

# The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

December 2022

12/1	Deadline for luncheon reservations & cancellations
12/6	Luncheon 11am
12/7	Mahjong 1pm
12/8	Books & Coffee 10am
12/13	Daytime Books lunch
12/19	Quilt & Stitch 12 noon
12/21	Mahjong 1pm

## Luncheon News

Compass Club will be celebrating the Christmas holiday with an English Windsor High Tea on Tuesday, December 6th, at 11 am at Heavenly Special Teas at **1817 N. Division St.** (near Indiana Ave.) Don your finest hat or fascinator, your merriest holiday clothing and be prepared to “lift a finger” with friends.

The Menu is Endless Tea, two types of mini scones, seasonal fruit, three types of sandwiches and three types of desserts. The cost is \$25 pp.

NOTE: The Treasurer prefers that you pay by check for the luncheons.

Deadline for reservations/cancellations is Thursday, December 1 at Noon. Email or call Sheryl Krauser, skrauser@comcast.net, (509) 435-2535.

**Sandy Colquhoun**  
**Kathy Cousineau**  
Vice Presidents



## President's Corner

Boy, it seems like I went to bed in fall and woke up in winter. Along with winter comes a new luncheon venue for December and I can't wait to try it. We will be at Heavenly Special Teas on north Division and I hope you will join us.

At our last board meeting we thought it would be nice to feature our members in the newsletter with a little bit about them. I announced it at the luncheon, asking for a volunteer to do the interviews and write them up.

Huge thanks to **Kate Mietus** for volunteering and for jumping right in and preparing something for this newsletter. I hope you enjoy this new feature and that you find some new common ground with members.

I also shared that we need a new volunteer to maintain the Compass web site. Many thanks to **Kathy Piper** who has been doing the job for years, coding in HTML. If anyone knows HTML and would like the job, it's yours. More likely is that we should subscribe to a service that provides a much easier interface and hosts the web site. I'm looking at [squarespace.com](https://www.squarespace.com) so if any member is willing to consider serving as our web master, please have a look at it and contact me with comments. The board and I think it is important for Compass to continue to maintain a current web site.

And here's a quick shout out to **Vicki Deschaine** who has been filing the

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## December Bake Sale

Our December luncheon event will include a bake sale which is a fundraiser for our club. Please don your apron and bake cookies, bread or other specialty items to donate to this event. Baked goods will be displayed on tables.



**No need for bakers to price the goods as the purchase of the items will be by donation only. Decide what you want to pay for an item, then drop that amount of money in the Donation Basket.**

Thank you for your upcoming participation to make this fundraiser a sweet success.

**Patty Hostetter**  
Fundraising Chair



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online report with the Washington Secretary of State. She has been doing it for years (I just learned) and it is a great testament to her dedication to our club. Thank you, Vicki!

Lastly, please bring some treats to the December luncheon for our annual bake sale. This used to be combined with the auction but it was broken out last year and it was a very successful fundraiser, not to mention delicious.

**Pat Partovi**  
President

## Philanthropy

Thank you all for your great support of our Philanthropy project "Big Table" at last month's luncheon. The raffle prize included a loaf of Cinnamon Toast Bread, gourmet coffee and two fall coffee cups. The raffle was won by Darlene Gaffney.



As you are aware, "Big Table" is an organization that reaches out to people in the service industries and offers support to individuals in times of need. They work on a referral model. Please remember that you as a customer are encouraged to make a referral if you come across someone who you feel could benefit from "Big Tables" help. Here is how: 1) Go to [big-table.com](http://big-table.com) and click on "Refer Someone"; 2) Fill out the referral form - it takes about 3 minutes; 3) "Big Table" will reach out directly to the person you refer. It is as simple as that.



Hope to see you all at the December luncheon and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Kathi Brandmueller**  
Philanthropy Chair

## Scrappin' & Craftin'

Our November event was a bit of a departure but a good one. A luncheon with a 'make and take' wood block holiday sentiment was the focus of this cozy group of ladies who gathered at a private home. The class was taught by artist Mari Kay Everitt.

The luncheon was lovely with Vicki Deschaine overseeing the kitchen to provide a delicious respite & dessert.

