



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

### President's Message – Laurie Hernandez November 2022

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

Thanksgiving is a season of renewed gratitude for all that we have, do and are. My own gratitude includes all of you, and the many terrific things that Catala has accomplished over the last year or so. Thanks to all of you, your hard work and your love for our organization, Catala has much to be proud of. A few of these highlights include:

Reinstallation of our 75th anniversary benches. As you may recall, these had been put in storage for safekeeping during a construction project. That project is now complete, and the benches have been restored very close to their original location. Willow trees included!

Gathering in person. With the worst of the pandemic hopefully behind us, we have cautiously begun to host our monthly events in person. I know everyone enjoys seeing their Catala colleagues, and I am grateful that we seem to have found a formula where we can do this safely.

A great speaker series. My thanks to First VP Joanie Cattermole for her tremendous work on our speaker line up. By increasing the profile of our speakers, she has “upped our game” in this area, with one of the by-products being increased attendance at our monthly lunches. Recent “headliners” include Joanne Hayes-White (retired San Francisco fire chief), SCU President Julie Sullivan and SCU Law Professor Ellen Kreitzberg.

A great membership effort. More thanks go to Membership Chair Katy Kelly and her Assistant Chair Kris Stanga for their excellent work on membership. In addition to keeping annual renewals up, they have also organized several highly successful membership drives. Thanks to their good work, we continue to run at 200+ members strong.

A magical anniversary party. What an amazing celebration of Catala's 92 years. A beautiful evening with no detail spared, it was without question one of the loveliest Catala events I have ever attended. And it raised \$63,000! Parties like this do not throw themselves, and my heartfelt thanks go to co-chairs Leana Giannini, Katy Kelly and Charlene Raisch,

along with their extraordinary committees, for such a special evening.

Helping students. This is a subject near and dear to all of us, and I am so proud that our momentum in this area continues. Over the last 18 months, we have contributed \$45,000 to the Catala Endowment and another \$3,300 to the SCU Food Pantry. This would not be possible without all of you, and I thank each of you for your gifts of time and treasure.

The fun continues later this month with our annual Mass of Remembrance, our annual celebration of Jesuit relatives and a wonderful luncheon speaker, Katie Mahon, author of the bestselling book *The Miracle Collectors*. We are expecting a nice turnout of Jesuit friends at this lunch, including one whose mother was a member of Catala. I do hope you will be able to join us.

Also coming up is our Annual Christmas Tea. The Tea Committee is hard at work putting together this special event which has become a favorite of so many. Please save us the date of December 14!

I will close with an excerpt from a letter I recently received from Fr. Engh. No one is more eloquent than he is, and I think he captures Catala perfectly when he writes:

“ . . . . It was a whirlwind visit to Santa Clara, one less than 24 hours, but I was delighted to be present. Julie Sullivan impressed me greatly, so the University is in good hands. She told me of her meeting with the Catala Club and how impressed she was with the “Wonderful Women” she met. What other college or university has a women's organization that can boast 92 years of support?!? Yes, that is an outstanding accomplishment for loyalty and generosity, so God blesses Santa Clara through the Catala Club . . . . .”

That says it all, doesn't it?

Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours.

In gratitude,

Laurie Hernandez '85, President, Catala Club

FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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Jim Routh  
Parent '26  
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July 22

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sandbergfamily4@yahoo.com  
Year Joined: 2022  
April 2

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Parent '26  
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Carlsbad CA 92009  
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mrsrebeccatam@gmail.com  
Year Joined: 2022  
March 26

Torre, Jeanne '77  
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San Jose CA 95124  
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Year Joined: 2022  
August 4

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San Jose CA 95120  
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Year Joined: 2022  
December 8

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to the family of Life Member, Delia (Dale) Picone, to Stephanie Scordelis with the passing of her brother, Tom Christian '74 and to the friends and family of the victims of violence, fires, floods and disease.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Pat DeMarlo, Linda Pfahnl, Carol Sabatino, Michelle Sola's grandson, Aedan, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

**FOOD INSECURITY at SCU**

Contribute to the Bronco Pantry:

1. Donate directly through the Amazon link and ship to:  
Kim Gilke, Santa Clara University  
Office of Student Life- Benson Room #205  
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95053
2. Make a cash donation directly through the SCU Development Department  
These donations are used to purchase food.
3. Participate in our 50-50 raffle that takes place at our monthly luncheons; the proceeds are used to purchase Safeway and/or Target gift cards which the Pantry distributes to the students in the program.
4. Drop-off donations such as soap, toiletries, non-perishable food, etc. to the Office noted above,  
Attention: Kim Gilke

Please direct any questions to the Office of Student Life, 408/554-4583 or osl@scu.edu



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

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



Did you know that:

During the Installation of Officers ceremony at the annual Catala Club Installation Mass, each officer receives a pink rose. This tradition became official at the Installation Mass on May 20, 1992. From then on, the pink rose became the official flower of the SCU Catala Club.

