

# Alumni Mothers Extended Network (AMEN)

## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



### AMEN News

Add Some **JOY** to Your Life, **Renew your AMEN Membership Today!**



The AMEN Membership Drive has begun. Please take a moment to renew your membership today! Continue to be a part of our amazing LIVE social network. As a member of AMEN you are an active member of our social network and a valued contributor to our wonderful organization.

**Thank you for your continued support and participation in AMEN.**

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Over 250 AMEN members that are united by a common bond of motherhood and friendship
- AMEN has 24 Interest Groups
- AMEN Community Service opportunities
- Bi-annual dinners (Fall and Spring) where the entire AMEN community comes together to celebrate
- Annual Spiritual Retreat in the spring
- AMEN membership fees are donated to Bellarmine's Direct Tuition Assistance Fund
- Monthly newsletters announcing all AMEN activities

To renew your AMEN Membership today please go to the AMEN Membership sign up page on Bellarmine's website. The Membership Fee is \$25.00 for either Active or Transitional membership.

Click this link to renew your membership: [HERE](#)

If you have questions about membership, please contact the AMEN Membership Chair Lisa Christensen at: [Lisa95008@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa95008@gmail.com).

Come spread the **JOY** and renew your membership Today!

### October Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Contact or Webpage
Oct.2	Fashion Show Tickets go Live!	<a href="#">Fashion Show Tickets</a>
Oct. 9	Evening Movie Group	<a href="#">Amy Tashjian</a>
Oct. 14	32nd Alumni Golf Classic (volunteers needed) Email <a href="mailto:Catherine.Christofferson">Catherine Christofferson</a> if you would like to volunteer	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>
Oct. 16	AMEN Fall Dinner Kickoff - Pregame garden tour 5:00 pm	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>
Oct. 20	Baked By Bells - International Donuts @11:30 am	<a href="#">Donna Gallo</a>
Oct. 21	Halloween Care Packages 5:00 - 8:00 pm Muller Conference Room	<a href="#">Liane Burton</a>
Oct. 26	Garden Event Pumpkin Succulent Planters 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<a href="#">Lisa Christensen</a>

## **AMEN Kickoff Fall Dinner! Come Meet the Gals!!**

Come celebrate with the AMEN gals at AMEN's Kickoff Fall Dinner on Wednesday, October 16, in the Liccardo Center. Come to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends! Good food and great friends — an evening not to miss!

### **Pregame Garden Tour starting at 5:00pm**

Meander through Bellarmine's new garden with instructor Patrick Adams and meet Bella and Clara, the garden's mascot goats! Purchase a glass of Rose Wine for \$5 at the garden tour.

### **Social hour in Liccardo Center at 5:30 pm**

Enjoy hor d'oeuvres and wine while visiting the Interest Group tables, shop at AMEN's gift table, and visit with friends. Raffle tickets for purchase.

### **Dinner to follow at 6:30 pm**

Current 2019 - 20 members - \$25 (see note)

Guests - \$30

Wine will be available for purchase at the event.



To register for the Fall Dinner event online click this link: [HERE](#)

### **Bring Your Winter Warmth Drive Donations to the Fall Dinner**

Please support Bellarmine's Winter Warmth Drive by bringing to the Fall Dinner new or gently used bedding, new socks, and hotel-size toiletries. They will be brought to HomeFirst to support their homeless shelters.

If you have any questions or want to reserve a table of 10 please contact the event co-chairs: Mary Helmers:

[maryhelmers24@gmail.com](mailto:maryhelmers24@gmail.com) or Debbie Newcomb: [dwnewcombfamily@gmail.com](mailto:dwnewcombfamily@gmail.com)

**Note:** Please renew your AMEN membership today to get the discounted pricing for this event. To renew your membership click this link: [HERE](#)



### **The IncrediBells! ...Everyday Superheroes**

Reservations for the IncrediBells! Fashion Show go on sale October 2nd!! Tickets will sell out - don't miss your opportunity to attend! Visit [www.bcp.org/fashionshow](http://www.bcp.org/fashionshow) to purchase your tickets. Underwriting opportunities still available.

