



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

Day of Giving gave us a great start to the month of April. Our preliminary, unaudited numbers are a total of 34 donors to the Catalá Club General Fund which cumulatively totaled \$13,940. This is well over last year's numbers! Thank you all for your generosity.

Special thank you to Sue Davison, Lisa De Lusignan and Nora Ritchey for the incredible lunch at Palermo. From the delicious food, to the amazing service and impressive speaker, the day was perfect. Our speaker, Dr. Elyse Raby from the Santa Clara University Religious Studies Department, had us all on the edge of our seats as we listened to her comparison of Pope Francis to Pope Leo. From there, her presentation addressed hope for the Catholic Church—maybe we will have female deacons one of these days. Dr. Raby has already agreed to join us again in the future to share her continued research and insight.

Our final general luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 20. This is our Installation of the 2026-27 Officers and Board and will begin with 10:30 Mass in the Mission Church. Father Matt Carnes will be our celebrant as Father Jack is away. Following Mass will be our annual luncheon in Nobili Hall with many of our Catalá Club Scholarship recipients attending. I hope you can join us!!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Summer Social on Saturday, August 15. Carol Traub has graciously offered her home. More details to come as we get closer.

With continued appreciation, Nancy

Catalá Club 2026-2027 Membership Renewal

It's almost time to renew your Catalá membership for the upcoming year!

Membership renewal opens July 1, and we encourage all members to renew promptly to ensure uninterrupted communication and inclusion in our activities.

Our annual membership dues is \$50. While we do accept checks, we strongly prefer that members renew **online** for convenience and faster processing. **We will send another message with the link prior to July 1 to make it easy for you to renew online.** We will also send the mailing address to where to send your check if you choose to renew your membership that way.

Please note that **the deadline to renew your membership and be included in the 2026-27 Roster is September 15.** If your renewal is received after that date, your information will not appear in the Roster.

As summer is a busy travel season, we recommend you plan ahead—especially if you anticipate being out of town—so you don't miss the deadline.

Thank you for your continued support of Catalá Club. We look forward to another great year!

Lisa de Lusignan and Shannon Potts, Membership Co-Chairs

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

- May 6 Virtual Examen, 4:30-5:00; Zoom; Register through Alumni Office
- May 20 Annual Installation Mass, 10:30; Luncheon, Nobili Dining Room; Special Guests: Catala Club Scholarship Recipients (see attached invitation flyer)
- May 31 "Head Over Heals" – Mayer Theater
- October 2 Fashion Show, Luncheon
DoubleTree Hotel

THINKING OF YOU

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Fran Lowry with the passing of her Husband, Bob, and to all who grieve.

We extend our Prayers for Healing and Restored Health to Mike Guerra, husband of Jane Guerra; to Genny Luchessi; Jeanne Torre; Jeff Stanga, husband of Kris Stanga; Diana, daughter of Nancy Tarantino; Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán; for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



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**OUR ARTS LIASION
MARY MCCURDY**

"Head over Heels" – Sunday, May 31-2pm
Mayer Theater

We Got The Beat in this exciting, bold and fun forward musical. Vacation to the land of Arcadia where a Greek Oracle warns the kingdom they will lose their Beat unless they heed the prophecy and embrace love in all forms. What will happen? Our Lips Are Sealed. Everybody, get on your feet as you dance and sing-along to the music of the Go-Go's.

Come join your fellow Catalá Club members for the performance on Sunday, May 31, in the Mayer Theater at 2pm.

RSVP by May 15

Follow the link below to purchase tickets for seating with your Catalá friends.

<https://scupresents.scu.edu/event/68c744aa43c6a4f24ad18642/69bcbfa4f2a0f345e5a1773c>

Click on "Buy Tickets"

Enter Code: catala (lower case)

Save The Date

SCU Catalá Club Welcomes you to

**WOMEN
in MOTION**

– Empowering the Next Generation –

Fashion Show - Luncheon - Fundraiser

Friday, October 2, 2026

11:00am – 2:30pm

DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

2050 Gateway Place

San Jose, CA 95110

*Proceeds Benefit the Santa Clara University
Catalá Club Endowed Scholarship Funds*



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FOOD INSECURITY at SCU by Sue Davison

As always, a huge thank you to all our Catalá ladies who support the Basic Needs Program with their generous donations. We received \$400 at the April luncheon from the Opportunity Drawing, which will allow us to purchase 16 Safeway Gift Cards for our students. We are so appreciative of your continuous generosity. The following is an update on how the Program is growing.

- SCU launched a small pilot program for about 50 students (Pell grant recipients and Basic Needs students who access the pantry and who requested additional food assistance support) that automatically replenished their access card with \$250 meal points!
- SCU is launching its first pilot program of donated grad gowns for graduating seniors who

are part of the Basic Needs Program this year! If anyone in Catalá Club has recent graduates who would like to donate their gowns, we'd love to accept them! Our hope is to be able to expand the Program to support LEAD scholars as well.

- Through the Basic Needs Program and Catalá Club gift card donations, 37 students have been able to receive Safeway and Target gift cards to cover hygiene products, food gaps and school supplies since January. The testimonials I shared reflect how meaningful the support continues to be to SCU students. Safeway continues to be the most highly requested form of support.

I look forward to seeing you at the May luncheon where we will have a chance to hear from a few of our wonderful Catalá Scholarship recipients, which is always a blessing!

CATALÁ CLUB IN MARCH

From our President Nancy Tarantino: "Special thank you to Mary Atwell, Cathy De Maria, Leana Giannini and Fr. Jack Treacy for the wonderful March retreat. The morning started with a presentation led by Fr. Jack, a tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph and Noon Mass, ending with lunch at Il Fornaio. Thank you to everyone who attended. The 2026-27 Catalá Board slate was approved so we are set for another year!"







CATALÁ CLUB IN APRIL

This month, we gathered at Palermo Italian Restaurant in San Jose where we enjoyed a captivating and engaging presentation by our guest speaker, Dr. Elyse Raby, Assistant Professor in Religious Studies. It was a compelling reflection on the first year of Pope Leo XIV's papacy. Our Italian Buffet luncheon ended with a special Happy Birthday song to Charlene Raisch, whose Birthday was the same day! As always, a pleasant and delicious afternoon and lunch were experienced by all!



