



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

This newsletter marks the beginning of my second year as the President of Catalá Club. The first year was incredible with top notch speakers at our General Luncheons, and this will continue this year. The Fashion Show was a real tribute to 95 years of our Club, and we will build on that momentum. I am so proud of all of you and truly feel that it is a privilege to be your President. On to 2026-27!

We have two retiring Board Members, Deb McBride and Mary Jane Vitkovich. Deb is a Past President and Fashion Show Chair and Mary Jane was the Chairperson of our Christmas Luncheon. We will miss you both on the Board and thank you for your past dedication and commitment to Catalá.

For the second year in a row, Mary Blaser, Dianne Bonino, and Ida Skikos are diligently working on the Fashion Show which is on Friday, October 2. This year's theme is "Women in Motion," which describes this team perfectly. They are busy coordinating invitations, decor, models, food and everything that makes the Fashion Show so special. Thank you for spending so much of your summer on this Catalá tradition.

A special thank you to Yvonne Dominguez, the Executive Assistant to Jim Lyons. Yvonne has been our University Liaison this year and has done it with grace and professionalism. We rely on her help and expertise to keep us organized. It is a pleasure working with you.

Stay healthy and enjoy your summer. I hope to see you all on August 15 at our Summer Mass and Social at Carol and John Traub's home.

With appreciation,
Nancy Tarantino

Catalá Club 2026-2027 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your CATALÁ membership for the upcoming year!

Membership **renewal opens July 1**, and we encourage all members to renew promptly to ensure uninterrupted communication and inclusion in our community activities.

The annual membership fee is \$50. While we do accept checks, we strongly prefer that members renew **online** for convenience and faster processing. **The membership form is attached with this newsletter, providing the link to renew your membership online.** Also provided is the address of Shannon Potts if you prefer to send a check for renewal.

Please note that the **deadline to renew membership** and be included in the upcoming Membership Directory is **September 15.**

If your renewal is received after this date, your information will not appear in the Directory.

As summer is a busy travel season, we recommend planning ahead - especially if you anticipate being out of town - so you don't miss the deadline.

Thank you for your continued support of CATALÁ.

We look forward to another great year!

Lisa de Lusignan and Shannon Potts
Membership Co-Chairs

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

July 31	Feast Day of St. Ignatius
August 15	Members' Summer Social – Home of Carol and John Traub
September 12	Vintage Santa Clara
September 21	Undergraduate Classes Begin
September 23	Guest Speaker: Dr. Julie Sullivan, University President – Nobili Hall
October 2	Fashion Show, Luncheon DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose



Marianne Bleicher	Sandy Myers
Kate Adams Canessa	Marlene O'Donnell
Elena Caruso	Marge Papp
Jeannie Conner	Louise Pfeiffer
Melanie Devletian	Joanne Polverino
Celeste Dier	Denise Rosati
Michelle Duchesne	Casey Soares
Fran Lowry	Julie Sullivan
Pauline Mifsud	Michelle Towers
Christine Montgomery	Pat Winter
Marjorie Muldowney	

THINKING OF YOU

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation
to all who grieve.

We extend our Prayers for Healing and
Restored Health to
Jeanne Torre; Jeff Stanga, husband of Kris Stanga;
Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán;
for our SCU Community
and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

Save The Date

SCU Catalá Club Welcomes you to

**WOMEN
in MOTION**

– Empowering the Next Generation –

Fashion Show - Luncheon - Fundraiser

Friday, October 2, 2026

11:00am – 2:30pm

DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

2050 Gateway Place

San Jose, CA 95110

*Proceeds Benefit the Santa Clara University
Catalá Club Endowed Scholarship Funds*



**More information coming soon
to your mailbox!**

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FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Sue Davison

Happy Summer!

A reminder that the Bronco Pantry remains open
during the summer months to serve our
students. If you would like to make a donation,
please visit the Amazon Wish List from the QR code.



Please search "SCU Students: Food Insecurity at SCU"
for the public wish list of items on Amazon.com or use
the QR code. Please select "Basic Needs Program 500
El Camino Real," as the mailing address. Gift Cards
and purchases from the Amazon Wish List may also
be dropped off at the following Santa Clara University
address: Dean of Students Office, Benson 205, 500 El
Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95053.

WOMEN in MOTION

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER Donations Needed

We invite all Catalá members to help support our **Women in Motion Fashion Show, Luncheon and Fundraiser** on Friday, October 2, 2026, at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel in San Jose.

This cherished event is more than a celebration — it is the cornerstone of Catalá's fundraising efforts, providing vital support to students as they pursue their education and dreams at Santa Clara University. Thanks to the generosity of last year's supporters, 41 students received life-changing scholarships this past year, with an average award of \$35,610 per student.

To continue this success, Catalá Club's Silent Auction Committee and Opportunity Drawing Committee need your help. Please donate or join with other members by donating in one of the following ways.

1. Monetary Donations: To supplement silent auction and opportunity drawing items.
2. Gift Certificates: Restaurants, hotels, spas, golf, department stores, boutiques, etc.
3. New Merchandise
4. Event tickets or Unique Experiences: Theatre Tickets, 49ers, Warriors, Giants, Valkyries, concerts, trips, vacation homes, time shares or condos etc.

Soon you will be receiving an email with a solicitation letter and donation form. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact katykelly@sbcglobal.net or 650 279-0330.

Your generosity opens doors, creates opportunities and transforms lives. Thank you for being an important part of this meaningful work!

Lunch at Joanne Moul's lovely home after our June SCU Catala Board Meeting and a Birthday Celebration for Father Jack! Thank you Joanne for hosting us.



Ask her
to help you trust
that there's
nothing in your
future
that you and God
can't handle
together.

-Jane Trufant Harv