

# THE SPOKANE COMPASS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## THE COMPASS ROSE

### JANUARY 2015

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/1 Deadline for luncheon reservations
- 1/2 Deadline for *cancellation* of luncheon reservation
- 1/6 Luncheon 11:00
- 1/14 Compass Campers 11:30
- 1/27 Daytime Books 11:30
- 1/15 Night Owls 7:00
- 1/18 Quilt & Stitch 1:00
- 1/25 Theater Goers 2:00
- 2/3 February Luncheon

#### PREVIEW OF UPCOMING LUNCHEON VENUES

**February:**  
Barrister Winery

**March:**  
Bingo at Ramada Inn

**April:**  
Glover Mansion

**May:**  
Convention Center Style Show

**June:**  
Cedars Floating Restaurant

#### JANUARY LUNCHEON

The January 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be held at Twigs Bistro at 401 E. Farwell in Wandermere.

Come meet Steve Tammaro, CEO of the YMCA of the Inland Northwest, and hear his vision for the future of “The Y” in our community. Steve has worked for the YMCA for nearly 40 years in 6 different associations including four Metro 30 YMCA’s. He sees his role as building awareness amongst a diverse population of teens, families and seniors for what the YMCA has to offer. Steve will be explaining opportunities for Compass members to make positive lifestyle changes in weight control, fitness, and socialization.

**Check in:** 11:00      **Lunch:** Noon

**Cost:** \$20

**Menu:**

**NOTE:** You will be ordering your burger and choice of side once you are seated.

Twig’s Signature Burger: burger with bacon, lettuce, tomato, crispy onions, white cheddar, & lemon garlic aioli on a brioche bun  
OR

Portobello mushroom burger  
Choice of Caesar salad or carrot soup  
Mini cheesecake  
Coffee, tea, or soft drink  
Full bar: Order from your waitress

For luncheon reservations, or to cancel a reservation, call Sheryl at 455-7789, or email at compassres@gmail.com

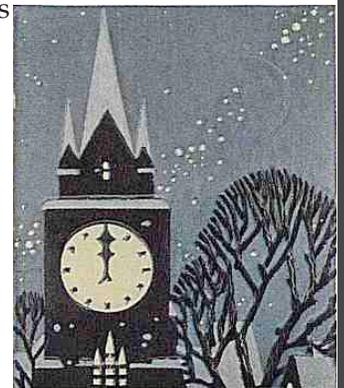
#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2014 is almost over, so is the first half of the Compass year. It is true – time flies when you are having FUN. It is also the time of good will and cheer. It is the time of reminiscence and a time of looking forward. As my memory fails a little each year, I have decided to concentrate on the future and look forward to the rest of my time as President of Compass. There are still nearly sixty members I do not know personally. So watch out...*you* may be on my January list! Meeting the ladies of Compass and being able to refer to them as friends has been one of the greatest and happiest achievements of my life. Thank you for your support.

Jan Wilson,  
President

P.S. Don’t complain about a White Christmas – it *could be* 100 degrees with an overabundance of sunburn and flies, surrounded by bushfires, i.e.

Christmas  
Down  
under !



## LUNCHEON RESERVATION DEADLINE



The **deadline** for reservations for the January luncheon is **Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**. The deadline for cancelling a reservation is **Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### NOTE

If you are NOT receiving a monthly reminder call for luncheon reservations and wish to receive a call, please contact Sheryl at 455-7789

## 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

- January 27 *Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman  
Hosted by Becky Dahlager
- February 24 *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger  
Hosted by Christine Welch
- March 24 *One Amazing Thing* by Chitra Bannerjee Divakaruni  
Hosted by Pat Partovi
- April 28 *Invention of Wing* by Sue Monk Kidd  
Hosted by Ginny Bott
- May 26 *Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker  
Hosted by Sally Geyer
- June 23 Choose new books  
Hosted by Linda Milsow



## QUILT AND STITCH

Quilt and Stitch will meet at 1:00 p.m. on **January 18<sup>th</sup>** at Anne Slauson's home.

### NOTE

Please add to your Membership Directory listing for Joan Wall:  
TomNJJoanWall@gmail.com

AND...take a minute to copy to your Membership Directory the new or updated member info listed each month in the newsletter.

