



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez September 2022

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

And back to school we go! Fall is here, our University campus is open, and students will be arriving later this month to kick off the upcoming term with a bang.

Catala too is back from its summer break and winding into high gear. My heartfelt thanks go to our First VP Joan Cattermole for her fantastic work on putting together our Fall line up — it's one that no one will want to miss!

September brings us back to the Williman Room where we will be joined by new SCU President Dr. Julie Sullivan. She is looking forward to meeting the amazing ladies of Catala — I suspect our Jesuit friends have had a hand in ensuring that our reputation precedes us! We are honored to be among her first visits as the school year gets rolling, and I hope you will be able to join us.

In October, we will host SCU Law Professor Ellen Kreitzberg, who will take us through the Theranos story. A true Silicon Valley could-have-been-a-movie caper complete with fraud, romantic intrigue and plenty of legal entanglements, the journey culminates in the sensational trials of the company's top two executives. The trials have been widely publicized and their outcomes are now well known. Professor Kreitzberg will show us how this once-venture capital darling flew too close to the sun and, like Icarus of mythological fame, ended up in such a dire situation.

Hello November! We at last return to our annual tradition of an in-person Mass of Remembrance in the Mission Church, along with a celebration of our Catala members who are also Jesuit relatives. This year, our celebration will include Jesuits who themselves have direct Catala family ties — in addition to an impressive collection of brothers, uncles and cousins, we have seven *vivendi* whose mothers are/were Catala ladies! Lunch will follow in Nobili Hall with guest speaker Katie Mahon '06 who

is the co-author of the bestselling book *The Miracle Collectors*. We thank our colleagues in the Alumni Office for their partnership in helping us coordinate Katie's return to campus.

We will conclude the 2022 calendar year with a longtime Catala favorite: our annual Christmas Tea. The Tea Committee is hard at work planning this holiday spectacular, and I know it will be the special event that we have all come to know and love. More on this as we get closer. Save us the date of December 14!

The start of the school year would not be complete without a salute to our wonderful Jesuits. They are an important part of the fabric of Santa Clara, and we would not be who we are without them. This is especially true for Catala, and we are lucky to have the honor of having them accompany us in all that we do. We of course start with a big Catala hug to our Chaplain, Fr. Jack Treacy S.J., and we extend this spirit to all of our special friends across the entire SCU Jesuit family. It was terrific to have so many of them with us at the anniversary party, and I am hopeful that we will have a similar turnout for the November lunch. Bravo, Gentlemen!

I close with our loving send off to Donald Engh, father of former SCU President Fr. Michael Engh S.J. (2009-2019). The elder Mr. Engh passed away last month, and is preceded in death by his wife and Catala member, Marie Therese Engh. I know you join me in holding the Engh family in your prayers.

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



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

DUES INFORMATION UPDATE!

We are in full Membership Renewal Mode! All members have received a personalized email or letter from Kris Stanga or Katy Kelly, along with a renewal form and a copy of your roster information as it currently appears in our Roster which reflects what we have on file for you.

When you receive this communication, please

1. Verify that your information is correct
2. Submit any corrections needed (if applicable)
3. Remit your \$50 dues payment by September 1, 2022

You will have the opportunity to pay your \$50 dues online or by sending a check. Details and an email link will be included in our notice.

Please don't hesitate to contact Katy Kelly should you have any questions: 650/279-0330 or katykelly@sbcglobal.net

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

Did you know . . .

"Until 1954 (*sic*), Catala Club oversaw a "student loan" (*sic*) which helped the students with everything from day-to-day expenses and/or tuition assistance. After graduation, the graduate would pay back what was owed on the loan. This was a successful practice until the early 1950's when there was a misappropriation of Catala funds taken by someone (not a Catala member) who was familiar with the management of the funds.

Thus, in 1954 (*SCU*) President Fr. Herman J. Hauck, SJ and University Treasurer Fr. Joseph Pociask, SJ suggested that a scholarship fund be started immediately and be call (*sic*) the "Magain Catala Scholarship." "

We extend our Prayers
of Sympathy and Consolation
to Father Michael Engh, S.J. on the loss of his father,
Donald Engh
to Katie Mugnolo on the loss of her brother,
Harry Anderson,
to the friends and family of the victims of
violence, fires, floods and disease.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health
for
Jo Bertaccini, Michelle Sola's grandson, Aedan,
for our SCU Community
and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



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| 1 Betty Faultner | 19 Sylvia Romero |
| 1 Martha Giannini | 20 Donna Rubino |
| 4 Christa Enns | 22 Anne Middleton |
| 7 Katy Kelly | 26 Brigid Benham |
| 7 Jeanne Schaefer | 27 Elizabeth Smith |
| 8 Leslie Leonetti | 28 Marie Brancati |
| 9 Joan Ferrari | 28 Sandi di Bari |
| 9 Mary Plungy McCurdy | 28 Laurie Hernandez |
| 17 Robin Ferrari | 28 Genny Luchessi |
| 18 Mimi Avelar | 29 Dianne Bonino |
| 18 Grace Cantoni | 30 Pat DeMarlo |
| 19 Debbie McBride | 30 Shirley Pfendt |

SAVE THE DATE



**THE JESUIT
RETREAT CENTER
OF LOS ALTOS**

**Catala Retreat
Friday, November 4
9:30am-3:00pm**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

- September 10 Vintage Santa Clara – Mission Gardens
1:30-4:30pm
- September 19 First Day of Undergraduate
Academic Year
- September 21 General Meeting – Williman Room
Special Guest of Honor,
Dr. Julie Sullivan
- October 6-9 SCU Grand Reunion Weekend
- October 7 Inauguration of the 30th President
of Santa Clara University,
Dr. Julie Sullivan
- November 4 Catala Retreat Jesuit Retreat Center,
Los Altos from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m

Meditation: Accepting our crosses

“Sometimes we think of "accepting our cross" in a morbid way, as in God wants us to suffer, or demands that we suffer. But usually, accepting our crosses means just accepting the imperfections of our lives, things we cannot change or a lack or a longing that goes along with the life we've chosen.”

Every choice means a renunciation, and since every life is a series of choices, every life will have some crosses.

Father Jim Martin, SJ

Dr. Sullivan graciously hosted the Auction winners from the Catala Anniversary Party.



And people should eat and drink and
enjoy the fruits of their labor, for
these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Happy Labor Day!