



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez July 2022

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Dear members of the wonderful Catala family,

July 1 often marks a period of transition in most university communities. Santa Clara is no different, and this July 1 we warmly welcome our new president, **Dr. Julie Sullivan**. Dr. Sullivan comes to us from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, where she served as the first layperson and female president of the school. Prior to St. Thomas, she was the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of San Diego. A native of Florida, she holds Bachelor's degree in accounting, a Master's degree in taxation and a Ph.D in Business from the University of Florida. Once she is here and settled, we hope to host Dr. Sullivan as a speaker at one of our lunches.

July 1 also marks the appointment of our own **Fr. Michael "Mic" McCarthy '88** as the new Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. Congratulations, Fr. Mic!

The July 1 "season" started me thinking about previous SCU presidents and of our founding chaplain in particular. As by now you all know, Catala was started by **Fr. James Lyons S.J.** in 1930. He became SCU's 19th president in 1932 — a true Depression Era president. During this time, enrollment plummeted and popular programs like the baseball team had to be cancelled. As he navigated these choppy waters, his stewardship of Santa Clara was recognized by the Catholic hierarchy and, in due course, he was asked by the California Provincial to post Santa Clara as collateral for a \$50,000 loan being sought to shore up other Jesuit universities. He declined, citing that his priority was Santa Clara and not other schools. The matter ended up in Rome, whose officials agreed with Fr. Lyons.

Fr. Lyons was removed from office in 1935, one year before the expiration of his term. The reason for his removal was never publicly disclosed, though many speculated at the time that his defiance of the Provincial in order to protect Santa Clara was the cause. From Santa Clara, he moved to Loyola

University in Los Angeles (today Loyola Marymount) as the Dean of Students.

The spirit of Fr. Lyons was alive and well with us at the June 18 Anniversary Gala to celebrate our 92nd birthday. The evening was nothing short of magical, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful co-chairs **Leana Giannini, Katy Kelly, and Charlene Raisch** — along with their amazing Board committees — for creating such a memorable evening for us. This was girl power at its absolute best. In the immortal words of the great Tony Bennett, "Here's to the Ladies"!

Congratulations to the group that won the "grand" prize in the auction: a dinner hosted by Dr. Sullivan. Thank you for your generosity in making this the standout auction item of the night.

The magic was topped off by a very special guest. All the way from Los Angeles, **Fr. Michael Engh** (SCU President 2009-2019 and a *big* Catala fan) traveled to join us for the evening. Fr. Engh's presence reminds us how special our Jesuits are to us, both as a University and to Catala in particular. Along these lines, we were honored to have a number of Jesuit friends with us for the party: **Br. Tom Bracco, Fr. Art Liebscher, Fr. Paul Mariani, Fr. John Mossi, Fr. Peter Pabst, Fr. Rob Scholla** and, of course, Catala's beloved Chaplain, **Fr. Jack Treacy**. In addition, we enjoyed the good wishes of **Fr. William Rewak** (SCU President 1976-1988 and Chancellor 2011-2016) who, while unable to attend, sent his love and blessings to the celebration. (Enjoy the photos pages 5-10)

As you can gather, the mood of this event was one of joy — a perfect way to kick off the summer and Catala's new year. Whatever you have planned for the summer, enjoy! I look forward to seeing you all when we reconvene in September.

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club

Happy July Birthday



- 2 Cheri Foley
- 4 Elena Caruso
- 4 Fran Lowry
- 5 Marge Papp
- 6 Ashley Farrington
- 6 June Luth
- 8 Kate Adams Canessa
- 8 Pauline Mifsud
- 10 Joanne Polverino
- 10 Denise Rosati
- 11 Deborah Teasley
- 17 Patsy Lee Rossetti
- 18 Christine Montgomery
- 20 Pat Winter
- 21 Marlene O'Donnell
- 22 Michelle Towers
- 23 Jeannie Conner
- 24 Michelle Duchesne
- 24 Louise Pfeiffer
- 26 Casey Soares
- 31 Marjorie Muldowney

**From the Catala Club Archives
by Dianne Bonino**

“Although no building bears the name of the Catala Club, the Club identified with the Adobe Lodge. The Board meets in the Directors Salon of the Lodge, which is beautifully furnished by the Club with its 22 hand-carved chairs (one bearing the seal of the Club and the other 21 chairs having a carved representation of each of the 21 missions).

