



# Alumni Mothers Extended Network (AMEN)

## DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### AMEN NEWS

#### FINAL CALL FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

##### AMEN Membership

The AMEN Membership Drive concludes December 31st. Please take a moment to renew your membership today! Continue to be apart of our amazing organization. Thank you for your continued support and participation in AMEN.



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)

#### Celebrate the Holiday Season with Two Retreat Opportunities!

##### Spirituality Group



Begin the holidays by attending *Advent Joy! Afternoon of Reflection with Sr. Rebecca Shinas*, the first of a two-part retreat series that *bookends* Advent and the Epiphany of Christmas.

Conclude the Christmas season by attending the *AMEN 2020 Retreat: Traveling on an Epiphany Journey Together!*, as Sr. Rebecca once again leads us for a day of fellowship. Members may attend one or both retreats. *All are welcome!*

## DECEMBER RETREAT

### Advent Joy! Afternoon of Reflection with Sr. Shinas

Take some time before the rush of Christmas preparations are upon us to focus on **ADVENT JOY**...a time to celebrate God's full name! ~ **GOD WITH US** ~.

Sponsored by Santa Clara University Alumni Asso., experience Sr. Rebecca Shinas' contagious and inspirational joy as she helps retreat attendees encounter the true meaning of Advent. All are welcome to join noon mass in the Mission Santa Clara Church, followed by lunch before Sr. Shinas leads the retreat in the Bannan Alumni House.

Date: Friday, December 6, 2019

Time: 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Place: Santa Clara University - St. Joseph's Hall Multifaith Sanctuary

Cost: Retreat \$20.00 and lunch \$10.00

For more information and to register for the December Retreat

follow this online [LINK](#)

To register for the December retreat lunch follow this [LINK](#)

For more information please contact **Sarah Bonini** at:

[sbonini@scu.edu](mailto:sbonini@scu.edu)



## JANUARY 2020 RETREAT

### Traveling on an Epiphany Journey Together!

Please join a day of reflection, fellowship, and celebration as we take an Epiphany journey together at the **AMEN 2020 Retreat!** The retreat will feature Sr. Rebecca Shinas, OP, a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose. Sr. Rebecca is a composer, prayer leader, storyteller, artist and singer. She will lead us in a day filled with spiritual presentations, inspirational discussions and joyful conversations as we reflect on Epiphany and the transitions in our lives. AMEN moms will share stories of transition in their own journeys. Gather with us as we conclude the Christmas season and begin the New Year by giving ourselves the gift of time spent with fellow AMEN travelers!

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Place: Dominican Sisters Motherhouse

West Assembly Room

43326 Mission Circle

Fremont, CA 94539

Cost: \$50 per person

(Price includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Space is limited so please register ASAP! Click [HERE](#) to register online.

For more information please contact [Elaine Bakan](#) or [Sarah Bonini](#)

# DON'T NEED A REASON.....'TIS THE SEASON

## Fund Raising

AMEN'S Fundraising Team is excited to show off a few new products available for purchase for holiday gifts! As a reminder, they still carry favorite treasures, such as the silver bell necklace (\$80), glass beer mugs (\$20), the ceramic blue dot ornament (\$30), luggage tag (\$10), and the blue blown glass Bellarmine ornament (\$15).

### NEW ITEMS



Wine glasses, set of 4 (**\$50**)      Etched Glass Circle Ornament (**\$15**)      Key Chain blue leather (**\$15**)      Wine Caddy (wine not inc.) holds 2 bottles (**\$35**)

Please contact Julie Hughes at: [julievhughes@gmail.com](mailto:julievhughes@gmail.com) or (408) 596-0570 with any order requests. Orders will be left in the office at BCP in Mattewson Hall for pick up December 11-13<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to order is Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## AMEN & DOGs Annual Social Event!

Mark your calendars! The date is set for the Annual AMEN and DOGs Social event - Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 . Since everyone had such a great time last year, we are returning to Camp di Bocce in Los Gatos. What made it so fun? Lots of great food, easy mingling, bocce ball, and good wine and beer enjoyed by the many members that attended the event. This is AMEN's main winter social so don't miss it. Bring your spouse, or not; this isn't a couples-only event. Details to follow soon.



