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A.M.E.N. Monthly Newsletter

November 20, 2025

President's Message

Dear Bellarmine Alumni Moms,

As we move into the season of reflection and gratitude, I'm feeling especially thankful for the meaningful moments our A.M.E.N. community has shared this fall. Our Fall Dinner in October was a wonderful evening of connection and conversation, and it was followed by a truly restorative Wellness Retreat in Santa Cruz that left participants feeling renewed and re-centered. Both events provided a special reminder of how powerful—and needed—it can be to slow down, care for ourselves, and enjoy time with one another. I'm deeply grateful to Shannon, Maris, and Michelle for their time, energy, and heart in bringing these experiences to our community.

As we look toward November and December, a time filled with celebration, generosity, and community, I hope A.M.E.N. continues to be a source of connection and joy for you. Whether through our events, interest groups, or the friendships that continue long after gatherings end, may this season bring you peace, warmth, and a sense of belonging.

Wishing you a wonderful start to the holidays. I look forward to sharing more time together in the months ahead.

With gratitude,

Julie Paulsen

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



Fall Dinner Highlights



The A.M.E.N. Fall Dinner was well attended! It was a fun night of coming together to support Bellarmine and catch up with fellow Bellarmine alumni moms.

We were delighted to welcome Tony Ferrari (2011) as our speaker. Tony is Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, Assistant Coach for Cross Country and moderator for several campus student groups including the Muslim Student Association.



Upcoming Events

Pickleball on Tuesdays

The A.M.E.N. Pickleball is meeting 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. Join the Pickleball interest group to be added to the mailing list for scheduling updates.



A.M.E.N. Needlepoint Group Meeting on December 3rd

Take a break from the hustle & bustle with some holiday stitching and Christmas cheer!

Wednesday, December 3rd

6:00 PM

Dinner will be served

The home of Maria von Massenhause

1753 Marlyn Way, San Jose, CA 95125

Feel free to bring a friend!



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.

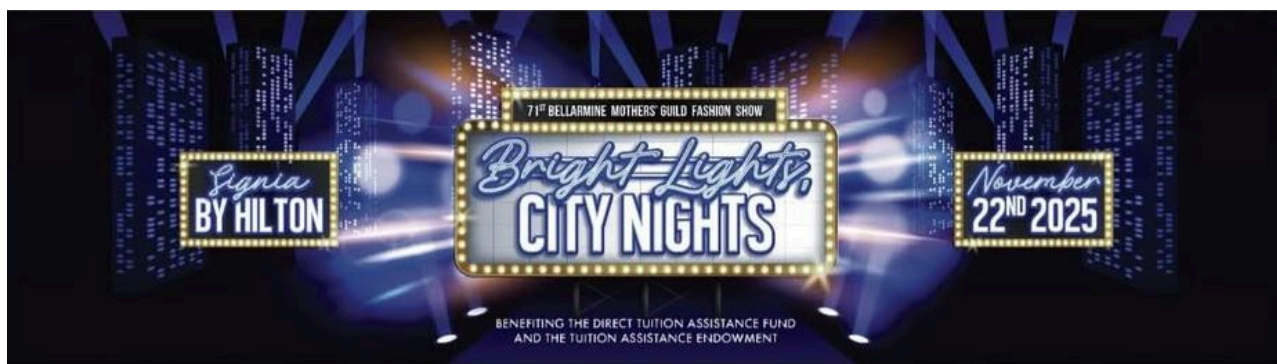
December 6th hike: Belgatos-Heintz Open Space

Tasting at Testarossa on December 18th at 2pm

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!

BCP Events & Activities

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



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

Celebrate Bellarmino's 175th anniversary with this **commemorative stainless-steel champagne ice bucket**. Etched by Bellarmino's own Maker's Lab students, the bucket is branded with the beloved Bellarmino "B" alongside the year the school was established—1851. Also included is a bottle of Comartin Cellars' Cuvée Jennifer Sparking, hand crusted in glitter in honor of this special milestone, plus a plant* to be enjoyed in your home or garden throughout the holiday season.

The **cost of each centerpiece is \$175** inclusive of sales tax. Funds raised beyond the cost of goods will be given to the Bellarmino Direct Tuition Assistance Fund and the Tuition Assistance Endowment. Only 100 centerpieces are available so be sure to purchase yours today! You do not need to be present to receive your centerpiece. Pickup can be arranged following the event.

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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.

Gourmet Groups: Each group has 4 cook teams of 4 women each, for a total of 16 women in each Gourmet group, rotating hosting duties amongst all members. Gourmet skills are not required! If there are multiple women on a waiting list, the next member is chosen by blind lottery.

The Wednesday group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. To be added to the wait list, email Jody Knauf, jodyknauf@gmail.com

The Saturday group meets the first Saturday of the month. To be added to the wait list, email Betsy Leff, bleff75@gmail.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: To join one of our many Book Clubs, email Maggei Pecoraro, jammpec@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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