



Alumni Mothers Extended Network (AMEN)

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

AMEN NEWS

Come Experience Springtime in Paris!

Ooh La La!! Join AMEN for a Springtime Fling!

*We look forward to seeing you at the
AMEN Spring Dinner!*

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Location: Liccardo Center

Social at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$30.00 Members

\$35.00 Non-members

[Click Here](#) to register!

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

For questions and more information contact:

[Rouchand Bush](#) or [Chrissy Brinck](#)



Upcoming Events

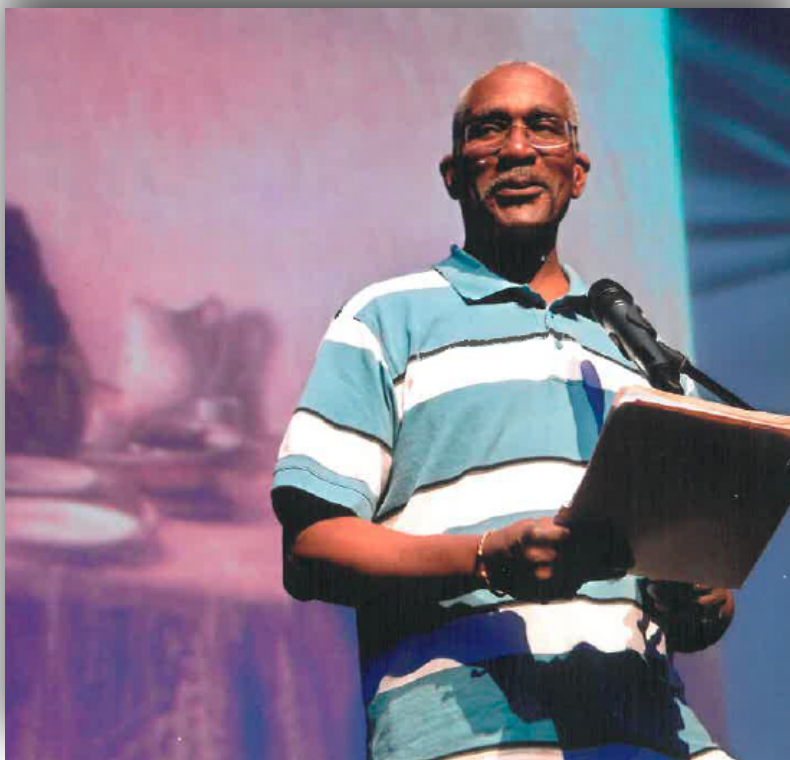
Date	Event	Contact or Webpage
Mar. 4th	First week of the Month AMEN GOLF at Pruneridge Golf Course 10:00am	Catherine Christofferson
Mar. 11th	Wine Wednesday - 5:00pm Twenty/20 Cheese Bar In Willow Glen	Betsy Noonan
Mar. 16th	Daytime Movie Group-Movie TBD email Pat Gray to be added to the group	Pat Gray
Mar. 22nd	Baked by Bells- Tiramisu - Evite will be sent to members	Bev Bonovich
Mar. 28th	Flower and Vegetable Workshop 10:00am - 12:00pm	Lisa Christensen
Mar. 31st	Bellarmino Memorial Mass 7:00 pm Click here to Register	Ed Ruder
Apr. 9th	Supper Club - Restaurant Braise & Bar San Jose	Sandra Lanoie
April 29th	AMEN Spring Dinner 5:30 pm - Click here to Register	Rochand Bush

Amen Contributes to the Steve Pinkston Endowment

Amen Board

Many of your sons may know Mr. Steve Pinkston at Bellarmine; he has worked there for the past 40 years! Mr. Pinkston has served as teacher, coach, administrator, mentor, and spiritual leader; making deep connections with so many young people. He is retiring this June and Bellarmine is honoring him by creating the Steve Pinkston Endowment.

At the February AMEN board meeting, the board members discussed the Steve Pinkston Endowment Fund, as well as all our financial donations (BCP Financial Aid Program, and Presentation and Notre Dame High Schools). Kim Loquaci presented to the board the concept of the new endowment. The endowment is a specific fund within the larger Bellarmine Endowment that will support the salary of the Pinkston Fellowship, which will be open to recent college graduates and graduate students, of racially and culturally diverse descent who wish to serve at Bellarmine either through teaching, coaching, counseling or faith-based ministry. The board voted unanimously to pass a new annual donation to the Steve Pinkston Endowment with the first contribution to the fund this spring of a \$1,000.00!



