



AMEN NEWS

Connections

Letter from the AMEN Chair

JULIE HUGHES

Hello AMEN Angels!

Spring is in the air! This month brings us so many wonderful things to celebrate and be grateful for. For starters, we are blessed with sunshine and beautiful weather. The trees are budding, the flowers are blooming and the sound of the birds chirping in the mornings is music to my ears! If I have learned one thing during the course of the past two years – appreciate the small things as sometimes those are the most valuable and precious things to be grateful for!

Our AMEN social circles are back in action. So many of us are benefitting from the inspiration and support we receive from one another by spending time together, participating in activities that bring us laughter, happiness, and in some, a bit of a challenge! One thing I encouraged us all last year to consider was to be CURIOUS...keep your mind open to try new things, and meet new people. I have reaped the benefit of this for sure! I hope you have as well!

At the end of this month we come together again to commemorate at our annual AMEN Spring Dinner. Plans are well underway to provide our Angels with an evening that will surely be one not to miss! This beautiful evening will focus on gratitude and our friendship bonds as we celebrate one another and our incredible AMEN community.

Spring time also brings the season of Easter. A time to celebrate renewal and remembrance. Easter Sunday is always one of my favorite days of the year! Mass, family brunch, chocolate and jelly beans!!

I wish you and your families a Happy Easter! May it be filled with joy, renewal and sweet memories!

Julie Hughes

*May the glory
and the
promise of
this joyous
time of year
bring peace
and happiness
to you and
those you hold
most dear.
And may
Christ, Our
Risen Savior,
always be
there by your
side to bless
you most
abundantly
and be your
loving guide.*

— Unknown

AMEN APRIL EVENTS



Date & Time	Event	Location	Information
Weds. April 7th & Weds. April 21st 3:30 PM	AMEN Pickleball 2 nd & 4 th Weds. Monthly	<u>Willow Glen Middle School</u>	All levels welcome - Contact: Kathy Armistead
Weds. April 13 th 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	AMEN Wine Wednesday 2 nd Weds. of each Month	Enoteca Direct 534 N. Santa Cruz Los Gatos, CA	RSVP by April 8 th if you will attend! Contact: Julie Hughes
Sat. 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
Tues., 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.

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.

AMEN EVENTS



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](#)



April 13th at Enoteca Direct

534 N. Santa Cruz, Los Gatos

5:00pm-6:30pm

Join the fun!! This is the Enoteca wine store located down the street from Enoteca restaurant! Depending on the numbers, we will do a wine tasting or just open a few bottles and share!

Please RSVP to Julie Hughes by April 8th if you can attend! julievhughes@gmail.com

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

Circle News!

Spring Retreat

GIGI HARVEY & MARIA VONMASSENHAUSEN



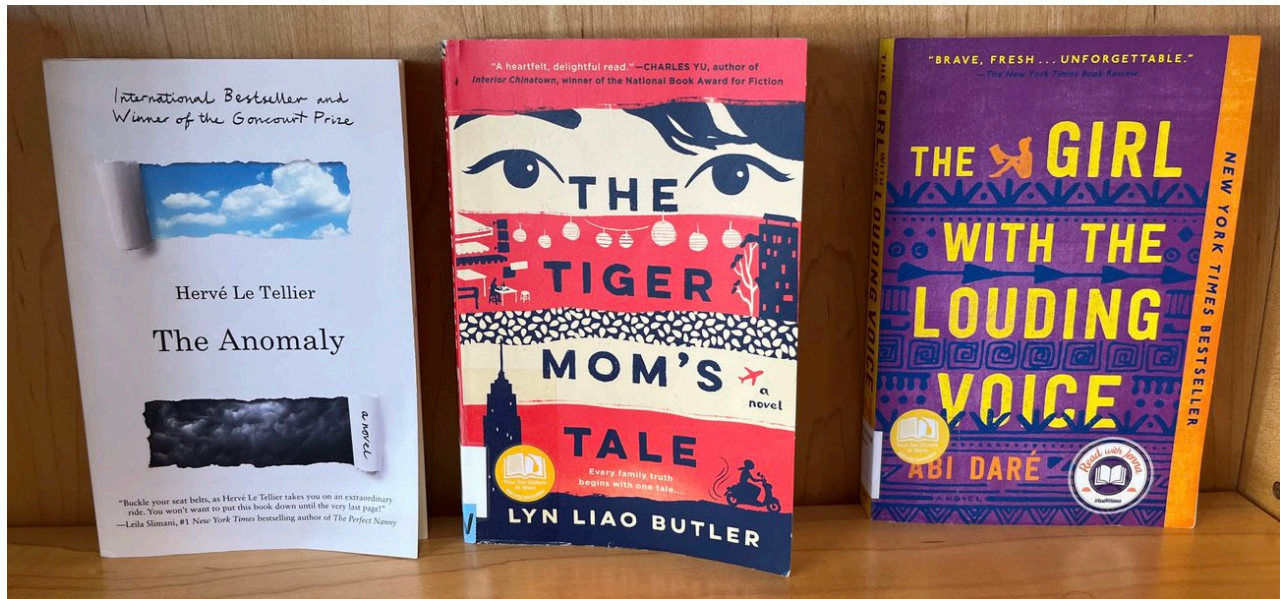
The annual retreat was held this year at Santa Clara University in the Bannan Alumni House. The retreat was held on March 25, 2022, on the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating Mary with the theme, “Listen like Mary”. We had 2 wonderful facilitators, Terry Jelley and Katie Metzger. Katie has 3 boys that went through Bellarmine and Terry had lots of Jesuit training, so they were a perfect pair to lead us through the day using different Ignatian exercises and prayers. We were grateful to share the day through prayer, the eucharist, meditation, and art, with women who hold Bellarmine dear to their heart.

