

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

THE COMPASS ROSE

APRIL 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APRIL LUNCHEON

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/27 Deadline for luncheon reservation
- 3/28 Deadline for cancellation of luncheon reservation
- 4/1 Luncheon 11:00
- 4/5 Wine Tasting 5:00
- 4/6 Theater Goers 2:00
- 4/10 Books & Coffee 10:00
- 4/14 KnitWits N More 1:30
- 4/17 Night Owls 7:00
- 4/18 Culinary Corner
- 4/21 Quilt & Stitch 6:00
- 4/22 Daytime Books 11:30
- 4/27 BYOB 4:00

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING LUNCHEON VENUES

May:

At Beacon Hill
With Chico presenting
Accessorizing Ideas

June:

Rooftop at the Convention
Center
Presentation to Hospice of Spokane
& Installation of New Officers

For all who attended, our Bingo luncheon in March was great fun! Weren't those flower pinwheels the cutest prize holders for Bingo? Well done to our Ways and Means team of Rita and Joy!

It has come to your Board's attention that some clarification seems to be in order. Compass Club is a social organization, rich in Spokane history. We are not an investment, philanthropic, political, or religious club. Our status is "not-for-profit" - different from a nonprofit organization. This point is made frequently to avoid confusion as we raise funds for the club's operation. A generous bequest from a past member established our savings account to ensure the club would survive tough financial times. The funds raised by the club subsidize your luncheons. As an example, your December lunch was entirely paid for from the club coffers. The club now sets aside a certain amount, separate from the funds raised through the sale of philanthropy tickets, to be donated to our elected charity. Our mission statement points out that we are a venue that welcomes new and old citizenry from all parts of the Compass, introducing them to Spokane and new friends. We will continue to pursue this endeavor with zeal and dedication.

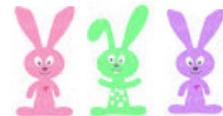
On a different note: if you would like to stretch your creative side, or to get the heck out of the house to help the club, or if you have ideas for new programs or events, PLEASE volunteer your skills to work on your Club board. We have some who have graciously

The April 1st Luncheon will be held at Twigs Bistro, in Wandermere at 401 E. Farwell.

Check in: 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: Served at noon.

Wine will be available for purchase in the bar.
Menu: Pear & Beet Salad with Chicken Rolls upon request
Brownies
Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea & Soda
Price: \$18.00

Program: Big Table (see Page Two)
For luncheon reservations, or to cancel a reservation, call Sheryl at: 455.7789
or email: compassres@gmail.com



offered their time and energy for next year but we still need more members to step up and help.

I hope to see you at the luncheon in April.

Cheers! Vicki D.

Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breathe the air deeply again.

-Gustav Mahler





BOOKS & COFFEE

Our monthly meetings are the second Thursday of each month. We begin our discussions at 10 a.m. at selected homes.

- April 10th: **Light between the Oceans** by M.L. Stedman
Meeting Place: Myrna Brandmueller's
- May 8th: **The Girl You Left Behind** by Jo Jo Moyes
Meeting Place: Becky Dahlager's
- June 12th: **The Burgess Boys** by Elizabeth Strout
Meeting Place: to be determined
- July 10th: **Orphan Train** by Christina Kline
Meeting Place: Tudi Pitman's

Leaders: Tudi Pitman & Nan Colburn

The first day of spring was once the time for taking the young virgins into the fields, there in dalliance to set an example in fertility for nature to follow.

Now we just set the clocks an hour ahead and change the oil in the crankcase.

- E.B. White, One Man's Meat

UPSCALE SALE

The name says it all....
Fabulous china, crystal,
silver, a mountain of
books, framed art, kitchen
items, toys, very nice
furniture, clothing, and
last year, a gorgeous
fur coat and spectacular
piano... Did I mention
china?



This event is organized by the Ferden Chapter of Spokane Symphony Associates and benefits the Spokane Symphony. Admission to the Preview Night, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 29th** is \$5.00 and gives you first pick of the goodies. The sale continues with free admission on Friday and Saturday, May 30 & 31. Details to follow next month..... on the location of the sale, AND who to contact to donate items and/or to volunteer to help.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL LUNCHEON

Big Table came into existence in January of 2009 after Northwest food writer and restaurant critic Kevin Finch saw the need to create an organization to care for those working in the massive restaurant and hospitality industry. Finch came face to face with the needs of those in the industry - needs often invisible to anyone who is not cooking, serving, or elbow-deep in dishwater. He will speak to us on the hidden needs of these employees, and sometimes owners, who serve us, but whom, possibly, we never really see, and how he found a way to help them.

