



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez December 2022

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Dear members of the Catala family,

I hope our newsletter finds you all happy, well and satiated with a fun-filled Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. Thanksgiving is often a time to reflect on how much we have to be grateful for and the special people in our lives who top the list!

November also brought a wonderful lesson in gratitude through our luncheon speaker, Katie Mahon. An SCU alumna and co-author of the bestselling book *The Miracle Collectors*, she delivered a wonderful talk to a sell-out crowd at our November event. We sold every book that we had! I have never before met someone who describes herself as being in the “miracle business” — this does not mean she creates miracles, rather has become adept at spotting them, both big and small. Her talk was full of amazing examples of how miracles are often right under our noses: the trick is learning to recognize them. She was among the most inspiring speakers we've had, and I was touched that President Sullivan (who joined us for the event) took lots of notes. I salute our luncheon hostesses (Joan Cattermole, Joan Ferrari and Joan Stoelker) for a beautiful lunch and Fran Lowry for a beautiful mass. I also extend my thanks again to our friends in the Alumni Office for helping to coordinate Katie's return to campus.

In keeping with Catala tradition, the November event paid special tribute to Jesuit relatives. I thank Fr. Jack for the lovely mass, with extra thanks to Frs. Mariani, Pabst and Scholla for joining us. Thank you to those of you who sponsored a Jesuit to come for the lunch. I also offer a special shout out to Catala member Kathy Bonfiglio who not only came to the mass and lunch, she brought her Jesuit relative with her! We were honored to have her son, Fr. Greg Bonfiglio '82, with us as well. Catala does not get mother-Jesuit son duos very often, so this was really a treat.

Looking ahead to the festive season, I hope we will see you all at the Christmas Tea on December 14. Invitations have gone out and, as you all know,

friends are welcome! We will honor Catala's past presidents at the tea. We will also use this opportunity to collect wish list items for the SCU Food Pantry. The Tea Committee put up a stunning holiday tree at the November lunch with “giving” ornaments which mirrored the Pantry's wish list. If you had a chance to take one, please bring your gift to the Tea. If not, you can visit the Pantry's wish list on Amazon. Gifts cards to Safeway, Target and Trader Joe's are always welcome. Denominations of \$25 or \$50 are ideal.

President Sullivan will be joining us again in December for the Tea. We use this occasion to present her with a check in the amount of \$50,000 to the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund. I offer my heartfelt thanks to each of you for all you do for Catala which makes this kind of generosity possible.

As a friendly reminder, University policy requires all attendees to be vaccinated for Covid. And as always, please do not come to the party if you are not feeling well the day of the event.

January returns us to another Catala favorite: China Stix restaurant in Santa Clara. It is a blessing that this small family-owned restaurant made it through the pandemic when so many small businesses did not. We are honored to be going back. I think I am hearing something about a Chinese New Year theme for the lunch, so bring your good luck charms!

In January we will also debut a newsletter feature which spotlights Catala Club scholars who have graduated with a look at what they are doing now. I have had a sneak preview, and it is impressive. We have every reason to proud of our young people, and I hope you will be impressed as well.

Merry Christmas to you!

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez'85
President, Catala Club



5 Nancy Redding	20 Allyson Tevrizian
8 Tracie Frandsen	21 Barbara Biafore
8 Carol Wolf	21 Father Bill Rewak, S.J.
11 Shawn Sylvia	22 Joy Belli
12 Kerry Lenihan Baz	22 Lorraine Moore
12 Ivana LeBaron	23 Jo Bertaccini
16 Leana Giannini	24 Monica Kirkorian
18 Rosanne Compitello	25 Jesus
15 Linda Herschbach	28 Lisa DeFonzo
16 Carolyn Schuk	30 Marlene Serrano
	31 Cecilia Cavacas

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Linda Herschbach with the passing of her mother and former Club member, Evelyn Ucovich and to the friends and family of the victims of violence, fires, floods and disease.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Pat DeMarlo, Mary Lou Lawrence, Carol Sabatino, Michelle Sola's grandson, Aedan, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Do you want to donate to the Bronco Food Pantry? Below are three easy ways!

1. Donate directly through the [Amazon link](#)
Please ship to:
Kim Gilkey-Santa Clara University
Office of Student Life- Benson Room #205
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053
2. Cash donations directly through the [SCU Development Department](#) to purchase food for the pantry.
3. Donations such as soap, toiletries, non perishable food, etc. can be donated to the office noted above
Attention: Kim Gilkey

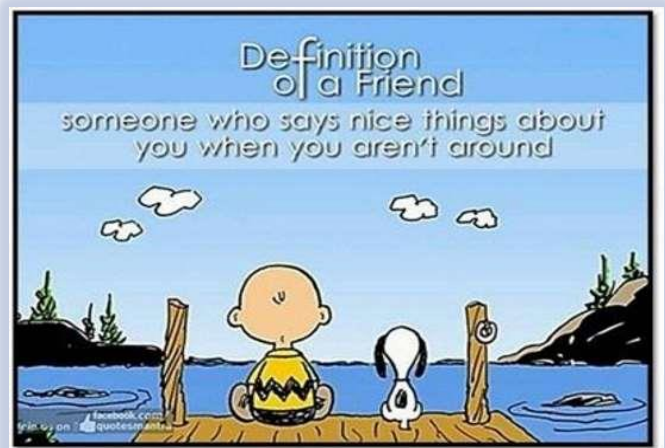
Please direct your questions to the Office of Student Life at 408.554.4583 or osl@scu.edu.

