

The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

May 2023

4/24	Luncheon reservations due
5/2	Luncheon
5/3	Mahjong 1pm
5/11	Books & Coffee 10am Crafting & Scrapping 1pm
5/14	Mothers' Day
5/17	Mahjong 1pm
5/22	Quilt & Stitch
5/29	Memorial Day
6/1	DEADLINE FOR DUES



Luncheon News

It is time to break out the spring/summer wardrobes! Find out what the latest styles of the season are by attending the **May 2, 2023 Compass Club luncheon held at Beacon Hill, 4848 East Valley Springs Rd.** Some of our very own Compass Club members will be modeling clothes from **Chicos**. It is sure to lift your spirits after the long winter we have just gone through.

The menu for the luncheon will feature a trio of salads including a Grilled Chicken with Jicama, a Farro Salad, and a Mixed Greens salad with Lemon Ricotta cookies for dessert. Due to the need to purchase items for this meal created especially for us, reservations will need to be made by **April 24. This is 4 days earlier than normal.**

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

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

The deadline for reservations will be **April 24 at noon.** Email or call Sheryl Krauser, skrauser@comcast.net, 509-435-2535 to confirm your reservations.

As always, the Treasurer prefers checks made out to Compass Club.

Directions to Beacon Hill. If you have GPS availability, that would be the best suggestion in order to avoid road construction nightmares. There are two ways to get to Beacon Hill:
1. Freeway to the Argonne exit. Head

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President's Corner

As we move closer to the end of our Compass year the board has put together the following slate of officers for the 2023-24 year. Per the bylaws, those who attend the May luncheon will vote on the new board members and they will be installed at our final luncheon for the year in June.

- **President: Pat Partovi** *returning*
- **Vice Presidents: Sandy Colquhoun and Kathy Cousineau** *returning*
- **Recording Secretary: Susie Volwiler**
- **Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Boniface** *returning*
- **Treasurer: Maureen Boutz**
- **Membership: Mimi Anderson** *returning*
- **Philanthropy: Kathi Brandmueller** *returning*
- **Fundraising: Carole Parfett**
- **50/50 Bingo: Shirley Calkins** *returning*
- **Decorations: Shari Russell** *returning*
- **Newsletter: Kathy Piper** *returning*
- **Interest Groups: Julia Marvel** *returning*
- **Phone Committee: Sheryl Krauser** *returning*
- **Hostess: Kathleen Howlett** *returning*
- **Advisor/Past President: not needed next year**

The board is interested in establishing some "Standing Rules" to explain in writing how some things are done in Compass Club. One example is

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Dues

Attention Members:

The yearly membership fee for Compass Club is **due by June 1st, 2023**. Please remit dues prior to the deadline as we are changing treasurers this year and it will make the transition smoother. See form, below.

If you want to pay your dues at the May luncheon, please bring TWO checks; One for the luncheon and one for your dues. Make your check(s) payable to Spokane Compass Club. Or you can mail your dues check to:

**Kathie Heim
4776 West Lowell Ave Spokane WA 99208**

President's Corner continued

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how the Philanthropy charity is chosen and how the tickets are sold. I would love to hear from you what other unwritten "rules" we follow so that we can document them and make it a little easier for new, and even longer term members to learn about us.

**Pat Partovi
President**



Compass Club of Spokane Dues Statement

Please remit to:

Attn: Kathie Heim
4776 West Lowell Ave
Spokane, WA 99208
509-979-3907
kathieheim@comcast.net

DATE DUE	DESCRIPTION	NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT SPOKANECOMPASSCLUB.ORG
June 1, 2023	Yearly Dues	25.00
June 1, 2023	Additional charge if you want the newsletter mailed to your home.	25.00

Please update personal information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email address: _____

Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2022-2023

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.

May Birthdays

11	Andrea Truman	18	Mimi Anderson
11	Sharon White	21	Susan Miles
13	Maureen Boutz	22	Erin Heilig
13	Dona Farsdahl		



The Caring Corner

Get Well cards were sent to: Anne Slauson, Shari Russell, Debra Belair, and Kathi Brandmueller

Daytime Books

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

May 23 ***Diamond Eye***
by Kate Quinn
Hostess: Carole Parfett

June 27 Choose New Books
Hostess: Pat Partovi

Kathy Cousineau
Daytime Books 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. The books to be discussed are attached below. Locations will be announced as they are finalized.