WAYS & MEANS

Thanks to everyone who joined us for bingo, and congratulations to our many winners. We paid out \$500 in prizes, which was more than we collected from the sale of the Bingo cards....much better odds than any casino!

We'll resume selling 50-50 tickets in April.

DAYTIME BOOKS

We meet at 11:30 a.m. for discussion and lunch. The hostess provides the greens, bread/rolls, and drinks. Everyone brings something for the salad bar.

- Becky Dahlager, Chair
- April 22th **Life after Life** by Kate Atkinson
Hostess: Marjorie Bender
- May 27th **Girls of Atomic City** by Denise Kiernan
Hostess: Sally Geyer
- June 24 Choose books for next year
Hostess: Ellen Blaschke





NIGHT OWLS



April 17th

The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout
Hostess: Imelda Williams

May 15th

The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan
Hostess: Ginny Langpap



June 19th

On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan
Hostess: Linda Milsow

A TREASURED NOTE OR THREE

Ahhh! Spring promises to come . . . I THINK!
The robins have been hard at work in my front yard busily looking through the snow for bits & pieces to build their nests. They look so plump as they puff their feathers to keep warm, & are a happy sign that the sun will again make its appearance.



Along with the signs of spring are the upcoming Board changes, and this Treasurer will be passing the baton after her two year tenure. I'd like to make the transition as smooth as possible, asking that you remember the following, and I thank those of you that have made my 'treasured life' easier with your compliance.

Luncheon Check-in: This is a very busy table for an hour or so at each event. The following are provided to ease the check-in process AND to make the follow-up accounting easier and accurate.

- A framed Welcome notice noting the date, luncheon amount due & a short note regarding our program.
- Payment by check is requested. This speeds check in and increases the ease and accuracy of accounting and the billing for no-shows.
- A newsletter is found at the Check-in table for anyone needing to review information or having questions regarding upcoming events.
- Raffle tickets for the table decorations are distributed and nametags completed.
- The business meeting portion of each Luncheon provides for a copy of the minutes, monthly treasurer report & business at hand.

As a reminder: Board Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday each month and are open to all members. At these meetings, more detailed information regarding Club operations & events, executive board & committee chair reports, and decision making on old and new business items are presented.

I trust that the snow will soon be a thing of the past and the crocus will be sprouting their heads. Have a great rest of the month!

Shari Russell, Treasurer

SENDING SUNSHINE

A 'Get Well Soon' card was sent to Shari Russell and to Jan Wilson.



Friendship isn't about who you've known the longest. It's about who said, "I'm here for you"... and proved it.

NEW INTEREST GROUPS

We asked, and you responded! There is quite an interest in forming additional Interest Groups. The following is a list of all of your suggestions:

- *Spokane Symphony
- *Winter Sports
- *Day Tripping
- *Computer Knowledge
- *Travel-sharing tips/experiences
- *Singing
- *Pinochle
- *Trash to Treasures
- *Garage/Estate Sales
- *Exercise-Zumba
- *Movie Group
- *Photography
- *Scrapbooking-North Side
- *Additional Book Groups

As you can see, the interest is great and quite varied! Now, what is needed are ladies who would like to head up a group...

If you would like to organize a group, have questions, or comments, please call April Eakin Laschinger at 714 404 3223 or email:

The secret of getting ahead ... is getting started.

-Mark Twain



PERENNIALS

In the spring,
at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt.

~Margaret Atwood

Mid April, our gardening group will drop by Vicki's Greenhouses in Vinegar Flats to load up our cars with containers & plants for them, gardening tools & supplies, garden art, perennials, vegetable starts & berry vines.

Hard work, so we will then head over to Chaps for lunch.

Early in May, we will go north to Judy's Enchanted Garden, which is small but packed with beautiful and unusual plants.

If you are not on the group mailing list and would like to be, send an email to Sue or Morgan.

NOTE: RESERVATIONS

As a reminder, Sheryl typically checks the Club's **Gmail** account only during the week prior to each luncheon. If you need an answer to something during the month, it is best to call her or to send a message to her personal email account listed in the Membership Directory.

BYOB

Come join the fun at this casual social gathering open to all members of the Compass Club. Spouses, friends, and family are always welcome! Just bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage of choice.

Please **RSVP to the hostess** so she has an idea how many to expect. See you there!