“The flowers, bathed in the romantic language of love, are present on many important occasions of our lives.”\*

\*Excerpt from Installation Program, May 20, 1992

***Gratitude changes our lives. It changes the way we feel about ourselves, the way we feel about life and the way we feel about others.***

-Matthew Kelly  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

November 4 Catala Retreat Jesuit Retreat Center,  
Los Altos from 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m

November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends



November 16 Annual Mass of Remembrance  
10:30 am Mission Church  
Lunch Nobili Hall  
Special Tribute to our Jesuit Relatives  
Guest Speaker, Katie Mahon  
Author “Miracle Collectors”

December 14 Annual Christmas Tea,  
Mission Room, Benson Center

### **Catala Club's Traditional Christmas Tea** **December 14, The Mission Room,** **SCU Benson Center**

We are excited to announce that once again we are planning our in-person Catala Christmas Tea! The date is December 14th and we will be in the Mission Room located on the basement level of Benson Center. We will honor our Past Presidents and celebrate the Season.

This year, we members will partner together to support the SCU Food Insecurity Program! There will be a **Giving Tree** available at our November 16 Luncheon! We will provide additional information at our Luncheon on how to donate to this worthy Program, when we send the Tea invitation and in the December newsletter. Stay tuned!

We look forward to being together once again!  
Charlene Raisch, Dianne Bonino, Katy Kelly  
Christmas Tea Co-Chairs



"Catala Club through the Decades"  
Celebrating the Past,  
Inspiring the Future of SCU Scholars . . .  
was a resounding success!

Thank you to  
everyone who supported this event!

While this party was planned to celebrate  
**SCU Catala Club's 92nd Anniversary**, it  
was not intended to be a fundraiser.

While we had fun, we also raised funds  
for scholarships -  
the total Anniversary Party net income  
was over

**\$63,000.00!**

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!  
Char, Leana & Katy

### **Tribute to Our Past Presidents** **by Charlene Raisch**

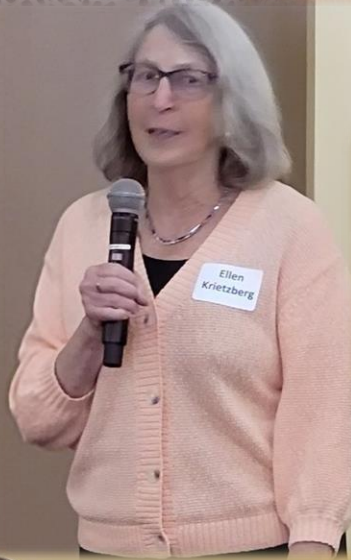
Every SCU Catala Club President, from Mrs. Sullivan onward, has brought her own special talents, enthusiasm and love of Catala and of SCU to our Club. There is a common thread that runs through each and every President's bio, which is the work we do to raise monies for our Catala Scholarship Fund to help undergraduate students receive an SCU Jesuit education. We're a diverse group of women, brought together by our love and appreciation of this goal to help others experience it.

To you intelligent, strong forward-thinking women of Catala today, we wish you the very best and hope that you enjoy every moment of your Catala experience.

#### **BETTY FORD, President 1978-1979; 2000-2002**

- Worked on the SCU Bylaws with Father Norman Martin, S.J.
- Re-drew the Catala Club logo, which is still in use today
- Betty's favorite project was working with Father Bill Donnelly, S.J. on the Willow Tree Project. An area of land on campus was chosen and planted with willow trees, together with benches and flowers and a plaque honoring Fr. Catala. Fr. Catala had planted willow trees along The Alameda in the early years of
  - Santa Clara University.

**OCTOBER LUNCHEON CAPTURED IN THESE HAPPY FACES\***



*\*Thank you, Birdie Pacelli,  
for being a great Photographer!*