The AMEN Board Members are very grateful to all AMEN members for their financial contributions to AMEN each year where we can continue to financially contribute to such amazing institutions as Bellarmine, Presentation, and Notre Dame. ***Thank you AMEN members for making this possible!!***

To learn more about the Steve Pinkston Endowment Fund, the Fellowship, and the campaign, please visit Bellarmine's web page for the fund at this [LINK](#)

To make a private donation visit this [LINK](#)

Online Ordering Now Available

Fund Raising

AMEN's ONLINE STORE IS BACK! The fundraising team now has AMEN items accessible through the BCP website. You will find wine glasses, beer mugs, handy totes and more! **NEW** this year you will find a 2-bottle wine caddy, an etched-glass ornament, and an AMEN apron to wear during your cooking, baking or gardening adventures. Orders can be picked up in Mattewson Hall on the Bellarmine campus.



Calling all chefs, artists, gardeners, and apron lovers!

Add to your apron stash with the all-new AMEN apron. The apron is navy blue, with the AMEN logo embroidered on the front with the words, ***“Love is the Secret Ingredient.”*** The apron has 3 front pockets.

To order these great items visit this [LINK](#)

Any questions, please contact Julie Hughes at: julievhughes@gmail.com

Annual Memorial Mass at Bellarmine

DOGS group

Dads of Grads will be hosting the 12th Annual Memorial Mass honoring all the friends and family who have passed away. The mass will be held in the Leontyne Chapel and is open to the entire Bellarmine Community – alumni, alumni parents, students, faculty and staff, and friends of Bellarmine. A hosted reception will follow in the west Liccardo room after mass.

If you plan on attending the mass and reception please register with this link: [REGISTER HERE](#)

LOCATION: Bellarmine's Leontyne Chapel
960 West Hedding Street, San Jose
DATE: **Tuesday, March 31st, 2020**
TIME: 7:00 pm



AMEN and DOG's Bocce Night

This past January, AMEN and the DOG's (Dads of Grads at Bellarmine) co-hosted the annual winter social event. For the second year in a row, the event was held at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. After some refreshers on the rules of the game from the staff, the large attending group of about 48 people split into teams and competition began.

Everyone who played bocce had a great time! The evening also included drinks, a buffet dinner, dessert, and a lot of laughs! It was a relaxed and casual way to catch up with friends and meet new people. A great time was had by all!

It's likely this bocce social tradition will continue next year, as it was enjoyable, easy to plan, and a lot of fun. Hope to see you next year!



AMEN INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Summer Vegetable & Flower Seed Planting Workshop

Gardening Group

Lets get our hands dirty!! Please join the Gardening Group for a summer vegetable and flower seed-planting workshop. Workshop participants will learn the steps to plant their own seeds and germinate their own seedlings for the coming spring planting.

Date: Saturday, March 28th, 2020

Time: 10am -12pm

Location: Teresa Giovanzana's house, 1321 Ridley Way, San Jose

Provided for the workshop: 60-cell seed germination tray, seed germination soil, some seeds, labels, refreshments

Bring to the workshop: additional vegetable and flower seeds to plant and share

COST: \$20.00



For more information or to sign up for this event please contact Lisa Christensen at: lisa95008@gmail.com

Spring is in the Air!

Amens Golf Group



The AMEN Golf Group was able to take advantage of a break in the winter rain. On Wednesday, February 4th, a small group played 9 holes at Pruneridge Golf Course. Thank you Cynthia, Mary and Catherine for joining the group. *The first Wednesday of each month is a standing golf date (weather permitted).*

Join us: Wednesday, March 4th, 10:00am at Pruneridge Golf Course

For more information on the golf group or to join please email Catherine Christofferson at: catherineamengolf@gmail.com



Wine Wednesday Has Begun!

Wine Wednesday Group

Wine Wednesday Are in Full Swing! **The next get together will be Wednesday, March 11th, at 5:00pm at Twenty/20 Cheese Bar in Willow Glen.**

Wine Wednesdays are the second Wednesday of each month and are an open invitation to all AMEN members and friends. This is an informal meet up of AMEN members at the wine bar on Lincoln Ave in Willow Glen, with a parking lot behind the restaurant. This is not the Wine & Food interest group; there is no need to rsvp and no fee to participate.



This is casual event. Feel comfortable to run your own tab or share the bill with your table mates. A full bar and bites are available. For more information contact Betsy Noonan

To learn about Twenty/20 Cheese Bar visit there website at: <https://www.2020cheesebar.com>

Diner En Blanc AMEN Style

Original Gourmet Group

First, the email - "*please wear all white attire.*" Next, the text - "*psst ... here's the secret location.*" Guests were intrigued and wondering as they arrived at **Diner En Blanc AMEN Style**, the Original Gourmet Group's luncheon in February. Hosted by Jody Knauf with co-chefs Teresa Giovanzana, Lynn Gay and Sheree Williams. Outfitted in white, all 4 smiled warm welcomes and happily flourished their airy fascinators to the delighted and surprised exclamations of the arriving guests.

