

The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

April 2023

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| 3/30 | Luncheon reservations due |
| 4/4 | Luncheon |
| 4/5 | Mahjong 1pm |
| 4/13 | Books & Coffee 10 am |
| 4/17 | Quilt & Stitch 1 pm |
| 4/19 | Mahjong 1pm |
| 4/25 | Daytime Books 1 pm |



Luncheon News

The April Compass Club luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at **Rockwood South Hill, 2903 E. 25th**. We will continue the celebration of St. Patrick's Day by enjoying the music of Project Joy member Greg Yeager. Mr. Yeager is a fiddler, guitarist, and singer with a repertoire of music from Scotland, Ireland and some Americana thrown in for good measure.

The menu for this enjoyable day will be a Salad Trio featuring fresh fruit, chicken salad and couscous salad, House-made roll, and dessert.

Check in time is at 11:00. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

There will be a 2 hour no host bar for your enjoyment.

The deadline for reservations will be March 30 at noon. Email or call Sheryl Krauser, skrauser@comcast.net 509-435-2535 to confirm your reservations.

Sandy Colquhoun
Kathy Cousineau
Vice Presidents



President's Corner

Welcome to Spring! I'd like to thank everyone for another successful auction, especially Patty Hostetter who did an amazing job. Thank you to those who will host events, and who donated baskets, quilted items, knitted items and brought things for the bake sale. Thank you to those who purchased everything, too. I'm so proud of the ladies of this club. Anyone who was unable to attend the auction can donate to the Love Basket which will be at the rest of the luncheons this year. If you don't regularly attend luncheons you can always mail a check to Kathie Heim and say it's for the Love Basket.

At the April luncheon we need to present the slate of officers for next year which starts with the August board meeting. Then we vote on the slate in May and install the new board in June. So far we have had a great response from the current board and most will be continuing their office next year. We also have some new people as board members which is wonderful. We still need someone to volunteer to be Recording Secretary. This person takes the minutes at the board meeting and emails them to the board members. I have done this job in the past and, in my opinion, it's one of the easiest jobs on the board. If you are willing to do this, please contact me.

Once again, thank you all for your generous support of our wonderful Compass Club!

Pat Partovi, President

Auction Finale

From my perspective, observing the generous offerings displayed; watching and listening as members made their selections; knowing that the volunteers were ready to get to work; and that generally everyone was having a good time, I thought, *wow, this auction was worth it.*



I am pleased that the auction brought in **\$3,464** for the benefit of our club. This is in addition to the \$385 collected at the December luncheon bake sale. **The total raised for 2022-2023 is \$3,849.**

Thank you to everyone who purchased auction items and in this way supported our club. Thank you to everyone who donated to the auction. There were lovely and creative gift baskets and other donations from interest groups and individuals for the Silent Auction segment. There was a colorful and generous display of handcrafted items priced for sale from individuals and the Quilt & Stitch group. There was

a good collection of dining-touring events and individual items such as artwork and bread for the Live Auction segment.



At the February luncheon, I mentioned it would be great to have 100% member participation in the auction donations.

With the addition of baked good offerings, I believe that goal was achieved. Thank you to everyone who brought these tasty treats, so many that an extra display table was set up to accommodate them.

Thank you to **Kathy Cousineau and Sandy Colquhoun** for arranging the luncheon—we certainly had a generously proportioned and delicious meal.

Thank you to **Shari Russell**, our auctioneer extraordinaire, for making the Live Auction segment so much fun. We had some lively bidding to round out the event. The moment Shari took over, I breathed a sigh of great relief as I knew we were in capable hands—*especially with that microphone which is the bane of my existence!*



Thank You

Thank you to the volunteers who signed up early to assist. **Susan Miles** handed out paddles. **Kate Mietus, Erin Heilig and Kathi Brandmueller** were spotters. **Kathie Heim and Maureen Boutz** were cashiers. **Sandy Colquhoun and Kathy Cousineau** worked to set up the room and then to clean up after. **Sandy Colquhoun** was also very helpful whenever I had an

auction question. **Susie Volwiler** supplied tips and assistance in the moment on auction day with Silent Auction protocol. **Shirley Calkins** also volunteered but was unable to attend the auction.

Thank you to **Kathy Piper** for always making the newsletter auction progress announcements so colorful and decorative. Kathy, you are a gem!



Patty Hostetter, Fundraising

Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2022-2023

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| President | Pat Partovi | Trailblazers | Vicki Deschaine & Shari Russell |
| 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 | Books & Coffee | Kathi Brandmueller |
| Philanthropy | Kathi Brandmueller | Scrappin' & Craftin' | Shari Russell |
| Fundraising | Patty Hostetter | Theatre Goers | Linda Milsow |
| 50/50 Bingo | Shirley Calkins | Bridge | Patty McCarty |
| Decorations | Shari Russell | Mahjong | Dona Farsdahl |
| Newsletter | Kathy Piper | Wine Tasting | |
| Interest Groups | Julia Marvel | Compass Campers | |
| Phone Committee | Sheryl Krauser | Happy Feet Hikers | |
| Hostess | Kathleen Howlett | | |
| Corresponding Secy. | Barbara Boniface | | |
| Advisor/Past President | Maureen Boutz | | |

Please refer to your Compass Directory for contact information.

