



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez April 2023

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

I hope my message this month finds you all safe, well and dry. These winter storms have been a doozy, and I know many have been dealing with power outages, flooding, damage and road closures up and down the region. Be safe!

Those of you who know me well, know that I do not have a sweet tooth. I do, however, enjoy Chinese fortune cookies. I recently had one with a wonderful message: "Share joy." We can all use more of that that! Let this be the theme of my message to you this month.

Health issues have hit the Catala family hard in these early months of 2023, some of them quite serious. I want to thank each of you for reaching out to your Catala sisters and their families to help. Our care and compassion for one another is one of the many things that make Catala the special group that it is — it definitely distinguishes us from all others. This is a quiet joy in disguise— brava, ladies!

This Lenten season also teaches us that joy can come in the form of warm — and cute — coats. My thanks to Fr. Jack, Cathy De Maria and Fran Lowry for steering us through our annual Day of Reflection and mass without power or heat . . . and in the quasi dark. Thankfully, our candles did not burn the church down. As Fran said at the time, no one will forget this gathering!

Joy also comes to us in the way that we help our students. Please meet this month's presentation of a few of our Catala scholar graduates:



Jacob Becker '11
Project Engineer at
General Atomics
San Diego, CA

Aimee Eroza '16
Billing Specialist at
Ad Leverage
Chatsworth, CA



Abigail Suster '19
Program Manager at
18 Reasons, A non-profit
cooking school
Oakland, CA

Speaking of helping our students, SCU's annual Day of Giving is April 12. Be sure to check out the Catala scholar video on our website — this young lady is quite inspiring. Thank you for considering Catala in your Day of Giving plans.

We learned from our luncheon speaker in November that joy and miracles happen all around us all the time. The trick is to spot them. Speaking for myself, I can say that some joy has been spotted as I write this - starting to sprout in my gardens, tulips!

As you all know, my term as your President will be ending soon. It has been an honor to serve you in this capacity, and I have so enjoyed getting to know and work with so many of you. Catala is a special organization, and it is a joy to be a part of it.

Wishing you a joyous Easter, from my family to yours,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club





April Birthdays!

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Mary Atwell | 15 Charlene Raisch |
| 2 Nicole Cox | 18 Lois Gordon |
| 2 Susanna Mac | 19 Joanie Cattermole |
| 3 Sarah Morihara | 21 Ursula Szeles |
| 3 Deborah Winter | 24 Dora Cuadra |
| 4 Nirupa Patel | 25 Sue Davison |
| 6 Mona Lisa Blouin | 25 Annamarie Louie |
| 12 Betsy Caffell | 30 Sherry Kaufman |
| 13 Elaine Bruni | |

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Want to donate to the Bronco Food Pantry?

Below are three ways to do so:

1. Donate directly through the [Amazon link](#) and ship to

Kim Gilkey-Santa Clara University
Office of Student Life- Benson Room #205
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95053

2. Donate cash directly through [SCU Development Department](#) to purchase food for the pantry.

3. Items such as soap, toiletries, non-perishable food, etc. can be donated to the above Office,
Attn: Kim Gilkey

Questions? Contact Office of Student Life at
408.554.45 83 or osl@scu.edu

Santa Clara University Parents' Weekend

Great participation of SCU Catala Club at the Family Weekend for the 2022-23 academic year. With much appreciation to **Katy Kelly** and the team for organizing the event and for the nicely packed yummy cookies that were given away to parents. Thank you to the following ladies for taking shifts: **Mary Atwell, Dianne Bonino, Leana Giannini, Ann Lindahl, Deborah McBride, Sandra McMahan, Birdie Pacelli, Charlene Raisch, Joan Stoelker** and **Nancy Tarantino**. Our table was located in the courtyard of the Sobrato Campus for Discovery & Innovation.



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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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Email Correction
for Heather Srimal
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Email Update
for Sheri Zipse
zipse.sheri@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-SAVE THE DATE

- April 12 SCU Day of Giving. Celebrating 10 Years of Impact!
- April 17 Virtual Examen with Father Jack Treacy, S.J.; Register Online
- April 19 Saratoga Country Club
Allison Benders, Vice President for Mission and Ministry, Guest Speaker
- May 17 Annual Installation Mass and Luncheon
- June 4 Mayer Theatre production
"Into the Woods" – 2pm Matinee
Preceded with Reception, Alumni House
- August 13 Summer Social,
Home of Katy and Tom Kelly

**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.

**.JOANNE SABATINO MOUL
2010-2012**

Her favorite experience as Catala Club President began at a Board of Trustees meeting.

"We were responsible for writing a personal note of thanks to the generous donors to SCU. One was Mr. Robert Koester, a 1952 SCU graduate and Catala scholarship recipient. I contacted Mr. Koester and invited him to be our guest at our May luncheon. Father Engh arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Koester to stay in a home on campus. Mr. Koester explained that his life circumstances had become difficult towards the end of his studies at SCU. Catala gave him a scholarship which enabled him to become a Bronco graduate. He vowed that he would give back to Catala as soon as he was able- to pay forward the gift Catala had granted him. Mr. Koester was true to his vow, always remembering Catala with a donation.

Robert Koester embodies what Catala is all about. As members, we work so students who otherwise would not be able to attend Santa Clara can receive an education that we believe is necessary, especially today. Mr. Koester took the Jesuit values to heart, lived their message, and helped Catala continue the work of raising funds for deserving scholarship recipients."

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Sandi di Bari with the passing of her mom, Josephine Martino, and to the friends and families of the victims of violence, fires, floods and disease. Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Mary Atwell, Pat DeMarlo, Mary Lou Lawrence, Patty Mahan, Carol Sabatino, Henry Vitkovich, Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them



OUR ANNUAL LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION “DEEPENING OUR DISCIPLESCHIP”

“No power? No heat? No light? No problem! Catala Club members bundled up for our Lenten Day of Reflection. It’s always a pleasure to spend time with them.” – Father Jack Treacy, S.J.



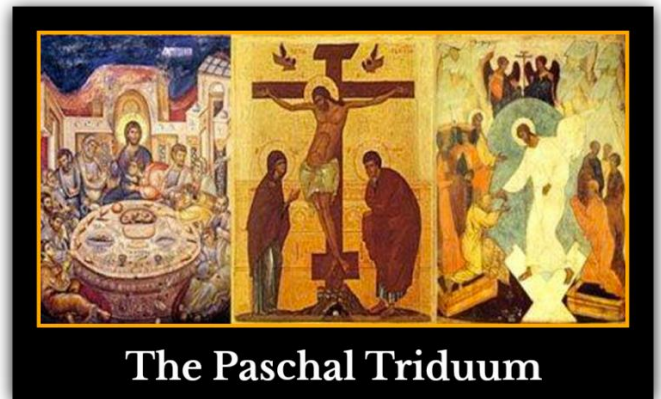
*Thank you Mary Jane Vitkovich
for your great photography!*

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) honored SCU's Renee Baumgartner by naming her 2022-23 Cushman & Wakefield Athletics Director of the Year (1AAA Division Level) **Congratulations, Renee!!**



Renee Baumgartner

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
OF THE YEAR



**“Be persistent in prayer,
Jesus tells you.
If you think
your prayers go unanswered,
perhaps God has
something else in mind ...
something better.**

May thy will be done.”

-Father Dave Mercer