A quick reminder that crafting includes any type of activity that you are working on... Embroidery, knitting, crocheting, painting, etc. all are welcome at our monthly gathering at private homes.

Due to the craziness of the holiday season in December we will not be meeting but will resume again in January. Stay tuned!

Shari Russell  
Crafting & Scrapping Leader



## Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2022-2023

Board Members	Name	Interest Groups	Name
President	Pat Partovi	Two-Bit Tours	Vicki Deschaine
Vice Presidents	Sandy Colquhoun Kathy Cousineau	BYOB	Vicki Deschaine
Secretary	Dona Farsdahl	Daytime Books	Kathy Cousineau
Treasurer	Kathie Heim	Quilt & Stitch	Anne Slauson
Membership	Mimi Anderson	Wine Tasting	
Philanthropy	Kathi Brandmueller	Books & Coffee	Kathi Brandmueller
Fundraising	Patty Hostetter	Young & Fun Group	Shari Russell
50/50 Bingo	Shirley Calkins	Scrappin' & Craftin'	Shari Russell
Decorations	Shari Russell	Theatre Goers	Linda Milsow
Newsletter	Kathy Piper	Happy Feet Hikers	
Interest Groups	Julia Marvel	Compass Campers	
Phone Committee	Sheryl Krauser	Bridge	Patty McCarty
Hostess	Kathleen Howlett	Mahjong	Dona Farsdahl
Corresponding Secy.	Barbara Boniface		
Advisor/Past President	Maureen Boutz		

*Please refer to your Compass Directory for contact information.*



## December Birthdays

8	Susie Volwiler	27	Connie Trowbridge
10	Barbara Boniface	29	Sonia Bertsch
13	Laura Nissley	29	Nancy Smith
13	Roz Santangelo	31	Sylvia Bumgarner
19	Karen Snyder Scott	31	Barbara Richardson-Crandall
22	Deb Mallion		



## Quilt & Stitch

The November meeting of Quilt & Stitch will be held on Monday, Nov. 21 at 1:00. We'll meet at Anne Slauson's condo in Fairwood, 312 W Hastings Rd, #602.

The December meeting of Quilt & Stitch will be on held on Dec. 19th. It is a salad luncheon starting at 12:00. In addition to salads, we'll share items for Christmas, especially homemade gifts that can be done at the last minute or favorites from Christmases past. Those are always special. Love the stories!



It will be held at Kate Mietus' condo, 4910 S. Ivy Glen Ln. Rsvp to cell: (509) 481-3952 or kate6154@gmail.com. Watch for group email later for directions. Anne Slauson anneslauson@gmail.com

Quilt & Stitch meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. All compass members are welcome.

For more information, contact **Anne Slauson**, (509) 496-2635 or anneslauson@gmail.com

## Directory Updates

**Welcome** to 2 new members:

**Allison Sharp**  
allison95630@gmail.com

**Roz Santangelo**  
italroz@yahoo.com

## The Caring Corner

Cards sent to members this month:  
**Karen Snyder Scott**—get well  
**Ro Lisk**—24-hour caregiver for her husband

## Mahjong

Mahjong is a tile-based game developed in the 19th century in China. It has evolved in China to mean friendship! Our interest group is all about friendship - and fun.

We've had several members join the group since our September meeting. We come from a variety of backgrounds from those with no knowledge of the game - to experience with a different type of Mahjong - to having played for years! Everyone is welcome!



The Mahjong group will meet on December 7th and 21st at 1:00. Please email Dona Farsdahl at dfarsdahl@comcast.net if you would like more information and to be added to our email list.

**Dona Farsdahl**  
Mahjong Chair

## Decorations

Our winners for the November luncheon decorations which featured a \$25 gift certificate to cold Stone ice cream along with festive autumn fun and a European cheese wedge are as follows:

Kathi Brandmuller  
Connie Branch  
Kathy Piper  
Beverly Boehle  
Barb Boniface  
Sharon White  
Carol Hannah  
Roz Santangelo...Our guest & newest member!

Congratulations to our table decor winners for November's luncheon. Also, thanks to **Vicki Deschaine** for being my scribe!

