



AMEN NEWS

Connections

Letter from the AMEN Chair

JULIE HUGHES

Spring is in the air! God's beautiful creations are evident as they surround us with beauty and a sense of comforting peace. The buds on the trees are beginning to appear and the blooms on the flowers and shrubs are peaking through to showcase their vibrant colors. There is so much to be grateful for! In this crazy world we sometimes find ourselves in, it truly is the small things in life that are the most meaningful. Take time to smell the flowers. I am so excited for what the upcoming months bring in terms of events and social gatherings for AMEN. I am so grateful for our wonderful community and the support we provide for one another.

We have several ways to celebrate with each other coming up in the next two months that will provide us more opportunity to grow together! In the following pages, you will find information around our annual – and it is back – AMEN and DOGs (Dads of Grads) bocce evening. This fun-filled evening will be held at the Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. Our event in December at Villa Montalvo was so wonderful, we have scheduled another fun evening on April 9th! Laughter will prevail with the comedy show of Late Nite Catechism – Sister's Easter Catechism - "hilarious, well-written and inspired" – as noted by The New York Times.

And our amazing and inspirational Spirituality and Wellness chairs have organized a retreat that is a "not to be missed" event that will be held on the beautiful Santa Clara University campus at the end of March.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks!
XOXO

Julie Hughes
AMEN Chair

PS – Save the date for our AMEN Spring Dinner – April 26th!! Another beautiful evening dedicated to celebrating our AMEN Angels – that's you!!

SPRING
is coming

AMEN UPCOMING EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	Location	Information
Wednesday, March 9th & Wednesday, March 23rd – 3:30 PM	AMEN Pickleball 2 nd & 4 th Weds. Monthly	Willow Glen Middle School	All levels welcome - Contact: Kathy Armistead
Wednesday, March 9th 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	AMEN Wine Wednesday 2 nd Weds. of each Month	Rootstock Wine Bar 217 North Santa Cruz Avenue Los Gatos, CA	This Weds. No formal host- bring a friend. Contact: Julie Hughes
Friday, March 25th 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM	AMEN RETREAT LISTENING LIKE MARY	Santa Clara University Bannan Alumni House	Purchase Tickets \$50 per person
Thursday, March 31st 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AMEN/DOGS SPRING SOCIAL AT CAMPO DI BOCCE	Campo di Bocce 565 University Ave, Los Gatos	Purchase Tickets \$50 per person include drinks, buffet dinner, and bocce ball.
Saturday, April 9th 6:00 PM	Villa Montalvo Late Nite Catechism: Sister's Easter Catechism	Montalvo Arts Center 15400 Montalvo Rd, Saratoga, CA 95071	Purchase Tickets \$115 per person includes preconcert wine and hor d'oeuvres
Tuesday, April 26th 6:00 PM	AMEN Spring Dinner Evening focused on gratitude and our friendships.	The Liccardo Center Balcony 960 W Hedding St, San Jose, CA 95126	Purchase Tickets \$35 per person includes drinks, dinner, and dessert.

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AMEN RETREAT

LISTENING LIKE MARY

*Please join us in a day of
prayer and reflection,
Mass and lunch in celebration of
the Feast of the Annunciation.*

*Facilitators, Katie Metzger and Terry
Jelley are looking forward to spending
the day with us.*

\$50 per person

***Friday, March 25, 2022
10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Santa Clara University
Bannan Alumni House***

[Purchase Your Tickets](#)



AMEN/DOGs Spring Social at Campo di Bocce

Come to the Annual Spring Social for some fun with friends. The evening at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos will include drinks, buffet dinner, and bocce ball. This is a casual night of fun with friends that is not to be missed. Please support AMEN and DOGs by purchasing your tickets today!

Sign up with your spouse or a friend. This event is open to non-members of AMEN/DOGs. Please note, this is not a couples-only event.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, March 31st

Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm

**Place: Campo di Bocce, 565 University Ave,
Los Gatos**

Cost: \$50.00

[Click here to sign up!](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah Bonini](#), [Ed Ruder](#), or [Rick Knauf](#)

AMEN EVENTS

Join us for a private event at Montalvo Arts Center for our AMEN Group

Silence your cellphones, spit out your gum, and sit up straight: America's beloved ruler-wielding nun is back in the habit and headed for Montalvo!

April 9, 2022
\$115/person (6 ticket limit)

Deadline to purchase tickets : April 2

[Click Here to join in the fun!](#)



Package Includes:

- 1 ticket to Late Nite Catechism: Sister's Easter Catechism
- Pre-Concert wine and horsd'oeuvres from 6- 7:30 PM
- Parking (carpooling encouraged!)



COVID-19 Protocols

Patrons ages 12 and older are required to provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination and valid photo ID prior to entering the theatre or bar/gallery.

