



## Oct 2 forecast for ZIP Code 95126

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Friday: Sunny 94° [[click for current weather](#)]



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## AMEN Monthly Newsletter

October 2, 2024

### *President's Message*

Hello Bellarmine Alumni Moms!

September sure went fast! And with Fall officially here, we are off and running with our many events and interest groups. But before you read any further about all our fun and exciting events, we want to let you all know that AMEN donated over \$11,000 this past July to Bellarmine's student tuition assistance and students in need. Even though we are not a "fundraising" group, any money we have at the end of the fiscal year is donated back to Bellarmine. All money is raised through membership donations, the Fall and Spring Dinners and merchandise purchases. So, thank you, to everyone for your support!

And speaking of membership and our biannual dinners, please don't forget to renew your membership and to sign up for this year's Fall Dinner on October 17<sup>th</sup>! We also will have our Fall Service Project on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Information on these and many more interest group activities included in this newsletter.

Though I always get sad when summer ends, I am looking forward to this new season, with lots of fun, good friends and family. I have to remind myself that instead of warm weather, we have the beauty of the warm colors of autumn. I hope to enjoy this beauty with you all

And don't forget, Once a Bell (Mom), always a Bell (Mom)!

GO BELLS!  
Gigi Harvey

Chair, AMEN Steering Committee



### Fall Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,  
may the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves  
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we  
are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life  
is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever

## Upcoming Events



### Fall Dinner 2024

#### Alumni Mothers Extended Network (aka AMEN)

**Thursday, October 17 at 6 PM, Liccardo Center at Bellarmine**

We can't wait to see you!! Join us for a celebratory evening as we reflect on 24 years of Alumni Mothers Extended Network (AMEN) friendships. The event will take place Thursday, October 17 in the Liccardo Center.

Come to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, and learn how you can stay connected to the Bellarmine family! **Purchase your ticket(s) [here](#) by Friday, October 11.**

**The fun begins at 6:00 pm starting with a social hour and ending with a seated dinner.**

Learn about and join our Social Interest Groups, shop at AMEN's gift table, mingle with friends, and peruse the lovely raffle items you can win including the popular pumpkin with succulents centerpieces! Tickets are \$5 or five for \$20. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. Cost to attend is \$40 – includes drinks, dinner, and dessert.

Please see the costs below to attend - includes beverages, dinner, and dessert. You may choose to join AMEN (Alumni Mothers Extended Network) or renew your membership as part of this registration. For additional information on membership, please visit the [membership section](#) on the AMEN webpage.

- Join/Renew- Annual membership for \$25 + dinner = \$65 (today's annual membership purchase is good through June 30, 2025, and includes all the perks of AMEN and future discounts on AMEN dinners). You can register to become a member by clicking [here](#).
- Non-member dinner \$45
- Member dinner \$40

We hope to see you at this year's Fall Dinner. **Register by October 11 for the dinner [here](#).**

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



## AMEN Fall Service Project: November 6th at 1:30pm

Inspired to express gratitude this Fall Season? Give a gift of your time and energy by joining AMEN in service for our community's good. Second Harvest of Silicon Valley serves on average 500,000 people a month for access to nutritious food in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. On Wednesday, November 6, 2024 AMEN Members will volunteer for food sorting from 1:30PM to 4:30PM at Second Harvest's Cypress Center, 4001 N 1st Street, San Jose, 95134. Food Sorters help prepare food for distribution by verifying, sorting, labeling, and repacking food items. Training is provided at the beginning of each shift. *Note, this is a different location than last year's Brennan Warehouse.*



**Each volunteer must reserve their spot by registering [here](#).** Our reservation ID when signing up is: GR-32070. Click on this link for a YouTube video describing the Cypress Food Sort <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIJSOJR7cck> Direct any questions to Sylvia Seidel [sbseidel@icloud.com](mailto:sbseidel@icloud.com)

Join us in making an impact for the people in our community who face hunger!

Michelle Abene & Sylvia Seidel, Fall Service Coordinators.



**Volunteer Opportunity!** Please sign up to volunteer at the **37th Annual Bellarmine Golf Classic** at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club on **Monday, October 14th**. This is a fun day, and we hope you will join us. Your time and energy are appreciated and needed. As part of our tournament enhancements, we have five spots 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.

[Register here to be involved.](#)

**Pickleball** will return beginning October 10th. This year, the group will meet on the 2nd and the 4th Thursday of each month from 8:30-10 am in San Jose based on weather and participation. RSVP is requested to be sure we have sufficient players. All levels are welcome. **Please fill out this [form](#)** if you would like to join! Questions? Contact Leah at 408.836.9448 or [leahschnoor@gmail.com](mailto:leahschnoor@gmail.com)

**Needlepoint** will meet on October 20th from 10:30am - 1pm on Sunday, October 20th. Make progress on an old project or learn a new hobby! Contact Maria von Massenhausen at [mtvonmassenhausen@gmail.com](mailto:mtvonmassenhausen@gmail.com) if you are interested. All levels are welcome!

**Wine Tasting** at Testarossa Winery on October 25th at 4pm. We will have a private wine tasting experience and a charcuterie board. Please email Michelle Abebe at [wow123@me.com](mailto:wow123@me.com) to sign up.



