

Alumni Mother's Extended Network (AMEN)

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



AMEN News

Please join us for the AMEN Spring Dinner!

Winter showers bring April flowers!
The AMEN community welcomes you!
We look forward to seeing you at the
AMEN Spring Dinner in Liccardo Center

Monday, April 15, 2019
Social at 5:30pm
Dinner at 6:30pm
Cost: \$30 members/\$35 non-members

Relax, make new friends and reconnect with old.
Enjoy yummy appetizers, premium wine, dinner and dessert.

Register online [HERE](#). We look forward to seeing you there!
For questions and more information contact: [Rouchand Bush](#) or [Chrissy Brinck](#).



Seeking Additional AMEN Board Member

Would you like to get more involved with AMEN?! We have an open position on the board for a Fund Raising Co-Chair. This co-chair position works as a team with another AMEN member. Their responsibilities are to purchase all our wonderful AMEN swag, attend our bi-annual dinners, as well as some BMG events, where you will enjoy speaking with the ladies who want to purchase the AMEN items. This job is fun, social, and important to AMEN. This is our only fund raising venue for our group. Please contact AMEN Chair-Elect, Teresa Giovanzana, if you are interested in this position, or if you would like to volunteer in a different capacity for AMEN. Our Interest Groups always need volunteers! Email Teresa at: teresagiovanzana@comcast.net



AMEN Moms Helping College Bound Families

The College Mentor Program is in full swing right now assisting over ten families of graduating Bellarmine seniors. Susan Munne, Program Coordinator, has matched these families with AMEN mothers who have had sons (or daughters) attend colleges to which their sons have been accepted to aid in making their final decision.



Thank you to all the AMEN mothers assisting Bellarmine families at this time and a special thank you to Susan who coordinates this wonderful program. If you would like to volunteer with the College Mentor Program please contact Susan at: susan.munne@gmail.com

DOGs Annual Memorial Mass

Dads of Grads (DOGs) will be hosting the 11th Annual Memorial Mass honoring all friends and family who have passed away. The Mass is open to the entire Bellarmine Community – alumni parents, alumni, current parents and students, faculty and staff, and friends of Bellarmine. Hosted reception to follow in West Liccardo after Mass.

Date: April 10, 2019

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Bellarmine College Preparatory, Leontyne Chapel

AMEN Interest Group Events

Joseph George Wine Tasting Event

Wine & Food Group

Thursday, April 11, 2019

@ Joseph George

1559 Meridian Ave., San Jose, CA 95125

5 pm - 7 pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person



Please join the Wine & Food Group for their last event of this academic year. The event will be held on Thursday, April 11th, from 5-7 pm at Joseph George Wines, centrally located in Willow Glen. We will taste a sampling of wines accompanied by tasty appetizers. The cost is \$30 per person. We will be ending promptly at 7pm but feel free to continue the festivities at one of the nearby restaurants.

Please RSVP by April 5th to Kathy Ready (kathyready@comcast.net) or (650) 575-4452 so we can plan for food. Checks made payable to Kathy Ready in the amount of \$30 should be sent to:

Kathy Ready
1711 Askam Lane
Los Altos, CA 94024

In addition, please invite fellow AMEN moms to attend. We would love to have a great turnout. We look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new ones! All are welcome!

Delicious Hot Cross Buns!

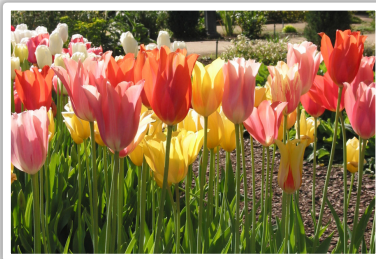
Baking Group

On Sunday, April 14th from 1pm – 3:30pm, the Baked by Bells Baking Group will learn how to make hot cross buns. A spring tea will be served. If you would like to join us please email Nandini Shankar at: bakedbybells@gmail.com



Garden Tour Event at Gamble Garden

Gardening Group



Please join the AMEN Gardening Group on Saturday, April 27th at 10am at Elizabeth Gamble Garden in Palo Alto for their annual Garden Home Tour. Join the walking tour for the spring bloom of five distinct Palo Alto homes within the vicinity of Gamble Garden. In addition, enjoy Gamble Garden's 5-acre estate garden, antique sale, boutique, silent auction, lunch, and plant sale. It is truly a wonderful day! Please go to the Gamble Garden website to purchase your ticket and lunch coupon at: <https://gamblegarden.org/event/spring-tour-2019-04-26/>

Please meet the Gardening Group at 10am in front of the Check-In Desk. If you plan on attending, please email Lisa Christensen at: lisa95008@gmail.com

ADEGA - San Jose!

AMEN Supper Club

Come join the Supper Club at Adegas San Jose, Thursday, April 11 at 6pm! Adegas, meaning *wine cellar*, is a Portuguese restaurant representing authentic cuisine at its very best. Simple, but elegant food is perfectly complemented by the restaurant's smart casual environment. Fresh fish and seafood alongside a selection of salted cod and meat dishes are keys to success with a modern approach to old classic dishes.



Within 6 months of opening in January of 2016, Chefs David Costa and Jessica Carreira, (founders of Adegas) earned a Michelin star – the first and only Michelin-starred restaurant in San Jose. Adegas is located in east San Jose, in a neighborhood the owners call "Little Portugal." The Supper Club is looking forward to a very special experience! For more information or to be added to the Supper Club email list, please contact Sandra Lanoie at: Sandra.lanoie@gmail.com

Golfing in April

Golf Group

Please join the Golf Group on Sunday, April 28th at 10:00 AM for a spring golf event! Please join the group at Pruneridge Golf Course. We are look forward to spending time with our Bell families at more golf outings this spring and summer. For more information please email Catherine Christofferson at: catherineamengolf@gmail.com



Luncheon on the Prairie Original Gourmet Group



The Original Gourmet Group had their luncheon on March 13th. The theme of the luncheon was "Blazing Saddles Gourmet Style." The hostess, Lynn Gay, and her fellow cooks; Theresia Binder, Kathy Ready and Sharon Winnike, became the characters from the movie, Blazing Saddles! We were greeted by the lovely *Lili Von Shtupp*, and served by Sheriff Bart, Mongo, and the Waco Kid. The table decor carried out the western theme and included cowboy boot centerpieces! These ladies really know how to rustle up delicious grub, which started with a Cowboy Quencher Cocktail, accompanied by Schnitzengruben Stuffed Mushrooms and Cowyboy Caviar with tortilla chips. For our lunch, we were served BBQ Lentil Chili, Big Steak Salad with Onion Strings, and ending with Skillet Apple pie. It was truly a fabulous western experience thoroughly enjoyed by all!! Thank you ladies!

Another Fun Movie Night! Evening Movie Group

On Tuesday, March 12th, the Evening Movie Group met for dinner at Pluto's in Santana Row. After dinner, the group walked down the street to CineArts to see *Captain Marvel*. Everyone had a great time!

The next Movie Night will be Tuesday, April 9th. (Specific movie and restaurant details/times TBA.) If you would like to be added to the Evening Movie Group email list, please email Amy Tashjian at: amy.tashjian@comcast.net



A Rainy Day Mediterranean Feast Second Saturday Gourmet Group

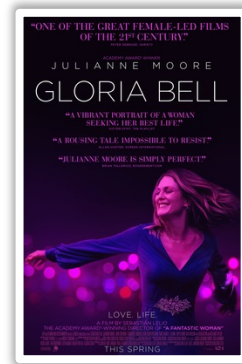


The Second Saturday Gourmet Group enjoyed a rainy day Mediterranean Feast. Our lovely table was decorated with spring flowers, olive and rosemary branches and beautiful succulent plant favors for the guests. We enjoyed appetizers of stuffed mushrooms and French onion soup cups, a Greek salad to start, and a Za'atar Chicken with cauliflower rice pilaf. We finished with a delicious almond cake topped with berries, crème, and raspberry coulis. Thank you to Rose Simon our host for the beautifully decorated table, and assistant chefs Bev Bonovich, Bik Wah Kong and Denise Bridgeman. We meet for an Easter Brunch on April 6.

Lets Go To The Movies! Daytime Movie Group

The Daytime Movie Group recently had lunch at Mendocino Farms at Santana Row, followed by the movie *Gloria Bell*. Our next movies are scheduled for April 29, May 20, and June 24. Please join us!

To be added to the mailing list please email Pat Gray at pat@patgrayincolor.com



AMEN Volunteers Come Through Again Community Service

AMEN volunteers with HomeFirst helped provide baby necessities for Amber, a pregnant mom at HomeFirst's main shelter in San Jose. Amber is due in April - her story was featured on KTVU (<http://www.ktvu.com/news/pregnant-homeless-south-bay-mother-prepares-for-new-chapter-after-very-long-journey->), and is a testament to what our community can do to help those in need.

Thanks so much to all the generous donors who helped provide the many items needed for a new mom - car seat, playpen, bassinet, clothing, diapers, bottles, etc. - along with the many items that HomeFirst provides to homeless clients who finally obtain housing.

Contact Linda Chin at chindalin@aol.com if you'd like to volunteer with other AMEN moms on Tuesdays at HomeFirst's main office in Milpitas, or if you'd like to donate gently used linens and kitchen items that go into the move-in kits that we assemble for homeless clients that are moving into housing.

(Photo: The lady on the left is the pregnant woman Amber. The lady on the right is Andrea Urton, CEO of HomeFirst.)



Meant for Others

By Miriam Acosta Bogart, AMEN President

The Jesuits don't wait until Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. They celebrate him every day! Here are ways to celebrate Easter long past April.

1. After Easter Sunday, don't just move back to your daily routine. Invite the Holy Spirit into your life throughout the day.
2. Think about things you're grateful for. Be specific: it can be a gift of a meal, shared time, or something nice that someone said to you. Thank God for that gift.
3. Think about times when you needed love and didn't feel that love. Where you at a distance from God? Recognize that God is always there for you.
4. Think about what you are hopeful for and invite God to journey with you through this Easter season.