



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez January 2023

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, filled with joy and all good things.

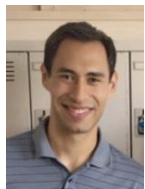


Megan Loeb '96

Program Officer, Housing & Economic Vitality at The Oregon Community Foundation, Portland, OR

Matt Ambauen '08

Head of Hardware at Cana Technologies, San Francisco, CA



Gerardo Cortez-Bernabe '13

Sales Engineer at Vantech Co., Saitama, Japan

I thought it would be fun to kick off 2023 with a look at a few of our Catala scholars who have graduated and to learn what they are up to. The first three are pictured above, along with a brief tag line of what they are doing after graduating from SCU. It is a happy reminder of why we do what we do, and why your generosity to Catala makes such an important difference. Thank you for your continued love and support of our Club and for our students especially.

December brought us our Annual Christmas Tea — another all-out showstopper. I offer my heartfelt thanks to Co-chairs Charlene Raisch, Katy Kelly and Dianne Bonino for their vision and leadership of this, along with Pat De Marlo who graciously volunteered for the thankless job of handling the reservations. My thanks go to everyone who contributed to the occasion and for reaffirming its well-deserved place as a Catala favorite tradition.

Thank you all for your gifts to the SCU Food Pantry at the Tea and through our first ever Giving Tree. If past experience is any guide, January is often a time of peak demand. I am sure our students will be grateful for the generous “re-stock”!

As you know, we use this Tea Party as a time to honor our Past Presidents. I am grateful to those who were able to attend, and thank each of you for all that you do — and have done— for Catala. We stand on your shoulders and build upon the strength of Catala established under your leadership. And thanks to the amazing work of absolutely everyone, we were able to present President Sullivan with a check to the Catala Endowed Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$50,000. This is among one of our single largest gifts ever. Well done, ladies!

January returns us to another Catala favorite, the China Stix Restaurant in Santa Clara for our luncheon on January 18. Details are included in this Newsletter. I hope you can join us.

Our quest for international cuisine must mean that our passports are starting to itch. In February, we will lunch at Kyoto Palace, located in the Pruneyard in Campbell. My thanks in advance to Catala member and restaurant owner Vicki Yoshihara, her husband and their terrific staff for their always spectacular hospitality.

In other fun news (and speaking of passports), I am delighted to report the return of the SCU Alumni Travel Program. All are welcome to join President Sullivan and Fr. Jack on a cruise to Alaska, sailing August 20-27, 2023. Pricing and other details can be found on the Alumni website. Alternatively, you can also call Mary Johnson in the Events Office at 408-554-5405. This trip is expected to fill quickly, and I would recommend signing up sooner rather than later if you are interested.

And so, with Catala's momentum running stronger than ever, we welcome 2023. Happy New Year!

With blessings,
Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



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| 1 Adele Margolis | 18 Vicki Yoshihara |
| 6 Lizzy Barron-Silva | 26 Gilda Santoriello |
| 11 Laddie Sidhu | Raczkowski |
| 13 Kathleen Nygard | 26 Nancy Tarantino |
| 13 Joanne Strickland | 28 Mary Ellen Bruni |
| 13 Margaret Suddijan | 31 Betty Ford |
| 15 Mary Ellen Livak | 31 Kathy Gibbs |

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Jo Bertaccini with the passing of her husband, Ed; to Joanie Cattermole with the passing of her father, Bernard Cotter; to Ann Lindahl with the passing of her father, Ysmael Gonzales Jr.; to Kathy O'Connell with the passing of her son, Matt Bacolini; to the family of former member, Beverly Scoffone and to the friends and families of the victims of violence, fires, floods and disease.

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

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Do you want to donate to the Bronco Food Pantry?
Below are three easy ways!

1. Donate directly through the [Amazon link](#)
Please ship to:
Kim Gilkey-Santa Clara University
Office of Student Life- Benson Room #205
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053
2. Cash donations directly through the [SCU Development Department](#) to purchase food for the pantry.
3. Donations such as soap, toiletries, non perishable food, etc. can be donated to the office noted above
Attention: Kim Gilkey

Please direct your questions to the Office of Student Life at 408.554.4583 or osl@scu.edu.



