

The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

December 2023

11/30	Luncheon reservations/cancellations due
12/5	Luncheon & Bake Sale
12/6	Mahjong 1pm
12/8	Crafting: card making 1pm
12/11	Quilt & Stitch 12 noon
12/12	Daytime Books Luncheon
12/15	Books & Coffee 10am
12/20	Mahjong 1pm



Luncheon News

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

The December Compass Club luncheon will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at **Rockwood at Whitworth, 10322 N. Middleton Dr., Spokane. The cross streets are Division and Hawthorne.** There is a parking lot across the street from the building on Middleton. **Parking is limited; please try to carpool.**

Come celebrate the holidays with us and swing into the season with pianist, **Diane Copeland.**

And don't forget:
DECEMBER BAKE SALE

The menu for the luncheon will be a Caesar Salad, Chicken Breast with Cranberry Orange Compote, Wild Rice, Asparagus and Tiramisu for Dessert.

Options::
Vegetarian – Stuffed Portabella Mushroom
Gluten Free – Salad without croutons and fruit for dessert

Check-in begins at 11 a.m. **The cost is \$20 per person for December luncheon only.** The no-host bar will be set up.

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

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, November 30th at Noon. Email or call Sheryl Krauser, skrauser@comcast.net (509) 435-2535.

Sandy Colquhoun
Kathy Cousineau
Vice Presidents

Tickets will not be sold for 50/50 and Philanthropy in December.

President's Corner

Happy Holidays to all of you lovely ladies! I hope you were able to see the article Cindy Hval wrote about our Compass Club that ran in the Spokesman Review on October 26. It was such an inviting article that it made me want to join Compass all over again. Cindy told me that of all the clubs she has written about this is the one she would join when she retires. That's pretty high praise and it comes because you are all so welcoming and eager to meet new people and make new friends.

We lost a long time Compass member when Ebba Ostrom passed away in October. Ebba was a member when I joined about 30 years ago and I have had questions about a memorial service. It won't be until March 23 so we'll have to wait a while to honor her.

With all the turmoil in the world right now it's more important than ever to cherish the life we enjoy here in Spokane and to cherish our friends and family. Being a member of Compass brings me joy and I do cherish this club and want to ensure that it continues for many years and for many more ladies. I hope you all enjoy the holidays with your friends and family.

As a special holiday gift to our members from the Compass Club we are only charging \$20 for the December luncheon. I hope you all can join us for this festive occasion.



The Caring Corner

Leta Klutz: card sent 10/11: surgery

Ginny Bott: card sent 10/11: surgery

Ebba Ostrom: flowers and a Sympathy card sent to her husband, Lester

To request a "Get Well," "Thinking of You" or "Sympathy" card, please let me know.

Barbara Boniface

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Bridge

This is a casual group of ladies who like to play contract bridge. In the past, we have met once a month on Thursday in a member's home in the afternoon. The host provides the space plus basic beverages (coffee, tea, and water).

I would like to hold a meeting of all those who are interested in playing fun, casual contract bridge at my home on **Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** My address is 3110 S. Waterford Crest Lane, Spokane. I live in South Spokane in the retirement community of Touchmark.

I would like to request that you let me know if you are coming.

Patty McCarty
Bridge Group

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Fundraising

December Bake Sale

Our December luncheon event will include a bake sale which is a fund raiser 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. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE** -- 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..

Carole Parfett
Fundraising Chair



Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2023-2024

President	Pat Partovi	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine & Shari Russell
Vice Presidents	Sandy Colquhoun Kathy Cousineau	BYOB	Vicki Deschaine
Secretary	Susie Volwiler	Daytime Books	Kathy Cousineau
Treasurer	Maureen Boutz	Quilt & Stitch	Anne Slauson
Membership	Mimi Anderson	Books & Coffee	Kathi Brandmueller
Philanthropy	Kathi Brandmueller	Crafting & Chatting	Shari Russell
Fundraising	Carole Parfett	Theatre Goers	Linda Milsow
50/50 Bingo	Shirley Calkins	Bridge	Patty McCarty
Decorations	Shari Russell	Mahjong	Dona Farsdahl
Newsletter	Kathy Piper	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson Pat Partovi
Interest Groups	Julia Marvel		
Phone Committee	Sheryl Krauser		
Hostess	Kathleen Howlett		
Corresponding Secy.	Barbara Boniface		

Please refer to your Compass Directory for contact information.

December Birthdays

1	Mary Alice Stoner	22	Deborah Mallion
7	Beverly Novin	27	Dorothy Klepp
8	Susie Volwiler	27	Connie Trowbridge
10	Barbara Boniface	29	Sonia Bertsch
13	Laurel Nissley	29	Nancy Smith
19	Karen Snyder Scott	31	Sylvia Bumgarner
		31	Eleanor Hill



Daytime Books

Daytime Books meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 pm for book discussion and light refreshments. If you would like to join us, please contact me at digtherebop@hotmail.com.

