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President's Message-Joanie Cattermole

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 of our Catala friends.

First - A huge special thank you goes to Dancing Queen Chairs, Debbie McBride and Mary Blaser. They worked tirelessly for a solid year to put on this major event. Once again, they raised the bar, managed a complicated day and made it all look easy. They were at the Marriott before anyone else and worked throughout the day without a break. We owe them a big debt of gratitude. They are a big reason the day went so well.

Thank you to Laurie Hernandez for heading up the very important Treasury Team and keeping us on track in so many ways.

I also thank Birdie Pacelli for the fabulous Greek inspired decorations. Birdie's imagination always captures the day. The room looked so festive. She had a great team with Cynthia Hanz, Lynn Marinaro and Glenda Rasmussen.

Thank you to our lovely show announcer, Cathy De Maria. And a special thank you to our new member, Alexandra Stein, who helped manage the actual fashion show models and segments and who looked great as a model too.

Thank you to Fr. Jack, always our biggest cheerleader and who tirelessly ran the drawings, raffles and auction (with our new fabulous co-emcee, Steve Almassy) in between guiding models onto the runway.

Thank you to Dianne Bonino who had to keep track of a couple hundred reservations.

We had a fabulous array of donation drawing prizes. Thank you to Katy Kelly and Charlene Raisch and their team: Rosanne Adona, Julie Jaroshenko, Linda Pfahnl and Georgia Schon.

And thank you to the check-in volunteers who arrived early; and to the check-out volunteers who had a very important job and stayed late.

Weren't the Fashions great? Please shop at and support our stores: Chico's of Palo Alto, Kismet of Los Gatos, Leaf & Petal of Palo Alto, In the Olde Manner of Los Gatos, Shebobo hats and bags and Nic & Zoe. I hope you can use the discounts that were at your place setting. It was so fun to end the show with a bride!

We were thankful Pat DeMarlo was able to attend the show after a long medical journey. Welcome back, Pat!

Of course, our special day was dedicated to the memory of our dear Lifetime Member, former President and active supporter, Betty Ford. We celebrate the life of Betty and announce that Betty has generously endowed a scholarship to be called the Henry A. Ford and Betty H. Ford Scholarship. We will miss you, Betty.

Finally, thank you to all who made donations of time and money and to our many underwriters who generously helped support the day and our mission of sending young men and women to a University that will change their lives! The numbers aren't finalized, but we had a very successful day. (see page 2 for the list of donors)

Next up is our November Mass of Remembrance and General meeting with Fr. Matt Carnes, S.J. as our guest speaker. Fr. Carnes is the new Vice President for Mission and Ministry. He is an exceptional speaker and it should be an engaging time.

And - it's not too soon to mention: SAVE the DATE of Wednesday, December 11, for our Christmas Tea. This is a time to attend, relax and celebrate the holidays with friends.

As the Abba lyrics say:
"I'm so grateful and proud
All I want is to sing it out loud"

The Catala Club has much to be grateful for in this Thanksgiving season-and it is because of all of you.

Go Broncos!

With appreciation,

Joanie Cattermole

KUDOS AND APPRECIATION TO THE **MAMMA MIA FASHION SHOW** COMMITTEE

Co -Chairs Debbie McBride & Mary Blaser

Fashion Show Treasurer Laurie Hernandez

CHECK IN

Sue Davison, Denise Rosati, Caroline Wolf,
Vicki Yoshihara

CHECK OUT

Cynthia Hanz, Ann Lindahl, Lynn Marinaro,
Julie Stone, Nancy Tarantino

DECORATIONS

Cynthia Hanz, Lynn Marinaro, Birdie Pacelli,
Glenda Rasmussen,

DONATION DRAWING

Rosanne Adona, Julie. Jaroshenko, Katy Kelly,
Linda Pfahnl, Charlene Raisch, Georgia Schon

FAVORS

Jeannie Mahan, Cathy De Maria

LIVE AUCTION

Laurie Hernandez

INVITATION MAILING

Clara Carrasco, Gloria Citti, Tina Corcoran,
Cathy De Maria, Joan Ferrari, Joanne Polevrino,
Mary Jane Vitkovich, Vicki Yoshihara

UNDERWRITING

Mary Atwell, Joanne Moul

MODELS

Mary Blaser, Mary Almassy, Mary Atwell,
Ida Skikos, Alexandra Stein

NAME TAGS

Nancy Tarantino

PROGRAM

Kryslin Franks

RESERVATION REGISTRATION

Dianne Bonino

SILENT AUCTION

Debbie McBride, Jeannie Mahan

THANK YOU ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mary Atwell, Leanna Giannini

