



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

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### President's Message – Charlene Raisch January 2021

Dear Friends,

Despite the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, I hope you were able to enjoy a lovely Christmas season! I hope you were able to attend the Advent Mini-Retreat with Father Jack Treacy, S.J. which helped us reflect on the true meaning of Advent, SCU's "Festival of Lights" (always a "must do") and, of course, our Catala Club Christmas Cocktail Party.

I thank all who did attend our first ever Christmas Cocktail Party! Thanks to ZOOM, there were over 65 Catala Club members, family and friends, many of whom had been unable to participate in Catala Club events prior to ZOOM.

Mary Blaser provided excellent leadership in singing Christmas carols, Pat's and Peggy's timeline went according to plan, and the donation drawings were a pleasant surprise. Your generosity shone like a beacon for our students! We will be adding substantial funds to our Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund and to the Bronco Food Insecurity Program. Donations may still be made by sending a check to Pat DeMarlo or by going online to our Catala Club website. A report of the funds collected and their disbursements will be included in our February newsletter so "stay tuned."

As we work together in our fundraising efforts, it is heartwarming to see that our Catala Club members – and that means all of you – truly do make a difference in the lives of worthy SCU students. I thank you for your continued support of Catala Club.

Now, for a look back at Catala Club's 2020 year. January arrived with great hope and promise! We lunched at Kyoto Palace-always a wonderful treat thanks to Vicki and Dale Yoshihara, restauranteurs and Catala member. Our annual Day of Reflection Mass and luncheon in February were held at St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church. Father Jack Treacy, S.J. shared his valuable thoughts. What a special day of community and spirituality. Zanotto's Wine Pairing Dinner was as popular as ever with many members, friends and family in attendance. March 4<sup>th</sup> was SCU's Day of Giving and, without a doubt, our Catala sisters came through with shining colors to support our Endowed Scholarships! We began to look forward to celebrating Catala Club's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in August!

And then COVID-19 appeared with a vengeance. Like salmon swimming upstream, we tried to find our bearings. Catala's Board and I had to make hard decisions as we navigated these churning waters. Luncheons and other gatherings were put on hold or later cancelled altogether. Thanks to ZOOM and to our liaison, Julie Stone, we were able to keep afloat albeit in a new way. We held meetings and Masses online through ZOOM. The Christmas Tea became the Christmas Cocktail Party. We continued to welcome new members – especially the moms of our SCU First Year students. We are grateful for their interest and support.

In an effort to maintain contact with our members, Facebook has been very helpful. In addition, we now have an SCU Social Media liaison to work with Birdie Pacelli, our Facebook Chair, to keep us up-to-date with "events" connected to SCU. Likewise, thanks to our Alumni Liaison, Sarah Bonini, we are connected to alumni activities-not withstanding if you are an alum or not. If you are not on Facebook, remember to check out scu.edu, our University's website.

#### Upcoming Events:

As the Pandemic roars on, we will continue to hold our "luncheon" meetings (some with guest speakers; calendar included in this newsletter) and Masses through ZOOM. You will receive an email detailing instruction for ZOOM participation by computer and by phone. **Mark your calendar for our first ZOOM Luncheon on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. with guest speaker, Bob Gorini, consumer fraud expert.**

#### God said:

*This past year I made you strong.  
This year I am going to make you happy.*

[author unknown]

Please continue to stay safe and healthy! Continue to keep one another and our SCU family, faculty, staff, students and our dear Father Kevin and our Jesuit Community in your thoughts and prayers.

God's blessings and hope for this New Year!

Warmly,

Charlene Raisch, President 2020-21



1	Adele Margolis	18	Vicki Yoshihara
6	Lizzy Barron-Silva	26	Nancy Tarantino
13	Kathleen Nygard	28	Mary Ellen Bruni
13	Joanne Strickland	29	Noreen Giarretto
13	Margaret Suddijan	31	Betty Ford
15	Mary Ellen Livak	31	Kathy Gibbs

### Our Sympathy and Prayers for Consolation

To Martha Giannini on the passing of her brother, Paul  
To the families of  
Member, Marian Hughes ☩ Member, Eyda Giachetti

### Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health

for the Jesuit residents at Sacred Heart Center in  
Los Gatos where there have been multiple  
hospitalizations and 7 Covid deaths

#### WE PRAY. . .

*For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
we pray for care and healing.*

*For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
we pray for safety and protection.*

*For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.*

*For affected families who are facing difficult decisions  
between food on the table or public safety,  
we pray for policies that recognize their plight.*

*For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.*

*For those afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.*

*For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
we pray for shared solidarity.*

*For public officials and decision makers,  
we pray for wisdom and guidance.*

*Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of  
hope, comfort and love to all.*

*Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.*

***Be with us, Lord. Amen.***

-USCCB

### Meet Scholarship Recipient Radhika Sarkar

Dear Catala Club,

I am the recipient of the Catala Club Scholarship in memory of Annette Bertram. I'm so thankful for your immense generosity. If it wasn't for your scholarship, I wouldn't have been able to attend Santa Clara University. SCU has opened up a whole world of opportunities and countless possibilities for my future. Also, being at SCU has taught me a lot more about what it means to educate the whole self and not just the mind. I was able to learn so many new things that I can utilize in my daily life.

Being at SCU has also given me the opportunity to study abroad and continue learning things outside of our SCU bubble. For the fall quarter, I went to South Africa and did an amazing Service-Learning program there. I was able to immerse myself into the community and really soak up as much knowledge and experience as I could. I really appreciated and enjoyed the whole time I was there. My friends who studied abroad said the exact same thing about their experiences.

Santa Clara offers so many different amazing things that it's hard to keep up with everything sometimes. I'm finishing up my Junior year now, so this upcoming school year will be my last at SCU. Although it makes me sad, I'm so grateful for all the memories and close relationships that I've cultivated here throughout my time. I wanted to thank you again from the bottom of my heart for giving me this amazing chance in higher education, and to be one of the stewards of change in this world.

Sincerely, Radhika Sarkar '21

### Mark Your Catala Zoom Calendar

- January 20 Guest Speaker: Robert Gorini  
Consumer Fraud and Identity Theft  
Protection Expert
- February 17 Jackie Schmidt-Posner, Director of  
Community Fellows Program,  
Leavey School of Business
- March 18 Zoom Mass, Father Jack
- April 21 Dr. Rose Marie Beebe, SCU Professor  
and author of upcoming biography of  
Father Magin Catala
- May 19 Zoom Mass, Father Jack
- June 16 Zoom Meeting; speaker TBD

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE**

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**CORRECTED ADDRESS:**

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**Save The Date: Wednesday, April 21, 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! As you read our newsletters, you are made aware of our students who  
are grateful for our support as we continue to introduce them to you.**

**Please give to Catala Club on this Special Date, April 21!**  
(please note date change)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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**In Joyful Hope!**