



# AMEN NEWS

## Connections

### Letter from the AMEN Chair

JULIE HUGHES

Happy September!

Welcome to a new year! I am excited and hopeful for an upcoming year where we can gather and continue to make or, for those new members joining us, create AMEN memories. Our membership group consists of so many incredibly fascinating, talented and fun women. Great things happen when this group puts their minds, talents and hands together. Speaking of new members, we look forward to welcoming and meeting you at our upcoming Fall Dinner. Mark your calendars – this fun evening will take place on *Tuesday, October 19th* at Bellarmine. Details and the sign-up can be [here!](#)

This year you will notice a newly created Social Circle that I know will be super popular...pickleball. This is sure to be a fun addition to the list of activities offered for members to join. Thank you to Kathy Armistead and Kim Loquaci for picking up their paddles and spearheading this! I know I am looking forward to trying something new.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. In the meantime, enjoy the last few weeks of summer. Stay healthy and safe!

Best wishes and GO BELLS!

Julie Hughes  
AMEN Chair 2021-22



Moms of Bell Grads,

Let's stay connected! Don't forget to [join AMEN](#) this year and be part of an amazing LIVE social network. Maybe you never joined the Alumni Mothers Extended Network after your son graduated. It's never too late! There are many "social circles" which include activities such as gourmet cooking, hiking, gardening, wine tasting, movies, golfing, baking, travel discussion, book clubs, volunteering, spiritual discussion and many more. To learn more about our [Social Circles](#), visit the [AMEN Website](#) for an overview of our current groups along with the group chair contact information.

We are a community of over 250 women that come together to unite our common bond of motherhood and friendship. Activities include:

- Diverse Social Circles celebrating our interests
- Community Service opportunities
- Bi-annual Social Events where the entire community of AMEN comes together to celebrate
- Support The Angel Fund which gives aid to Bell students in need

Membership is free, but a suggested \$25 donation will help support The Angel Fund.



We can't wait to see you again soon! And as always, GO BELLS!

Julie Hughes

AMEN President

Parent, Class of 2018

Lenore Grant

AMEN Membership Chair

Parent, Class of 2014 & 2019

# Upcoming Events From AMEN Social Circles

## DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THIS KITCHEN!

We are forming a new Social Circle - Pickleball! All levels, including beginners, are welcome. This Social Circle will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The second Wednesday of each month is also Wine Wednesday. All Pickleballers are invited to head to Enoteca to enjoy a post match cocktail.

The fun will begin Wednesday- **September 8, 2021** from **3:30 - 5:30 pm** at Willow Glen Middle School.

If there is interest in forming a morning group, we will do that, as well. For more information and to sign up, please contact either Kathy Armistead ([kathy.armistead@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.armistead@gmail.com)) or Kim Loquaci ([kimloquaci@msn.com](mailto:kimloquaci@msn.com)) Get your paddles ready!



## Wine Wednesday

Join us the second Wednesday of each month.

NO RSVP NECESSARY.

Open to all AMEN members and friends!

Any questions, contact Julie Hughes at [julievhughes@gmail.com](mailto:julievhughes@gmail.com)

Location: Enoteca La Storia, Los Gatos at 5pm.  
See you September 8<sup>th</sup>!

[Enoteca La Storia](#)

[416 N Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95030](#)



## Updates From Amen Social Circles

### AMEN Kickoff Fall Dinner

#### *Celebrating our AMEN Angels...*

Join us for a celebratory evening as we honor our AMEN Angels and reflect on 20 years of AMEN friendships. The event will take place **Tuesday, October 19th**, outside on the porch of the Liccardo Center.

Come to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, and learn about a few new Social Circles for the upcoming year — an evening not to miss!

**The fun begins at 5:30 pm starting with a social hour and ending with a seated dinner on the porch.**

Taste hors d'oeuvres from our very own gourmet groups, sip on wine or our special *angelic cocktail* while you visit the Social Circle tables, shop at AMEN's gift table, and mingle with friends. Peruse the lovely gift baskets and buy a raffle ticket or five! Baskets are being donated from the Gardening, Book Club and Baking Social Circles. Beautiful fall centerpieces will also be included in the raffle. Tickets are \$5 or five for \$20. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

Cost is \$30 – includes drinks, appetizers, dinner and dessert.

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

**Note:** Please renew your AMEN membership today if you have not already done so.

To renew your membership click this link: [HERE](#)

If you have any questions please contact the event co-chairs:

Beverly Bonovich: [bevbonovich@gmail.com](mailto:bevbonovich@gmail.com)

Heidi Burke: [Heidi.burke@me.com](mailto:Heidi.burke@me.com)



# Updates From Amen Social Circles

## Baking Social Circle

### A YEAR OF SWEET AND SAVORY

BEV BONOVIK AND DONNA GALLO

The Baking Circle is SO excited to finally be able to gather together again and do what the group does best: cultivate friendships while baking. We are hoping that 2021-2022 will bring us good health and much joy and togetherness in our kitchens!