Santa Clara Men's Basketball & Bronco Bash

Join fellow Catala members for some fun Catala Camaraderie at the Bronco Bash pregame tailgate party at the new Schott Athletic Excellence Center before the February 11th Bronco Men's Basketball game vs the LMU Lions. Featuring a live DJ, food, beverages (beer & mimosas), games, and plenty of Bronco Spirit!

- Date: Saturday, February 11th
- Time: 1:30pm (tip off vs LMU at 4:00pm)
- Location: Schott Athletic Excellence Center (directly adjacent to the Leavey Center)
- Ticket Options
 - \$20 for pregame event admission (includes beer and food)
 - \$35 for pregame event admission AND game ticket

Don't miss the action! Purchase your tickets for yourself, family and friends right away to join in this fun opportunity to socialize and enjoy the afternoon/evening event together this winter.

<https://mysantaclara.scu.edu/events/athletics/bronco-bash-lmu-2023?erid=4a8e60b2-00ad-433e-a197-948d1baa39bd&trid=4a8e60b2-00ad-433e-a197-948d1baa39bd>

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

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE –
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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December 19

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December 20

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Year Joined: 2022
September 2

Van Olst, Deborah
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

January 18 China Stix, Santa Clara Town Center
February 11 Bronco Men's Basketball Game and
Bronco Bash Pregame Tailgate
February 15 Kyoto Palace, The Pruneyard
February 22 Ash Wednesday
March 16 Annual Time of Reflection
Thursday Becket Hall
St. Thomas of Canterbury Church –
NOTE DAY CHANGE please

**Tribute to Our Past Presidents
by Charlene Raisch**

Every SCU Catala Club President from Mrs. Sullivan onward has brought her own special talents enthusiasm and love of Catala and of SCU to our Club. There is a common thread that runs through each and every President's bio which is the work we do to raise monies for our Catala Scholarship Fund to help undergraduate students receive an SCU Jesuit education.

We're a diverse group of women brought together by our love and appreciation of this goal to help others experience it.

To you intelligent strong forward-thinking women of Catala today we wish you the very best and hope that you enjoy every moment of your Catala experience.

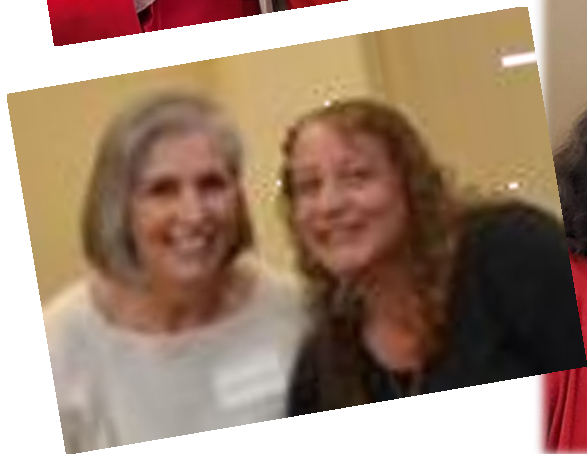
**CATHY DE MARIA
1998-2000**

- First Catala President to begin a 2-year tenure position.
- Felt very honored, privileged and blessed to be President of the SCU Catala Club
- In 1999, Cathy had the idea that Catala Club could raise funds hosting a Celebrity Dinner Show, similar to the supper club days of the past. First dinner show was held at Lou's Village. The celebrities were Leslie Uggams, Jack Jones, Vicki Carr, Lainie Kazan, Shirley Jones, Patti Page, Bobby Rydell, Diahann Carroll. Her husband, Joe, was and continues to be very supportive of her. Cathy also had assistance from Alfie Dreifuss (a leading entertainer with his band), Father Fred Tollini and/or Father Michael Zampelli. An SCU student would perform as the "opening act."
- A very special time in her life.



SCU CATALA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS

SCU President Julie Sullivan joined us and a \$50,000 check was presented to her for the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Tea such an outstanding success!





*Thank you, Mary Atwell and Birdie Pacelli
for being great Photographers!*