December 12 Lunch at Twigs

January 23 ***Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow***

by Gabrielle Zevin

Hostess: Sheryl Krauser

February 27 ***The Invincible Miss Cust***

by Penny Haw

Hostess: Debra Belair

March 26 ***A Gestured Life***

by Chang-rae Lee

Hostess: Anne Lauderbaugh

April 23 ***Elephant Whisperer***

by Lawrence Anthony

Hostess: Pat Partovi

May 28 ***Good Night, Irene***

by Luis Alberto Urrea

Hostess: Kate Mietus

June 25 Choose New Books

Hostess: Maggie Crawford

Kathy Cousineau

Daytime Books Chair



Books and Coffee

Books and Coffee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10 AM. If you are interested in joining the group please email or call Kathi Brandmueller at kibrandmueller@gmail or 775-379-8952. Here's what we will be reading:

December 15 **The Maid**

by Nita Prose

January 2024 **Once There Were Wolves**

by Charlotte McCanaghy

Kathi Brandmueller

Books & Coffee Chair



Mahjong

The Compass Club Mahjong group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1:00pm - the 6th and 20th in December.

For those who are new to Mahjong, it's a tile-based game developed in the 19th century in China. It has evolved in China to mean friendship - and that's what our group is all about!!

If you are interested in joining us, contact Dona Farsdahl at dfarsdahl@comcast.net. I can answer your questions and add you to the email list. Reminders are sent out before each meeting with the location.

Dona Farsdahl

Mahjong Chair



Directory Updates

Thanks to Cindy Hval's recent article about Compass Club in the Oct 26 issue of The Spokesman Review, we have several new members!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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



Kathy Cousineau

Member since June 2016.

Club Greeter
Corresponding Secretary
Second Vice President.
Chair, Daytime Books.

I was born in Denver and raised in Aurora, Colorado. I met my future husband when we were in the 10th grade, and we've been married for 54 years. I went to a business college and have worked as a legal administrative assistant for 41 years at three different law firms. I retired after 19 years from Hogan & Lovells.

What brought you to Spokane? Our daughter moved here, and we wanted to spend time with our grandsons who were 1 ½ and 4 ½ at the time.

What brought you to Compass Club? I saw an article about the Club written by Cindy Hval in the Spokesman Review and then I attended the June (2016) luncheon. Everyone was very welcoming!

In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, biking, skiing, travel, mahjong, and reading. I volunteer at Women and Children's Free Restaurant twice a month.

My greatest joy was when I became a grandma to two grandsons. Watching them grow has been wonderful. Also, I have been to all 50 states, which I feel was a real accomplishment.



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by Kate Mietus



Ann Fly

15+ year member
 President for 2 years (2018-2020)
 Co-chair Ways and Means 2017
 Chair Philanthropy 2016.

I was born in Gothenburg, Sweden. My sister met her future husband in Copenhagen when we had gone there for a long weekend. At that time many GIs stationed in Germany would come to Copenhagen on furlough. They saw each other when he was on furlough, and he came to see her in Sweden as well. After a couple of years exchanging letters and phone calls he proposed. My mother wouldn't let her go alone, so she sent me along even though I was only 18 years old. I was supposed to return to Sweden in a year, but then I met my husband and stayed. We were married the following year. We moved to Bellevue to raise our children.

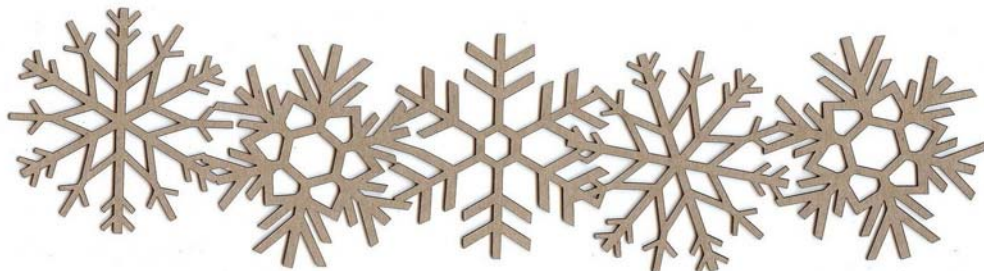
I came to Spokane 17 years ago to live near my son, Jack. He now has a daughter named Harlow. He built an apartment for me in the carriage house on his property in Colbert where I currently live.

My daughter Lisa went to the International School in Sweden during her junior year. She came back to the states for her senior year, but after graduation, she returned to Sweden where she met her husband. They lived in Sweden until her two children, Isabella and Noah, were ready to start school.

In my spare time, I like to be with family and friends. I'm in my element when I am baking ~ cakes, cookies, and bread. A few years ago, on the last Compass Club luncheon of the season at the Ramada Inn, I made 12 Tortes which were used for the table centerpieces.

A memorable life experience for me was the births of my grandchildren. Another was the day I was sworn in as an American citizen and when I saw the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC for the first time.