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



Mahjong

Mahjong will meet on May 3rd and 17th. 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



Luncheon News (continued)

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north on Argonne to Columbia Drive (just past apartment buildings). Follow Columbia Drive to the dead end and turn left onto Thierman Road. Follow that road until you come to Beacon Hill.

2. Take Market Street north to Euclid Ave. Turn right on Euclid and proceed to the stoplight at Freya by Cooper Elementary. Turn left on Freya and drive north to the roundabout on Wellesley. Turn right (or East) at the roundabout and follow Wellesley up the hill to Beacon Hill.

Sandy Colquhoun
Kathy Cousineau
Vice Presidents

Trailblazers

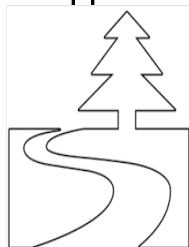
In our March newsletter we detailed the information for our "Ride the Rails" with the Lion's Club of Lone in Boundary County on Sept. 13th at 2 pm.. This is an easy, 9-mile, round-trip ride on a self propelled 4-seater railroad bicycle along the beautiful, scenic Pend Oreille River in Lone, WA.



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

Our Walla Walla event is scheduled for mid May during the week. This historic town offers a variety of activities. This event will not be scheduled with a specific itinerary other than meeting for a no host cocktail event on the 16th & 17th.



Attendees are welcome to go their own way, or connect with compass Club friends to choose any joint activities. Our No-Host cocktail events will provide opportunities to share experiences & suggest activities.

Lodging: there are many hotels, as well as RV parks. Attendees are responsible for their own reservations.

Date: May 16-18, 2023
Cocktails: May 16th, 5:30 pm
Marcus Whitman Hotel.
May 17th; 5:30 pm TBD.

Shari & Vicki
Trailblazers Co-Chairs



Quilt & Stitch

Quilt and Stitch will meet on May 22 at Linda Jones' home (note: that is 1 week later as we are hoping for nice weather so we can meet in her sunroom.) Her address is 9601 E. Fairview Ct. Email is gdfanclub@comcast.net
Cell: 509-435-1043.

All are welcome. Contact Anne Slauson for information.

Anne Slauson
Q&S Chair

Crafting & Scrapping

Our rescheduled Paint & Pour class with luncheon is being held Tuesday, April 18th at Shari Russell's home. Excited to see the variety of canvases produced by our Compass Club gals!

Open Crafting for May is being hosted by Mimi Anderson at her home.

Date: Thursday, May 11th
Time: 1:00 PM

Bring whatever project you'd like to work on & listen to jukebox music!

Shari Russell
C & S group leader

Philanthropy Project Candidates for 2023-2024

We are coming to the end of the year and there will only be one more raffle to raise money for **Big Table** at the May luncheon. Be aware that every time you purchased a ticket during the year that ticket was included in the grand prize raffle. This raffle will take place in June, you will not be able to get tickets for the raffle after the May luncheon. The grand prize is \$100 and there will also be five \$20 prizes, so make sure you get lots of tickets at the May meeting. As always, if you wish to make a direct gift to **Big Table** you may send a check to the treasurer, Kathie Heim, 4776 West Lowell Ave, Spokane, WA 99208.

It is time to vote for the **Philanthropy Project for next year**. We will vote during the May luncheon. The choices are summarized below. I have included a website for each charity if you would like additional information.

Embrace Washington is committed to providing, care and supporting children in foster care within our community. They do this by raising awareness of vulnerable children's needs, identifying how to meet those needs by connecting individuals and organizations with a heart to serve the foster care community. Daily we strive to eliminate any roadblocks that foster parents face to provide a normal happy life for a child in foster care.

These roadblocks could be a variety of things such as: providing a foster child a new bed, educational support, paying for summer camp, music or sports and educational support are just to name a few. Activities for foster children and their families build healthy memories and experiences which allow kids to feel loved and stable in an uncertain time in their lives. For more information visit <https://embracewa.org/>

Maddie's Place was inspired in 2008, when a three-week old baby girl was delivered to the doorstep of the Hughes family in Spokane, Washington. With eight years of experience as a foster and adoptive mom of drug affected babies, Tricia Hughes knew immediately that something wasn't right. Spokane was just beginning to see an increase in babies withdrawing from opiates, and that was exactly what was happening to this baby girl. For six long

months, her body was ravaged with the symptoms of withdrawal. During this time, she needed constant care and comfort, and she rarely left Tricia's arms. As Tricia became more aware of the overwhelming numbers of substance-exposed newborns in Spokane, she tried to convince her husband, Carey, that ALL of these babies needed this same attentive care from loving arms if they were ever going to thrive. Maddie's Place was born.

