



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez December 2021

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To the wonderful members of the Catala family:

Season's greetings! The joys of the season are officially upon us, and I hope you and yours will make the most of them. After all we've been through, we — and the world — could use some more joy right now. Let's make it happen!

Catala has several joyous things to celebrate this month. The first is our December gift to the University. Against all Covid odds, we have raised enough money to donate \$20,000 to our Endowed Scholarship Fund for Father Engh. Way to go, Ladies! We will present this check to the University at the Christmas Tea on December 15.

The Christmas Tea is another bit of joy to celebrate. We will — at long last — be back in person for this treasured tradition. As is our custom, we will celebrate our Past Presidents at this event. The location has moved again due to Covid space requirements, and we will now be in the Mission Room. This is on the basement level of Benson; old-timers like myself will remember this space as the former bowling alley. There is an elevator to the lower level for those who prefer not to use the stairs. I give my deepest thanks to all who are pulling this together: to Pat DeMarlo and Peggy Anastasia as our wonderful event chairs; to Charlene Raisch, Jeannie Mahan and Birdie Pacelli for their decorating wizardry; and to Rosanne Adona for her magic with the raffle. While I cannot list everyone on the team here, I am grateful to all for everything they are doing to make this tea special for us. The Catala ladies are no strangers to girl power, and you can easily see this in action right now. Do join us if you can.

Please note that masks are required while indoors (unless eating or drinking). In keeping with University policy, proof of vaccination is also required. Please do not come to the party if you are not feeling well.

We will offer a collection site for gifts to the SCU Food Pantry at the event. A list of desired items for the pantry is included in this newsletter.

In other news, we offer a loving send off to Marie Engh, a Catala member and mother of Michael Engh, S.J. (SCU President 2009-2019). She passed peacefully on November 8, 2021. We hold Fr. Engh and his family close in our hearts at this tender time.

We also send our good wishes to Bill Rewak S.J. (SCU President 1976-1988; Chancellor 2011-2017) who moved from the SCU Jesuit Residence to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos in November. We will miss his beautiful smile around campus.

Last, though hardly least, we salute our women's soccer team, who again clinched the WCC championship. They are in hot pursuit of their next national title. Having won NCAA matches against top rivals Stanford, Georgetown and University of Wisconsin, they now head into the finals. The NCAA championship games will be played in our own Stevens Stadium on December 3-5. See the SCU website for ticket availability.

Our Lady Broncos are another fine example of girl power in high form. Shall we invite them to become members of Catala?

With joy and blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



**Catala Club's
Traditional Christmas Tea
Everything is Merry and Bright**

**December 15
Mission Room,
Downstairs, SCU Benson Center**

We are waiting anxiously for the Catala Christmas Tea and getting together with old and new friends.

As this is the time of giving, at the Tea we are collecting items for the Bronco Pantry. The Pantry provides food and essential necessities to our Santa Clara University students. Therefore, we encourage you to bring a gift card from Safeway, Target or places of business where students like to frequent. If you do not want to bring a gift card, students can always use toiletry items such as deodorants, shaving items for both male and females, toothpaste, mouth wash, shampoo and hair conditioners. Many of our students who are on scholarships do not have a lot of extra money so however we can assist them truly is appreciated. There will a Christmas box by the registration table for your donations.

As a reminder,
please bring
proof of vaccinations.



Our invitation flyer
is attached to this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you *in person!*
Peggy Anastasia and Pat DeMarlo, Co-Chairs



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| 5 Nancy Redding | 22 Joy Belli |
| 8 Tracie Frandsen | 22 Lorraine Moore |
| 11 Sylvia Shaw | 22 Father Bill Rewak, S.J. |
| 12 Ivana LeBaron | 23 Jo Bertaccini |
| 16 Leana Giannini | 24 Monica Kirkorian |
| 17 Dale Picone | 25 Jesus |
| 18 Rosanne Compitello | 26 Mary Ann Stowell |
| 15 Linda Herschbach | 30 Marlene Serrano |
| 21 Barbara Biafore | 31 Cecilia Cavacas |

We extend our Sympathy and Prayers for Comfort to Michael Engh, S.J. on the passing of his mother and our member, Marie Engh.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Pat Mahan, Mary Ann Stowell;
for all victims of Covid and injustices and
for all who have nobody to pray for them.

MARK YOUR IN PERSON CALENDAR . . .

- December 15 Christmas Tea, Mission Room, Benson
January 19 New Year "Reunion" Lunch,
Mission Room, Benson
February 16 Guest speaker, Katy Mahon,
Co-author The Miracle Collection

**FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Thank you to the members who have renewed their memberships and welcome to all our new members! Please be on the lookout for your roster, it will arrive at your house within the next two weeks. Have a very Merry Christmas Season!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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July 24



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WITH

US

An Advent Prayer provided by Jack Treacy, S.J.

*For your word which endures
We give you thanks.
For your promises to which we hold
We give you thanks.
For such intimacy with you
We give you thanks.
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
We give you thanks.
For those gathered here today
We give you thanks.
For family, friend and stranger
We give you thanks.
For those who minister your grace
We give you thanks.
For the hope that lives each Advent
of a love that has no end
We give you thanks. Amen*