

The Compass Rose

### The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

### September, 2020

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# Empty Chairs...



"There's a grief that can't be spoken, There's a pain goes on and on. Empty chairs at empty tables, ..."

These lyrics from Les Miz come to mind as we contemplate our new season with Compass Club.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, **the September Compass Club luncheon has been canceled.** We'll revisit how the restrictions affect our meetings each month. Please check the newsletter for a monthly update or, if they change quickly, we can send out an update "email blast"!



# President's Corner

Dear Compass Club ladies,

Welcome to a new season of Compass Club. Unfortunately, we aren't able, at this time, to gather in our interest groups or for our monthly luncheons – but we are all hoping that we will be allowed to soon. In the meantime, please watch for our monthly newsletter and for special emails for the latest information.



I hope you have been enjoying the summer and your gardens – or, like me, the pots of flowers on your patio or deck. Container gardening is a good way to bring some

fresh herbs or vegetables into your meals and it doesn't require a big space – just some sun. Or it is a nice way to brighten up your space with flowers. If you have a shady space, begonias are lovely and in the full sun, petunias, geraniums and marigolds thrive. Even if you don't have outside space, a few containers of basil and other herbs

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and even some cherry tomatoes can do well in a sunny window. My daughter has a veritable jungle in her condo – money plants, tomatoes, peas, cantaloupe vines, basil and other herbs.

Many have been using the past few months of "stay at home" time to work on projects that have been pushed aside or sorting through



#### **Directory Changes**

Please note:

Ann Slauson's unit has changed to 602

Sherry Foster's email has changed to nazinda472@gmail.com



cupboards and closets and discarding unneeded items. I must confess that I haven't been as motivated in that particular arena as I could be. Instead I worked on and finished a couple of minibiographies about my mother and Rick's mother for my  $3\frac{1}{2}$  year old grandson

Dutcher. He will never know his greatgrandmas in person so this seemed like a good way for him to learn a little about them and their lives. Unfortunately, the old photos I included didn't reproduce very well once they were scanned and then printed – some of them are pretty old, like photos of Rick and me with our parents when we were babies (70+ years ago)! However, Dutcher will now have something to remember them by.

What projects have you been working on since last March? It might be interesting to hear about them in future newsletters. If you would like to share, send me a short paragraph about your project and a photo if you have one.

Keep safe and take care of yourself. Here's hoping that we can gather again soon!

Maureen Boutz

### Auction

COVID-19 restrictions may preempt our November 3, 2020 Auction; however, in anticipation that the event will occur, it is time to consider donating items to our annual fundraiser.

Please start thinking about food items to donate such as a frozen dinner, cookies, a cake or homecanned goods. The biggest money-makers are always gatherings in private homes such as teas, dinners and other activities that bring in hundreds of dollars for the benefit of the Club. Interest groups are invited to put together a basket or donate items from their group.

Thank you and please stay healthy and safe!

Patty Hostetter



Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2020-2021				
Board Members	Name	Interest Groups	Name	
President	Maureen Boutz	Two-Bit Tours	Vickie Deschaine	
Vice President	Dona Farsdahl	BYOB	Vickie Deschaine	
Recording Secretary	Mimi Anderson	Daytime Books	Becky Dahlager	
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Hostess		Books & Coffee	Becky Dahlager	
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Fundraising	Patty Hostetter			
50/50 Bingo	Mary Scarpelli			
Advisor/Past President	Ann Fly			

Please refer to your printed directory for contact information.

## BYOB

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..." – Alfred Lord Tennyson

I sincerely hope we will be able to gather and share our stories over a lovely glass of wine at someone's warm and welcoming home soon.

Stay safe and healthy!

Vicki Deschaine BYOB Chair





**Compass Golf** continues meeting on Tuesday mornings at Esmeralda GC.

For details, contact Ro Lisk

## A Note From Ann

As we are facing this dreaded virus I thought you may be interested to hear how other countries are dealing with it.

Sweden is keeping the country relatively open during this coronavirus pandemic, but the elderly are paying the ultimate price. For some, that was the

right approach, but for others like the elderly population, the tradeoff has had harsh consequences. If herd immunity was their goal, they failed grossly as only 6% of the population have known antibodies. Even though most restaurants and stores have been open. their economy will shrink by 5% this year.

Sweden has 10 million citizens, 79,782 have been infected, 5,730 people have died, and on July 30th 288 new cases and 2 new deaths have been reported. Sweden has now closed their borders, and will only admit Swedish citizens. Stay safe my friends,

Ann Fly

### **Theatre Goers**

Well, this season sure is one for the books, but The Civic is thinking the season will be back in 2021-22. So hopefully we will be a group again and can enjoy the theater and dinner out, eventually!

P.S. If you stream The Disney channel vou can see "Hamilton".