This year our theme is *A Year of Sweet and Savory*. We have put together a diverse menu with the hope of learning some new baking skills and refining some old baking skills. All skill levels are welcome to join in our circle as we are a fun-loving group who share a love of baking and willingness to learn from one another! All participants will partake in the goodies we make and share a homemade brunch complete with mimosas.

Our first session is:

*We Knead Each Other*

**Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 11:00am**

**Location: Donna Gallo's kitchen  
1941 University Ave  
San Jose, CA  
408-398-6234**

In this session we will learn to make homemade bagels in different flavors which we will devour at lunch along with a vegetarian homemade soup. The cost is \$15.00 for the session (cash only please). Masks are optional IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED.

This year, the Baking Social Circle will be participating in the AMEN Fall Dinner in a few ways. First, we will be baking Angel cookies for dessert. Please let us know if you are interested in helping to bag the cookies. We will also be donating a baking themed gift basket for the auction. If you would like to make a small financial contribution to the cookies and auction basket then please bring the cash to our first meeting. Many thanks for your support!

If you would like to be added to the baking social circle then please email us at [donna@thegallofamily.com](mailto:donna@thegallofamily.com).

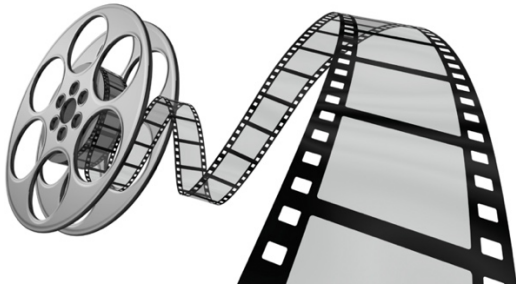
We are looking forward to seeing you very soon! Happy Baking!

## Updates From Amen Social Circles

### Daytime Movie Social Circle

MOVIES BACK ON THE BIG SCREEN!

PAT GRAY



It was a long 17 months for the movie group. Before the vaccine came along, we were meeting on Zoom for coffee. With some jury-rigging, we were able to see a few movies "together" on Zoom. We saw *Gone Girl*, *Audrey*, and *My Octopus Teacher* that way.

In May, we decided to meet again in person. There have not been a lot of what we would call "great" movies out and scheduling at a convenient time and place has been difficult, but we've seen *Cruella*, *In the Heights*, and *Respect*.

We also meet for lunch before the movie. So if you want to join us for our next movie and lunch, contact Pat Gray at [pat@patgrayincolor.com](mailto:pat@patgrayincolor.com).

### Book Social Circle

MEETING IN PERSON!

BETSY NOONEN

We have had our last 2 meetings in person and we are loving it!

For June we met at Lazy Dog and discussed *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. It was a twisty turning suspense novel with a surprise ending!

In August, we met at Oren's Hummus and talked about the 2020 Booker Award winner *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart. This was a well written but depressing novel about a Scottish boy growing up in the 1980s with an alcoholic mother.

Next up, we will be exploring a neighborhood garden in Oakland in Farm City: *The Education of an Urban Farmer* by Novella Carpenter.

We hope to continue to meet in person!!



# Spirituality and Wellness

## PRAYER: THE MIRACLE OF FRIENDSHIP

GIGI HARVEY AND MARIA VON  
MASSENHAUSEN

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*There's a "Miracle  
called FRIENDSHIP"*

*That dwells within the  
HEART and you don't*

*Know how it happens  
or when it gets its  
start...*

*But the happiness it  
brings you always gives  
a Special LIFT, and  
you realize that*

*FRIENDSHIP....is  
GOD'S most precious  
GIFT!*

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## PRAYER: PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

GIGI HARVEY AND MARIA VON  
MASSENHAUSEN

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone.

In Jesus' name, amen





# Bellarmino News

## High school football: Bellarmine stuns Menlo- Atherton, announces its return to prominence

Oh what a night! Bells beat Menlo-Atherton 56-41. Go Bells!



SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA – AUGUST 27: Bellarmine quarterback Wade Smith scrambles in the first half against Menlo-Atherton at San Jose City College in San Jose, Calif., on Friday, August 27, 2021. (Don Fera/Bay Area News Group)

Bellarmino coach Jalal Beauchman requested a moment to gather his thoughts and emotions after Friday night's instant classic at San Jose City College.

Unranked in the Bay Area News Group preseason poll, the Bells went toe-to-toe with No. 5 Menlo-Atherton in a nearly 3½-hour thriller under jeopardy of postponement because of poor air quality across the Bay Area from numerous wildfires.

After a 60-minute delay prior to kickoff, Bellarmine announced itself as a team to watch under its second-year coach with a stunning 56-41 triumph.

