



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez January 2022

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

Happy New Year! I hope you each had a joyful holiday season.

One of the great joys of Catala's holiday season was the return of our first in-person event since Covid began. Our Christmas Tea roared back with a bang, and I thank our event chairs Pat DeMarlo and Peggy Anastasia for their leadership of this. I also thank all of you, whether helper or guest, for being part of the celebration. It really does take a village to pull these things off, and I am grateful that all of you are part of ours.

We used the occasion to present the University with a \$20,000 addition to our Endowed Scholarship for Fr. Engh. He was much touched by this, and sends his sincerest thanks.



Our wonderful Jesuit guests were also in high spirits. We give thanks to Fr. Treacy for his beautiful opening prayer, to Fr. Scholla for his magic with the raffle tickets, and to Fr. Mills for coming to meet the Catala ladies for the first time.

As we enter Year 3 of this global health crisis, it appears that Covid (and its new friend, the omicron variant) are not stopping anytime soon. For this reason, the Catala Board has decided to cancel the in-person January 19 lunch, instead converting it to a zoom format.

I know we will miss carrying on the camaraderie of the Christmas Tea, but your Board feels that it is best to err on the side of safety and caution.

Hopefully we can be together on February 16 when we will host Katie Mahon, author of the bestselling book, *The Miracle Collectors*. Katie is an extremely popular SCU alumna, and this event is sure to sell out. Send in your reservations early! Details for this event will be available soon.

In other news, I am reminded that nominating season is here. I am delighted to report that Rosanne Adona and Ann Lindahl will chair this important effort for us. We are looking for five members to round out their committee, and at the January 19 meeting, will be taking nominations and a vote from the general membership. I hope you can join us as we will need a quorum in order to complete this vote. Participation is available either via zoom or by telephone, whichever is most convenient. Details on this will follow shortly.

Lastly, we offer a loving send off to Mary Ann Stowell, a longtime Catala member (joined in 1984!) who passed on December 21, 2021. Our hearts and prayers are with her family.

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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FROM THE DESK OF JOAN CATTERMOLLE
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The January 19 luncheon will NOT be held in person due to the Covid surge, the current restrictions on campus and in the interest of caution. We will have a ZOOM meeting that day, and the link will be emailed.. This is an important meeting as it is Nominating Committee time!

If you already signed up, your check will be returned to you. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we thank you for your understanding.

*Write it on your heart that every day
is the best day in the year.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



- 1 Adele Margolis
- 6 Lizzy Barron-Silva
- 11 Laddie Sidhu
- 13 Kathleen Nygard
- 13 Joanne Strickland
- 13 Margaret Suddijan
- 15 Mary Ellen Livak
- 18 Vicki Yoshihara
- 26 Nancy Tarantino
- 28 Mary Ellen Bruni
- 31 Betty Ford
- 31 Kathy Gibbs

We extend our Sympathy and Prayers for Comfort to the family of Mary Ann Stowell, faithful Catala Club member since 1984.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Peggy Anastasia, Debbie McBride, Michelle Sola's grandson and for all victims of Covid and of injustices; for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and SAVE THE DATE

- January 19 Zoom General Meeting
- February 16 Guest speaker, Katy Mahon, Co-author The Miracle Collection Williman Room, SCU Campus
- March 16 Day of Recollection, Becket Hall St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church

WHAT'S HAPPENING at SCU!

- January 13 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Bronco Expert Series:
Reentry to Travel with
Christina Mifsud '93
- January 18 4:30-5:00
Virtual Examen with
Father Jack Treacy
- January 28-30 Retreat for Women:
Be Still and Rest in God
Jesuit Retreat Center
Los Altos
- February 2 5:30-7:00
Ignatian Spirituality
Reflection: Contemplation
on the Incarnation: How the
Trinity Sees Each of Us
Alumni House

Register on the Alumni Website

A GATHERING OF FRIENDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

The room was decorated with fresh greens and nutcrackers as members of Catala gathered in person to celebrate our Annual Christmas Tea and honor our Past Presidents. It was a joyous day to see and talk to one another after an almost two-year hiatus.

Peggy and I would like to thank the members who assisted in making the Annual Tea happen this year. First, a special thank you to Bon Appetit for catering our event. The food was delicious, and the help from the staff was outstanding. To our Catala Board Members a huge thank you and hug for performing the following tasks: Kris Stanga and Cathy De Maria, invitations; Leana Giannini, mailing; Lisa De Lusignan, name tags; Birdie Pacelli, Charlene Raisch and Jeannie Mahan, room and table decorations; Rosanne Adona, Katy Kelly and Dianne Bonino, raffle tables; Jo Bertaccini and Loydene Kiley, registration table; Julie Jaroshenko and Julie D'Ambrosio, raffle ticket sales. And last but by far from least, special gratitude to our Chaplain, Fr. Jack Treacy, SJ and to Fr. Rob Scholla, SJ for the welcome, blessing and assistance with calling the raffle winners. Another special thank you to our President, Laurie Hernandez, and to our SCU liaison, Julie Stone, without whom we could not have brought this event together.

Thank you, members, for attending and supporting our Christmas Tea. May the Lord bless and keep you healthy and safe in 2022.

Peggy Anastasia and Pat DeMarlo, Co-Chairs





Save the Date!!!
Saturday, June 18, 2022
Help us Celebrate
"Catala Club
through the Decades"



Details to follow