**Shari Russell**  
Decoratons Chair

## Daytime Books

Daytime Books meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1pm for light refreshments and book discussion.

December 13  
Lunch at 1898 Public House

January 24  
**Great Circle**  
by Maggie Shipstead  
Hostess: Becky Dahlager

February 28  
**The Weekend**  
by Charlotte Wood  
Hostess: Kathy Cousineau

March 28  
**The Lamplighters**  
by Emma Stonex  
Hostess: Mary Huggins



April 25  
**Black Cake**  
by Charmaine Wilkerson  
Hostess: Linda Milsow

May 23 **Diamond Eye**  
by Kate Quinn  
Hostess: Jan Schnurr

June 27 Choose New Books  
Hostess: Pat Partovi

**Kathy Cousineau**  
Daytime Books Chair



## Theatre Goers

I am hoping enough of you are interested in attending the Spokane Civic Theater's plays that we can keep the group going. Here are the basic rules: The deadline for making a reservation will appear in the newsletter. You will send me a check for the number of tickets you need for a specific play (you don't have to attend all of them and can bring guests) and then I will call in the number of tickets we will need. I will email you the dates of the plays. When you arrive at the theater, you will pick up your tickets at the window, listed under your name, but also under Compass Club. They will seat Compass Club members in the same row, as much as possible. A row near the back has the best views of the stage.



If there is enough interest, I will make reservations at a near-by restaurant for after the play.

Last season Larry and I were pleasantly surprised at the continued good performances at the plays. For some reason we had stopped attending the Civic's performances. Looking forward to hearing from many of you.

**Linda Milsow**  
Theatre Goers Chair

## Books and Coffee

The Books and Coffee group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. If you are not already in the group and wish to join please drop an email at [kibrandmueller@gmail.com](mailto:kibrandmueller@gmail.com). The books to be discussed are attached below. Locations will be announced as they are finalized.

December 8: **A Thousand Splendid Suns**  
by Khaled Hosseini

January 2023: **The Weekend**  
by Charlotte Wood

**Kathi Brandmueller**  
Books & Coffee Chair



## Getting to Know You: The Compass Profile Corner



*I am Kate Mietus, a 2-year member of Compass Club. I will be interviewing members each month hopefully helping all of us learn about each other and put names with faces. It was a real pleasure to interview the first two ~ Pat Partovi and Patty Hostetter.*



*Pat Partovi, President  
28-year member*

My first job after moving to Spokane from southern California was as manager of the new downtown library. I worked 19 years in the libraries, before retiring in 2013 as Director of the city's entire library system. One memorable accomplishment was when the City Council and I were able to get the first-ever levy on the ballot. It passed, and with this additional funding, the libraries were now able to stay open longer hours.

A friend of mine met Eleanor Hill, a past Compass Club member, in Mexico, and the friend gave me her contact information. I did contact Eleanor and she told me about Compass.

I don't have a lot of hobbies, but I do like to cook and entertain, and babysit my two grandchildren, Rio 4 and Paloma 7.



*Patty Hostetter  
6-year member*

After retirement from my job in 2012 and leaving Alaska where I had lived 51 years, I moved to Spokane to be near my daughter.

I love to read, especially mysteries, and enjoy cooking and working in my yard.

In 1990, I applied for a job as the assistant to the owner of an Alaskan family bank, but I didn't have an inkling he was cantankerous until the personnel director who interviewed me made this offer: Stay in the job for a year and you'll receive a \$10,000 bonus. In the ten years I worked for this banker, I learned skills that have benefited me to this day, and I assisted him in writing a history of his family and the bank.

Do you have any advice for Compass Club? Yes, I encourage new members to become active in club leadership positions as a way to get to know other members and how the club operates.

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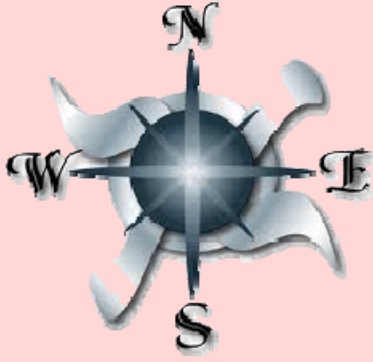
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## Compass Club Monthly Planner

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