



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Charlene Raisch November 2020

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Dear Friends,

WHAT A WONDERFUL OCTOBER “ZOOM”

MEETING! Thank you to the many members who joined ZOOM to spend an hour catching up with friends, hearing of the latest Catala Club doings, and, **OF COURSE – the FABULOUS Journey through Italy guided by our own Kathy Winkelman!** We learned about the different regions of Italy where ceramics, olive oil, wines, flatware are made – each unique. I recommend that you check-out Gioia for gifts for the upcoming Christmas season, weddings, birthdays, engagements, etc. We hope to welcome Kathy back to guide us through other areas in Italy! Let's make this not only a year of keeping in touch with one another but let's “arm-chair” travel together.

We were also delighted to welcome our SCU de Saisset docents who joined us! Perhaps they'll lead us through the de Saisset archives. With their guidance, we can travel through California and Santa Clara University history.

WHY DO WE ENJOY... BEING TOGETHER? Though our luncheons off-Campus are very fun, our luncheons on-Campus, Mass of Remembrance (to remember our family, friends, Catala sisters, and SCU family who are no longer with us), Mass of Recollection (as we prepare for the Lenten season) **bring us together in a special way.** Visiting this breathtaking Campus reaffirms the what and why we are members of Catala.

I believe that over the years, our passion has become three-fold: one is the students of SCU and our determination to see that our SCU students are given what they need to succeed. We do so by raising funds for our Endowed Scholarship Fund and, now, by supporting the SCU Food Insecurity Program. In a way, supporting the SCU Food Insecurity Program is reminiscent of long-ago times when our predecessors took care of SCU students and Jesuits by providing linens, meals, etc.

This brings me to our second passion: continuing renewal of our faith. Through our connection with Father Jack, our Facebook invitations to join in Mass and prayer, we are able to continue our relationship with our Lord.

Our third passion – the friendship bonds we have formed through Catala Club. The one very real sadness of this pandemic is that it prevents us from spending time with those whose company we enjoy – laughing, catching up – just being together.

FORTUNATELY, there are upcoming events which will bring us together! Please join your fellow Catala sisters:

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: I hope you will join us on **Wednesday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m.** Father Jack Treacy, S.J. will be celebrating via ZOOM our annual Mass of Remembrance. Father Jack has a very busy schedule (as you can imagine!) and puts a great deal of thought into this special Mass for us. Please join us! **NOTE: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE VIDEO-ED. SO IF YOU CANNOT JOIN US AS SCHEDULED, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW MASS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE!**

CHRISTMAS COCKTAILS: Mark your calendars for **December 16 at 5 p.m.** Our incredible chairs, Peggy Anastasia and Pat DeMarlo, together with their awesome, creative committee of Mary Blaser, Cathy De Maria, Katy Kelly, Jeannie Mahan and Kris Stanga, have planned a lovely cocktail hour. Please forward the ZOOM invitation information you receive to family and friends as it is a great opportunity for a ZOOM get together! Our Catala Club Christmas Cocktail Party Chairs and their Committee, along with our Board, hope you join us to celebrate our exceptional Catala Club sisterhood – whether we are together physically or not.

At this Thanksgiving time, I want to thank **Julie Stone**, our SCU Liaison. You may have seen her on our ZOOM monthly meetings. There are NO words to describe how very thankful I am for her assistance to our Club and me. Despite her, her husband, and daughter (SCU student) being displaced from their home in Boulder Creek, she didn't miss a beat in being there for our Club's every need. If you have the opportunity, don't hesitate to thank her. She's our Catala Angel and we can't imagine our Catala Club without her.

Please continue to keep our SCU family – faculty, staff, students – and most importantly our dear Father Kevin and our Jesuit Community in your thoughts and prayers.

**Happy Thanksgiving! As the Jersey Boys from my neck of New Jersey woods once sang:
“Let's be thankful for what we've got!”**

God's blessings on you and all of yours!
Charlene Raisch, President 2020-21



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Get Well Prayers for Mary Ann Stowell.

Dear Jesus, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with Your Spirit and Life. Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours.

Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

A MESSAGE

from FATHER KEVIN O'BRIEN, S.J.

Charlene is sharing the following from Father Kevin:

Dear Charlene and Catala Club Members,

Thank you for your many kindnesses as I celebrate my birthday. I am grateful for all the cards and good wishes and thoughtful encouragement, and for the wine, which I will share with my family tonight.

I regret that the pandemic has minimized our time together but I look forward to joining you virtually again soon, and one day in person.

Until then, let us pray for one another and the Santa Clara community we love so much.

Take care, and God bless, Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

Mark Your ZOOM Calendars

November 18	10am Mass of Remembrance, Father Jack Treacy, S.J.
December 16	5:00pm Catala Christmas Cocktail Party
January 20	11:30am General Meeting; Guest Speaker: Robert Gorini Consumer Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Expert

Meet Scholarship Recipient

Darius Johnson

Dear Members of the Catala Club,

I am a first-year student in the Leavey School of Business studying Finance and Data Analytics.

My first year was enriching, insightful and one that I will always cherish. I've had the ability to experience day to day life with more autonomy, responsibility, and consciousness. Entering a new environment can be both challenging and overwhelming, yet the Santa Clara community has been very welcoming and I had a wonderful time adapting and learning in my new home. As a first generation college student the support I have received is beyond what words could describe and it begins with the generosity of the Catala Club.

I extend my utmost gratitude and appreciation to the amazing Catala Club Endowed Scholarship fund in memory of Emma Anderson. Without your drive to support college students like me, your thoughtful hearts and spirits, and unwavering dedication to Santa Clara University, my first year experience would not be possible. I would like all of the caring members, executive board members and advisory board members to know that the work you have done, are doing, and continue to do is sparking a future of limitless possibilities for students such as me. I would not have had the opportunity to attend Santa Clara without your generosity. I hope to one day meet you, who help make this great education accessible.

In my first year I've had the opportunity to become very involved in and outside of the classroom. I am a part of the incoming University Honors program and a LEAD scholar. I am the first-year representative of the Leavey Black Business Association Board and will be on the Real Estate Association Executive Board this coming fall.

As we have all been experiencing, COVID-19 has cut the first year of college education short, and while I miss Santa Clara, I do know that measures such as these are what is best for everyone. Connecting online and back home was another adjustment. It was great to come back to Chicago and see family. One of the challenges this presented is being able to find places to work, study and the the motive to stay on top of work. The online atmosphere takes a lot more autonomy and really relies on my ability to keep track of all the assignments from all classes and ensure that all announcements, emails and important information is seen and processed. I feel I have adjusted well and have gotten into a consistent routine. I've discovered silver linings and opportunities to expand on my knowledge and learn new skills while I have more time. Thank you again for your support. It enables me to take advantage of these opportunities and in turn help me have a future that I envision for myself. My journey is just beginning and I'm excited that we will be on this journey together.

All the best, Darius R. Johnson