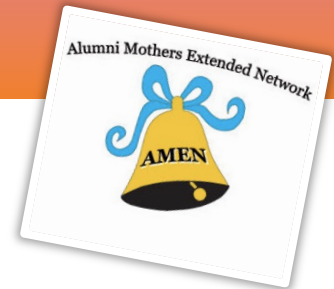


## Alumni Mother's Extended Network (AMEN)

# ***FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER***



### **AMEN News**

#### **Join the AMEN Retreat at the Beach!**

*"The sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy, or too impatient. To dig for treasures shows not only impatience and greed, but lack of faith. Patience, patience, patience, is what the sea teaches. Patience and faith. One should lie empty, open, choiceless as a beach — waiting for a gift from the sea."*

- A Gift From the Sea



Our Amen retreat will be held on March 27-28 at [Villa Maria del Mar Retreat Center](#) in Santa Cruz. The focus of the retreat will be based on the book by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and we will have opportunities to beach comb and meander along the shore.

Group discussion, individual reflection, prayer and reflection through art and movement will be offered. Yoga will also be led by Bellarmine alumna mom, Jane Savignano. All activities are optional.

If you are interested in attending as either the overnight option (Wednesday March 27 beginning at 4:00pm; Cost: \$180) or for just the day portion (Thursday, March 28, 9:00 am - 4:00pm; Cost: \$80).

There are 10 spots available and the deadline to register is February 20, 2019. Register [HERE](#).

For those who submitted a \$50 deposit to secure a spot, you should have received an email from me within the past week requesting the balance of the retreat registration of \$130. If you did NOT receive an email from me, please contact me asap so I can confirm your spot for the retreat.

Please contact [Sarah Bonini](#) with for more information.

### **College Mentor Moms Wanted**

AMEN offers to Bellarmine graduating seniors and their families a service that allows them to connect with Alumni parents and their sons to ask questions about the colleges/universities to which they have been admitted to assist them in making their final college decision. This program requires very little of your time and is considered high-value by the families who take advantage. If you are interested in being a College Mentor, please email [Susan Munne](mailto:Susan.Munne@amen.org) and identify the college that your sons or daughters went to and the years they were there as well as academic majors and other activities they took advantage of while on campus.



### **Save the Date: 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**

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

Registration information and details to follow.  
For questions and more information contact: [Rouchand Bush](mailto:Rouchand.Bush@amen.org) or [Chrissy Brinck](mailto:Chrissy.Brinck@amen.org).



### **Golden Bell Volunteers Needed**

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Golden Bell Auction, *Swing. Sip. Sway.* is taking place on Saturday, March 9. The evening promises to be unforgettable as we bring the 1940s back to Bellarmine with good music, delicious food, fantastic wine, and great company – all for a good cause, supporting Bellarmine's Direct Financial Aid Fund. If you aren't planning to attend, we're looking for volunteers! [Click here](#) to browse the various opportunities and sign up for a shift. Please note: we have a new volunteer management system that will ask you to create an account in order to sign up.

If you have any questions about the Golden Bell, please contact Leslie Goodykoontz at [lgoodykoontz@bcp.org](mailto:lgoodykoontz@bcp.org) or 408-537-9233.

To learn more about this year's event or to buy tickets, visit [www.bcp.org/goldenbell](http://www.bcp.org/goldenbell).



## **AMEN Interest Groups**

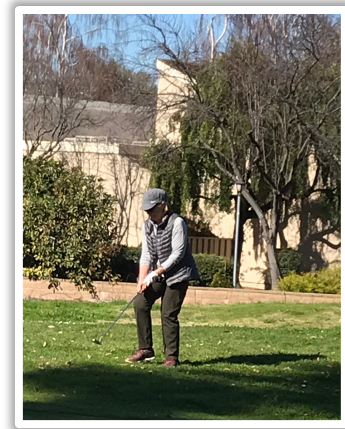
### **GOLF GROUP PLAYING GOLF THIS WINTER**

#### Golf Group

The AMEN golf group had two scheduled events in January. Sadly, only one event survived the winter storms. On Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, we played at the Pruneridge Golf Course. Thank you Denise Bridgeman and Catherine Edwards for showing your support!

The next scheduled tee time is at Sunken Gardens, Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:06am. Our golfing dates will usually be on a Thursday and/or Sunday during the month. I hope you can make the next golf outing. If anyone is interested in individual or group lessons, Pruneridge Golf Course is happy to support the Bellarmine community.

Please contact [Catherine Christofferson](#) if you have any questions. See you all soon!!



### **Travel Discussion Group meets in February**

#### AMEN Globelles Travel Discussion Group

Are you interested in learning about enticing travel destinations, excursion opportunities, and invaluable tips from experienced travelers? If so, then we invite you to join our AMEN Interest Group, the Globelles. Since our last meeting in the early Fall some of our members have traveled to the Christmas Markets in Europe, others have cruised to Montreal and the St. Lawrence Seaway, and others have enjoyed get-aways closer to home. It's always fun to hear about these experiences.



Our next Globelles meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, from 1:00-2:30 in the Community Room of the Willow Glen Library. I hope you join us! If you have any questions please contact [Carmen McHugh](#).

### **Make Your Own Chocolate!**

#### Baking Group

Baked by Bells "Make your Own Chocolate" Valentine's Chocolate Making and Brunch is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am, which will be hosted at a member's home in San Jose. Please email us at [bakedbybells@gmail.com](mailto:bakedbybells@gmail.com) for further details regarding the event.

Baked by Bells "Third Annual AMEN Holiday Cookie Exchange" was celebrated on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with members exchanging pre-baked Holiday cookies and savoring a light brunch together. A big 'Thank you' to Donna Gallo for hosting the event at her home, and to Bev Bonovich, for coordinating the cookie donation to *Life Moves Transitional Homeless Center* in San Jose. The women that attended the Cookie Exchange donated over 20 dozen cookies to be delivered to the Homeless Center.



## **Pursuing Deliciousness!**

### **AMEN Supper Club**

Please join us as we escape to the best Neapolitan pizza and Southern Italian cuisines, Cupertino has to offer! The date has been changed to **Thursday, February 21, 2019 6:00pm -- \$75 per person - all inclusive.**

*Doppio Zero claims to be the best cuisine from Campania and the rest of Southern Italy that you'll find within 100 miles of Mountain view (home of the original Doppio Zero).*



It's how good food, good wine, and good company is meant to be enjoyed! We hope to see you. Any questions, or to be added to the Supper Club list, email [Sandy Lanoie](mailto:Sandy.Lanoie). Benvenuti!

## **Still Life Masters Luncheon**

### **Original Gourmet Group**

Imagine yourself stepping into a Vermeer still life painting and being seated at a table exquisitely adorned with Delft bowls and basketry filled with citrus fruit and set with gorgeous vintage tableware. That was what our hosts Teresa Giovanzana, Theresia Binder, Mari Donnelly and Liz Yee had in store for our gourmet group on January 9th. The theme was Still Life Master with a culinary theme of citrus! They got the party started serving Blood Orange & St Germain Champagne Cocktails. We dined on Crudities with Chile-Lime Salt and Coconut-Lime marinated Grilled Shrimp for appetizers. The first course was a delicious Classic Avgolemono Soup (Greek Lemon Soup), which was followed by braised chicken with a citrus sauce with lemon zest scented wild rice, and a parsley salad with a lemon vinaigrette....oh so yummy! And there was a spectacular dessert, of course. Our hostess, Teresa, had poached kumquats in a spiced syrup with cloves, cinnamon sticks and star anise and served over vanilla ice cream, topped off with a lemon and anise biscotti! And, yes! It was all as scrumptious as it sounds! Kudos to our hostesses! If you would be interested in joining the fun, either as a sub or as a new member, please contact [Janet Benson](mailto:Janet.Benson).



## **Another Fun Movie Night at Santana Row!**

### **Evening Movie Group**

On Tuesday, January 8th, the Evening Movie Group met for dinner at Maggiano's in Santana Row, where they enjoyed a delicious meal together. After dinner, the group walked down the street to CineArts @Santana Row, where they saw "The Mule."

Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the movie. The next Movie Night will be Tuesday, February 12th. (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](mailto:Amy.Tashjian).



## **Meant for Others**

By Miriam Acosta Bogart, AMEN President

Nothing is more practical than  
Finding God, that is, than  
FALLING IN LOVE  
In a quite absolute, final way.  
What you are in love with,  
What seizes your imagination,  
Will affect everything.  
It will decide  
What will get you out of bed  
In the morning,  
What you do with your evenings,  
How you spend your weekends,  
What you read, who you know,  
What breaks your heart,  
And what amazes you with  
Joy and gratitude.  
Fall in love, stay in love,  
And it will decide everything.

- *Jesuit Father Joseph P. Whelan*