



Santa Clara University Catala Club

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President's Message –Charlene Raisch October 2020

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that Autumn is officially here! The leaves are changing color, pumpkin patches have appeared, football has returned, and Halloween is on the horizon – albeit with a COVID19 spin.

I must thank Laurie Hernandez and Julie Stone for putting together our September ZOOM general meeting. We are planning to hold a ZOOM October general meeting as the September meeting was very successful. The highlight for me was “seeing” members who have been unable to attend our meetings in person in the past due to distance or work responsibilities. Many thanks to Provost Dr. Lisa Kloppenberg who updated us on the state of SCU and this academic year. Her talk was most informative. We are so very grateful that she was able to take the time to be with us as her days are VERY busy, to say the least!

We have always relied upon our Fashion Show, Socials, and 50/50 raffles to help create funds for our scholarships. Our Board is working on several ideas and I will keep you posted as the ideas evolve. That being said, our concern this year will be YOU, our Catala Club sisters. It is important that we continue to strengthen our bonds of friendship and purpose. Our Board and I hope you will join us in this adventure.

Just a quick word about ZOOM. If you do not have access to the Web, you can still “attend” our meetings. There are instructions included in the invitation you will receive to join in by using your telephone. You will not be able to “see” everyone, but you WILL be able to participate.

In addition to the October ZOOM general meeting, our **November 18th Mass of Remembrance** celebrated by Father Jack will be ZOOM-ed. Our **December 16th “Christmas Tea”** to honor our Past Presidents and Jesuit Relatives will take place via ZOOM. Our Board and I are discussing the possibility of a ZOOM

Christmas Cocktail party in the early evening rather than an Afternoon Tea. More details on both of these will be forthcoming in our November newsletter so stay tuned!

Please continue to access our Catala Club website at scu.edu. In addition, you will find postings on our Facebook page concerning the latest updates on University events.

At this time, our Board has chosen to send the Member Directory electronically via email. Those not on email, will receive theirs through regular mail.

In closing, remember to keep one another in your thoughts and prayers. In particular, please pray for our SCU President, Father Kevin O'Brien, as he continues to navigate these troubled waters.

I hope to “see” you in October! God's blessings on all of you and yours!

Charlene Raisch, President

Bronco Food Pantry

Catala's continued support of SCU Bronco Food Pantry is very much appreciated! They are currently serving 100 + students and more will be added throughout Fall Quarter. The Pantry's physical food donations have dropped off in the past 2 months. Fortunately, the Alumni Office had a very successful virtual food drive and another is planned during Grand Reunion. These donations go to a fund for the Bronco Pantry to buy food items. The funds raised during this virtual food drive **cannot** be used to purchase gift cards. The Pantry can only give students gift cards that are not in any way purchased by the University even with gift funds. The gift cards CATALA provides help supplement items for students that are not available in the Food Pantry. Please continue to help the SCU Food Insecurity Program. Safeway Gift Cards can be purchased on SCU's Amazon Wishlist.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28QFAVUNFCU8K?ref_=wl_share. **Thank you**

Happy October Birthday!

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| 1 Cookie Cattaneo | 13 Birdie Pacelli |
| 5 Emily Branco | 17 Kate Hogan |
| 6 Vicki Pope | 18 Carol O'Brien |
| 6 Carol Sabatino | 19 Catherine Keller |
| 8 Father Kevin O'Brien, S.J. | 20 Ginny Haughey |
| 8 Marie Engh | 22 Emily Wilcox |
| 8 Mary Lou Lawrence | 22 Sheri Zipse |
| 10 Elizabeth Moul Smith | 24 Marianne Rhine |
| 11 Diana Jensen | 25 Christine Wheeler |
| 12 Ronnie Foley | 26 Merilee Amos |
| 13 Shirley Dorsa | |

Get well prayers to
Julie Jaroshenko and Bryan Raisch

Prayers of Sympathy
to Allison Abbott-Kline
on the passing of her father, Richard;
to Pauline Mifsud
on the passing of her mom and Catala member,
Catherine Dabo

 **LAST CALL!**
**TIME IS
RUNNING OUT**
**PAY YOUR
DUES TODAY!**

We want to include you in our 2020-21 Roster!

If you still haven't renewed your membership,
please reach out to Joanie Cattermole
650/576-9792

joaniecattermole@gmail.com

And - THANK YOU to all who have renewed!

**"Fight for the things that you care about.
But do it in a way that will lead others to join you."**

**"So often in life,
things that you regard as an impediment
turn out to be great, good fortune."**

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Meet Scholarship Recipient Chloe Gentile-Montgomery

Dear Women of Catala Club,

My name is Chloe and I am from Santa Cruz. My hometown is a beautiful place and I love to hike and go to the beach. Growing up, I danced competitively on a dance team and enjoyed spending time walking my dogs after school. Spending my formative years in Santa Cruz, I have been able to see the drastic changes going on in our environment, and my passion for nature inspired me to become an Environmental Science major at Santa Clara University. In my second year, I complimented that major and became a double-major in Ethnic Studies as well.

I have spent the past two years as co-chair for Together for Ladies of Color, a club on campus, and we were able to put together a really fun winter extravaganza dance event before the school had been impacted by COVID-19. I have been really enjoying my classes as I am now taking more upper division units. As a third-year student, it has been interesting to see all the connections there are between my two majors.

I chose Santa Clara University because I knew I could get a more personalized education at this university. With the small class sizes, I knew I would be able to get to know my professors and interact with them more often than I could on a larger campus. Santa Clara is a very well-connected college, and I wanted to go to school here because there would be a lot of opportunities for me to network and find internships and jobs. I have really liked all of my classes so far and feel like I have learned a lot already in my short time here. The campus itself is beautiful and I love how much there is for me to get involved with on campus.

I hold two Research Assistant positions, one through Ethnic Studies on the sociopolitical development of students of color and the other through Environmental Science on food and water security and environmental justice. My third job is as a desk assistant in the Ethnic Studies Department. I get to work with esteemed professors and have learned many office managing skills. This job has taught me how to make the most out of networking opportunities and how to hold conversations with well-known educators. It has been unfortunate being unable to be on campus this quarter and interact with my SCU community. I look forward to continuing my positions in the next academic year and to hopefully be able to be in community once again.

My time here at SCU has helped me grow into a more independent and intelligent version of myself. Due to my family's financial hardships, I don't know if I would have been able to attend this school without help from people like you. For that I am and always will be extremely grateful. Thank you immensely for providing me with the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of Emma Anderson. I hope to pay forward your kindness both on campus and in my future career.