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS



**Holly Christoff** has rejoined Compass Club this year.

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HollySpok@aol.com

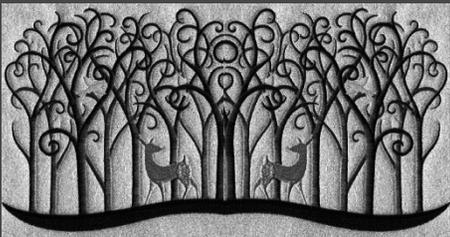
### Sharon SparrowUnflat:

PO Box 19414  
Spokane, WA 99219  
509-768-9065  
sharon.unflat@delta.com

## TO ALL WHO SEND EMAILS....

Please consider this as a courtesy to your many friends and contacts: when sending an email to more than one person, list only the first email address in the To: box. Cut and paste or add the remaining email addresses to the BCC: box. Your message goes to everyone listed in both boxes, but the multiple email addresses are not shown to the recipients of the email, are less available for use as vectors for viruses & spam, and are kept somewhat more private.

Thank you.  
Compass Club Board



## COMPASS CAMPERS

The first meeting of Compass Campers will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, **January 14<sup>th</sup>** at Monkey Business Cafe: 1913 W Maxwell Avenue, 99201. Since this will be our kick-off meeting there will be much to discuss. We can determine interests, locations, durations, reservation needs, etc. Compass Campers members can participate in as many or as few camp outs as they wish, and enjoy whatever their interests are while out camping. Whether into hiking, fishing, kayaking, or just relaxing at camp with a book, all are welcome, as are all modes of camping from tents to RVs.

This is an opportunity to meet other campers, to find new camping locations, and to enjoy the company of a group. Many good campgrounds require reservations far in advance so time is of the utmost importance. If you are interested in this new group, please email: [marti.lee@yahoo.com](mailto:marti.lee@yahoo.com). **Please place "Compass Campers" in the subject line** so I can spot the emails in the event they go to spam.

Even if you expressed an interest at our December luncheon, please send an email in order to get on the email list. A co-chair will be needed so please let me know if you would be willing to help.

[marti.lee@yahoo.com](mailto:marti.lee@yahoo.com)  
509-443-2404 home  
509-850-5533 cell

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

— Percy Bysshe Shelley, *Ode to the West Wind*

## PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR GIVING

As decided on "Giving Tuesday" at the Luncheon, please remember to bring a canned food item to the January luncheon. All items collected will be donated to a depleted local food bank.



Also, I ask you to consider giving a blood donation. This time of the year the Inland Northwest Blood Center is in need of donations. It is a pleasant and rewarding experience. I usually go to sleep and then awaken to a cup of tea and donut. Just what we all need in our busy day...

Jan Wilson  
President

## PHILANTHROPY

My goodness, ladies! A huge thank you goes to everyone who bought tickets at our last luncheon!



With Ro's check, we brought in \$252 for SCRAPs. I can just imagine all of those tails wagging in appreciation. Pip Witner won the "Dogs Smile With Their Tails" plaque at our raffle. Who knows what I'll find for the January luncheon philanthropy prize! Perhaps something that sparkles...?

I sincerely hope that we can continue these efforts to aid our four-footed furry friends right here in Spokane!

Vicki Deschaine  
Philanthropy Chair

## SENDING SUNSHINE



A Sympathy card was sent to April Laschinger, and to Becky Dahlager.

A Get Well card was sent to Joanne Moyer, to Leta Klutz, and to Kathie Heim.

A Congratulations card was sent to Shirley Shirkey.





I have noticed even people who claim everything is predestined, and that we can do nothing to change it, look before they cross the road.  
-Stephen Hawking

### NEW INTEREST GROUPS

WHO amongst us doesn't love dinner out?  
A club member recently suggested starting a group for those interested in dinner gatherings to explore the best of Spokane's restaurants. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please call or email April.

Don't let the winter doldrums get you down. Check out our list of Interest Groups, find something that strikes your fancy, and give it a try!

If you have an idea for a new group, there are probably others in Compass Club who might share that interest.

Contact April Laschinger at 714 404 3223 or aprilannmailbox@gmail.com and we'll get you matched up. Let's have fun and build friendships this winter!

### PINOCHLE NEW GROUP FORMING

A new group is forming for members who would like to play Pinochle or would like to learn how. Dates, times, and format are still being discussed.