TREASURER'S TEAM

Laurie Hernandez, BC Gibbons, Ann Lindahl,
Shannon Potts

FOREVER GRATITUDE TO OUR FABULOUS MAMMA MIA EVENT SPONSORS

PLATINUM

Mary & Jim Atwell
Jan and Tom Berthold
Ida Skikos

GOLD

Rosanne Adona
Dianne & Mark Bonino
Kate & Remo Canessa
Joanie Cattermole
Lisa De Lusignan
Gretchen & Matt Di Napoli Family
B.C. Gibbons
Ginny & Rich Haughey
Laurie Hernandez
Katy & Tom Kelly
The Marchese Family
Cristina Morgan
Joanne & Michael Moul
Vickie Barriours Poitevin
Carol Sabatino

SILVER

Mary Conlon Almassy
Amy Bick
Mary Blaser
Nina Boyd, In Honor of
Frank Fiscalini
Mary Bruno
Sue & Bill Carter
Tina Cataran
Kim Crary
Maureen Cronan
Dora Cuadra
Celeste Dier
Cathy & Joe De Maria
Patricia DeMarlo
Mona DeViaminck
Leana Giannini
Linda Ucovich Herschbach
Diane Kardas
The Lai Family
Annamarie Marsh Louie
Fran & Bob Lowry

Jeannie Mahan, In Honor of
Patty Mahan
Deborah McBride
Pauline Mifsud
Lorraine Moore
Jill & Kevin Moul
Katie Mugnolo
Kathleen & Bill Nygard
Leslie Orta
Linda & Joe Pfahnl
Charlene & Bryan Raisch
Glenda Rasmussen
Angelica R. Scott
Marlene Serran
Mary Ann Stewart
Joan Kelly Stoelker
Joann La Tomase
Kathy & Karl Winkelman
Vicki Yoshihara

BRONZE

Mabel Abellera Marge Wagner
Ebe Frasse

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY!



1 Lois Anderson
1 Michele Papay
4 Rosanne Adonna
5 Mary Almassy
5 Katie Mugnolo
9 Rita Piziali
11 Alma Bonino
11 Julie D'Ambrosio
12 Mary Ann Stewart
24 Minnie Bautista
28 Nirmala Patni
29 Linda Antonopoulos
29 Loretta Riddle
30 Linda Pfahnl
30 Michelle Sola

Exciting Theater Department News for Catala Members!

We're thrilled to announce that the SCU Theater Department will be staging Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* this Fall, featuring Holly Burns, the daughter of Catala Club member, Wendy Burns, in the lead role.

This unique production will transport you to 1970s Berlin, complete with captivating costumes and sets.

Mark your calendars for performances on November 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 at 8 PM, with a special matinee on Sunday, November 3, at 2 PM.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Shakespeare in a fresh and exciting way!

For more details, visit:

scupresentsboxoffice@scu.edu



In addition to the *Twelfth Night*, there are lots of exciting events happening this Fall on campus. You won't want to miss out! There is a great listing of all the events to date <https://scupresents.scu.edu>

Take some time to see all that is offered. You can see a description of each event and purchase tickets to the event that appeals to you.

-Lisa De Lusignan


MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

November 20 Mass of Remembrance,
Lunch, Nobili Hall
Guest Speaker, Fr. Matt Carnes, S.J.,
Vice President for Mission and Ministry

December 11 *Christmas Tea, Williman Room*

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

We extend our Prayers of sympathy and consolation to the family and friends of Lois Gordon, Life Member and President 1988-1990; former Catala Club member, Vilma Palette; and to the families and friends of the victims of violence, terrorism, and disease.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Lexie O'Keefe, mother-in-law of Leana Giannini, the mother of Kate Canessa, Genny Luchessi, 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 November luncheon so you will have another opportunity to support our students. Dr. Jason Fitzer, the Assistant Dean for Student Life, will also be attending and will give us a brief update on the Food Pantry, their current needs and answer any questions you might have.

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 Fitzer 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 -What A Time – What A Team!

What a wonderful fashion show and fundraiser! Friday, October 25, is a day to remember filled with friends, laughter and memories. Your friendly smiles were infectious, the music was uplifting, and the camaraderie was joyous! Thank you all for attending Catala's Forever Fabulous Fashion Show and Fundraiser!

