



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

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President's Message-Joanie Cattermole

Dear Friends and Family of Catala,

The holidays are here!

I hope you have time to breathe and enjoy the season.

We are thankful for the wonderful November luncheon planned by Leanna Giannini and Mary Atwell. We started with a lovely and meaningful mass led by our Chaplain Jack Treacy, S.J. and concelebrated with Fr. Matt Carnes., S.J. Thank you to our Liturgical Coordinator, Fran Lowry, for putting it all together.

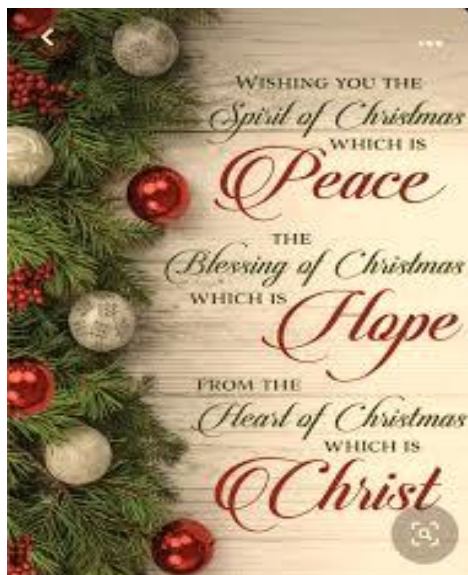
We then enjoyed a fall feast of turkey with all the trimmings. Fr. Carnes gave a beautiful overview of his work as Vice President for Mission & Ministry at SCU. And, we also heard from Dr. Jason Fitzer from the Office of Student Life about the ongoing needs of the Campus Food Pantry which we support with our 50/50 drawing.

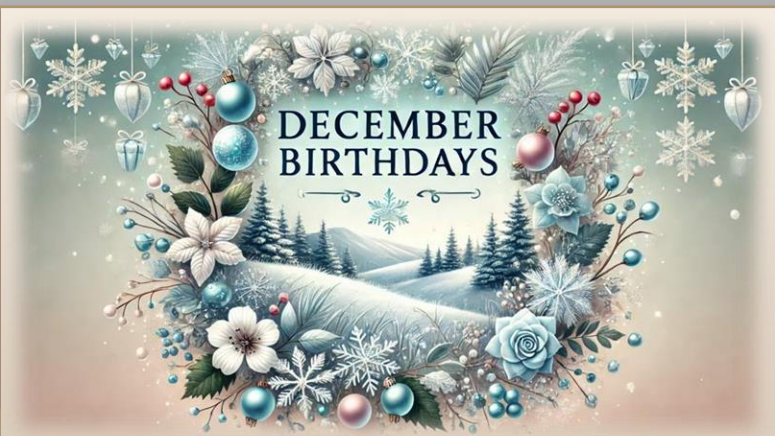
As a Club, we are still very thankful about the success of our fabulous Fashion Show, Mamma Mia. (See details in this Newsletter.) Thank you, one and all, for your time, talents and generosity in helping make this such a successful effort for our students. Our net profit was just over \$70,000! These proceeds will go a long way to enable more students to afford a Santa Clara education. Our hard work really paid off. And, we hope our members and guests had a great time at the event and connected with old and new friends.

The Christmas season is around the corner - I hope you can join us for our Holiday Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 11, in the Williman Room in Benson Center.

As the singer Willie Nelson sang, "When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." We are so lucky in Catala to have the friendship and support of each other.

Blessings,
Joanie Cattermole





5 Nancy Redding	21 Barbara Biafore
7 Tina Corcorran	22 Joy Belli
8 Tracie Frandsen	22 Lorraine Moore
9 Rebecca Kayser	23 Jo Bertaccini
12 Ivana LeBaron	28 Lisa DeFonzo
16 Leana Giannini	28 Katherine Oven
18 Rosanne Compitello	29 Debbie Van Olst
15 Linda Herschbach	30 Marlene Serrano
19 Lynne Shahshahani	31 Cecilia Cavacas
20 Allyson Tevrizian	31 Alison Imamura

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS ANN LINDAHL AND KRIS STANGA

Thank you to those who picked up their 2024-25 Rosters at the November Mass and Luncheon. Rosters will also be available for pick up at the December Tea. Remaining rosters either will be mailed to you or hand-delivered, depending on your location.

CHRISTMAS TEA TRADITION



Please join us

Wednesday, December 11,

to honor our Past Presidents and celebrate the Wonderful Women of Catalá. Please see the attached flyer for details and information and RSVP by December 3.

A SCHOLARSHIP STORY GRATEFUL PAST RECIPIENT

While at the Fashion Show at the Santa Clara Marriott, a young man approached the "check out" table. He asked if we were part of the Catala Club. He then proceeded to tell a few of us that over ten years ago, he was a recipient of a Catala Club scholarship. Coincidentally, he was at the Marriott joining a work conference.

So appropriate to hear about such success while our Club was working so hard to help others.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

December 4 Course Registration for Osher Winter Quarter

December 11 *Christmas Tea, Williman Room*

January 15 China Stix
Guest Speaker, Bradley Cabbage,
Personal Trainer
"Thrive at 50 and Beyond"

January 25 59th Annual Golden Circle
Theatre Party

*Congratulations to
Katy Kelly,
the 2024-25 Chair of the
Santa Clara University
Board of Fellows*



We extend our Prayers of sympathy and consolation to the family and friends of Sophomore Student, Kephass Pope; and to the families and friends of the victims of violence, terrorism, and disease.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Jim Lyons, Lexie O'Keefe, mother-in-law of Leana Giannini, the mother of Kate Canessa, Jeanne Torre, Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Bronco Pantry Update by Sue Davison

Thank you for your continuous support of our SCU Food Pantry. Every donation is so appreciated. We will have our 50/50 raffle at our December luncheon so you will have another opportunity to support our students.

If you would like to make a donation before we are together next month, donations to the Food Insecurity Program at SCU may also be made via Amazon at Amazon Wish List. Please search "SCU Students: Food Insecurity at SCU" for the public wish list of items on Amazon.com or use the QR code below. Please select "Jason Fitzner 500 El Camino Real," as the mailing address. Gift Cards and purchases from the Amazon Wish List may also be dropped off at the Santa Clara University address noted above.



MAMMA MIA!

Mamma Mia indeed!

We raised \$70,000 for our students!

We could never have done this without each and every one of you.

As many of you know, the ticket price covers only the cost of the lunch and basic hotel expenses. The profit that we generate to help our students comes from all the other event revenue generating streams: underwriting, the auctions, donation drawing ticket sales, the Golden Ticket raffle, the paddle raise.

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in helping make this such a successful effort for our students.**



The Fashions were beautiful! The Models were stunning! The Show was Flawless!!

As President Joanie Cattermole said "Mamma Mia! We hope you had "the time of your life." What a great, fabulous and memorable Fashion Show. Thank you to all for showing up, mingling and supporting the work we do. It was so nice to see the room filled with all our Catala friends . . . A huge special thank you goes to Dancing Queen chairs, Deborah McBride and Mary Blaser. They worked tirelessly for a solid year to put on this major event."

As Mary Blaser said "it took a village" and as such there are many Catala members, family and friends who have our debt of gratitude. Thank you to all.

Thank you, Mary Atwell and Cynthia Hanz, for your photography skills!





2024 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE MASS, MEETING & LUNCHEON

Our Club Chaplain, Fr. Jack Treacy, S.J., celebrated Mass in the Mission Church with our Luncheon Guest Speaker, Fr. Matt Carnes, S.J. concelebrating. Mass was followed by lunch and meeting in Nobili Hall. Fr. Matt, Vice President for Mission and Ministry, spoke about “Our Transformative Jesuit Mission at Santa Clara University Engaging Students and the World in Ever New Ways.”



We have a NEW look!!



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THE 2024 OPUS PRIZE

Each year, the Opus Prize Foundation partners with a different Catholic university for the year-long process of discovery, engagement, and learning involving the entire campus, leading to the awarding of the \$1.2 million Opus Prize, an annual humanitarian honor for social entrepreneurs who champion faith-filled solutions to persistent problems in their communities. The foundation selects universities as partners to organize and execute the Opus Prize selection process and award ceremony. Through these partnerships, students are challenged to think globally and inspired to live lives of service

Thirty-three members of the Santa Clara community served on an Opus Prize Oversight Committee chaired by Molly McDonald and Matthew Carnes, S.J., Vice President for Mission and Ministry. The committee chose “Faith Makes Wonders Work” as this year’s theme, a nod to the innovative spirit that can flow when entrepreneurs are guided by their faith to do transformative work, and underscoring faith as a driving force for positive and creative change in the world.

Sister Francisca Ngozi Uti, HHCI, who founded a center 25 years ago dedicated to the social, legal and political equality of women in Nigeria, was chosen as the \$1 million 2024 Opus Prize Laureate. Two other finalists for the honor—Father Zach Presutti, S.J., founder of the Thrive for Live Prison Project, and Bianca and Cătălin Albu of Jesuit Refugee Service-Romania—each received \$100,000 for their organizations.

Thrifty Threads - Bucky's Closet

What began as a business wear presentation and shopping trip for LEAD scholars has blossomed into **Bucky's Closet!** The campus thrift store, which opened in September, champions sustainability and empowers students by offering them free business attire.

“Listening to God requires us to set aside our personal preferences and agendas. Listening to God involves letting go of our stubborn and prideful desire to do whatever we want. Listening to God requires humility.”

MATTHEW KELLY

The Three Ordinary Voices of God