



AMEN NEWS

Alumni Mothers Extended Network

OCTOBER 2023

October is a wonderful time to pull out your favorite fall decorations, eye your favorite seasonal treat at the store and mark your calendars for the upcoming AMEN Fall Dinner on November 1.

Julie Paulsen and Maris Whitney have arranged to have two very special guests join us. One you most certainly know and the other, most likely you do not. AMEN events are just like that...the familiar mixed with new experiences and the promise of new things coming.

Bev Bonovich and Donna Gallo, Interest Group Co-chairs, are celebrating our many AMEN Interest Groups at the Fall Dinner. Each group will have representatives available, so you can learn more about what you can expect when joining their group.

Read on to see our full listing of upcoming AMEN events planned, as well as the beloved BMG Fashion Show coming up on October 21st. Pay it forward and support the next generation of Bellarmine graduates lighting the world on fire.

If you would like to join one of our AMEN lunch tables to attend the Fashion Show, please reach out to me directly for more information Lisa95008@gmail.com.

AMEN has been going and growing strong for over 20 years. Help spread the word about our amazing organization. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend.

GO BELLS!

Lisa Christensen
Steering Committee Chair

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."
-F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*



"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Luke 10:2 NLT)

Events

Get Your Tickets Today! AMEN FALL DINNER

Wednesday, Nov. 1
6 p.m.

Join us for a celebratory evening as we honor our Bellarmine ties and build upon 23 years of friendships.

Come to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends and learn how you can stay connected! The fun begins at 6 p.m. starting with a social hour and ending with a seated dinner.

Learn about and join our Interest Groups, shop at AMEN's gear table, mingle with friends, and peruse the lovely gift baskets that you can win in the raffle.

Get your tickets here!



DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Sunday, Oct. 8 11 a.m.	Baking Club	Donna Gallo and Bev Bonovich
Friday, Oct. 13 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	A Taste of Honey Garden Group Event	<u>Lisa Christensen</u>
Saturday, Oct. 21	69th Annual Bellarmine Mother's Guild Fashion Show	<u>Bellarmine Fashion Show</u>
Wednesday, Nov. 1 6 p.m.	<u>AMEN Fall Dinner</u>	<u>Julie Paulsen</u> <u>Maris Whitney</u>
Wednesday, Nov. 8 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	<u>Fall Service Project</u> <u>at Second Harvest</u>	<u>Sylvia Seidel</u>
Wednesday, Nov. 8	Globelles	Catherine Edwards

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 remaining at the end of the school year is given to Bellarmine's Direct Tuition Assistance Fund. We would LOVE for you to join us. Please register to become a member by clicking [here](#).

Dear AMEN members,

We are interested in updating ALL our interest group lists this year and we need your help to do so.

Please scan the QR code below and check the boxes of ALL the interest groups you would like to participate in this year. The new lists generated will be given to the interest group leaders.



AMEN Interest Groups Sign Up
docs.google.com

Many thanks!
Lisa Christensen, Donna Gallo
and Bev Bonovich

A Taste of Honey Garden Group Event - Friday, October 13th from 2:30-4:30

October is honey harvest time at the Bellarmine Garden! Join the AMEN Gardening Group for a private tasting of honey accompanied by some agricultural history. We will learn about the varying flavor notes found in the honey from the pollen gathered by the bees from the many plants found in the Bellarmine Garden and campus. We will also learn why we grow the crops we now associate with the autumn period. This event will be led by Bellarmine's own Garden Steward, Collin Del Carlo, '19. How great to gather together and share the bounty of autumn!

Please be sure you are a current AMEN member and RSVP to [Lisa Christensen](#).



Fall Service Project at Second Harvest

Are you wondering how to give back this Fall? Give a gift of your time by joining AMEN in service for our community's good. Second Harvest of Silicon Valley provides food to an average 500,000 people a month in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

On Wednesday, November 8, 2023 AMEN Members will volunteer for food sorting from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Second Harvest's Brennan Warehouse, 521 Brennan Street, San Jose, 95131. Food sorters help prepare food for distribution by verifying, sorting, labeling, and repacking food items. Training is provided at the beginning of each shift. The warehouse requires a long walk to enter the volunteer stations, a consideration for mobility issues.