### AMEN Dec. & Jan. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Contact or Webpage
Dec. 4	Golf Group outing at Pruneridge Golf Course	<a href="#">Catherine Christofferson</a>
Dec. 6	Advent Joy! 1:30 - 4:00 PM Santa Clara University	<a href="#">Sarah Bonini</a>
Dec. 7	AMEN Annual Cookie Exchange Coffey Costa in Liccardo @11:30am	<a href="#">Nandini Shankar</a>
Dec. 11	Annual Gifts for Teens Event! 9am-noon -event is full, email for wait list	<a href="#">Linda Chin</a>
Dec. 11	Wine Wednesday - 20Twenty Cheese Bar in Willow Glen	<a href="#">Betsy Noonon</a>
Dec. 13	Filoli 4pm - Dinner following at Filoli gardens - contact Lisa if interested	<a href="#">Lisa Christensen</a>
Jan. 11	AMEN 2020 Retreat	<a href="#">Sarah Bonini</a> <a href="#">Elaine Bakan</a>
Jan. 13	Daytime Movie Group - movie TBA	<a href="#">Pat Gray</a>
Jan. 30	Annual AMEN and DOGs Social Event	<a href="#">Betsy Noonon</a>



# AMEN INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

## Theater next June for the Events Group! Events Group

The new Events Group is having their third theater event next June! Please join this theater event, *Come From Away*, by Broadway San Jose at the Center for Performing Arts, Wednesday, June 17th, at 7:30pm. Tickets cost \$68. For more information and to purchase tickets please contact Ashley Hopkins at: [ashleychp66@gmail.com](mailto:ashleychp66@gmail.com). Friends and spouses are welcome.



## AMEN Volunteers - Spread the Joy! Community Service Group



The ever-popular Gifts for Teens event on Wednesday, December 11th, from 9am to 12pm is full, but it's not too late to put your name on the waiting list! The event location is moving downtown, to 100 W. San Fernando Street. Volunteers will be helping to assemble gift bags for underprivileged teens.

AMEN volunteers will also be helping organize supplies at HomeFirst's homeless shelter at 999 Hamlin Court in Sunnyvale on Tuesday, December 3rd, from 10am until around 2pm. That facility houses primarily families and seniors. And finally, the group will be collecting and wrapping gifts for HomeFirst's veterans' Christmas party in December, date TBD.

Please contact Linda Chin at [chindalin@aol.com](mailto:chindalin@aol.com) if you would like be added to the AMEN volunteer email list, or to RSVP for any of these events! Share the holiday blessings with others in need!

## AMEN's Cookie Exchange Celebrations Group



Please join the Celebrations Group for some Holiday cheer at AMEN's Annual Cookie Exchange on Saturday, December 7th. The Cookie Exchange will be held in Coffey Costa in Liccardo Center at Bellarmine at 11:30am. Please bring 2 dozen holiday cookies to exchange with other AMEN members. Light refreshments will be served. A donation of \$5 would be appreciated to cover the cost of the refreshments.

To learn more about the Cookie Exchange and to attend the event, or to join the Celebrations Group, please email [amencelebrationclub@gmail.com](mailto:amencelebrationclub@gmail.com)

## AMEN Knitting Group Celebrates a Special Birthday Knitting Group

The AMEN Knitting Group celebrated the 89th birthday of Bell mom and grandmother, Charlene Fulhorst, on Wednesday, November 20th. The group gathers the first and third Wednesday of the month in Charlene's home. Charlene usually serves tea in lovely china cups and bakes scrumptious goodies for the ladies to enjoy. At this meeting, however, Charlene was fêted with a potluck brunch, birthday cake and mimosas. The occasion also welcomed two of the six new members to the Knitting Group, Maggie Pinelli and Sylvia Seidel. Very little knitting got done, but there was lots of laughter and catching-up chit chat! Welcome Maggie and Sylvia, Bev Bonovitch, Lisa Greenlee, Tricia Schaeffler and Sarah Westfall!





## AMEN Golf Group Sets a Standing Schedule

### AMEN Golf Group

The AMEN Golf Group played on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, at Pruneridge Golf Course. The golf group is beginning a designated standing golf day on the first Wednesday of every month. The golf group is also considering adding a second day each month for weekend play. An email will be sent to the AMEN golf members asking whether the third Saturday or Sunday is preferred.

The next golf date will be Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 10:00am at Pruneridge. Please contact [Catherine Christofferson](#) if interested in joining.