Maddie's Place is a 501(c)3 non-profit, free-standing recovery nursery for babies experiencing withdrawal due to prenatal substance exposure. We firmly believe that low-intervention, highly nurturing care is the best way to help babies through this difficult time. We also believe that "mom is the best medicine," and aim to support moms and babies together, encouraging bonding and attachment and alleviating physical symptoms. For more information visit <https://www.maddiesplace.org>

Teen and Kids Closet is all about dignity for an often-overlooked population, children in need. The idea is simple. We give new or gently used clothing to children who need it for free. Our focus is youth in foster care or in poverty. Most of the youth we serve have no other access to nice clothes. Teen and Kid Closet is all about dignity for an often-overlooked population, children in need. The organization was founded in 2007 and serves children from birth to 22 years. They give children choices when so often, they have none. They take donations of new or gently used clothes and place them in their store at 307 E Sprague. Then the children and their families come to the store and shop. Monetary donations are used to obtain other needed items. More than 120 children shop each month at the store. For more information visit Teen-kidcloset.org



Kathi Brandmueller
Philanthropy Chair

Getting to Know You:

The Compass Profile Corner

by Kate Mietus



Ginny Bott
28-year member of
Compass Club

**Vice President for three
years, Philanthropy Chair for
three years.**

I am originally from the East Coast, primarily North Carolina. I graduated from Goucher College, a private woman's college in Baltimore, Maryland. I received my masters and PhD in political science from Johns Hopkins University. I taught at Goucher and Rutgers before my move to California where I taught at Cal State Fullerton for twenty years.

While in California my husband and I enjoyed boating in the Gulf Islands in Canada. Consequently, when we both retired, we decided to move to the Northwest. In 1992 we drove through Spokane and fell in love with the town, especially the parks. Within two days, we purchased property, and two years later, we built our home there in the country. Although it was a spontaneous decision, it was a great one.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, golfing, gardening, and bridge. I belong to three reading groups, including Daytime Books in Compass. I also enjoyed karate lessons and attained a black belt. A feat harder than earning my PhD.

A very memorable experience for me was serving on the Spokane YWCA board during the time the new building on Monroe was built - a joint venture between the YWCA and the YMCA. I was on a committee responsible for raising \$3 million from the State of Washington. I really enjoyed working with elected officials. It took two years to raise the total amount of money (\$43 million) and to complete the building.

The best thing about Compass is all the wonderful women that I have met over the years.

I think the Club could benefit by making itself better known through articles in the newspaper and by reaching out to business and other women's groups.



My husband and I were both born in Glendale, California, but moved north to Grass Valley, California, and lived there for 42 years. We consider it home.

We visited our daughter Melanie in Spokane for many years but moved here in 2013 because she was terminally ill. She passed in 2018.

I love to quilt, scrapbook, and make cards. I also love spending time with my Newfoundland, Journey, and Shih Tzu, Abby. Of course, I love socializing with the amazing Compass Club ladies.

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Getting to Know You: (continued)



Julia Marvel
8 years in Compass
Club
Interest Group Chair,
2022-2023

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The important accomplishments of my life are having a wonderful husband for 56 years and raising our two daughters, Melissa and Melanie. I have 4 grandsons and 5 great grandchildren.

I am hoping we can attract more Compass Club members this year and start a few more interest groups. Unfortunately, we don't have as many groups as we used to. The groups are fun and help everyone get to know each other.

Decorations

April decorations were various Spring themed items accompanied with a \$25 gift certificate to either Coldstone Ice Cream or Crumbles Cookie Co. There were 8 table decoration winners!

Winners:

Kathleen Howlett
 Sandy Colquhoun
 Susie Volweiler
 Sheryl Krauser (Apr Bday)
 Mimi Anderson
 Shari Russell
 Kate Miletus
 Mary Alice Stoner

Shari Russell
Decorations Chair



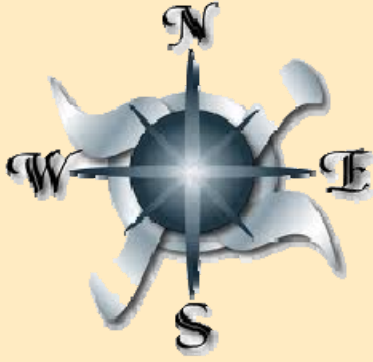
Scenes from our April Luncheon



Photos courtesy of Mimi Anderson

Photos from Linda Milsow's Tea & Tour





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May 2023

Compass Club Monthly Planner

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