Do you have any ideas for Compass Club? I would like to see a photo by each name in the directory. Also, to bring in new younger women I believe we need to bring back an evening meeting where the young people could be in charge. The older women could be like big sisters to them.





November Decorations

It was so fun to raffle table decorations with a pumpkin theme! The pumpkins were a variety ranging from a pumpkin pie plate with cover to feathered pumpkins!

we had 9 winners - many of whom were guests/ brand new members! Congratulations to our winners!

Beverly Novin
Phyllis Packwood
Laurie Eash
Nancy Smith
Barbara Boniface
Dorothy Clipp
Vicki Deschaine
Sherry Lewis
Kathy Heim

Looking forward to seeing you at the December Luncheon!

**Shari Russell
Decorations**



Quilt & Stitch

The quilters and stitchers will celebrate the season on Dec. 11th at the home of Kathie Heim, 4776 W. Lowell Ave. at noon, an hour earlier than usual. In addition to "show 'n tell", bring a food goodie to share and an unwrapped item for Toys for Toys which will be delivered, \$10 suggested price. Also bring a small gift, wrapped, to share with another member. \$5 to \$10 suggested. RSVP to Kathie, 509-979-3907 or kathieheim@comcast.net. Newcomers welcome!



Anne Slauson anneslauson@gmail.com.
Quilt & Stitch Chair

Wine & Spirits

The wine and spirits group has been very popular so far but we are taking the winter off. Please watch this newsletter for information about our next event in March or April.

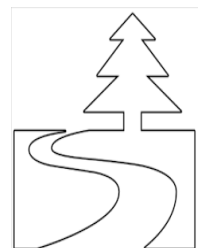
**Mimi Anderson &
Pat Partovi**
Wine & Spirits Co-Chairs



Trailblazers

Like the Wine & Spirits group, we are also taking the winter off and look forward to seeing you in the spring!

Shari & Vicki
Trailblazers Co-Chairs



Crafting & Chatting

Oh my goodness there's a lot to chat about!

The open craft event in October was a cozy fun event with five of us in attendance.

We just completed the tumbled glass lit tree Crafting event with our instructor MariKay Everitt. Just totally blown away by how talented our attendees are. They're always fearful they won't be able to do a good job and are just so tickled by their results. Lunch and beverages were served.

Lots of photos to follow, including our dog whisperer, Carol Isakson, to whom Joyful Noise and Beauregard Russell were enamored.




Shari Russell
Crafting & Chatting



RECIPE: Hot chicken Casserole
 from the kitchen of: _____ year: 2023

ingredients:
 3 c chopped chicken, cooked
 1 c sliced almonds
 1 can drained sliced ^{chest} _{nut}
 1 jar (4oz) pimentos, drained
 2 c celery chopped
 1 T lemon juice
 1/2 c mayo
 1 c cheddar, shredded
 1 can cr of chicken
 salt/pepper to taste
 1 3oz can Fr fried onions

Combine all in lge bowl. Bake at 350°F uncovered for 30 min in 9 x 12 casserole.
 Sprinkle fr fried onions & bake add 10 minutes.



Crafting & Chatting (continued)

And Finally, our **Deb Mallion** is hosting a card crafting event at her home. She's well known for her lovely & detailed cards. Space is extremely limited so you'll want to contact her ASAP.

Cost: \$10 per person
 What: 3 separate cards crafted with envelopes.
 Date: Friday, December 8th
 Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Misc: See directory for contact info.

Here are some samples of Deb's work:



Philanthropy Project 2023-2024

Well, Bingo is behind us and some of us are a little bit richer. We sure had a fun November meeting. We held our monthly raffle for Maddie's Place. We raffled a loaf of homemade multi-grain bread, fancy coffee mix and a plant. The winner was **Deb Mallion**.



Maddie's Place is a 501(c)3 non-profit, free-standing recovery nursery for babies experiencing withdrawal due to prenatal substance exposure. They firmly believe that low-intervention, highly nurturing care is the best way to help babies through this difficult time. As we were told in October one of the ways to do this is with the use of volunteer cuddlers, if you are interested in doing this important work contact Maddie's Place, their web site is <https://www.maddiesplace.org>.

There will be no raffle held at the December luncheon but if you wish to donate to Maddie's Place at any time you can send your donation to our treasurer, Maureen Boutz (see Club Directory for address).

Looking forward to seeing you in December.

Kathi Brandmueller
Philanthropy Chair



Photos from our November Bingo




Photos courtesy of Mimi Anderson



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Compass Club Monthly Planner

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				11/30 Deadline for reservations/ cancellations for luncheon	1	2
3	4	5 Luncheon & Bake Sale	6 Mahjong 1pm	7	8 Crafting; card making class 1pm	9
10	11 Quilt & Stitch 12 noon	12 Daytime Books Luncheon	13	14	15 Books & Coffee 10am	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve						