



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

**President's Message – Joanie Cattermole  
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Dear Friends and Family of Catala,

I hope you are enjoying our summer break.

As the school year comes to a close, I am happy to report that this academic year, we gave \$70,000.00 to the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Funds. That sum represents a lot of hard work by our wonderful members and supporters. We can be proud of our efforts.

Many of our members are still hard at work, planning our future activities for the 2023-24 school year. The most important news is that after a few years break- we are bringing back the ever popular Catala Luncheon and Fashion Show. Save the date for Friday, October 20, 2023, at a new exciting venue- the Santa Clara Marriott.

Continued Catala member support is essential for the success of our "Forever Fabulous" themed Fashion Show. You can help by underwriting with cash donations or by donating airline miles. The Catala Club Scholarship students, Committee Chairs and your Catala Club friends will be forever grateful!!

In the near future, we will be sending out Save the Date notices as well as letters humbly requesting your support through donations and underwriting. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to our fabulous Chairs:

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Sandra McMahan - sandra.mcmahan@gmail.com

As always, June was a busy month. Thank you to Kate Canessa, Dianne Bonino and Katy Kelly who headed up our visit to the SCU Presents production of *Into the Woods*. If you have never seen our Santa Clara University theater, you might want to consider it. The production values were highly professional and the student talent was Broadway worthy.

Have a restful summer. Fall will be delightfully busy!

I hope to see you all at our Summer Social at Katy and Tom Kelly's home on August 13.

With Blessings,

Joanie Cattermole



**Catala Club Summer Social**

**Join us!!**

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**Home of Katy & Tom Kelly**



Don't miss the **Catala Summer Social**  
on **Sunday, August 13,**  
starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m.,  
followed by dinner.

Bring your husbands or significant other and  
introduce them to your Catala friends!

Please see the attached flyer  
for additional information.



# July



1 Marianne Bleicher	20 Pat Winter
4 Elena Caruso	21 Celeste Dier
4 Fran Lowry	21 Marlene O'Donnell
5 Marge Papp	22 Kathy Kale
6 June Luth	22 Michelle Towers
8 Kate Adams Canessa	23 Jeannie Conner
8 Pauline Mifsud	24 Michelle Duchesne
10 Joanne Polverino	24 Louise Pfeiffer
10 Denise Rosati	26 Casey Soares
18 Christine Montgomery	27 Julie Sullivan
19 Sandy Myers	31 Marjorie Muldowney



It's a Girl

Blessings to Mary and Jim Atwell!  
Their first grandchild, Louise, was born!



## 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.

### MARY ATWELL 2017-2019

- My best two memories as President both involve MONEY! It's not because I am a material girl, it is because I love the feeling of knowing that one more student is getting a chance at a Santa Clara University education.
- The first of my two favorite memories is the first time I reported to the Board of Regents and informed them that the Catala Club had an Endowment of over \$23,000,000 and had awarded 31 scholarships. At least four or five of the Regents came up to me after the meeting to say that Catala Club certainly had a big impact on the University's ability to support students who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend SCU.
- My second favorite memory was the Catala Board of Directors wholeheartedly approving my desire to fund a scholarship in President Father Engh's name. With the proceeds from a beautiful evening fundraiser and contributions from the first year of Charlene's Presidency, we funded the full scholarship in one year... a record for Catala.
- The scholarships we fund is what make this Club a priority for me – because I wouldn't be here without the scholarships awarded me as a student.



## FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Bronco Pantry Update by Sue Davison

We had our first Catala Club service day at the Bronco Pantry. Kim Gilkey met with us and gave us a tour of the food pantry. She explained the donation process and how things are stored for easy access for the students. It is a very efficient system and very accommodating to the students' needs.

Thank you to Celeste Dier, Leslie Leonetti, Dianne Bonino and Charlene Raisch for volunteering their time. We were able to sort through several bins full of donations, check expiration dates and help organize the items for the pantry shelves.

Kim mentioned the number of students accessing the pantry is continuing to increase. This summer, they will be helping approximately 86 students.