The kitchenette in the salon was fully equipped by the Catala Club. The larger room of the Lodge, used for meetings and classes, was decorated by the Club for campus use and for the Club’s monthly meetings.

The Club was also responsible for the furnishings and decorations for the Sodality Room and the Conference Room on the first floor of the newly built Nobili Hall, as well as the furnishings and decorations for the parlors of the Faculty Building.”

*From the Archives—October 20, 1948

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

- October 7 Inauguration of the 30th President of Santa Clara University, Julie Sullivan
- November 4 Catala Retreat Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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DUES INFORMATION UPDATE!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

This is just a short note to let you know that the membership has voted to increase annual dues to \$50 effective July 1 for our 2022-2023 membership year.

All members will be receiving a personalized email or letter from Kris Stanga or me, Katy Kelly, mid-July along with a renewal form and a copy of your roster information as it currently appears in our Roster and reflects what we have on file for you.

When you receive this communication, please

- Verify that your information is correct
- Submit any corrections needed (if applicable)
- Remit your dues payment by September 1, 2022

You will have the opportunity to pay your dues online or by sending a check. Details and an email link will be included in our notice.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Katy Kelly @ 650/279-0330 or katykelly@sbcglobal.net

Farewell from Acting President Lisa Kloppenberg



It's been a great honor to serve the Santa Clara University community as Acting President for the past year. It has been a remarkably challenging time for our students, faculty, staff, alumni—and for our world. But we've learned how we are a light for one another, and how our Jesuit educational mission is such a blessing to ourselves and to the future that so needs our values and our graduates. I am truly appreciative of your support and prayers.

I am looking forward to more time with my family on sabbatical after June 30. I will travel, read and even try to nap! In January 2023, I will return to the law school, where I am excited to teach and share what I learned writing my recent book about my mentor, "The Best Beloved Thing is Justice."

I also look forward to helping the University Relations team and so many of our alumni and friends support our incredible students and programs here at Santa Clara University. I wish you and your loved ones good health.
Peace and joy, Lisa

Dear members of the Catala Club,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Julian Brown and I am a proud Bronco here at Santa Clara. I am currently in my junior year studying mechanical engineering with a minor in aerospace engineering.

These past three years have been challenging with many transitions due to the pandemic. Nevertheless, I feel very fortunate to continue pursuing my education and have enjoyed every course I have taken here at Santa Clara. As a first generation student, I feel incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to pursue an education and pursue a career in engineering.

Since returning to campus this year I have been working hard to get involved in the campus community and developing relationships with my professors as well as my peers. This has been a great experience as I was unable to interact very closely with the Santa Clara community while learning remotely during freshman and sophomore year. Now, having spent this time on campus, I have found other hard working mechanical engineers who are great resources and strive for greatness. Additionally, interacting with my professors has been a great experience as the person to person interaction fosters greater connections and relationships. I have had the opportunity to learn some of my favorite subjects in person from my professors this year such as Fluid Mechanics, Heat Transfer, and Control Systems.

Even though these courses were quite rigorous, I was greatly intrigued by the material and theory developed. In fact, these courses, like many in the engineering curriculum, will be beneficial for the courses I will take in the future. For example, Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics was very useful for a course I am taking currently in Aerospace Propulsion systems. In this course, we are discussing aircraft jet engines and rocket propulsion engines which I



find very interesting and I can tell will be one of my favorite classes this quarter if not ever.

Overall, since returning to campus I have resettled into the campus community where I have the opportunity to learn incredible new things about the world we live in.

Looking forward, I hope to find a summer opportunity either at a local company or in a research lab where I can learn new skills and further explore what engineering disciplines I want to pursue a career in. One major part of this effort is actually through a course I am taking this quarter called Satellite Operations. This course serves as a first step in a training process where Santa Clara students study satellite operations systems and how they are operated. Hopefully I will be able to continue this training over the summer in preparation for next year at which time Santa Clara University will be contracted by NASA as an official communications station between mission control and the satellite itself. This would be a tremendous opportunity to learn how to operate these complex systems and how satellite missions are carried out.