## Bellarmino Mothers' Guild 70th Annual Fashion Show: November 16th



We are thrilled to invite you to the 70th annual Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Fashion Show, **Seven Decades. One Mission.** This show will honor the beloved Fr. Wade and share a tribute to the last 70 years. Tickets for both the lunch and dinner shows are on sale now. Want to ensure premium seating close to the runway? Check out Underwriting packages starting at \$3000.

Please also join us for our few sip and shop events:

### **Kismet Boutique**

100 N Santa Cruz Ave suite A, Los Gatos  
**Thursday, October 17 | 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM**  
20% back to Bellarmine

### **BellaJames Women's Boutique**

1371 Lincoln Ave, San Jose, CA  
**October 24 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

15% off all regular-priced merchandise

## Renew Your AMEN Membership

Fall is here and the AMEN calendar is full of events and activities. As part of AMEN, you can participate in a multitude of Interest Groups, attend events and outings, and take part in community service activities. We'd love for you to join us!

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.

Recommended membership fee is \$25. Memberships must be renewed annually to enjoy all the benefits. Please click here to join now!

AMEN supports itself through membership donations, the Fall and Spring Dinners, and purchases from our online store. Any funds left over at the end of year are donated to support our Bellarmine students.



### **Get Your Gear at the Fall Dinner**

We'll be selling our exclusive AMEN merchandise at the AMEN Fall Dinner on October 17th. Stop

by to shop 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Yoyi Franco, [yoyifrancolaw@gmail.com](mailto:yoyifrancolaw@gmail.com) or Wendy Anna Herby, [wendyherby@gmail.com](mailto:wendyherby@gmail.com).



## Get involved!

### Join an Interest Group

Scan this QR code and join an interest group (or two or three!).



### AMEN Interest Groups

Hiking? Reading? Golfing? There is a group for you! **Sign up for an interest group with this FORM** (or use the QR code above) and remember to renew your AMEN membership before joining an interest group! Contact Chrissy Brinck, [chrissybrinck@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissybrinck@hotmail.com), for more information or if you would like to start your own group.

**Pickleball Group:** Lead by Leah Schnoor, [leahschnoor@gmail.com](mailto:leahschnoor@gmail.com). *Looking for someone to help co-chair.*

**Gardening Group:** Lead by Lisa Christensen & Teresa Giovanzana. [lisa95008@gmail.com](mailto:lisa95008@gmail.com)

**Knitting Group:** We will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 12-2, rotating the location amongst our members. Newbies welcome! Lead by Katherine Pompili, [kpompili@pacbell.net](mailto:kpompili@pacbell.net).

**Hiking Group:** Meets Monday mornings at 8:15, locations vary. Lead by Teresa Giovanzana, [teresagiovanzana@comcast.net](mailto:teresagiovanzana@comcast.net).

**Spirituality Group:** Changing format and will meet 1X per month now. Lead by Sarah Bonini, [sarahjbonini@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjbonini@gmail.com).

**Book Club:** We meet every 6 weeks (approximately) and have enjoyed the friendship as well as the book review. We meet on Tuesday evenings at Aquilino in Cupertino and currently have 2 openings. Lead by Abby Baker, [baker20045@comcast.net](mailto:baker20045@comcast.net).

**Home First and Helping Hands:** Lead by Linda Chin, [chindalin@aol.com](mailto:chindalin@aol.com).

**Golf Group:** Lead by Catherine Christofferson, [catherine@icreatemovies.com](mailto:catherine@icreatemovies.com).

**Needlepoint Group:** Our first meeting is 9/27 from 3-5pm at Maria's house. Lead by Maria von Massenhausen, [mtvonmassenhausen@gmail.com](mailto:mtvonmassenhausen@gmail.com).

**Mahjong Group:** Lead by Rose Simon, [simon143@comcast.net](mailto:simon143@comcast.net) and and Bik Wah, [calpolyqlot@aol.com](mailto:calpolyqlot@aol.com). NEW: Meetings will start up in October on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 2-4pm in O'Donnell 205.

**AMEN College Mentoring:** connecting graduating BCP students and their families with families who have had sons (or daughters) attend the college or university they are considering. Lead by Susan Munne, [susan.munne@gmail.com](mailto:susan.munne@gmail.com).

**Wine Tasting:** *Meet at Testarossa for private wine tasting and charcuterie. Dates TBD. Lead by Michelle Abene, [wow123@me.com](mailto:wow123@me.com)*

**Elderly Parents Support Group:** The Nest - Now that our children are out of the nest, we find ourselves returning to our old nest to care for our parents. It comes a full cycle. Just when we thought we learned everything from our parents when we left our/their house, we are learning from them again in their aging years. How to journey with them proactively instead of reactively? How can they age with safety and grace? Will I be like them when I grow old?

The Elderly Parents Support Group is meant to provide an opportunity for us to seek advice and vent our frustrations. Topics include but are not limited to: Fall prevention. What to do when our parents are hospitalized? How to choose a rehabilitation center? What are the differences between home health agencies and home care companies? How to choose between Palliative and Hospice care? Contact Alice Ng, OTR/L, [otaliceng@gmail.com](mailto:otaliceng@gmail.com) or 650-255-1838.

# Go Bells!



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