### Wine Wednesday Open to All AMEN Members



Say AMEN to Wine Wednesdays! Starts Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm.

As the calendar page turns to 2020, AMEN is beginning a new tradition; a tradition to foster and create friendships.

All AMEN members are invited on the second Wednesday of each month to gather at 20twenty Cheese Bar in Willow Glen at 5pm. This is an open invitation and a way to meet each other informally on a regular basis. Bring a friend or come alone. No need to rsvp. On Wednesdays, 20twenty Cheese Bar offers a discount on their wines. They also have food, a full bar, and non-alcoholic beverages. 20Twenty Cheese Bar is located at 1389 Lincoln Ave in San Jose, Ca 95125, [2020cheesebar.com](http://2020cheesebar.com). For more information email Betsy Noonan at: [betsynoonen2002@yahoo.com](mailto:betsynoonen2002@yahoo.com)

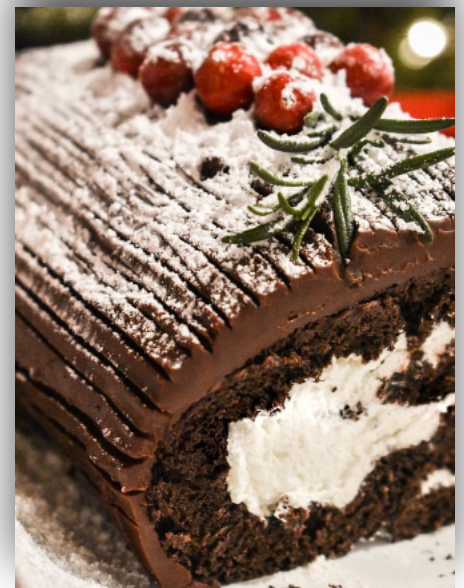
## “Learn to Make a Yule log for Your Christmas Dessert!”

### Amen Baked by Bells

On December 15th, Baked by Bells will learn how to bake Yule logs. The group will decorate a Yule log and bring it home for their family to enjoy. A lite lunch will be served. An evite has been sent to the Baking Group Members.

In November, Baked by Bells learned about the history, care and popularity of cast iron skillet baking. Twenty Amen members learned to bake apple cobbler and pumpkin pie in a cast iron skillet just in time for Thanksgiving. Rose Simon helped demo. The desserts were heavenly.

A delicious lunch was served by Donna Gallo. Baked by Bells enjoyed vegetarian chili, a cabbage and apple slaw salad, and corn bread baked in a cast iron skillet. Pumpkin pie baked in a cast iron skillet was served for dessert. **Happy baking! - Donna Gallo and Bev Bonovich**





## Daytime Movie Group Upcoming Dates

### Daytime Movie Group

The Daytime Movie group's most recent outing was lunch at the Village California Bistro at Santana Row, followed by the movie *Harriet*. It was outstanding! Mark your calendars for our next dates: Monday, January 13; Monday, February 10; and Monday, March 16.

## Another Fun Movie Night!

### AMEN Evening Movie Group

On Monday, November 11th, the Evening Movie Group went to see the movie *Harriet* after enjoying a nice dinner together at Rock Bottom Brewery at The Pruneyard. Dinner was yummy, and the movie was great! All are welcome for the next Movie Night on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. (Dinner and movie times/locations TBD.) If you would like to be added to the Evening Movie Group email list, please contact Amy Tashjian by email at [amy.tashjian@comcast.net](mailto:amy.tashjian@comcast.net), or by phone at (408) 420-3209.



## Happy and Merry!

### AMEN Supper Club

In November the Supper Club dined at Luna Mexican Kitchen. The atmosphere was cozy and fun. The food was delicious and the company was beyond compare. A fun time was had by all who attended.



The next gathering will be February 2020. More information will be shared in January. The holidays are here! We hope you rejoice in the life that's before you with a sounding joy so glorious that heaven and nature sing!

Love and prayers to you are yours this Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.

From all of us at the AMEN Supper Club,  
*Rita Mausler, Denise Bridgeman, Rose Simon, and Sandy Lanoie*

## LIFE HAPPENINGS

AMEN member Lizabeth Yee and her husband Scott Lefaver are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son Patrick Michael Lefaver (Class of 2007) to their future daughter-in-law Christina Cascade Chainey. Patrick and CC have mailed their "save the date" card (see photo below) to family and friends for their June 27, 2020 wedding in Los Angeles.