Overall, I hope to find a great engineering internship opportunity over the summer where I can gain a better understanding of the engineering industry.

In conclusion, attending Santa Clara University has been a fantastic experience so far and I feel exceptionally grateful for the opportunity to pursue this dream. As a first generation student, this scholarship is extremely important to that dream and I am eternally grateful.

Thank you again for your generosity towards myself and other members of the Santa Clara community.

Sincerely, Julian Brown



Members and their spouses enjoying a Champagne Reception in the Bannan Alumni House prior to attending *Sister Act* at the Mayer Theatre

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Barbara Biafore with the passing of her sister, Geri Allen; to Tracie Frandsen with the passing of her husband, Dave; to Jeannie Mahan and Patty Mahan with the passing of their mother, Laura Mahan; to the family, friends and former students of SCU Professor Tim O'Keefe.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Jo Bertaccini, Debbie McBride, Michelle Sola's grandson, Aedan, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



SCU has a Basketball Pro in the House!

Jalen Williams, a two-time All-WCC selection, has become Santa Clara men's basketball's 27th NBA Draft pick after being selected 12th overall by the Oklahoma City Thunder in the first round of the 2022 NBA Draft. Williams becomes the program's fourth first round selection and the first overall selection and is the program's highest drafted prospect of the modern era and the second-highest drafted prospect in program history.

Go Broncos!

“We all make choices. That’s the easy part. The hard thing about choices is living with them.”

-Matthew Kelly



“Catala Club through the Decades” Celebrating the Past, Inspiring the Future of SCU Scholars

Our 92nd Anniversary Bash

Thank you again to all who were involved in our 92nd Anniversary Party!

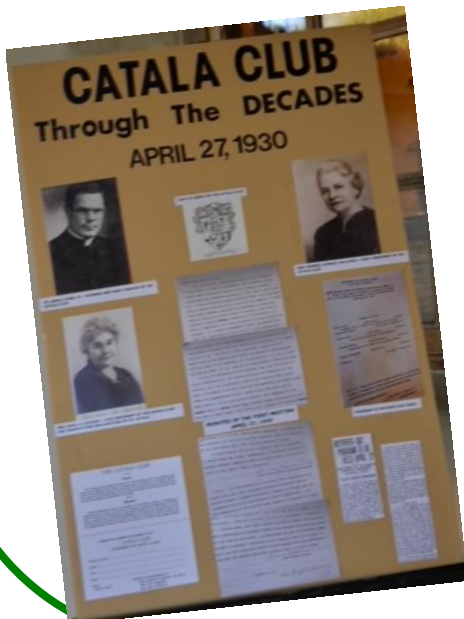
To those who were unable to attend, you were sorely missed. The setting was blooming with beauty, the food and drink abundant and delicious, the music of the decades spectacular, the "Stroll through the Decades" informational and entertaining and the camaraderie and joy of being together were in true Santa Clara style!

Laurie opened the evening with a heartfelt acknowledgment of our Jesuit community with us that evening. It was a perfect *entré* for Fr. Treacy's opening prayer. Later, the Live Auction tag-team duo of Fr. Scholla and Tom Kelly energized our guests to bid high! The presence of our cherished former Santa Clara University President, Fr. Engh, who pulled the winning ticket for the lovely jewel earrings, was a true privilege for us. SCU Catala Club member Vanessa Guerra was the lucky winner.

The raffle and the silent and live auctions were vibrantly supported and successful! The most significant pleasure was to see that everyone attending had an extraordinarily good time. Our goal of creating a "fun raiser" during our recent challenging times was truly achieved! Thank you!



Leana, Katy and Char, Anniversary Party Co-Chairs



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CATALA CLUB PRESIDENTS:

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| Francesca Rossi | 1970-1971 |
| Paula Nelson | 1971-1972 |
| Angela Givens | 1972-1973 |
| Barbara Givens | 1973-1974 |
| Barbara Miller | 1974-1975 |
| Barbara Miller | 1975-1976 |
| Louise Meyer | 1976-1977 |
| Louise Meyer | 1977-1978 |
| Wally Hall | 1978-1979 |
| Wally Hall | 1979-1980 |

CATALA CLUB CHAIRMAN:

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| Ann Nelson | 1970-1971 |
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WINES OF CATALA

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