



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

If you are like me, you have eaten too much turkey, pie and stuffing. Hopefully you also spent lots of quality time with family.

The November Luncheon and Mass of Remembrance were another Home Run. Thank you to Joanie Cattermole, Julie Jaroshenko and Katy Kelly for organizing our own Thanksgiving Feast. From the pumpkin centerpieces to the placemats and delicious food, it was perfect. Our guest speaker was the Santa Clara University Athletic Director, Heather Owen. She engaged the audience for over 45 minutes with information about SCU Athletics and answering many questions. A big "take away" was we need to help fill the seats at sporting events.

Traditionally, Catalá also celebrates the Mass of Remembrance prior to our luncheon. Thank you to our celebrant and Chaplain Fr. Jack Treacy, Cathy De Maria and Fran Lowry for organizing such a special mass. We all have special family members to remember this time of year.

I hope you can all join us at Maggiano's in Santana Row on Wednesday, December 10, for our Christmas Luncheon. This will be a new experience for us, and I am sure it will be amazing.

We are a great group of women who cherish our faith and friendships. You are all a blessing to me!

With appreciation,

Nancy



MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

- December 6 Festival of Lights, Mission Church
 December 10 Join us for a Buon Natale
 Christmas Luncheon
 Maggiano's at Santana Row
 11:30a.m. (see attached invitation)
 December 25 Merry Christmas
 January 1 Happy New Year
 January 21 New Year Lunch, China Stix
 Guest Speaker: Author, Barbara Boyle '74
 February 11 Kyoto Palace, The Pruneyard



Joy Belli	Leana Giannini
Jo Bertaccini	Linda Herschbach
Barbara Biafore	Ivana LeBaron
Cecilia Cavacas	Lorraine Moore
Rosanne Compitello	Katherine Oven
Tina Corcoran	Nancy Redding
Lisa DeFonzo	Marlene Serrano
Tracie Frandsen	Debbie Van Olst

THINKING OF YOU

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation
 to Christine Montgomery
 with the passing of her mother, Mary Gillwee;
 to Katy and Tom Kelly,
 Joan and Jim Stoelker and Margaret Kelly
 with the passing of Jim Kelly,
 brother and son, respectively;
 to Father Jack Treacy, S.J.
 with the passing of his dearest friend,
 Father Greg Goethals, S.J.,
 and to all who grieve.

We extend our Prayers for Healing and Restored Health to
 Joe De Maria, husband of Cathy De Maria;
 Fran and Bob Lowry;
 Jim Pacelli, husband of Birdie Pacelli;
 Jeanne Torre; Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán;
 for our SCU Community
 and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

OUR ARTS LIASION, MARY MCCURDY

December and January offer a variety of arts-related
 events for you to enjoy!

To secure your tickets: **408.554.4015**
scupresentsboxoffice@scu.edu

SCU Performing Arts Center
 Choreographers' Gallery December 4-5
 26th Annual Festival of Lights December 5-6

Music Recital Hall
 Faculty Recital, presenting
 Mozart's Die Zauberflöte and Borodin's Symphony No. 3
 January 9, 2026

CATALA CLUB BRONCO BASH

Please join SCU's Catalá Club members at a Bronco Bash on Saturday, February 28, 2026, as we cheer on the Broncos while they play Oregon State! Family and friends are welcome!

Join us at Round Table Pizza next to Safeway on The Alameda as we enjoy a nosh before attending the game. The Meet-up at Round Table will begin at 3:00 pm followed by the game at Leavy Event Center at 5:00 pm.

Tickets may be purchased at:

<https://scubroncos.scu.edu/event/68da11cd30da13eb57b34fd7/6921062df317fa31df7c9194>

Use promo code: catala26 (case sensitive) for discounted tickets.

Ticket sections: 114

Hope to see you there! Go Broncos! Contact: Rosanne Adona (rradona@gmail.com) with questions.

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU by Sue Davison

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We hosted our first clothing drive for Bucky's Closet at our November luncheon and boy was it a big hit! Your kind donations completely filled two cars, making many more boxes of clothing and school supplies available to our SCU students.



Donations for Buckys Closet collected at our luncheon

If you were not able to attend the luncheon and would like to make a donation to the Closet, please go to their website for the most up to date information and drop off times etc. Bucky's Closet - Sustainability at SCU - Santa Clara University, They are located in Daly Science Center, Room 317.

At the luncheon, we also collected \$190 from the donation drawing which will be turned into Target and Safeway gift cards for the Basic Needs Program. We will not be having a donation drawing at the Christmas Luncheon in December. We ask anyone who would like to contribute to please bring Safeway or Target gift cards to the luncheon in support of the Food Pantry. You can also shop on the Amazon Wish list below using the QR code provided. As always, we appreciate your kindness and generous support.

Hope to see you at our Christmas luncheon!
Sue

WAYS TO GIVE

Gift Cards

Purchase Safeway, Target or Trader Joe's gift cards in increments of \$25.00 and/or \$50.00.

Gift cards can be sent directly to:

Santa Clara University
Dean of Students Office - Benson Room #205
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95053

Amazon Wish List

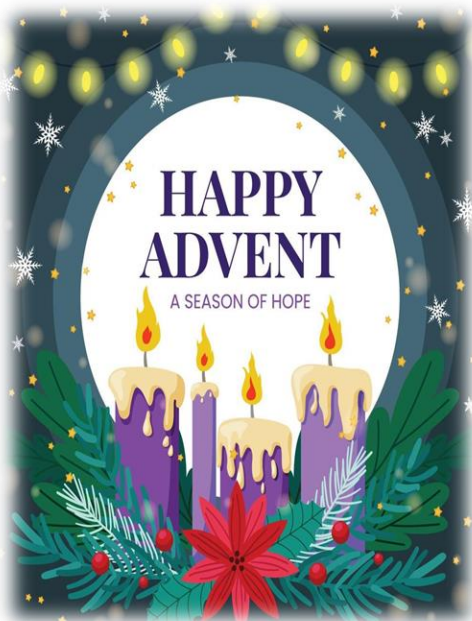
Donations to the Bronco Food Pantry at SCU may also be made via Amazon at Amazon Wish List. Please search "**SCU Students: Food Insecurity at SCU**" for the public wish list of items on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or use the QR code below. Please select "**Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino 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.

Cash Donations: Donate directly to our program on the Santa Clara website [here \(www.givecampus.com/campaigns/60943/donations/new?designation_id=46791g0000&\)](https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/60943/donations/new?designation_id=46791g0000&)

For more information about the Basic Needs Program visit the website [here \(www.scu.edu/dso/basicneeds\)](https://www.scu.edu/dso/basicneeds)



Our Annual Catalá Club Mass of Remembrance and Luncheon

Our luncheon was hearty with the tables decorated in rich autumn colors, both a welcome reflection of the season. It was enlightening to hear SCU Director of Athletics, Heather Owen, talk about the healthy state of SCU's sports program. Indeed, our SCU student athletes are backed up by elite coaching and training staff, faculty as well as their peers.