There are so many people to thank. No way could we have been able to produce this event without the tremendous help of the Catala Board of Directors and many Catala Members. From the start, our illustrious president Joanie Cattermole was there to help at every step. Not only as the emcee but many behind the scene activities (thanks for returning the clothes). Dianne Bonino is a master magician at reservations and Sue Davison, Nancy Tarantino, Ann Lindahl had the smoothest Check-In and Check-out system ever. Thanks to you and your committee Caroline Wolf, Denise Rosati, Vicki Yoshihara, Julie Stone, Lynn Marinaro, and Cynthia Hanz. Lynn and Cynthia did double and triple duty on decorations, silent auction and photography. Thank you to Birdie Pacelli and her imagination along with her right-hand assistant, Glenda Rasmussen, for their "Mamma Mia" decorating vision! The room was beautiful and very Santorini-like! You are all so talented.

We would not have gotten off the ground without our invitation committee chaired by Mary Jane Vitkovich and Joan Ferrari. You did a phenomenal job with the help of your committee Gloria Citti, Cathy De Maria, Vicki Yoshihara, Tina Corcoran, Clara Carrasco and Joanne Polverino. Extreme Kudos to our Underwriting Committee Mary Atwell and Joanne Moul! You two are ROCK STARS and need to be commended for the excellent job you did to help our SCU Students! Our Fashion Show Sponsors are CORE to the success of the Fashion Show - thank you to ALL the Sponsors!!

What would the fashion show be without the Opportunity Drawing? Our guests LOVE to win these fun gifts presented by our hard working and talented chairs, Katy Kelly, Charlene Raisch and Rosanne Adona. Laurie Hernandez and Jeannie Mahan were enormously helpful in securing and processing our Silent and Live Auction items. SO MANY Catala members donated items to the Silent Auction and the Opportunity Drawing. Your contributions are very much appreciated and essential to the success of this fundraiser. Thank you all!

Hope that you all enjoyed the tasty homemade Greek cookies. Dianne, Joanne, Glenda and Rosanne were up to their eyeballs in pink boxes and powdered sugar. Labeling those pink boxes was no easy task but the talents of Cathy, Mary Jane, and Joan F. pulled it together. Our "Thank You Cards" team lead by Leanna Giannini, assisted by Laurie and BC, is a critical part of the puzzle. Many thanks to Cathy De Maria and Mary Blaser for providing the bubbly for the champagne reception as a grand welcome for our guests!

Keeping all the financial documents in order and working with the University and vendors is no easy task. Enormous thanks to Laurie Hernandez, event treasurer, for helping in so many ways. Her team includes Ann Lindahl, Julie Stone, Shannon Potts and BC Gibbons who will continue to be critical in the coming weeks as they get all the financial details together.

And most important a BIG Thank You to our fashion houses and models lead by Alexandra Stein and Mary Blaser and supervised by Mary Almassy and Mary Atwell. Fashion Show Announcer, Cathy De Maria, did a spectacular job as Fashion Show Commentator, enthusiastically describing the beautiful models and their dazzling fashions.

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

Shebobo hats and bags added so much and the Nic+Zoe clothes and door prizes were over the top. Please support the fashion houses and take advantage of the “Mamma Mia Discounts” at In The Olde Manor, Kismet, Chico’s, and Leaf & Petal.

Of course, we give thanks for our dear Chaplain Fr. Jack Treacy, S.J. We are so grateful for your enthusiastic support of Catala. We love you! Steve Almassy was a wonderful Live Auction announcer. Thank you so much, Steve, for stepping in and rallying for SCU students and Catala! Thank you to all our guests and other contributors that may not have been mentioned. We are grateful for your support. Central to this event are the SCU students who will be grateful for their life changing scholarships and the opportunities that the scholarships bring!

THANKS to All! It’s been a great honor and pleasure working with such a dedicated team!

Debbie McBride and Mary Blaser, Co-Chairs
Mamma Mia Forever Fabulous Fashion Show



CONGRATULATIONS SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY!!

Santa Clara University has for the first time received the prestigious Diversity Champion designation from Insight Into Diversity magazine. This honor recognizes the growth, institution-wide support, and success of Santa Clara’s diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts—making it a role model for other institutions of higher learning.

“Becoming a Diversity Champion is truly an honor for Santa Clara University,” said Shá Duncan Smith, Santa Clara’s vice president for inclusive excellence. “It recognizes the hard work we do across our entire campus, with full support at the highest levels, to ensure we are an institution that supports equity, belonging and inclusion for all. It also brings to light areas where we need to continue to build.”

**“You are the perfect mix of of talents and abilities to fulfill the mission that God has in mind for you
There is no point worrying about what talents and abilities other people have. If you don’t have them, you don’t need them for your mission.”**

Matthew Kelly



FALL BACK

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR

Sunday, November 3