The following documents will be accepted as evidence of vaccination: vaccination card, photocopy of vaccination card, digital photo of vaccination card, or State of California digital vaccination card.

All patrons will be required to be masked while indoors at any time unless eating or drinking during the pre-concert reception.

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Montalvo Arts Center

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Join us for a beautiful evening focused on gratitude and our friendship bonds as we celebrate one another and our incredible AMEN community.

When: Tuesday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Liccardo Center Balcony

REGISTER FOR THE SPRING DINNER TODAY

Our annual Spring Dinner will begin with a social hour and end with a seated dinner on the balcony. The cost is \$35 and includes drinks, dinner, and dessert.

Come to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, and celebrate a beautiful evening on our Bellarmine campus— an evening not to miss!

Sip on wine.

Shop at AMEN's gift table. Mingle with friends.

Peruse the lovely gift baskets and buy a raffle ticket or five!

Beautiful spring centerpieces will also be included in the raffle.

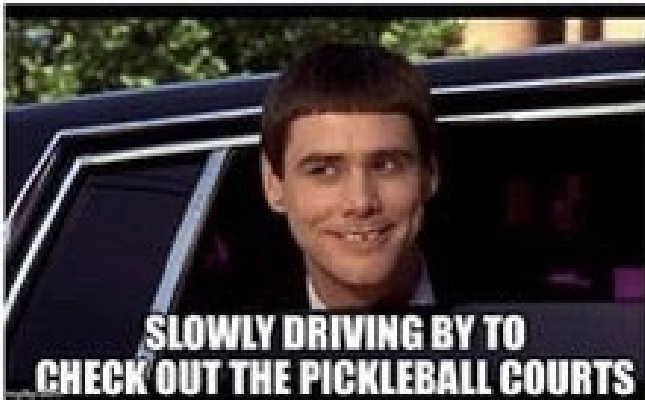
Tickets are \$5 or five for \$20. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact the event co-chairs [BEVERLY BONOVI](#) or [HEIDI BURKE](#).

If you haven't had a chance to renew your [AMEN MEMBERSHIP](#), you still can!

In an effort to provide a fun and safe evening for all, the entire event will be held outside. Please note that while on campus, masks are required indoors at all times.

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Pickleball members have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather by getting in lots of time on the courts. Many of the gals have decided to meet at Willow Glen Middle School most Wednesdays at 3:30 to play.

While the official AMEN days to gather and play will remain the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, it is great to have an enthusiastic group gathering and playing more frequently!

Location: [Willow Glen Middle School](#) on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

All are welcome!

Contact: [Kathy Armistead](#)



Let's resume the festivities!

Meet up on **Wednesday, March 9th** for laughs, fun and a cheers to 2022! Toasts to our AMEN friendships will start at 5pm.

Location: **LOS GATOS**

Rootstock Wine Bar
217 North Santa Cruz Avenue
Los Gatos, CA
(408) 354-7668

<https://www.rootstockwinebar.com/>

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

Circle News!

AMEN College Mentor Program

If you have a graduating senior, please be aware that the Bellarmine AMEN (Alumni Moms) Group has a College Mentor Program service, which connects graduating seniors and their families with alumni Bellarmine families who have had son(s) attend the colleges or universities to which your son(s) have been accepted to and can answer questions or provide insights as your son(s) make their final college decision.

Please contact Susan Munne (susan@munne.com) if your family is interested in connecting with the families who are in the College Mentor Program database.

If any AMEN members are interested in becoming a college mentor, please contact Susan Munne and she can include you in the database and connect you with graduating seniors and their families if there is a request that arises.

Thanks,
Susan Munne



Women at the Well!



Women at the Well have been meeting for four years, pretty much weekly. Since the pandemic started, we began meeting on Zoom, and occasionally we meet for breakfast at Bill's to catch up and celebrate being together in person! What do we do??? We are an Ignatian spirituality small faith sharing group. We slowly and intentionally moved through two books by Margaret Silf, *Wayfaring* and *The Inner Compass*, discussing spiritual questions and praying with scripture all through the Ignatian (Jesuit) lens. Each meeting we start with a traditional Ignatian Examen reflecting on our past week through quiet meditation. Currently, we are expanding to Franciscan spirituality with a book by Richard Rohr called *Eager to Love*.

If you are interested in starting a new spirituality group, contact [Sarah Bonini](#), and we will see where the Spirit leads!



Bellarmino News



Congratulations to the Bellarmine Varsity Ice Hockey team for winning the 2021-22 Sharks High School Hockey League Division 1 title! Their win over Valley Christian last night secured the team's third league championship, last won in 2017. What a game, what a season!

Virtual Connections

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