Contact Trish Cook: [trish.cook@gmail.com](mailto:trish.cook@gmail.com) or Julie Micallef: [juliemicallef111@gmail.com](mailto:juliemicallef111@gmail.com) for more information.

## AMEN LIFE HAPPENINGS

New to AMEN...a section featuring the many milestones that our families make, such as engagements, weddings, births, anniversaries, misc. celebrations, and remembrances. If you would like to share a milestone in your life in our monthly newsletter, please email Kim Loquaci: [kimloquaci@msn.com](mailto:kimloquaci@msn.com)



Todd and Lisa Daniels are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Lindsay Daniels to Mr. Tony Molina. The destination-wedding took place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, in the beautiful coastal village of Sayulita, Mexico at Villa Del Oso. The ceremony was performed by her brother Erik Daniels, Bell grad 2012, who did a beautiful job of officiating. The wedding was attended by more than 70 family and friends in a lovely celebration on a cliff overlooking the Pacific. The couple will make their home in San Francisco.

*On a side note... as a high school student, the groom Tony Molina, attended St. Louis University High School (Jesuit all-boys school), where Father Paul Sheridan was President before he came to Bellarmine. Tony and Father Sheridan had a long-standing relationship from his time there; Father Sheridan was even his baseball coach! Just goes to show you, when it comes to Bells ... it really is a small world!*

## AMEN Interest Groups

### Bellarmino Golf Classic – Volunteers Needed

#### Golf Group

The Alumni Office is looking for volunteers for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bellarmine Golf Classic on Monday, October 14 at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club. There will be over 200 alumni, current and past parents, and friends of Bellarmine out on the course for a great day of golf and fun – all benefiting our Direct Tuition Assistance Fund.

As part of our tournament enhancements, there will be eight spots along the course with beverages, snacks, and contest games. Volunteers will work in teams of two and will be transported to the hole by a staff member. Chairs and shade will be provided. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. which includes lunch! Volunteers are also welcome to stay for cocktail hour & dinner. If you are interested, please email Catherine: [catherineamengolf@gmail.com](mailto:catherineamengolf@gmail.com)

The Amen Golf Group has a new co-chair for the group! Please welcome Mary Sanchirico as the new golf co-chair! Her email is [maryfsan@gmail.com](mailto:maryfsan@gmail.com)

### International Donuts

#### Baked by Bells

Baked by Bells is excited to start its 4th year of delicious baking! This year's theme is Baking Around the World. The group will be baking and devouring some amazing international desserts. Donna Gallo will be joining Bev Bonovich in co-coordinating the group. All are welcome to join in for the first baking session:

Sunday October 20th at 11:30 – International Donuts German Berliners - filled with jelly and cream, Mexican Churros with chocolate dipping sauce and Indian Gulab Jamuns.

Anyone interested in joining this event please email Donna Gallo: [donna@thegallofamily.com](mailto:donna@thegallofamily.com).

Happy Baking! ~ Donna Gallo and Bev Bonovich

## **“Spooktacular” Halloween Care Package Party**

### Care Package Group



AMEN welcomes all Bellarmine families with college sons or daughters, especially first year freshmen!

Please join AMEN for a “Spooktacular” Halloween Care Package Party! Feel free to invite a friend. The more, the merrier! The care packages are packed with treats, love, care, and sent off with a Jesuit blessing! Your son or daughter will be the envy of their residence hall!

**Care Package Packing Party Date:** Monday, October 21, 2019, 5-8pm

**Location:** 2nd Floor, Muller Conference Room, Mathewson Hall

**Cost:** \$22 Medium, \$27 Large - Includes 2-day Priority shipping

**Provided:** USPS priority boxes, packing supplies, beverages, treats, fellowship & lots of fun!

What to bring:

- (1) Your son's or daughter's address with campus/post box#
- (2) 2-3 dozen treats, cookies, bars to share
- (3) Halloween candies/goodies
- (4) Other fun items such as cards, Post-it notes, gift cards, etc.
- (5) Anything personal you'd like to send that will fit in the box

To RSVP to this event or if you have questions please contact Liane Burton: [jack6899@comcast.net](mailto:jack6899@comcast.net).

