

Bellarmino Alumni Mothers Extended Network

September 11, 2025



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A.M.E.N. Monthly Newsletter 2025

September 10,

President's Message

Dear Bellarmine Alumni Moms,

Welcome to a new year with the Alumni Mothers Extended Network (A.M.E.N.)! Whether you're a returning member or joining us for the first time, we're so grateful to have you as part of this vibrant community of mothers bonded by our shared connection to Bellarmine and the incredible young men who have journeyed through its halls.

As Chair of AMEN this year, I'm honored to serve alongside our Steering Committee—a dedicated group of volunteers passionate about building community, offering support, and carrying forward the spirit of Bellarmine long after graduation. The Bellarmine experience doesn't end at commencement—and neither does the bond between us.

Our theme for the year is "Mothers for Others," inspired by Bellarmine's mission of forming men- and women- for and with others. This theme is a call to action, reminding us of the impact we can have as a community of mothers: to uplift, serve, and support those around us. Whether through acts of kindness, volunteer work, or simply being a source of encouragement, we're embracing our shared calling to lead with compassion and purpose.

We're excited about a full calendar of events, service opportunities, social gatherings, and interest group activities designed to help us reconnect, share stories, and put our theme into action. I'd like to thank the entire committee for already working hard to plan a meaningful year ahead filled with connection, outreach, and joy.

We can't wait to see you at our upcoming events - including our Fall Dinner on October 30th - and look forward to a joyful, purposeful year together. Whether through reflection, community engagement, or friendship, A.M.E.N. is here to keep us connected in meaningful ways.

Thank you for being part of this special community. I look forward to seeing you or meeting you very soon! GO BELLS!

With gratitude,

Julie Paulsen
Chair, Alumni Mothers Extended Network (A.M.E.N.)



Renew Your A.M.E.N. Membership

It's a new year! Summer is over and our A.M.E.N. membership drive is here. This year's theme is "Mothers for Others" and if you have not yet renewed your membership, then now is the perfect time. AMEN is an opportunity to come together in fellowship - a time to come together in friendship- new and old.

As a member, you'll have access to:

- **Fun & friendship** through interest groups like Hiking, Golf, Book Club, and Wine Tasting
- **Spiritual growth** through A.M.E.N. retreats and prayer opportunities
- **Service projects** that make a difference in our community
- **Connection** to a network of amazing women who share a meaningful bond

Recommended membership fee is \$25. Memberships must be renewed annually to enjoy all the benefits. Please [click here](#) to join now!

AMEN supports itself through membership donations, the Fall and Spring Dinners, and purchases from our online store. Any funds left over at the end of year are donated to support our Bellarmine students.

A.M.E.N. Fall Events

A.M.E.N. Gardening Group



Hello Garden Enthusiasts! Don't miss our Fall 2025 Garden Group event. Please join the AMEN Gardening Group at Johnson Garden Center in Morgan Hill for a workshop with Johnson's very own Landscape Designer and Horticulturist, Ashlee Luberto.

Our workshop will focus on Autumn Décor on the Porch. Ashlee will be special-ordering Fairytale pumpkins and guide us through several ideas to welcome guests and the joys of the season.

Workshop Date: Thursday, **September 25th**

Time: 9 to 11am

Location: [Johnson's Garden Center](#), 520 Tennant Ave., Morgan Hill

Cost: Free - Only pay for plant materials

Annual AMEN membership is requested to attend this event. [CLICK HERE](#) to renew your membership.

Please RSVP via email to Lisa95008@gmail.com by SEPTEMBER 22nd. For those who have attended one of our past workshops, you are welcome to bring pots from home or select something new from the extensive pot inventory. You will be transporting your creation home, so be sure to tidy up your trunk. **Registration is limited, so reserve your spot soon.**

Wine Tasting at Testarossa on September 19th at 2pm

If you'd like to join us, please email Michelle at wow123@me.com to be added to the invite list. We'd love for you to come and enjoy some great wine with us!