Sunday, April 27 4-6:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon White.

If you would like to host the next BYOB, please contact Vicki Deschaine or Jan Wilson.

HELP ANIMALS BY SHOPPING

Online shopping can benefit a local animal shelter at no added cost to you.

Here's how:

AdoptAShelter.com is a free and easy to use "Cash Rewards Mall" with over 500 top name merchants including: Amazon, Best Buy, Expedia, iTunes, Walmart, and 40+ pet product retailers.

No login or password is needed. Just go to: **AdoptAShelter.com** and connect through that site to your favorite shopping site.

Use of **AdoptAShelter.com** as the starting place for online shopping has translated into hundreds of thousands of cups of cat & dog food being donated to more than 1,300 registered animal charities across the country.

In Spokane, the registered animal charity is **SCRAPS**.

QUILT & STITCH



Quilt & Stitch will meet at the home of Sonia Bertsch on **Monday, April 21st** at 6:00 p.m.

WINE TASTING

The 7th session of the 7th wine tasting season will be held on **Saturday, April 5th** at The Fairwinds Northpointe Retirement Community, 520 East Holland.

We have made reservations at The Fairwinds for the remaining regular tastings for this season. Please mark your calendars for: May 3, and June 7.

We welcome new members and hope that this announcement will spark your interest. Please contact any of the four of us at either of the email addresses below.

Each tasting event will start promptly at 5:00 PM and end at 6:30 PM. The fee for tasters will be \$10 per person, and **guests are always welcome**. We hope to see you there.

Cheers !!!

Karen & Kit Eckel:
kit.eckel@comcast.net

Sue & Dan Harris:
harris1003@comcast.net



WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Susan Gray (Bob)
2518 W Grace Avenue, 99205
509.280.3298
wesgray@earthlink.net

Susan moved from Salem, OR and has been in Spokane for 6 months. She is a retired paralegal. She came to the northwest in 2011 from Columbus, Ohio, and lived before that in Dallas, Texas for 24 years. Susan is interested in the Dinner Group.

CULINARY CORNER

The theme and location for our April Culinary Corner event, scheduled for **April 18th**, has not been set.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list to get updates for all events, please email Joy Kemp at joykemp@earthlink.net or Vicki Deschaine at: ldandsc@gmail.com.

Happy Cooking,
Joy and Vicki



THEATER GOERS

Theater Goers will be seeing "**The Three Musketeers**" at the Civic on **Sunday, April 6th** at 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$23 for Seniors and \$25 for Adults. Afterwards we will dine at Luigi's Italian restaurant in the downtown area. Please let me know if you would like to go. The sooner I reserve tickets, the better seats we can get.

Contact Mary at 509-443-4865. Thank you for responding asap.

PHILANTHROPY

Ladies, I apologize for the lack of activity regarding ticket selling at the March Luncheon. I suffered a fall in the icy conditions on the Monday night and therefore was incapacitated on the Tuesday. To redeem myself and to keep up the average income for our charity – Hospice of Spokane – I shall have the tickets and a FOR SALE table of homemade items, at the April Luncheon at TWIGS. I look forward to your generous support for Hospice of Spokane.

When it comes to giving until it hurts, Compass Ladies have a high threshold of pain.

Jan Wilson
P.S. Thank you, caring sisters of Compass, for the lovely card you sent me after my fall. It is so consoling and heartwarming to know so many are thinking of you when you are feeling unwell.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4 th	Suzanne Lopes
8 th	Terry Engleman
9 th	Sheryl Krauser
12 th	Ingrid Julagay
13 th	Lois Bender
15 th	Kathleen Hyde
	Sandra Lee
17 th	Judy Brender
	Marti Lee
19 th	Margaret Reid
20 th	Kathie Heim
25 th	Jerry Zahller
	Becky Dahlager
26 th	Diane Burton
30 th	Theresa Plaggemeier
	ChristaMcQueen

Twinkle, twinkle Birthday Cake.
Forget the year, for goodness sake.
And think of all the people who
Have brighter lives because of
you.....

- Unknown

KNITWITS N MORE

KnitWits knitting and crochet group drew a blank last month due to the heavy snow and unsuitable driving conditions. This month the weather report is more favorable and we shall be meeting at the Shadle Library Meeting Room on Monday, **April 14th** at 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. This will be our get-to-together venue through to June.

We welcome any ladies who would enjoy this activity.

