



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

### President's Message –Charlene Raisch December 2020

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Dear Friends,

I hope you were able to enjoy a happy Thanksgiving despite the restrictions placed on us due to COVID19. I have to say, I think this Thanksgiving made many of us more thankful and appreciative for our family and friends.

My favorite time of year is fast approaching! It is full of special gifts – the anticipation of the birth of Jesus during Advent and the joy we experience at His arrival.

**WHAT A WONDERFUL NOVEMBER “ZOOM” MEETING!** Thank you to Father Jack Treacy, S.J., our chaplain and celebrant, and to Fran Lowry, Laurie Hernandez and Julie Stone who assisted Father Jack with the Mass of Remembrance. Many thanks to all who attended the Mass where we remembered our cherished family members, friends, SCU faculty and staff who are no longer with us. I find this Mass particularly special. It also gave us an opportunity to honor our Catala members who are Jesuit relatives. The Jesuits and Catala continue to be a great team, working for the benefit of our students at Santa Clara University.

By now you have received your invitation to our Catala Club Christmas Cocktail Party to be held on December 16 at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom. I hope you enjoy the cocktail/mocktail and appetizer recipes and the Christmas carols. Our dynamic team led by Peggy Anastasia and Pat DeMarlo have planned a lovely event-with a few surprises. Many thanks to both of them and their team: Julie Stone (our SCU Liaison aka “our Catala Angel”), Mary Blaser, Cathy De Maria, Katy Kelly, Jeannie Mahan and Kris Stanga. ALL are welcome to join in on the fun! Please share the invitation with family, friends, husbands, significant others-anyone you would like to include.

Since we were unable to host Fashion Plates in October and our Christmas Tea this month, we have enclosed a card requesting a donation to Catala. All funds collected will be split between the Santa Clara University Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund and the SCU Student Food Insecurity Program/Bronco Pantry.

Many of our SCU students were employed on campus and at area businesses. When the pandemic hit, these students lost the employment they depended upon to help meet their expenses. Last year, our Catala Board chose to help support the Bronco Pantry, and we wish to continue to do so. The pandemic brought our efforts to a halt. I hope you will consider donating what you would have spent to attend and participate in Fashion Plates or the Christmas Tea. Our Catala Club Christmas Cocktail Party Chairs, their committee and our Board of Directors hope you join us for an exceptional evening.

We will continue to hold our “luncheon general meetings” via Zoom until we are able to meet again in person. Please join us for our **January 20, 2021** meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Robert Gorini, Identity Theft and Consumer Protection Expert.

I pray this Christmas is peaceful and joyful for you, your family and friends!

Warmly, Charlene Raisch, President 2020-21



Happy  
December  
Birthday!

4	Annie Vaudagna	22	Joy Belli
5	Nancy Redding	22	Lorraine Moore
8	Tracie Frandsen	23	Jo Bertaccini
11	Sylvia Shaw	24	Monica Kirkorian
12	Ivana LeBaron	26	Janell Scalora
16	Leana Giannini	26	Mary Ann Stowell
17	Dale Picone	28	Molly Urban
18	Rosanne Compitello	29	Kathleen Lockwood
19	Anna Marie Gruba	29	Debbie Van Olst
19	Linda Herschbach	30	Marlene Serrano
21	Barbara Biafore	31	Cecilia Cavacas

**Our Sympathy and Prayers for Consolation  
to**

**Angie Elhers** on the passing of her husband, Carl;  
**Georgia Schon** on the passing of her brother,  
Michael Glidden

**Our Prayers for Healing with  
Restored Good Health for  
Pat Mahan, Mary Ann Stowell  
All affected by the Covid 19 Virus**

**Our Prayers for Safety and Protection to ALL**

**Save The Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021!  
SCU's Annual Day of Giving!**

**Please give to Catala Club on this Special Date!  
Your giving helps us give Scholarships to deserving  
SCU students!**

**Meet Scholarship Recipient  
Lydia Samuel**

Dear Catala Club,

Hello. My name is Lydia Samuel and I am a third year student from San Diego. I am a creator, a designer, and a problem-solver. I have always had a love for art, and with the use of technology, I was able to transfer my skills into the passion I have today, creating digital art. I am a problem-solver with a creative eye, which is why I am so drawn to UX/UI (user experience design/user interface design); it is the perfect combination of the field I want to go into: Computer Graphic Design; the use of design to solve problems. I am very eager to continue growing and learning through my courses here at Santa Clara.

