

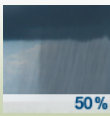
Bellarmino Alumni Mothers Extended Network

October 14, 2025



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A.M.E.N. Monthly Newsletter

October 10, 2025

President's Message

Dear Bellarmine Alumni Moms,

Happy October! With autumn in full swing, I hope this season finds you well and connected. It's been wonderful to see our Bellarmine Alumni Mother's Extended Network (A.M.E.N.) come together again—with familiar faces returning and new members joining our circle of Bellarmine alumni moms. Thank you for bringing such warmth, energy, and generosity to all that we do.

Our theme this year, "Mothers for Others," continues to guide us as we embrace Bellarmine's mission of educating people to be for and with others. In just a short time, we've already seen this spirit in action through the kindness, volunteerism, and camaraderie that define A.M.E.N. Each gathering, service opportunity, and conversation reminds me of the strength of our shared bond.

I'm especially excited about our Fall Dinner on Thursday, October 30, one of our most anticipated events of the year. It's a wonderful chance to reconnect, welcome new members, and enjoy an evening of friendship and reflection together. I hope you'll join us for what promises to be a joyful and memorable night.

Thank you to our dedicated Steering Committee for their creativity and commitment to planning meaningful events and activities throughout the year. There's much more ahead, including service projects, social gatherings, and opportunities to deepen our connections within this incredible community.

As always, I'm grateful for each of you and the way you carry forward the Bellarmine spirit. I look forward to seeing you soon- especially at the Fall Dinner!

With gratitude,

Julie Paulsen
Chair, Alumni Mothers Extended Network (AMEN)

A.M.E.N. Fall Events

Fall Dinner - [Register Now!](#)

Our alumni mother's extended network (A.M.E.N.) is hosting our annual Fall Dinner on **Thursday, October 30th** in the Liccardo 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. **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.**



REGISTER FOR THE FALL DINNER

Please see the costs below to attend - include beverages, dinner, and dessert.

- Join/Renew- Annual membership for \$25 + \$40 dinner = \$65
- Non-member dinner \$50
- Member dinner \$40

If you have any questions, please contact the event co-chairs: [Maris Whitney](#) & [Shannon Collins-Tassi](#)

Pickleball on October 13th

The AMEN Pickleball group met for the first time at the new Arena Green Pickleball courts! The courts are new and the nets are permanently installed. There is on-street parking next to the SAP center and near Henry's Hi-Life restaurant. Come join us the second and fourth Monday each month! Contact Liz Page and Mary Lavelle, cookiefisher08@gmail.com. Our next meeting is Monday 10/13.



Tasting at Testarossa on November 7th at 1pm

Join us under the redwoods at Testarossa Winery (Los Gatos) for a relaxed afternoon of great wine and good company! The tasting is complimentary (a \$25 value). Please bring \$5 cash for a tip. 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!

A.M.E.N. Wellness Retreat in Santa Cruz: November 12th

Take a day to recharge and reconnect at our Wellness Retreat in Santa Cruz on Tuesday, November 12, from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

For just \$55 per person, enjoy a restorative experience that includes:

☀️ **Yoga on the Beach:** Led by [Liliya](#), this gentle yoga session will include a sound bath and relaxation, set to the natural rhythm of the ocean waves. You might even spot birds, sea lions, or whales breaching while you breathe and unwind!

🍳 **Breakfast & Coffee:** We'll start the morning with delicious coffee, pastries, and light breakfast treats before heading to the beach.

🎨 **Afternoon Art Lesson:** After lunch, enjoy a creative session with local Santa Cruz artist [Taylor](#). It's the perfect way to tap into your imagination and end the day inspired. (Bios for Liliya and Taylor are linked below.)

🥂 A Lovely Lunch: A fresh and satisfying lunch will be provided, offering time to relax and connect with others.

✨ We're so excited for this mini getaway and hope you'll join us for a day of renewal, creativity, and connection by the sea.

If you're interested, please let us know — sign-up links will be sent soon!

Michelle at (408) 656-1399.

We can't wait to see you in Santa Cruz!

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

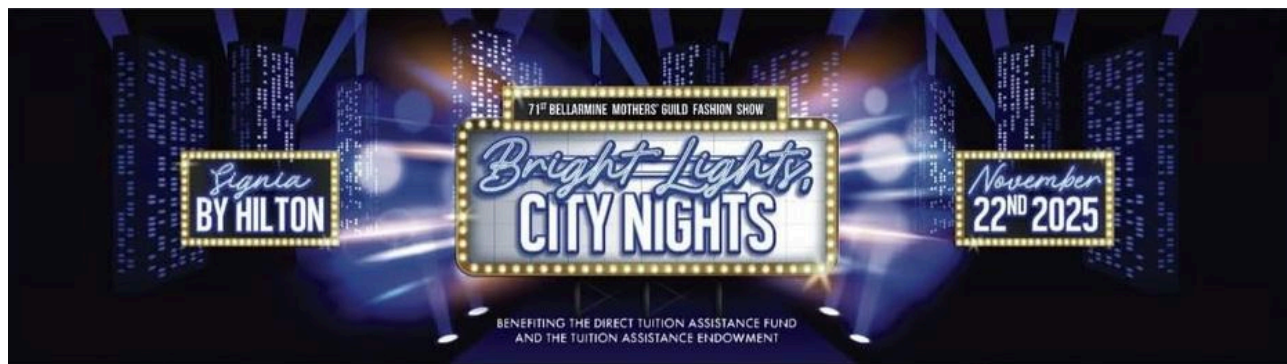
AMEN is hiking once a month on the weekend, with the LAMP group from Presentation! If you would like to join the group, please contact Ashley Hopkins at ashleychp66@gmail.com.

November 15th hike: Stevens Creek Park

December 6th hike: Belgatos-Heintz Open Space

BCP Events & Activities

Bellarmino 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 Massenhäusen, 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

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.

Go Bells!



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