April Birthdays

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| 2 | Suzanne Lopes | 20 | Kathie Heim |
| 9 | Sheryl Krauser | 25 | Becky Dahlager |
| 12 | Beverly Hayes | 29 | Britt Landreth |
| 15 | Kathleen Hyde | | |



Daytime Books

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

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



Wanted!

In order to have the much-requested fashion show from **Chicos** in May, we need members to volunteer to be models. **Chicos has asked for 6 models of all shapes and sizes.** This is a fun event and requires nothing more than to be able to walk down a short aisle and smile. Often, there is a small discount on clothes for those who model. What a great opportunity to get to “strut your stuff” and save some money at the same time.



To volunteer, contact either **Kathy Cousineau** digtherebop@hotmail.com 303-748-9606 or **Sandy Colquhoun** idahosandy@comcast.net 509-209-4477.

ALSO WANTED:

How would YOU like to “show your stuff” by editing the Compass Club newsletter next year? It’s easy...it’s fun...it’s sorta like journalism without the political biases (no “fake news”, please)! You choose a newsletter creation software (like Microsoft Publisher or Word or whatever you Mac people use), pull together the articles emailed to you by your Board Members and Interest Group leaders and throw in some free clipart (or try your hand at using your own artwork). Design your own style or use a template. If interested, contact me, **Kathy Piper** katpiper@aol.com, or any board member.



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. The books to be discussed are attached below. Locations will be announced as they are finalized.

April 13th: **The Last to Vanish**

by Megan Miranda

May 11th: **The Diamond Eye**

by Kate Quinn

June 8th: **The Exiles**

(currently free for Kindle version on Amazon)

by Christina Baker Kline



Kathi Brandmueller

Books & Coffee Chair





The Caring Corner

Get well card sent to Anne Lauderbaugh
 Sympathy card sent to Kathi Brandmueller

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Maggie Crawford 10940 W. Ridge Tree Ct. Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026 509-466-8265 riversong200@msn.com

And **Welcome Back** to Marilyn Haugen. Great to see you again, Marilyn! Here's Marilyn's info: 7728 E. Columbia Ct. Spokane, WA 99212 509-251-4420 marilynhaugen@gmail.com

Mahjong

Mahjong will meet on April 5th and 19th. We usually play from 1:00-3:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Players are emailed the location and those attending the week before we meet for possible carpooling.

If you're interested in joining us, we'd love to have you. Just contact Dona Farsdahl at dfarsdahl@comcast.net to get on our email distribution list!



Dona Farsdahl
 Mahjong Coordinator

Quilt & Stitch

The Quilt & Stitch meeting next month will take place on Monday, April 17th at 1:00. The hostess will be **Karen Snyder Scott**, 19235 Riverwalk Ln., cell 509-993-2801, email:

krprscott43@gmail.com. Sylvia will bring a treat. We will discuss future projects including the Easy Strip Hourglass quilt due in May.

All are welcome. Contact **Anne Slauson** (509) 496-2635 or **anneslauson@gmail.com**



Philanthropy

Sorry...I do not have an article for Philanthropy this month. I came down with Covid on Thursday and don't have the energy to write an article.

Kathi Brandmueller
 Philanthropy Chair

Crafting & Scrapping

Our interest group was delighted to provide a basket for our auction. Many thanks to those of our group that contributed to the basket and to those hosting a very successful auction event.

Our class scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 has been rescheduled to sometime in April. Unfortunately we have four of the 10 RSVPs for the 'paint and pour' instruction class with lunch that have become victims of the cold/flu/virus. That seems to be the scourge of the month of March. Oh yes and then of course there is the weather!

Just a reminder that if anybody wants to hostess an open crafting session to please let me know. These

are no cost events and do not require RSVPs ~ although they are helpful to the hostess. These events are bring your own craft and beverage of your choice, as the hostess is merely providing the venue.

stay tuned and happy crafting all!

Shari Russell



Trailblazers, part 1

In our March newsletter we detailed the information for our "Ride the Rails" with the Lion's Club of Lone in Boundary County on Sept. 13th at 2 pm.. This is an easy, 9-mile, round-trip ride on a self propelled 4-seater railroad bicycle along the beautiful, scenic Pend Oreille River in Lone, WA.

We will have a special group ride just for Compass Club!! Each ticket costs \$30. In order to secure this special tour just for us, **we must have a reply by June 2nd** that you will be joining in the fun. Please do not wait to make your reservation. If we do not have 20 members, the trip will be canceled on that date of June 1st.