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Circle News!

Bell Book Babes Circle

JOAN SANBORN



The Bell Book Babes Social Circle has continued to enjoy some interesting books and meeting in person. It's often difficult to decide on the next selection. *The Anomaly* by Herve Le Tellier, an international bestseller, blends crime, fantasy, sci-fi, and thriller as it plumbs the mysteries surrounding a Paris-New York flight.

The circle also read *The Tiger Mom's Tale* by Lyn Lia Butler and the delicious descriptions of Taiwanese food had us all craving the dishes. Our next book is *The Girl with the Louding Voice* the debut novel of Nigerian writer Abi Daré. It tells the story about a teenage Nigerian girl called Adunni who becomes a maid and struggles with many things growing up, including her limited education, poverty and her ability to speak up for herself.

Circle News!

Gourmet Cooking Circle

SPRING FORWARD THEME

In March, the cook team of Janet Benson, Sandy Gruwell, Kathy Pompili and Liz Yee celebrated the return of in-home luncheons. Spring Forward brought forth smiles and cheer. Members stirred fresh rosemary sprigs into rosy grenadine inspired drinks in fluid groups of chats while tasting a blue cheese/bacon spread and mushroom/goat cheese flatbreads. At a table brightened with Spring flowers - pink freesias, yellow daffodils, purple tulips - garlic onion cream soup was served in delicate porcelain cups. The glow from yellow candles lit up the honey vinaigrette chicken salad with its medley of strawberries, blue berries, raspberries, black grapes, pears, currents and kiwi. And lively conversations slowed to murmurs as a chocolate mousse torte was the sweet finish.

During cleanup, the team was happy their cooking went well and repeated what guests said as they left - how wonderfully satisfying it was to be together again. And all are looking forward to the next 4 cooks' luncheon in April.



Circle News!



AMEN/DOGs Annual Spring Social was a BIG Success!!

There were over 40 in attendance last night,
including a class of '61 alum and grandfather of a graduate!!



Thank you to Sarah Bonini, Ed Ruder and Rick Knauf,
plus all the wonderful Bell family in attendance!

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AMEN ANGELS ARE BACK!

After a LONG hiatus, volunteer activities are finally resuming!

Via Services runs overnight weekend and summer camps for individuals with special needs and disabilities at Via West Camp. Via is a partner with Bellarmine's Christian Service Program and provides hundreds of hours of volunteering experiences for Bellarmine students. Your participation is welcome at Via's annual Best Ball Charity Golf Classic. Spend time outdoors in a beautiful setting while supporting a wonderful cause! The event will implement recommended health protocols in effect at that time by Santa Clara County.

Monday, May 2

San Jose Country Club, 15571 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose
Via Services Golf Classic Fundraiser

Shift #1: 10:00am-1pm

Duties: General hospitality such as handing out name tags, swag items, selling raffle tickets, etc.

Shift #2: 1pm-4pm

Duties: General hospitality on-course such as hosting a food/beverage station, verifying Hole-in-One contest, etc.

To volunteer or for more information, contact: Rhonda Nourse, RNourse@viaservices.org, 408-314-8906.

HomeFirst Services, which manages the City and County homeless shelters, and is the recipient of Bellarmine's Winter Warmth Drive, welcomes you to join volunteers who sort donations and assemble move-in kits for homeless clients who are moving into permanent housing. The typical volunteering time is on Tuesdays between 10am and 1pm, and volunteers are welcome to join for whatever time they have available. HomeFirst also appreciates donations of gently used bedding of all sizes, basic kitchenware (dishes, glasses, utensils, pots, pans, etc.), and interview clothing.

To volunteer or for more information, contact: Linda Chin, chindalin@aol.com, 408-839-6546.

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/



Bellarmino News

46th Annual Golden Bell Auction

Benefiting Bellarmine's Direct Tuition Assistance Fund

Was held Saturday, March 12, 2022



420 people participated in Bellarmine College Prep's 46th Golden Bell Auction on the campus of the Jesuit Boys School in San Jose. It was the first time since 2019 that the gala fundraiser was held live and in-person, and the crowd was certainly in a festive mood as it raised more than \$400,000 for the school's Direct Tuition Assistance Fund.

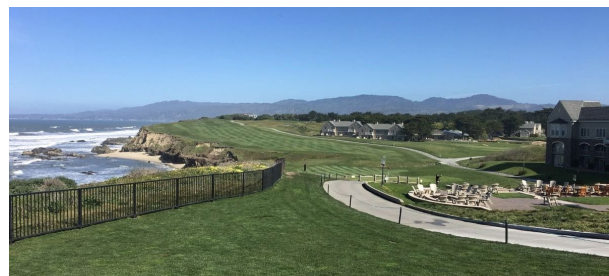
[Make a Donation](#)

There are just a handful of spots left in the 2nd annual Fr. Cobb Golf Classic –

Friday, April 29 at the beautiful Half Moon Bay Golf Links Old Course!

Gather your foursome and register today:

[Sign up here!](#)





Bellarmino News

Bellarmino grad Thames grateful for chance to win A's first base job!

Check out a couple of recent articles on Eric Thames '04, who is back in the Bay Area and back in the Big Leagues this year, looking to win a roster spot for the Oakland A's!



Whether the power generated from Eric Thames' 5-foot-11, 235-pound frame can still produce runs is the latest question for the 35-year-old, who has played in Canada, Venezuela, Japan, South Korea, six MLB organizations, Pepperdine University and two community colleges since starring at shortstop at Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose, California.

“My family is still there in the South Bay and San Jose, so it will be awesome to make this club, to play in front of them as much as I can,” Thames said on Sunday, beaming. “For many of us, we don't know how long we get to keep playing, so it means a lot to me. ”