



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

Welcome Fall!!!! So much has happened already with Catalá Club. The first General Luncheon of the year was a huge success. Plus, our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Fashion Show, "Women in Motion," was another amazing and impressive event with many volunteer hours and a lot of passion.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the September luncheon and traditionally President Julie Sullivan shares the "State of the University" with us at that time. She also had a last-minute conflict, so her Chief of Staff, Molly McDonald, spoke on her behalf. We were also blessed with meeting Amy Yancey, the new Vice President for University Relations. I can visualize the room with the red and white flowers, red napkins and "diamonds" which made the room sparkle. Thank you, Joanie Cattermole, Cynthia Hanz and Mary McCurdy, for making this luncheon so special.

Another big thanks for the second year in a row chairing the Fashion Show goes to Mary Blaser, Dianne Bonino and Ida Skikos. I know it takes a village to produce this show, but you three were the Directors and did it so gracefully. Thank you again and again.

Our Mass of Remembrance will be on Wednesday, November 18, at 10:30am in the Mission Church. Lunch will follow in the Williman Room. The guest speaker will be Ann Skeet from the SCU Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. Her presentation is so relevant in this time of AI uncertainty and ethics. I hope you can join us!

Happy October and enjoy the Fall colors, Nancy

Membership Update

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership for the 2026-2027 Catalá Year! We truly appreciate your continued support and commitment to our Club.

Our **2026–2027 Roster** will be distributed in **October**. We welcome these **new (and returning) members**:

Floss D'Amico	Brenda Rupel
Darlene D'Amico-Sorci	Angelica Scott
Marcia Daszko	Cassandra Stokes
Lynn Goodall	Ann Vaudagna
Pam Madden	

Please join us in giving them a warm welcome to our Catalá Club family!

Throughout the year, if there are **any changes to your contact information or personal information**, please be sure to send those updates to **Lisa or Shannon** so we can keep our records current and accurate.

We would also love your help in **recruiting new members!** Consider bringing a guest to one of our meetings throughout the year. It's a great opportunity to introduce others to our organization, share what we do and encourage new people to become involved.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings!

Lisa de Lusignan, Shannon Potts
Membership Chairs



MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

October 2	Fashion Show, Luncheon DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose
October 8-10	Grand Reunion
November 18	Mass of Remembrance Mission Church Guest Speaker: Ann Skeet, Senior Director, Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics Williman Room
December 9	Christmas Lunch Maggiano's, Santana Row



*Happy Birthday
to those celebrating
in October!*

Merilee Amos
Cookie Cattaneo
Shirley Dorsa
Fatima Fagundes
Ronnie Foley
Ginny Haughey
Diana Jensen
Elizabeth Moul Smith
Carol O'Brien
Birdie Pacelli

Vicki Pope
Karen Reagan
Regina Reilly
Tara Reimers
Marianne Rhine
Carol Sabatino
Margaret Shumm
Christine Wheeler
Sheri Zipse

KUDOS TO SCU!!!

Santa Clara University landed at No. 29 nationally on TIME's list of America's Best Colleges plus No. 2 among the 27 Jesuit universities in the United States, No. 6 in the West and No. 3 among Catholic universities.

Part of what makes that possible: an 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio, with classes small enough that professors know students by name. Isn't that what we all so fondly remember?!! The Santa Clara Family!

Once a Bronco, always a Bronco!



THINKING OF YOU

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

We extend our Prayers for Healing and Restored Health to

Jerry Mugnolo, husband of Katie Mugnolo;
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.

OUR ARTS LIASION MARY MCCURDY

October and November offer a variety of arts-related events for you to enjoy. To secure your tickets:

408.554.4015

scupresentsboxoffice@scu.edu

Theatre

October 24 and 25, 2pm: Fall One Act Festival
November 6 - November 15:
"The Importance of Being Earnest"

Music

October 2, 7:30pm: Music and Ecstasy
October 16, 7:30pm: Maverick Granddaughter
November 13, 7:30pm: Fall Orchestra and Wind Ensemble
November 18 and 19, 7pm: Fall Jazz Band and Combo Festival

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU Sue Davison

Happy Back to School!!! Our SCU students have returned to campus for the Fall Quarter. Let's have a well-stocked pantry for them as they move into their dorms/apartments!

At our first luncheon of the year, we collected \$120 which I will use to purchase gift cards for the Food Insecurity Program. Thank you so much for your generous donations. Great way to start the school year!

If you would like to make a donation now, please visit the updated Amazon Wish List from this link: [Amazon Wish List](#). Items can be sent directly to campus for distribution.

As always, please contact me with any questions.

WOMEN *in* MOTION

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who supported the Catalá Fashion Show this year.
We honestly could not have done it without you!
Look for Photos in the November Newsletter!!

Memories of our October Luncheon – informative and friendly fun! (thanks, Mary Atwell for the photos!)

UG Class of 2030

- 1,600 new first-time, first-year students
- 18% are first generation
- Nearly 15% are Pell eligible
- 58% from California
- 6% are international students