Needlepoint Meet Up

Join the Needlepoint Group for a Sip & Stitch.
Make progress on an old project or learn a new hobby!
Sunday, September 21st, 2-4 pm

Contact Maria von Massenhäusen at
mtvonmassenhausen@gmail.com if you are interested.
All levels are welcome!



Pickleball Kick-off! Our first outing will be **September 22nd, 9-10am**

We're trying a new location at Arena Green near the SAP Center in San Jose. There are 4 brand new courts with nets. Though parking is tricky in the evening, we have found plenty of free street parking in the mornings.

We will meet the second and fourth Monday of the month from 9-10 am. All levels are welcome, and we'd love to see you. Please bring your paddle.

Be sure to renew your AMEN membership to participate!

Any questions? Contact Mary Lavelle at cookiefisher08@gmail.com or Liz Page at eapage3@gmail.com

A.M.E.N. Community Volunteer Group: Done In a Day is Back! **Saturday, October 11th, 9am-noon**

Gifts For Teens, a beloved annual volunteer event, is once again seeking volunteers to help fill duffel bags full of gifts for underprivileged teens who are otherwise forgotten during the holiday season. We have 10 slots available from **9am-noon on Saturday, October 11th**. They may also need volunteers from **1-4 on Saturday, September 13th**. The location is at the AAUW building at 1165 Minnesota Ave. in Willow Glen. This is a very social and popular event and will fill up quickly!

For more information or to sign up, please send an email to Linda Chin at chindalin@aol.com.

A.M.E.N./LAMP Hiking Group

AMEN is hiking once a month on the weekend, with the LAMP group from Presentation! If you would like to join the group, please contact Ashley Hopkins at ashleychp66@gmail.com.

October 4th hike: Asilomar State Beach Park

November 15th hike: Stevens Creek Park

Fall Dinner - Save the Date!

Our alumni mother's extended network (A.M.E.N.) is hosting our annual Fall Dinner on **Thursday, October 30th** in the Luccardo Center. Reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, and learn how you can stay connected to the Bellarmine family! In addition to socializing with friends, you can learn about and join our Interest Groups and purchase unique Bellarmine items at A.M.E.N.'s gift and pop-up shop. Come join us!



Fall Dinner 2025 Save the Date!

Alumni Mothers Extended Network (aka AMEN)

Thursday, October 30 at 6 PM, Luccardo Center at Bellarmine

The fun begins at 6:00 pm starting with a social hour and ending with a seated dinner. **Cost to attend is \$40 – includes drinks, dinner, and dessert.** Look for an email about registration later in September. We hope you can join us, your event co-chairs Maris Whitney, whitney121063@sbcglobal.net and Shannon Tassi, jtassi1054@sbcglobal.net

Fall Wellness Retreat: November 12th, 9am-1pm

Save the date for our Fall Retreat in Santa Cruz that will focus on wellness with Yoga and more! More details to come. Questions? Please email Michelle at wow123@me.com