The blanc themed food, champagne, table decor, the cooks and guests from head to toes ~ all combined into a delectable afternoon montage of light and white, and whiter shades of pale. All the food served was white, starting with appetizers of egg white frittata with potato and leeks and Boursin Cheese with apple slices, served with chilled champagne. The lunch was a Provencal marinated chicken breast, Israeli couscous with white raisins and pine nuts, poached pears in white wine with Pt. Reyes blue cheese, and winter white vegetable salad. The lunch was finished with white chocolate mousse! *Delicious!*



Diner En Blanc is a worldwide event where participants are told the secret location minutes before the event - usually set in an iconic public space. They arrive with their own tables, chairs, décor, food, dishware, utensils and possibly music, and enjoy a "*chic picnic*" dressed in stylish white. The number of participants in one popup dining space may go upward into the thousands. At the end of the event, the participants pack up everything they brought in and the space is emptied as though nothing had occurred.

New Gourmet Group Forming!

Gourmet Group

Attention all Foodies and Chefs! AMEN is forming a new Gourmet Group. If you enjoy culinary delights and making new friends, this group is for you! Currently, there are eight members signed up, leaving room for eight more. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Kathy Armistead at: kathy.armistead@gmail.com

Book Group February Gathering

Bell Book Babes

The Bell Book Babes met at Panera Bread for a yummy lunch and great discussion. Mary Sanchirico challenged the group with thoughtful questions about the book “Daisy Jones and The Six”. Everyone enjoyed reading the fictional story of a 1970s rock and roll band rising to fame.



French Macrons

Baked By Bells



In February, Baked by Bells learned how to make French Macrons. They baked Raspberry, Chocolate Ganache, Mint, and Lemon Macrons. They had a Macron bake-off and the Mint Team won!

Congratulations to Sunita, Jackie and Beth! While all the macrons were yummy, Sunita, Jackie and Beth's macrons had the best “lift.” Donna Gallo made an amazing vegetarian lunch consisting of lentil soup, an incredible salad, and her freshly baked sour dough bread, which was enjoyed by all.

On March 22nd, Baked by Bells will be baking Italian Tiramisu. An Evite will be sent out soon.

Happy Baking! Donna Gallo and Bev Bonovich

2020 with The AMEN Supper Club

The AMEN Supper Club

Kicking off 2020 at The A S A Restaurant in Los Gatos was a great treat. 14 members of the AMEN Supper Club gathered in this upscale, softly lit dining room just before Valentine's Day. Andrew Welch (formerly of The Basin in Saratoga) & Alice Walsh, Proprietor and Partners, took great care of the AMEN Supper Club, creating a delicious four-course dinner menu in addition to three appetizers and three desserts. ASA is a fairly small restaurant with a beautiful chandelier in the middle of an open room, a distinct bar area, and a well-appointed wine case near the entry. Quite noticeable was the ease of conversation amidst a very full restaurant. Situated across the street from the Los Gatos Lodge seems a strange location at first, but ease of parking and low traffic patterns (for Los Gatos) makes it a good choice! ASA, newly opened in October 2019, is truly warm, hospitality, and with delicious food. The room is filled with local friends and new customers.



From all of us at the A M E N Supper Club - Rita Mausler, Denise Bridgeman, Rose Simon, Sandy Lanoie

NEXT DELICIOUS DESTINATION: Restaurant Braise & Bar in San Jose, **Thursday, April 9.**

Dear Evan Hansen Theater Production

Events Group

The AMEN Events Group is attending two Broadway San Jose's productions this 2020 season. The first production is **Come From Away**, on **Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 pm** with the ticket price of \$68. The second production is **DEAR EVAN HANSEN**, on **Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm**, with the ticket price of \$98.00. Winner of 6 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2018 Grammy Award, DEAR EVAN HANSEN is the deeply personal and profoundly contemporary musical about life and the way we live it. The Washington Post calls DEAR EVAN HANSEN, "...one of the most remarkable shows in musical theater history." Spouses and friends are welcome.



If you are interested in attending these events contact Ashley Hopkins Pass at: ashleychp66@gmail.com

Santa Cruz Restorative Retreat

Women at the Well



AMEN's Spirituality Group Women at the Well have been meeting weekly on Friday mornings since October of 2018. This past January, the group went on their first 2-night retreat to Villa Maria del Mar in Santa Cruz . The theme of the retreat was *Reclaiming the Sabbath*, and began with learning the traditional Jewish Shabbat history and ritual led by Catherine Edwards. The group also spent time learning and discussing how to reclaim not only Sundays as a Sabbath, but how to incorporate mini Sabbaths into their daily lives. The group explored different prayer practices, such as journaling, nature walks, art, the Ignatian Examen, lectio divina, and restorative yoga with aromatherapy. Of course, the women also spent time relaxing, drinking wine with great conversation, and playing games!

Who Doesn't love movies?

Daytime Movie Group



The Daytime Move Group recently had lunch at the California Village Bistro, followed by the movie *Little Women*. Our next movie date is Monday, March 16. Contact Pat Gray (pat@patgrayincolor.com) to be added to the email list.