Join us in making an impact for the people in our community who face hunger! **Reserve your spot for this meaningful event by [registering here](#).** Our reservation ID when signing up is: GR-27777. [Click here](#) for what to expect when you arrive at the Brennan Warehouse. Direct any questions to [Sylvia Seidel](#).

Interest Groups

Baking Group

The baking group will kick-off the year making their version of Noah's Bagels on Sunday, October 8th at 11:00 in Bev Bonovich's kitchen. The cost is \$20. All baking levels are welcome. Lunch will be served. If you are interested in joining the baking group, please scan the AMEN QR code in this newsletter, complete the information listed and select the Baking interest group. All AMEN members are welcome! We look forward to baking with you! Donna Gallo and Bev Bonovich

Globelles to meet Nov. 8

Catherine Edwards has agreed to lead Globelles for the next two years. Catherine has traveled to 83 countries, 50 states and 47 National Parks and is an enthusiastic traveler. She is excited to facilitate travel discussion.

Globelles will meet three times during the academic year, and each meeting will focus on a particular country or region. The first meeting will take place on November 8th from 4-6 pm, location TBD. Discussion will focus on New Zealand and Australia. Attendees who have already visited one or both countries can share their insights and tips with others who are planning to visit. During the second part of each meeting members will have the opportunity to share highlights of their recent travels.

All AMEN members are welcome! If you are interested in joining Globelles, please scan the AMEN QR code, complete the information listed and select Globelles.

Thank you to Carmen McHugh for leading Globelles for so many years and for facilitating interactive conversations on the many places traveled by the Globelles participants.



New Interest Group! Needlepoint

Do you like to stitch? Do you want to learn how? Many of us did it years ago or watched our grandmothers in action. Maria von Maureen will be leading AMEN's new Needlepoint Interest Group for all levels. The group will meet once a month and work on individual projects. The location will be announced soon. Needlepointing is a fun way to be creative and spend time with friends. Contact Maria at mtvonmassenhausen@gmail.com if you have any questions or want to join in the fun.

We are excited to announce our own Bellarmine ornament in the making. Please complete [this form](#) to preorder the ornaments. Class years will be made to order.



Gear

Tote Bags are back in stock!

Come stop by our next pop up shop at the AMEN Fall dinner on November 1. It will be a great opportunity to support the Bellarmine Tuition Assistance Fund and catch up with friends!

Can't make it? Here is our [online order form](#). Items can be picked up at the reception of Mathewson Hall at Bellarmine campus.



Renew your AMEN Membership

As a member of AMEN, you can stay connected to an amazing and supportive in-person social network. We are a community of over 250 women who are united by a common bond of motherhood and friendship.

There is a group for every interest, and your participation is voluntary and based on your availability.

[Renew your membership and join us today!](#) It only takes a few minutes, but the reward lasts a lifetime!

Save the Date for Spring Retreat

Saturday, February 10, 2024 is the Spring Retreat. Returning facilitators Terry Jelley and Katie Metzger will lead us on a Discernment journey. Details to follow soon.

Fall Service Project/ Spring Retreat

Coordinators: Becky Muise, Sylvia Seidel, Bev Bonovich

23 Sweet and Savory Apple Recipes for Fall



Campus Corner

Bellarmino Golf Classic - Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Bellarmino's Office of Alumni Relations announces the 36th Annual Bellarmino Golf Classic, which will tee off on Monday, October 9th, at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club. The Golf Classic benefits the Direct Tuition Assistance Fund and is open to the entire Bellarmino community. How can AMEN help? As Course Hospitality Volunteers! Five spots will be set up along the course, with beverages, snacks, and contest games. Volunteers will work in teams of two and will be transported to the hole by a staff member. Chairs and shade will be provided.



Shifts are Monday, October 9, 2023 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Monday, October 9, 2023 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Grab a friend, and let's do this! Contact trish.cook@gmail.com with questions or [sign up here](#).

Bellarmino Bi-Lingual Women's Retreat

Sunday, Oct. 29 from 1:30-4:30pm

Our theme is Finding God's Presence in the Unresolved Matters of the Heart. Registration is \$15 per person and is now open. Scholarships are available. You're invited to join us at Leontyne Chapel for a day of prayer and reflection with bi-lingual (Spanish and English) breakout sessions. Click [HERE](#) to register now. If you are able, please consider making an additional donation to help cover the costs for scholarship recipients and retreat speakers. Questions? Contact [Sarah Zacharias](#) or [Carmen Pauls Wiens](#).

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