Jan Wilson

MINUTES OF MARCH 4TH LUNCHEON

Date: March 4, 2014

Place: Ramada Inn at the Airport



Vicki Deschaine called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. She welcomed all to the Annual Bingo Event here at the Ramada. Minutes of the February meeting were presented and read by membership. Ann Fly moved that they be accepted as written. This was seconded by Joy Kemp, and the motion passed. There was no treasurer's report by Shari (absent due to surgery). In Jan's absence (due to injury) there were no 50/50 or philanthropy drawings. It was hoped that the membership would direct those funds in to the Bingo activity.

New member, Susan Gray, was introduced and welcomed to the Club.

Announcements:

Sylvia Bumgarner announced the Annual "Let's Play for the Symphony" event on March 31st, 10:00 to 3:00 at Manito Country Club. Gather friends and play some games to raise money for this worthy cause. Lunch, silent auction, & door prizes will be included in the \$25 per person tickets. This popular event sells out so please call 509.458.8733 asap.

Culinary Corner will meet at Vicki's home on **March 21st** at 10:30 a.m. The demonstration will be making Corned Beef from scratch.

BYOB needs hostesses.

Quilt & Stitch will meet at Anne S's home, **March 17th** at 6 p.m.



From the President:

A new slate of officers for next year will be presented soon. The Board will also present a list of proposed changes to the Club ByLaws. The meeting adjourned at 12:00. Bingo Rules were reviewed, and a great time was had by all!



Respectfully Submitted, Susie Schneider.



WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION FOR THIS GROUP ...

The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a non-profit Foundation started in 2003 with the goal of making quilts that would help heal and comfort our war wounded. These quilts are called Quilts of Valor



Winnie Therssen took on this year-long project, providing the fabric & patterns, and making kits for each of the twelve women in the group. Other participants included: Sonia Bertsch, Val Gonzalez, Liz Gorman, Becca Hamstra, Sue Harris, Kathie Heim, Nancy Mackenzie, Jan Monico, Deena Munguia, Tudi Pitman, Anne Slauson, and Eleanor Weston. Meeting at a church and sewing for several days, the group completed the tops of twelve quilts.



Winnie and several others of the group took the tops home to add batting, backing, binding, and quilting. Several of the group made the pillowcases for "presentation bags". The final task, a requirement of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, was designing and applying labels to each quilt.



Two of the twelve quilts were presented directly to family members or friends of women in Winnie's group. The remainder of the quilts were given to the Quilts of Valor Foundation to be presented at a ceremony to members of the military in Spokane.

BOARD MEMBERS & INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS 2013-14

President:	Vicki Deschaine
1st Vice Presidents: Locations:	Nancy MacKenzie & Mimi Anderson
2nd Vice Presidents: Programs:	Linda Milsow & Ro Lisk
Recording Secretary:	Carol Hannah
Corresponding Secretary:	Christa McQueen
Treasurer:	Shari Russell
Membership & Bulk Mailing:	Sue Harris
Decorations:	Hildy Cox
Newsletter:	Morgan Smith
Philanthropy:	Jan Wilson
Publicity:	Sharon White
Phone Committee:	Sheryl Krauser
Ways & Means:	Joy Kemp & Rita VanCleve
Webmaster:	Kathy Piper
Interest Group Coordinator:	April Laschinger

Interest Group Chairpersons

BYOB:	Vicki Deschaine & Jan Wilson
Books & Coffee:	Tudi Pitman & Nan Colburn
Compass Dinner:	Pat Partovi
Culinary Corner:	Joy Kemp & Vicki Deschaine
Daytime Books:	Becky Dahlager
Happy Feet Hikers:	Nancy Hughes
KnitWit N More:	Jan Wilson
Night Owls:	Ann Lively
Perennials:	Sue Harris & Morgan Smith
Quilt & Stitch:	Sue Harris
Theater Goers:	Mary Scarpelli
Wine Tasting:	Karen Eckel & Sue Harris

For contact information, please refer to your printed directory.



It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

-Harry S. Truman

THE COMPASS CLUB



SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

WWW.SPOKANECOMPASSCLUB.ORG

FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Compass-Club-Newcomers-and-Womens-Social-Group/

APRIL 2014 MONTHLY PLANNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Luncheon 11:00 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5 Wine Tasting 5:00
6 Theater Goers 2:00	7	8	9	10 Books & Coffee 10:00	11	12
13	14 KnitWits N More 1:30	15	16	17 Night Owls 7:00	18 Culinary Corner	19
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27 BYOB 4:00	28	29	30			