



Santa Clara University Catala Club

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President's Message Joanie Cattermole

Dear Friends and Family of Catala,

The holidays are here! It seems that time is going by so fast these days.

We are still relishing the fabulous time and results of our Forever Fabulous Fashion Show last month. I can now report that we raised over \$60,000.00! This will allow us to fund even more scholarships, which is the reason we work so hard.

Congratulations to all our members who contributed to the success of this event.

Thank you to our November Luncheon guest speaker, John Kerrigan. Not only is he the Chief Investment Officer for Santa Clara University, he is also a Deacon. It was fascinating to hear how our hard-earned money is saved, invested and spent.

Next up –

We are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Tea honoring our Past Presidents. There will be an opportunity drawing and lots of cheer. I hope you will join us for this happy event.

May your Christmas Holiday be filled with an abundance of love and blessings.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing group as the Catala Club.

In gratitude,


Joanie Cattermole
2023-24 President





DECEMBER birthdays

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| 5 Nancy Redding | 22 Joy Belli |
| 8 Tracie Frandsen | 22 Lorraine Moore |
| 8 Carol Wolf | 23 Jo Bertaccini |
| 12 Ivana LeBaron | 24 Monica Kirkorian |
| 16 Leana Giannini | 28 Lisa DeFonzo |
| 18 Rosanne Compitello | 29 Debbie Van Olst |
| 15 Linda Herschbach | 30 Marlene Serrano |
| 19 Lynne Shahshahani | 31 Cecilia Cavacas |
| 20 Allyson Tevrizian | 31 Alison Imamura |
| 21 Barbara Biafore | |

We extend our Prayers of sympathy and consolation to the family and friends of Dr. Mario Belotti and to the families and friends of the victims of violence, terrorism, and disease. 

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Pat DeMarlo, Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán, Jeanne Torre, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Bronco Pantry Update by Sue Davison

Please see the flyer accompanying this Newsletter for specific information about how you can participate and help support the Bronco Pantry!

LOST AND FOUND

If anyone forgot their umbrella at the November luncheon, please contact Dianne Bonino, (650/483-2756; ddbbonino@aol.com).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

- December 1-2 Festival of Lights
Register on the Alumni Website
- December 13 Christmas Tea, Williman Room
Invitation flyer attached; **please make your reservation by December 6!**
- December 14 4:30 p.m. Virtual Examen with
Father Jack Treacy, S.J.
Register on the Alumni Website
- December 22 SCU Christmas Break
-January 8
- January 17 China Stix, Guest Speaker.
Dr. Elizabeth Edgerly
"Preventing Dementia"
- January 27 58th Annual Golden Circle Theatre Party
- February 21 Kyoto Palace
- March 20 Day of Reflection, Becket Hall
St. Thomas of Canterbury
- April 17 Williman Room
- May 15 Installation Mass, Nobili Hall



Catala Club's Traditional Christmas Tea Wednesday, December 13

The Williman Room, SCU Benson Center

We are excited to announce that once again we are having our in-person Catala Christmas Tea! In addition, we are proud to continue our partnership and support of the SCU Food Insecurity Program.

Please see the attached invitation flyer for the Tea to make your reservation and the informational flyer on how to participate in the support of the SCU Food Insecurity Program.

We look forward to seeing you on the 13th!

**Dianne Bonino, Katy Kelly, Ann Lindahl,
Charlene Raisch & Mary Jane Vitkovich**
Christmas Tea Co-Chairs



True faith . . . is inseparable from self-giving

-Pope Francis

The Innkeeper's Pet

There is a little dog in the scene.
Black and white, with large,
curious, brown eyes.

He's skipping with delight as he sees
something his innkeeper does not
see: new life.

They are lying now on straw,
so he rushes over to lick
the lady's hand to show

compassion and waits with her
through the hours till a small
cry breaks the night.

"Jonah," cries the innkeeper,
"come away," but Jonah knows
his duty and must comfort

the child. He jumps up to welcome
a lamb and two shepherds
who speak about the sky singing.

He steps aside, lies down
with tongue hanging, breathing
with joy. He is their guardian.

He will oversee the visitors
and ensure that all is ordered,
for his little dog mind

has divined that light has entered
the world, that he has seen the beginning
and must hold it safe.

— William Rewak, S.J.

Nov. 4, 2022



FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We are pleased to announce that our 2023-24 Rosters have been printed. You will receive yours during the month.

Please review your membership information and let me know if there are any additions or changes - katykelly@sbcglobal.net

The Roster is also available online. These are the instructions for viewing the password protected portion of our Roster:

1. Go to our SCU Catala Webpage:
2. <https://www.scu.edu/giving/get-involved/catala/>
3. Click on "Newsletters & Member Info"
4. Halfway down the page on the left side, you will see "Bylaws Roster, and Member Forms"
5. Click on "Bylaws and roster information" You will see "Catala Club General Information, Bylaws, Standing Rules as of January 2023". This is accessible to everyone.
6. The second link is "Catala Club Confidential Membership Directory as of June 2023" This link is password protected and the password is #catalaSuperstars*

Don't miss the * at the end of the password - it is easy to do.

Blessed Advent

I pray for focus today, dear God, because during Advent, my mind and attention tend to wander. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that I keep You at the focus of my day today, because I know the peace that only You offer. Amen.



Our **NOVEMBER LUNCHEON** was preceded with our Annual Mass of Remembrance in the Mission Church. Our Luncheon in Nobili Hall featured guest speaker **John Kerrigan**, SCU Chief Investment Officer, who provided an informative talk to enable us to know how our endowment grows. Indeed, it is in good hands! Kudos to vent Co-chairs: **Leana Giannini** and **Mary Conlon Almassy**.