Please call or email Sharon Colley if you would like to be added to the Pinochle group email list.  
466.6556  
wsckac@comcast.net



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Winnie Therssen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Birgitta Landreth
- 19<sup>th</sup> Joyce Frederick
- 20<sup>th</sup> Gretchen Mohr
- 21<sup>st</sup> Shari Russell
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mary Scarpelli
- 27<sup>th</sup> Laurie Byrd
- 28<sup>th</sup> Beth Carr

### NIGHT OWLS



January 15 *House Girl: A Novel (P.S.)* by Tara Conklin  
Hosted by: Linda Milsow

February 19 *Falling Angels* by Tracy Chevalier  
Hosted by: Joanne Moyer

March 19 *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen  
Hosted by: Jan Lohan



April 16 *Walking Across Egypt* by Clive Edgerton  
Hosted by: Nancy Young

May 21 *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffmann  
Hosted by: Christine Miller

June 18 Book selection for next year  
Hosted by: Ann Lively

## BOOKS & COFFEE

Books & Coffee meet on the second Thursday of the month. We begin at 10:00 a.m. Venues are the members' homes. Light refreshments are served. Our reads for 2015 are as follows:

- January: No meeting
- February 12: *White Queen* by Phillipa Gregory  
Hosted by Val Gonzalez
- March 12: *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner  
Hosted by Ann Armstrong
- April 9: *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton  
Hosted by Becky Dahlager

Tudi Pitman, Leader



## THEATER GOERS

Theater goers will be attending the Civic's performance of *The Servant of Two Masters* at

2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is \$28 for Adults and \$26 for Seniors (65 and over). Afterward, we will dine at the Steam Plant Grill.

If interested, call Mary Scarpelli at 443-4865 or email Mescar48@hotmail.com.

## AMAZON.COM'S BEST BOOKS OF 2014 # 16 - 30

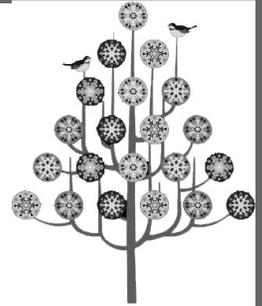
*Euphoria*: Lily King  
*Painter: A novel*: Peter Heller  
*What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions*: Randall Munroe  
*We Were Liars*: E. Lockhart  
*Deadly Wandering: A Tale of Tragedy and Redemption in the Age of Attention*: Matt Richtel  
*Invention of Wings: A novel*: Sue Monk Kidd  
*I'll Drink to That: A life in Style, with a Twist*: Betty Halbreich  
*Bad Feminist: Essays*: Roxane Gay  
*Painted Horses*: Malcolm Brooks  
*War of the Whales: A True Story*: J. Horwitz  
*Leaving Time: A Novel*: Jodi Picoult  
*No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S. Surveillance State*: Glenn Greenwald  
*Brief History of Seven Killings: A Novel*: Marlon James  
*Those Who Wish Me Dead*: Mihael Koryta  
*The Oldest Living things in the World*: Rachel Sussman

## DINNER GROUP

The Compass Dinner Group spring session has traditionally started with a mixer in February to form the new groups, but this year we have decided to forego the February mixer. We will form up the groups with the goal of putting people together who have not been in a dinner group together recently.

Please consider joining a group as they are always lots of fun and the food is to die for. Email or call me if you want to participate this spring. Groups will start meeting in March but I need to hear from you by the first of February. This is a great way to get to know each other over a nice meal.

Pat Partovi, Dinner Group Chair  
 patpartovi@gmail.com  
 448-8108.

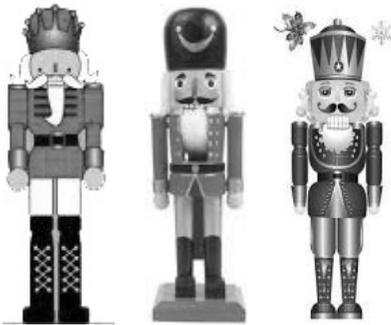


## TRASH TO TREASURE

Trash to Treasure will resume in January. I shall email the group with details when I can be sure the gals have recovered from their New Year's celebrations and have their new 2015 diaries at the ready.

Jan Wilson  
Trash To Treasure Chair

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING



December 2, 2014  
Manito Golf and Country Club

President Jan Wilson opened the meeting at 11:40 a.m. by welcoming everyone. She applauded all who were involved with last month's auction's results and congratulated them for a job well done. Compass Club was delighted to be able to pay for the lunches today at this beautiful venue. Jan asked for motions to approve last month's minutes. Motion seconded and approved. She then asked for motions to approve the treasurer's report; motion seconded and approved.