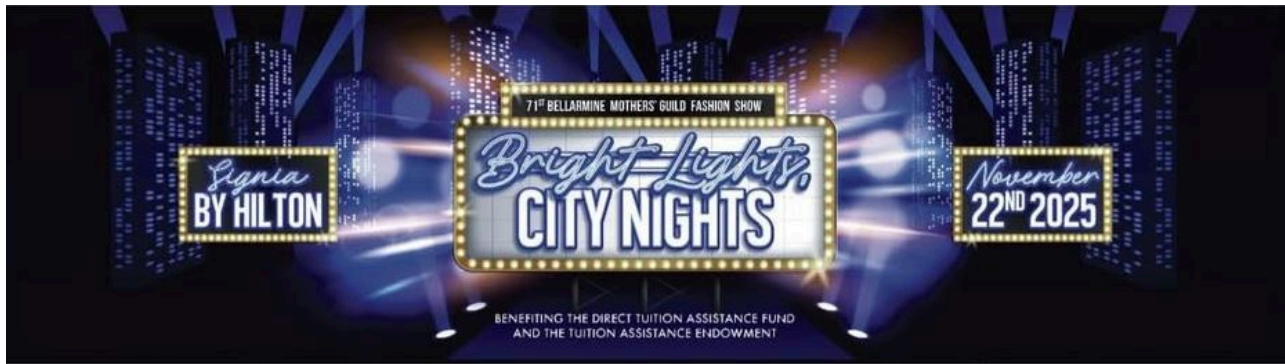
BCP Events & Activities

Bellarmino Golf Tournament: October 13th

Come join us on Monday, October 13th for Bellarmine' Annual Golf Tournament at Cinnabar Hills. We are looking for **volunteers** to work one shift or two. It promises to be a fun day at the course! If you are interested, please click on the link below to sign up. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Sandra McSweeney at smcsweeney@bcp.org or (408) 537-9337.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/golfclassic2025>

Bellarmine Mothers' Guild 71st Annual Fashion Show: November 22nd



Visit the Fashion Show [website](#) for more information.



Join an Interest Group!

Hiking? Baking? Reading? Golfing? There is a group for you! **Below is a list of the A.M.E.N. Interest Groups along with the contact person.** Remember to renew your AMEN membership before joining an interest group! Contact Maggie Pecoraro at jammpec@yahoo.com, for more information or if you would like to start your own group.

Book Clubs: We have 5 active Book Clubs! See below for the contact information.

College Mentoring: connecting graduating BCP students and their families with families who have had sons (or daughters) attend the college or university they are considering. Lead by Susan Munne, susan.munne@gmail.com.

Community Volunteers/Helping Hands: Lead by Linda Chin, chindalin@aol.com

Elderly Parents Support Group: providing an opportunity for us to seek advice and vent our frustrations. Topics include but are not limited to: Fall prevention. What to do when our parents are hospitalized? How to choose a rehabilitation center? What are the differences between home health agencies and home care companies? How to choose between Palliative and Hospice care? Contact Alice Ng, OTR/L, otaliceng@gmail.com or 650-255-1838.

Gardening Group: Lead by Lisa Christensen & Teresa Giovanzana, lisa95008@gmail.com

Golf Group: Lead by Catherine Christofferson, catherine@icreatemovies.com.

Hiking Group: Meets Monday mornings at 8:15, locations vary. Lead by Teresa Giovanzana, teresagiovanzana@comcast.net.

Mahjong Group: Lead by Nancy Janda and and Bik Wah, calpolyglot@aol.com.

Knitting Group: We will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 12-2, rotating the location amongst our members. Newbies welcome! Lead by Katherine Pompili, kpompili@pacbell.net.

Needlepoint Group: All levels welcome! Lead by Maria von Massenhausen, mtvonmassenhausen@gmail.com.

Pickleball Group: Lead by Liz Page and Mary Lavelle, cookiefisher08@gmail.com

Ski Club: Lead by Michelle Abene, wow123@me.com

Spirituality Group: Changing format and will meet 1X per month now. Lead by Sarah Bonini, sarahjbonini@gmail.com.

Wine Tasting: *Meet at Testarossa for private wine tasting and charcuterie. Dates TBD. Lead by Michelle Abene, wow123@me.com*

Book Clubs:

Book Club 1 (Open) lead by Elaine Bakan, gebakan@comcast.net

Book Club 2 (Full) Lead by Abby Baker, baker20045@comcast.net

Book Club 3 (Full) lead by Mari Donnelly, maridonnelly@mac.com

Book Club 4 (Open) Lead by Rosemary Mayle, rosemarymayle@yahoo.com

Book Club 5 (Open) Diane Danen, rosemarymayle@yahoo.com

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