**From the Catala Club Archives
by Dianne Bonino**

As we approach the close of our 92nd year, we are grateful to these women who led Catala Club and who continued its mission of raising funds for SCU undergraduate scholarships, working for the benefit of the University.

We thank and remember:

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| Eunice Sullivan | Lucille Polverino |
| Rose Flynn | Betty Ford |
| Carnelia Baker | Rose Danna |
| Rose Amaral | Anne Morrissey |
| Marie Bean | Juanita Lennon |
| Honore McCarthy | Vicky Kirkish |
| Marian Reinhardt | Frances O'Brien |
| Margaret Trevy | Eve Hoskins |
| Elizabeth Tiernan | Rose Marie Colli |
| Catherine Farrell | Dorothy Verburgt |
| Jewel Morettini | Gloria Citti |
| Gloria Anello | Lois Gordon |
| Pauline Mieuli | Abby Sobrato |
| Mary Murtha | Mae Ferraro |
| Gerry Belick | Janet Pessagno |
| Dorothy Freitas | Mikki Squires |
| Eleanor Mobeck | Carol Sabatino |
| Del Ravizza | Helen Owen |
| Elizabeth Gillick | Janell Scalora |
| Eileen Murphy | Cathy De Maria |
| Ann Talia | Pat Mahan |
| Anne Borzone | Ann Bertram |
| Edith Perrelli | Mary Conlon Almassy |
| Freida Bonetti | Dianne Bonino |
| Angel Goscila | Joanne Sabatino Moul |
| Elaine Orlando | Jeannie Mahan |
| Louise Pfeiffer | Debbie McBride |
| Rose Wong | Mary Atwell |
| Louise Berger | Charlene Raisch |
| | Laurie Hernandez |



FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

December 14	Annual Christmas Tea Mission Room, Benson Center
January 18	China Stix, Santa Clara Town Center
February 11	Bronco Men's Basketball Game and Bronco Bash Pregame Tailgate
February 15	Kyoto Palace, The Pruneyard
March 16 Thursday	Annual Time of Reflection Becket Hall St. Thomas of Canterbury Church – NOTE DAY CHANGE please

**Catala Club's Traditional Christmas Tea
December 14
The Mission Room, SCU Benson Center**

We are excited to announce that once again we are having our in-person Catala Christmas Tea! This year, we members are partnering to support the SCU Food Insecurity Program!

We look forward to being together once again!

See the enclosed invitation flyer to make your reservation and to participate in the support of the SCU Food Insecurity Program.

Charlene Raisch, Dianne Bonino, Katy Kelly
Christmas Tea Co-Chairs

**Tribute to Our Past Presidents
by Charlene Raisch**

Every SCU Catala Club President from Mrs. Sullivan onward has brought her own special talents enthusiasm and love of Catala and of SCU to our Club. There is a common thread that runs through each and every President's bio which is the work we do to raise monies for our Catala Scholarship Fund to help undergraduate students receive an SCU Jesuit education.

We're a diverse group of women brought together by our love and appreciation of this goal to help others experience it.

To you intelligent strong forward-thinking women of Catala today we wish you the very best and hope that you enjoy every moment of your Catala experience.

**CAROL SABATINO President
1995-1996**

- Catala Club held a lovely Tea in the Adobe – we all wore our hats. Father Donnelly was so wonderful! What a fabulous chaplain. We raffled off tea pots!
- The close friendships you make as a member of Catala especially on the Board.
- Fashion Shows were wonderful-the planning for them! I remember going down to Madonna Inn with Helen Owen and Shirley Dorsa – meeting Mrs. Madonna. Great fun!

Santa Clara Men's Basketball & Bronco Bash

Join fellow Catala members for some fun Catala Camaraderie at the Bronco Bash pregame tailgate party at the new Schott Athletic Excellence Center before the February 11th Bronco Men's Basketball game vs the LMU Lions. Featuring a live DJ, food, beverages (beer & mimosas), games, and plenty of Bronco Spirit!

- Date: Saturday, February 11th
- Time: 1:30pm (tip off vs LMU at 4:00pm)
- Location: Schott Athletic Excellence Center (directly adjacent to the Leavey Center)
- Ticket Options
 - \$20 for pregame event admission (includes beer and food)
 - \$35 for pregame event admission AND game ticket

Don't miss the action! Purchase your tickets for yourself, family and friends right away to join in this fun opportunity to socialize and enjoy the afternoon/evening event together this winter.

<https://mysantaclara.scu.edu/events/athletics/bronco-bash-lmu-2023?erid=4a8e60b2-00ad-433e-a197-948d1baa39bd&trid=4a8e60b2-00ad-433e-a197-948d1baa39bd>

Our November Special Event welcomed Jesuit Priests and their Catala relatives to our Mass of Remembrance and lunch. Our guest speaker was author and alumna Katie Mahon telling us about her bestselling book, "The Miracle Collectors." We also welcomed Dr. Julie Sullivan, President, Santa Clara University. New this year, we provided a Giving Tree to benefit the Bronco Food Pantry.



*Thank you, Mary Atwell
for being a great Photographer!*