Vicki & Shari, Trailblazers Co-Chairs



Trailblazers, part 2

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Just a reminder: we are excited to have our first offering as the **Walla Walla** trip in May. If you haven't been to Walla Walla yet, you are missing a delightful treat in our south eastern part of the state.



The dates are **May 16-18**. You're responsible for your accommodations.

We will have an evening no host cocktail party on both the 16th and the 17th for chatting, socializing, and coordinating activities for those interested. At each cocktail party, we can discuss what people want to do the next day so you can decide if you want to join a group or be on your own to see different events the following day.

If you will be joining us, please let either Vicki or Shari know so that we can make sure you receive information on our pre-dinner gatherings.

Vicki & Shari, Trailblazers Co-Chairs



Getting to Know You: The Compass Profile Corner by Kate Mietus



Linda Jones

I was born in Seattle and lived there until 1979. My life really changed when I married Rick who was a professional bowler. We bought a 32-foot 5th wheeler and traveled to bowling tournaments around the country. One year, our gray water froze, and we had to drive from Michigan to Florida to find enough warm weather to thaw it out. It was so cold that my shoes froze to the metal steps leading out of our 5th wheeler. When my husband had the opportunity to invest in a bowling center, we moved to Spokane. I was pregnant at the time and our son Gary was born in 1986. We have now lived in the same house for 36 years though we have added on and remodeled over time. Rick went into teaching/coaching and continued to travel to the bowling tournaments until he retired in 2022.

I worked for Jenny Craig for 17 years ~ it was the best job ever. After the franchise was taken over by new owners, I worked in the insurance business.

Ten years ago, I met Nancy Mackenzie in a yoga class. She invited me to a Compass Club luncheon and a quilt meeting. At the time I had no quilting experience, but Nancy (and Julia Marvel) have taught me so much.

In my spare time I love to garden, sew, quilt, and bake. I love animals, especially my silver Cocker Spaniel, Rodgers, named after Aaron Rodgers, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers. We are a sports family and really enjoy watching football. This year, I won the family Fantasy Football league!! Beside winning Fantasy Football, I loved traveling with the bowling group.

At Compass Club luncheons, I like the way we gather and chat.



Sandy Colquhoun

After watching Sandy lead a "Get to Know You" activity at the last luncheon, would you have ever guessed that she has a fear of speaking to groups of strangers? In her interview she said, "My big life accomplishment (beside my two daughters) was overcoming my fear of speaking to large groups of strangers twice in my life.

The first time was as a presenter at the annual New Jersey Library Association conference as I spoke about the "state of the art" library and middle school my school district had just built.

Most recently, I represented Spokane Symphony Associates at the League of American Orchestras annual conference presenting Music Bingo as a fun way to introduce information to new members of a volunteer group.

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Getting to Know You: (continued)



Sandy Colquhoun

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Although, there were many years between these two events, it was not any easier the second time. I am done with public speaking in front of large audiences. I am content to stick with speaking to friends, especially Compass Club.

I joined Compass Club in 2017 but have been more active for the past two years. I have served as the Fundraising Chair. Currently, I am 1st vice president in charge of programs and venues for the monthly meetings.

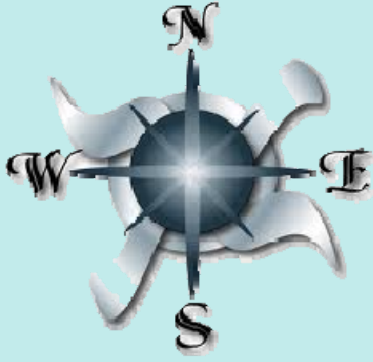
I was born in Troy, Idaho, but my dad's job with Washington Water Power (now Avista) moved the family to Spokane when I was five. I attended Longfellow (K-8) and Marycliff High School. I met my husband Bruce on a blind date at the University of Idaho, where I majored in home economics. I earned my master's in library science from Indiana University, Bloomington, graduating on the same day as our youngest daughter graduated from Purdue. I attended her graduation and got my diploma in the mail.

In my spare time, I enjoy sewing and jewelry making. I am beginning to venture into the quilting world. I also like to read and spend time at Coeur d'Alene Lake. I have recently joined Le Donne, a women's singing group.

My hope for Compass Club is that we continue to reach out to women in Spokane and to continue to offer a multitude of activities and interest groups to reach as many members as possible. It is by being together and socializing that we really form the bonds that make Compass Club the special organization it is.



HAPPY
Easter



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April 2023

Compass Club Monthly Planner

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 3/26 | 3/27 | 3/28 | 3/29 | 3/30 <i>Deadline for luncheon reservations/cancellations</i> | 3/31 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Luncheon 11 am</i> | 5 <i>Mahjong 1 pm</i> | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Books & Coffee 10 am</i> | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 <i>Quilt & Stitch 1 pm</i> | 18 | 19 <i>Mahjong 1 pm</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 30 | 24 | 25 <i>Daytime Books 1 pm</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |