



# AMEN NEWS

Alumni Mothers Extended Network

MARCH 2023

Dear AMEN sisters,

Recently, I visited Filoli where I noticed glimpses of spring. The magnolias were in full bloom, and the daffodil field was a riot of yellow and green. Other vines and flowers, however, were dormant, looking almost dead. Looking closely, however, I saw buds and fresh leaves pushing out of the gray, brittle looking stems. A few tulips made an early entrance too, reminding me that even more beauty lies ahead.

AMEN over the years, like flowers, has gone through various stages. Different seasons of Amen called for different directions. This year the steering committee, turned back the clock to look at Amen's growth. A sub-committee took a deep dive into the bylaws, deciding it was time to revise them since they hadn't been since 2015. One thing that stayed constant is Amen's initial purpose:

The purpose of this organization shall be: *carrying on the tradition of men and women for others and providing a variety of social, spiritual, and service activities to mutually benefit its members and the Bellarmine community.*

This purpose is our compass point, and when questions arose, we looked at the purpose, and this always corrected our course. As part of updating the bylaws, which are not long, the final approval rests with the entire Amen membership (this is actually a bylaw!). So, don't be surprised when we ask for your vote to approve them.

In the meantime, enjoy March as we move from winter to spring. Notice those miniscule changes on walks and in gardens which promise an abundance of color, fragrance, and familiar delights.

GO BELLS!

Sarah Bonini

Steering Committee Chair



"The future is not some place we are going to but one we are creating. The paths to it are not found but made, and the making of those pathways changes both the maker and the destination."

— Margaret Silf

# Events

## JOIN US for the AMEN/DOGS (Dads of Grads) Spring Social



Don't miss out on the tradition of this annual gathering. Eat, drink, and be merry with friends old and new. Either join in the bocce ball fun or cheer from the side..... no expertise expected!

Thursday, March 30th  
6 - 9 p.m.

ALL are welcome....singles, doubles, and friends of AMEN/DOGS are welcome. So get your teams together and join us for a great evening not to be missed!

[Register Now](#)

DATE	AMEN EVENT	CONTACT
Thurs. Mar. 9th 5:30 PM	Thirsty Thursday <u>20Twenty</u> <u>Willow Glen</u>	<u>Maria von Massenhausen</u>
Sat. Mar. 11th 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	<u>AMEN Retreat</u> Journey with St. Ignatius - <u>Santa Clara</u> <u>University's Bannan</u> <u>Alumni House</u>	<u>Becky Muise</u> <u>Bev Bonovich</u>
Thurs. Mar. 30th 6:00 PM	AMEN/DOGS Spring Social Campo di Bocce	<u>Lisa Christensen</u>
Thurs. April 13th	Thirsty Thursday Location TBD	<u>Sarah Bonini</u> <u>Becky Muise</u>
Tues. April 25th 6 PM	Spring Dinner Liccardo Center Balcony	<u>Gigi Harvey</u> <u>Maria von Massenhausen</u>

Amen is self-sustaining and supported through membership contributions, the fall and spring dinners, and purchases from our online and pop up store sales. Any money that is remaining at the end of the school year is given to Bellarmine's tuition assistance scholarship programs including the Angel Fund which provides Magis scholars with additional support for needs such as books and activity fees. Memberships are renewed annually in July. Become a member today to be a part of this amazing group!

# Interest Groups/Events

## Get Involved! Interest Groups

Hiking? Baking? Reading?  
Golfing? We've created an easy way to express that you want to get involved in an Interest Group. Just scan the QR code on your phone, and it will direct you to a form to complete. Your information will be shared to the Interest Group chair and she will reach out about joining the group. Contact [AMEN BCP](#) for more info!



AMEN Interest Groups Sign Up  
[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)



Please join us for the AMEN Retreat on Saturday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Santa Clara University's Bannan Alumni House. Come spend a day in fellowship and learn about Saint Ignatius, one of the founders of the Jesuits, and his journey with the Spiritual Exercises during his 4-week, 325 mile journey on the Camino de Santiago.

### Click to Sign up

The Spiritual Exercises are a series of directed meditations on the purpose of life and contemplations on the life of Christ. Facilitators Katie Metzger and Terry Jelley will walk us through the Spiritual Exercises which include:

- Week 1- Loved, Broken & Healed,
- Week 2-The Way of Jesus
- Week 3-Passion
- Week 4- New Life

Vicki Pope will then take us on a mini Camino de Santiago walk through the beautiful grounds of Santa Clara University where we will practice the Spiritual Exercises.

Cost is \$50 per person. Continental breakfast and lunch included. We look forward to journeying with you!

Becky Muise and Bev Bonovich- AMEN Retreat Coordinators

## Save the Date for the Annual Spring Dinner

Join us for a beautiful evening focused on gratitude as we celebrate one another and our incredible AMEN community. Find out what the Interest Groups have been doing this year! Did you know you can reach out to us about creating your own interest group?

This is the last big AMEN event before the summer!

Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m.  
The Liccardo Center Balcony  
\$40 per person (includes wine)



## BCP Campus Corner

### AMEN College Mentor Program

BCP AMEN has a College Mentor Program that connects graduating seniors and their families with alumni Bellarmine families who have had son(s) attend the college or universities to which their son has been accepted and answer questions or provide insights as they make their final college decision in the spring each year.

If you are interested in being added to the AMEN College Mentor Program database, please contact Susan Munne ([susan@munne.com](mailto:susan@munne.com)).

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