Some things I am involved in on campus include being the Marketing Assistant for the Office of Student Life, where I design flyers, images and infographics to help the welfare needs and issues of the student body. I am also the Public Relations Chair for the National Society of Black Engineers where I also create flyers, promotional materials and chapter apparel/gear to promote NSBE's presence both on campus and through social media. Every year NSBE goes to a National Convention to meet with other collegiate chapters, network with companies and acquire resources to help our members succeed in their future careers. We were able to fundraise for 16 members to go!

I want to thank you very much for your donation to the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund in Memory of Emma Anderson. Because without it, I would not be able to pursue the path that I am! Not only do I greatly appreciate your generosity, so does my family. I hope to make myself proud, my family proud and you proud during and after my time here at SCU!

Sincerely, Lydia Samuel

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE**

Please note in your 2020-21 Roster the following

**Sarah Bonnell Brockmeyer**: email is sbonnel@gmail.com

**Dianna Gallagher**: phone is 925/785-0278

**Betsy Caffell**: delete home phone;  
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## SAVE THE DATE

Remember to save December 16 for Catala's Virtual Christmas Cocktail Party. At 5pm, we will toast in the holiday season with our Catala Cocktail.



Look in your mail for your Party Package Invitation and join us for a fun-filled hour of festivities. Invite family and friends to be part of the celebration with singing and surprises throughout the event.

On this occasion, Catala is asking for a Christmas Gift Donation. All proceeds will be divided between the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund and the SCU Student Food Insecurity Program/Bronco Pantry.

See you on the screen, December 16.

### Mark Your Catala Zoom Calendar

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

### Christmas Bundle of Events

Sponsored by the SCU Alumni Association  
(check the SCU Alumni Home Page for More Info)  
**November 29-December 24- Waiting in Joyful Hope:**  
**Daily Advent Prayers**-Receive daily reflections in your  
inbox throughout Advent

**December 3, 5-6:30pm-Forge Garden Gifts for the  
Holidays**-Be a smart consumer and learn how you can  
give great gifts without impacting the earth

**December 5, 5:00pm (Virtual)-Festival of Lights**

**December 9, 6-7:30pm-Holiday Cookie Decorating  
with Nox Cookies**-Learn tips and tricks for making fun  
sweets

**December 11, 4-6:30pm-Santa Claus is Coming to  
Zoom!**-Santa will come to you virtually.

**December 13, 1-2pm-Project Linus**-Make a blanket  
and donate it for kids in need

**December 15, 4-5:30pm-Advent Mini-Retreat**-Take  
time to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Advent  
with Father Jack Treacy, S.J.



### The First Day

In that moment  
When You stepped onto our earth  
Did You hear new sounds:  
the bleating of sheep,  
the soft swish of wind, a voice  
that blanketed You with whispers  
of joy;  
did You see, for the first time, the sparkles  
and colors of the night?

Did her face fill Your eyes?  
When You felt the strength  
that kept Your body warm,  
did you turn in wonder?

Were You pleased  
with the freshness of a word,  
how shadows moved,  
the sure ground they all stood on  
(the dense texture of wood)?

Did You smell the straw  
and hear the music of the inn,  
could You taste the evening?

Did You see a toy in the winging dove?

Was it all a great surprise?

You stretched Your hand to touch  
and You found it good.

William J. Rewak, S.J.  
December 18, 2009

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