For more information on the Bronco Pantry, follow this link: <https://www.scu.edu/osl/food-insecurity-program/>



## WAYS TO DONATE:

**Gift cards** (Target or Safeway): E-gift cards can be sent to [osl@scu.edu](mailto:osl@scu.edu) and will be distributed to students directly. Physical gift cards can be dropped off at the Office of Student Life in Benson, Room 205. Cards in the amount of \$25 or \$50 are preferred.

**Cash Donations** Donate directly to the program here [SCU Development Department](#)

**Drop Off items** There is a donation bin in the lobby of Campus Safety Services. The bin is available 24/7 for donation drop-offs. Most needed items include rice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, microwavable meals (vegetarian friendly), granola bars, dishwashing sponges and dish soap, paper towels, toothpaste and toilet paper (any brand and quantity is helpful). Unfortunately, homemade items are not acceptable.

**Amazon Wish List** Donations can also be made via the Amazon Wish List [Amazon link](#). Please search "SCU Students: Food Insecurity at SCU" for the public wish list of items or follow this link. Please select "Kim Gilkey, 500 El Camino Real" as the mailing address.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

- August 13 Summer Social  
Home of Katy and Tom Kelly  
See enclosed Invitation Flyer
- September 15 FIRST General Meeting 2023-24  
Guest Speaker:  
SCU President Julie Sullivan, PhD  
"State of the University"  
William Room  
Invitation Flyer with the August Newsletter
- October 20 Luncheon, Fashion Show and Fundraiser  
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Santa Clara Marriott Hotel  
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We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Kim Moore with the passing of her father 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, Mike Guerra, husband of Jane Guerra, Mary Lou Lawrence, Lexi O'Keefe, mother-in-law to Leana Giannini, Patty Mahan, Carol Sabatino, Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



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

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

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July 1

I hope everyone's summer is off to a good start! We are happy to report that that Catala Club is 243 members strong and growing!

Either Kris Stanga or myself will be sending you a personalized email or letter at the beginning of July. You will receive detailed instructions on how to renew your dues by check, online or by scanning our QR code.

Please take a look at the information we have for you in our Roster and verify it is correct. If there are changes to be made, please forward them to [katykelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katykelly@sbcglobal.net) so we can update our Roster before our targeted October printing.

I am looking forward to another great year and to seeing you at a SCU Catala Club event soon!

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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Your Catala Board Members at the first Board meeting for the 2023-24 year



followed by the now-traditional In and Out Board Luncheon at Pedro's Restaurant and Cantina



Much appreciation to the outgoing Board Members and Congratulations to the incoming Board Members!

Save the Date

**FOREVER FABULOUS**

**FROM THE DESK OF CO-CHAIR,  
SANDRA MCMAHON**

The theme of this year's Catala Club Fashion Show is "Forever Fabulous."

This will be a glamorous event based on inspiration from the artist Erte who was famous for his elegant fashion designs during the Art Deco period. The show will feature beautiful day wear and attire for special occasions as well as accessories from stylish Santa Clara County boutiques.. Our fundraiser supports Catala Club's commitment to provide scholarships to Santa Clara University undergraduates. Currently, the annual cost for tuition, room and board is approximately \$69,000.

"Forever Fabulous" will be a wonderful opportunity to spend a lovely afternoon with friends and family, viewing gorgeous fashions, enjoying a delicious luncheon and, most importantly, raising funds for the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund.



Prior to enjoying the wonderful production of SCU Presents *Into The Woods*, several Catala Club theater goers and their spouses gathered in Bannan Alumni House for a pre-theater reception and birthday celebration for our Father Jack Treacy whose birthday was the same day!

Thanks to Dianne Bonino, Joanie Cattermole and Katy Kelly for the nibbles and birthday goodies, to Kathy Kale for enabling us to enjoy this special space and to Kate Canessa for organizing our “field trip”!

Kudos and Bravo to the talented, gifted and brilliant SCU thespians for their artistic prowess!  
What a show!



*Thank you Birdie Pacelli for the great photography*



**And more Birthday Shenanigans for Father Jack thanks to Birdie and Jim Pacelli!**

GOD ★ BLESS  
*America*

*If the only prayer you say in your life is “thank you,” that would suffice.*

-Meister Eckhart