## First day of school!

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Bellarmine began the school year in the same fashion that Jesuit schools do all over the world – with the Mass of the Holy Spirit, when we ask for God's blessing on all of our endeavors during the year. As we all gathered for the first time as an entire school in more than 17 months, the joy of seeing each other in person again was palpable. With some inspiring words from President Meyercord during today's Gospel Reflection, we are left feeling excited to start a new school year and seeing what we can accomplish ... together.

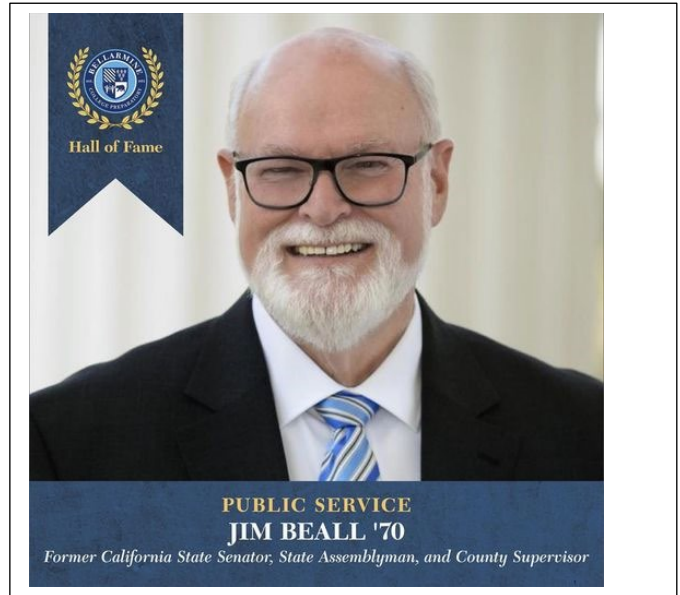
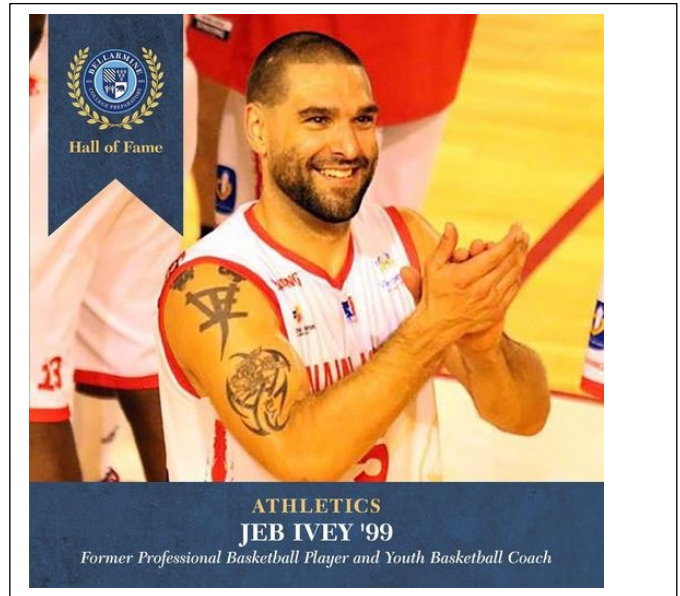






# Bellarmino News

The Bellarmine Hall of Fame-celebrated four outstanding alumni for their ongoing dedication to being men for and with others:





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Join us for Grand Reunion Weekend on September 23 - 25, 2021! We will celebrate this year's reunion classes of **1976, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06, and '11**, as well as the classes of **1975, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05, and '10** who missed their reunions last year. We hope to see you on campus in September!

[Click here for more information!](#)

The Pinkston Legacy Dinner: Thursday 9/23

Tailgate and Football Game: Friday 9/24

Affinity Group Reunion: Saturday 9/25

## "Golden" Reunion Weekend

Mark your calendar for [Bellarmine's Golden Reunion](#), taking place on campus the weekend of **October 22 – 24, 2021**. We will celebrate this year's reunion classes, as well as the classes who missed their gatherings last year.

[50-year: 1970 & 1971](#)

[60-year: 1960 & 1961](#)

[65-year: 1955 & 1956](#)

## Virtual Connections

AMEN Website	<a href="https://www.bcp.org/amen">https://www.bcp.org/amen</a>
AMEN Membership	<a href="https://www.bcp.org/amen/membership">https://www.bcp.org/amen/membership</a>
AMEN Social Circles	<a href="https://www.bcp.org/amen/socialcircles">https://www.bcp.org/amen/socialcircles</a>
The Angel Fund	<a href="#">Donate</a>
AMEN Merchandise	<a href="https://www.bcp.org/amen/fundraising">https://www.bcp.org/amen/fundraising</a>
AMEN Facebook Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/663667830385009/about/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/663667830385009/about/</a>