice people to make generous contributions to the Salvation Army's Kettle, tried to prevent **Tom Young** from entering Trader Joe's. Upsetting a little pooch should have cost Tom \$20, but he beat the price down to \$19.50.



Previous 50:50 raffle winner, **Dale Carriker** had the winning ticket, but the joker eluded him this time.



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**Brenda Perry** is coordinating the pie delivery project to the Pathway Home veterans. The Thanksgiving home baked pie delivery was a great success, and we will do a repeat

**President Gary's** Christmas trivia quiz was well researched. Some of the challenging items included information about the BB gun in the Christmas Story, and General Waverly in "White Christmas." **John Cardinale, Ann Cash, Joe Dacanay, Myles Davis,** and **Wally Kempkey** showed superior Christmas knowledge. **Don Fretz** had to tackle a difficult question concerning Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer's associate elf's profession. Now, imagine, this elf wanted to be a dentist and managed to pull the teeth out of a snowman.

Happy members of the Elk Club's culinary crew received their gratuity check. The Christmas spirit was alive and well.



**Our Speaker: Bruce McCall** introduced our speaker, **Christine Coates**, who enlightened Rotarians on the history of Cavallo Point, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge. It is on the former site of Fort Baker. The army post was converted to a national park. There are 28 historic buildings, mostly from the 1930's, with 140 guest rooms featuring historic verandas and pressed tin ceilings. Eighty percent of the electricity comes from solar energy generation. It is a resort managed by Passport Resort Hotels. This organization also owns and manages the Sea Ranch Lodge property.

Cavallo Point offers great food, and an extensive wine cellar. There are three programs that guests can participate in: culinary, well-being and adventure. Cavallo Point is an addition to the Napa Valley's status as the foodie capital of California. Cavallo Point offers food from sustainable agriculture. It hopes to be totally organic by 2010. Chef Joseph Humphries manages the cooking school, and chef Alice Waters, Chef, from Chez Panisse in Berkeley,

acts as a consultant in these culinary adventures. For programs in creative arts, local and national artists will come in for writing, photography and painting sessions. For adventure and well-being, there are many interesting trails that can be walked, or used for mountain biking. There are also sailing and kayaking opportunities. The Cavallo Point destination is more than a hotel. It is a private, non-profit partnership. Trails are being restored and visitors are being educated on environmental issues. It is a great resource for visitors who will bring new environmental knowledge back to their own homes. Room rates go from \$250 to \$750. Through the end of January, Rotarians can take advantage of a room rate of \$205 per night. Visit Cavallo Point, stay over night, or bring your staff for corporate retreats.