Marti Lee announced a new Interest Group for camping. She is planning a meeting in January to get the group started. She asked that members who are interested contact her. Jan Wilson talked about the interest groups being the backbone of our club and about some of their challenges in getting started. A new (restaurant) dining group was suggested; those with an interest in participating should contact April Laschinger.

Jan welcomed our new member, Sharon Unflat, welcomed back Holly Christoff, and introduced our guests. Vicki Deschaine announced the philanthropy raffle. She said Joy Kemp sends "hellos" to all of us.

Jan asked that each of us bring a canned fruit or vegetable to the January luncheon to donate to the food bank, which will be running low after Christmas.

Jan thanked Hildy Cox for our gorgeous nutcracker centerpieces and for all her work creating lovely table settings for each luncheon. The centerpieces were awarded by drawing to some very happy winners. Dona Farsdahl announced that we made \$186.00 in our 50-50 sales! Connie Branch won the \$93.00. Morgan reminded members to look at the fun photos on our Facebook page, and to send photos of interest group activities to her for posting.

Jan Wilson adjourned the meeting at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Catron  
Recording Secretary

I never made a mistake in grammar but one in my life and as soon as I done it I seen it.

-Carl Sandburg

### BOARD MEMBERS & INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS 2014-15

- President:..... Jan Wilson
- Vice Presidents: Locations/Programs: Ro Lisk & Mimi Anderson & Susie Schneider
- Past President/Advisor:..... Vicki Deschaine
- Recording Secretary:..... Kathy Catron
- Corresponding Secretary:..... Shari Russell
- Treasurer:..... Pat Partovi
- Membership & Bulk Mailing:..... Sue Harris
- Decorations:..... Hildy Cox
- Newsletter:..... Morgan Smith
- Philanthropy: ..... Vicki Deschaine
- Publicity:..... Suzanne Lopes
- Phone Committee:..... Sheryl Krauser
- Ways & Means:..... Rita VanCleve & Dona Farsdahl
- Webmaster:..... Kathy Piper
- Interest Group Coordinator.....April Laschinger

#### Interest Group Chairpersons

- BYOB: ..... Vicki Deschaine & Jan Wilson
- Books & Coffee:..... Tudi Pitman
- Compass Campers:..... Marti Lee
- Compass Dinner:..... Pat Partovi
- Daytime Books:..... Becky Dahlager
- Happy Feet Hikers:..... Dona Farsdahl & Linda Milsow
- KnitWits N More:..... Jan Wilson
- Night Owls:..... Ann Lively
- Pinochle..... Sharon Colley
- Quilt & Stitch:..... Sue Harris
- Theater Goers:..... Mary Scarpelli
- Trash To Treasure..... Jan Wilson
- Two Bit Tours..... Vicki Deschaine
- Wine Tasting: ..... Karen Eckel & Sue Harris

For contact informtion, please refer to your printed directory.

"I believe in pink.  
 I believe that laughing is the best calorie burner.  
 I believe in kissing, kissing a lot.  
 I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong.  
 I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls.  
 I believe that tomorrow is another day,  
 and I believe in miracles."

-Audrey Hepburn



### WINE TASTING



The next session of the 8<sup>th</sup> wine tasting season will be held on Saturday, **February 7<sup>th</sup>** at The Fairwinds North Pointe Retirement Community. Details will be provided to the WTG members via the usual email process.

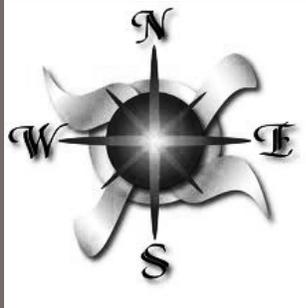
While the renovation work at Fairwinds *might* be finished in time, we feel that a January gathering coming so close to the busy holiday season AND with the potential for poor weather... might result in low participation.

We are always seeking new members, and are hoping that this announcement will spark your interest. Please contact any of the four of us at either of the email addresses below.

The February tasting will start promptly at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. The fee for tasters is \$10 per person, and guests are welcome. We hope to see you there.

Cheers !  
 Karen and Kit Eckel  
 kit.eckel@comcast.net  
 Sue and Dan Harris harris1003@comcast.net

# SPOKANE COMPASS CLUB



Spokane, Washington

[www.SpokaneCompassClub.org](http://www.SpokaneCompassClub.org)

...and find us on Facebook

## January 2015 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Deadline for Luncheon Reservations	2 Deadline for cancellation of Reservations	3
4	5	6 Luncheon Check in 11:00	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Compass Campers 11:30	15 Night Owls 7:00	16	17
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