## **Fall Garden Event ~ Succulent-topped Pumpkins**

### Garden Group

Another spectacular year is planned for the A.M.E.N. Garden Group. A few changes have been made to the event calendar, so please take note.

The first event will be on **Saturday, October 26th**. Please bring succulents to decorate your own pumpkin. Many succulents need a little trimming this time of year. Bring some to share if you can. It's BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin).

Watch for an Evite with more detailed information about this event. Last year's creations proved everyone can design a masterpiece.



Below is the **updated schedule** of upcoming events for the year.

**FALL:** October 26th - Let's Get Crafty with Pumpkins and Succulents, 10am to 12pm at the home of Teresa Giovanzana in Willow Glen

**WINTER:** December - Holiday Tea and Garden tour at Filoli

**SPRING:** March -Seed planting @ Teresa's Garden in Willow Glen

**SPRING BONUS EVENT:** April/May - Hakone Gardens - Wisteria and Rhododendron Docent Tour & Tea Demonstration

For more information about our events or to be added to our mailing list, please email Lisa Christensen: [Lisa95008@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa95008@gmail.com)

**Go Bells!**

## **"Life is meant for good friends and great adventures"**

*Globelles*

The Globelles enjoyed a lively First Meeting of this school year early in September. Not only was it wonderful to see each other after our summer hiatus, it was fascinating to hear about so many of our members travel experiences. Destinations included European river cruises, visits to former Soviet Bloc countries of Eastern Europe, eco-travel to the Galapagos, crossing the Panama Canal, and several excursions within the U.S. and Canada. It was equally as fascinating to hear about the future travel plans that our members have. Those plans include travel to Africa, Alaskan cruises, destinations within the United Kingdom, visits to China and several destinations throughout Asia. We welcome you to join us at our next meeting, which will be held after the New Year. Happy Travels!



### **Taste of India**

*Second Saturday Gourmet Group*

The Second Saturday Gourmet Group enjoyed a Taste of India at our lunch this month. Thank you to Nandini Shankar our hostess and her chefs Louanna Angelo, Janine Hakim and Tama Johnson. Nandini shared her beautiful silk saris with everyone, which allowed everyone to dress the part in style. The kitchen smelled aromatic and exotic and the feast was a delicious sampling of all types of Indian cuisine delights.

### **Hero Ranch Kitchen**

*The AMEN Supper Club*

Replacing the old Sent Sovi in Saratoga, is Angelo Heropoulos' ('91) **Hero Ranch Kitchen**. With farm-to-table cuisine from Angelo's farm in the Almaden Valley, we were treated to a beautiful dining experience. Cool, cozy and hip vibe, excellent service and outstanding food. And no arm & leg here. Matter of fact, no markup on the wine list and if you bring your own bottle - no corkage fee. Hero Ranch Kitchen will not disappoint and probably one of our favorite picks of all time. What a way to open the new year! Thanks to Rita Mausler for organizing! If you visit, say 'hello' to Sarah Sotelo, Director of Operations at the Ranch Kitchen, she treated us to a special evening. Go check it out!

It's fall. Chill is in the air. The AMEN Supper Club will meet again on Thurs., November 14, 6pm, at the **LUNA Mexican Kitchen** in San Jose. Join us for authentic Mexican cuisine in the cozy restaurant on the Alameda. See you there! For additional information or to sign up for one of the dining events contact Sandra Lanoie: [sandra.lanoie@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.lanoie@gmail.com)

### **Movie Night!**

*Evening Movie Group*

On Tuesday, September 10th, the Evening Movie Group met for dinner at the Yard House in Santana Row. After dinner, the group walked down the street to CineArts @ Santana Row to see the movie "Brittany Runs a Marathon." Both dinner and movie were great fun!

Although the Evening Movie Group usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, the next Movie Night will be on **Wednesday**, October 9<sup>th</sup> (Movie/Restaurant TBD).

Anyone who would like to be added to the Evening Movie Group email list, please email Amy: [amy.tashjian@comcast.net](mailto:amy.tashjian@comcast.net), or call (408) 420-3209.