Carol Hannah Theater Goers Chair

## September Birthdays

2	Carole Parfett
2	Patt Perlman
5	Kathy Cousineau
5	Dale Boercker
8	Jeannette Karis
8	Jan Monaco

15	Anne Lauderbaugh
21	Patty McCarty
22	Marjorie Bender
27	Carol Isakson
29	Irene Byrd
30	Kathy Piper





### And for all you Summer Birthday Gals ... **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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- 2 Celia Nyamweru
- 5 Carol Hannah
- Linda Jones 14
- 27 **Betsy Blake**

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

15	Elaine Carlton

Sue Harris

- 16 Linda Milsow
- 17 Mary Huggins
- 22 Imelda Williams
- 24 Marian Denney

# Happy Feet Hikers

Happy Feet Hikers have been semi- active all summer. We try to get out and about as much as possible.

In September I will suggest that we hike Tubbs Hill, Higgins Point (at CdA lake), Fish Lake Trail, and parts of the Centennial

Trail near Post Falls.



Susie Volwiler



# Philanthropy

Greetings ladies. Here is your Philanthropy article for September.

The Free Rein Therapeutic Riding Program provides physical and emotional recovery activities and therapies through interactions with horses for individuals with special needs and veterans. This 501(c)3 nonprofit program is part of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH), which promotes activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. Benefits include muscle strength, balance improvement, problem solving, positive communication skills, social interaction, and a feeling of belonging.

Free Rein is located at Medicine Horse Stables, west of Spokane. The program, begun in 2008, is now in its second session of 2020, with 22 riders, 3 horses, 5 part-time instructors, and 60 trained volunteers, following COVID guidelines (masking, social distancing, etc). In the months ahead the program will increase to 22-37 riders, 4-5 horses, and see the resumption of the military horsemanship program, depending on the status of COVID-19 in our state. An online auction is also in the works for October 24 to help raise funds for our program.

Free Rein can be found on Facebook. Type in Free Rein Therapeutic Riding, and click on "About" for more information.

Donations: During Covid while we are safely self-distancing, please consider that although we are not meeting at this time, we can still make donations for our Philanthropy project. I would encourage you to mail your donations to Pat Partovi (see your directory for her address).

Susan Miles

## Wine Tasting

As long as we remain in Phase 2, we will not be able to enjoy each other's company while wine tasting. Some wineries are open for limited seating table service. Reservations are typically required. Check directly with each winery for their hours and availability.

We look forward to getting together again sometime in the future to enjoy fellowship and of course, wine together. In the meantime, I'll share a quote I found online:

"I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food." — W.C. Fields





Rita Van Cleve

### Night Owls

Here is the schedule for the Night Owl's book group for the 2020-2021 season. So far, no decision on whether to meet has been made for the meeting in September.

9/17 **The Angle of Repose** by Wallace Stegner Hostess: Shelli Sorenson

10/15 **The Dutch House** by Ann Patchet Hostess: Nancy Young



12/17 Christmas memory sharing Hostess: Ann Lively

1/21 **The Splendid and the Vile** by Erik Larson Hostess: Imelda Williams

2/18 **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michele Richardson Hostess: Linda Milsow

3/18 **The Secrets We Kept** by Lara Prescott Hostess: Joanne Moyer

4/15 **A Woman of No Importance** by Sonia Purnell Hostess: JoAnne Perry

5/20 **A Long Petal of the Sea** by Isabel Allende Hostess: Ginny Langpap

6/17 next year's book selection dinner Hostess: Anne Lauderbaugh

Ann Lively, Night Owls chair



## Daytime Books

The daytime books group had zoom meetings in March and April. Since May, we have met in the Franklin Park Pavilion. It's been such a pleasure being with friends again, albeit six feet apart!

We are still meeting over the summer under the shelter at Franklin Park. Our next book is Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff and the meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 1:00 pm.

### Sep 29 Talking to Strangers,

by Malcolm Gladwell Oct 27 Book of Lost Friends, by Lisa Wingate Nov 24 Dutch House, by Ann Patchett Jan 26 Splendid and the Vile, by Erik Larson Feb 23 Marriage of Opposites, by Alice Hoffman Mar 23 Night Tiger, by Yangzee Choo Apr 27 Guest Book, by Sarah Blake May 25 Cold Millions, by Jess Walter Jun 29 Choose new books

Becky Dahlager, Daytime Books chair

## **Books and Coffee**

We are still meeting over the summer under the shelter at Franklin Park.

Here's our list of books for the next few months:

Sept.: **The Guardians**, by John Grisham Oct: **The Woman in the Window**, by A.J. Finn Nov: **The Turn of the Key**, by Ruth Ware Dec: **Crossing to Safety**, by Wallace Stegner

Becky Dahlager, Books and Coffee chair



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### Compass Club Monthly Planner

