

The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

January 2024

1/3	Mahjong 1pm
1/8	Women Bonding 6:30pm
1/11	Bridge 1:30pm/1/11
1/11	Books & Coffee 10am
1/15	Quilt & Stitch 1pm
1/17	Mahjong 1pm
1/23	Daytime Books 1pm
2/1	Deadline for FEB lunch



Luncheon News

Compass Club will NOT have a group luncheon on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. We encourage you to get together with friends and enjoy a lunch at your favorite restaurant.

See you in February. Details in February Newsletter.

Thank you.

**Sandy Colquhoun
Kathy Cousineau
Vice Presidents**

President's Corner

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to 2024 and I hope it's your best year yet. I always enjoy getting this Compass newsletter and we can all agree that Kathy Piper does a great job putting it together. These jobs we do for the Compass Club shouldn't be a life sentence, though, so we need a new newsletter editor and someone to maintain the web site. Many of us are getting a little long in the tooth and don't have the skills necessary to take on these computer tasks and that's why we haven't had a volunteer to take over Kathy's job.

My hope is that with so many new members a few of you will have the ability to format the newsletter and/or update the web site. We need to purchase software to make it easier to edit the web site and import the information into the new software. I don't know enough about any of it to even make the decision about what software to purchase so I'd like to form a small committee to work on this issue. If you would be willing to serve with me to solve this issue I would love to hear from you. Please give me a call or send me an email or text and we can get together briefly to figure this out. The best way to get to know people in Compass is to work on a project like this so please think about it and join me.

**Pat Partovi
President**



We are sorry to report that Sue Harris' husband, Dan, passed away on Dec. 5. Please remember Sue in your prayers and let her know how very much we care.

The Caring Corner

Sympathy card sent to Sue Harris

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

Barbara Boniface

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Philanthropy

Our December meeting was so much fun, a wonderful bake sale and some fun caroling. I would like to extend a special thanks to **Anne Slauson and her quilting elves** who offered some lovely hand quilted goodies for sale. All proceeds from the quilting items have been donated to the Philanthropy Project "Maddie's Place". I know the money will be put to good use to help Maddie's babies.



Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and we will see everyone at the February luncheon.

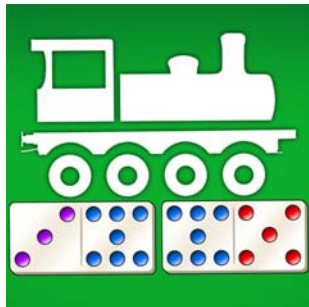
Kathi Brandmueller
Philanthropy Chair



Mexican Train, Anyone?

Several have indicated an interest in organizing a group to play Mexican Train (a tile game related to dominoes). We tried to start one a few months back but didn't have quite enough takers to make it go. We need at least 4 people to play but can play up to 6 at one table. If we have 8 players, we can have 2 tables. If you would be interested, please let Maureen Boutz know – According to the current Compass Club schedule, the days that are open for an activity are the 2nd Tuesday, 2nd Wednesday, 3rd Tuesday, and any Friday of the month. Of those days, please let me know your first and second choice. I suggest we play once a month. Hopefully, we can get organized and begin playing toward the second half of January or early in February. Thank you!

Maureen Boutz
Cell: 509-230-1649



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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Please refer to your Compass Directory for contact information.

January Birthdays

3	Birgitta Landreth	20	Gretchen Mohr
14	Sherry Foster	21	Shari Russell
14	Linda Rapp	24	Mary Scarpelli
17	Patty Hostetter	30	Margo Cockey
19	Joyce Frederick		



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.

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



Daytime Books Christmas Lunch at Twigs

Books and Coffee

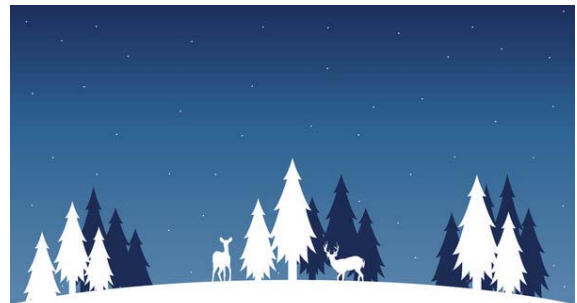
Books and Coffee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10 AM. If you are interested in joining the group please email or call Kathi Brandmueller at kibrandmueller@gmail or 775-379-8952. Here's what we will be reading:

January 11 ***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 - January 3 and 17.

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

Getting to Know You:

The Compass Profile Corner

by Kate Mietus



Sue Harris

25-year member
Head of Membership
for several years

I was born in Seattle and joined the Air Force. At that time, married women could opt out early. I had orders to transfer to Hawaii, but I got married instead. My husband and I lived in San Francisco for nine years where I worked for a business answering service. Then we moved to Hayward where my husband worked for United Airlines. On to Fremont to buy a house with a yard for our two boys, David and James. After seven years there, we tired of California and moved to Vashon Island so my husband could work in metal sculpture.

What brought you to Spokane? My husband took a job at EZ Loader as the plant manager while I worked at Lincare which supplied medical devices. Now we are both retired.

In my spare time, I like to sew, quilt, grow vegetable gardens, and read.

My memorable life experience has been raising two wonderful sons. I have three grown grandchildren.

Do you have any ideas for Compass Club? We need to continue to attract more members.



Carol Hannah

16-year Member
Secretary,
Corresponding Secretary,
Hostess

I was born in Wisconsin and moved to California in the 80's. I taught in both Wisconsin and CA before I moved overseas to England and Germany with the Dept. of Defense Dependent Schools where I worked for 20 years. I retired in 2007. Once here in Spokane I still worked with students at the SFCC Early Learning Center or volunteering at several schools for reading with students. I have no children (2 stepdaughters). I loved teaching but I was happy to send my students home at end of the school day.

When my husband Ted (retired Air Force) and I were preparing to retire, we had our list: four seasons, a city near an Air Force base, and no state income tax. A good friend encouraged us to consider Spokane; she said, "You will love it here!"

In my spare time I like to make cards. I am a crafter, but also enjoy reading, working in my flower and vegetable gardens, volunteering at the Corbin Center, running for the Board there, and traveling when I have the opportunity.

My memorable life experience was teaching grades K, 1st, 2nd, and pre-school for over 30 years. I enjoyed working in the military schools where I made wonderful friends. I keep in touch with some of the DoDDS teachers, and parents and students from years ago.


Working overseas allowed wonderful travel opportunities so I am blessed to have visited many European countries as well as Egypt and Russia.

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



Here  are some photos from our No Li get-together in November:



December Bake Sale: results

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the December Bake Sale, either in bringing in the baked goods or purchasing the goodies. Everything looked delicious. We made \$460 for our Club.

A special thank you to **Beverley Novin**, who contributed a gorgeous 3 layer chocolate cake. **Because it was so beautiful we decided to hold an auction ...**



... and Susie Volwiler was the winner

Carole Parfett
Fundraising Chair



Crafting & Chatting

Card making class at Deb Mallion's, early December ~ I'm so fired since I forgot to take photos of our crew as they gathered at Deb's fabulous craft room in 7 mile area.

We did have two gals who had not made cards before, as well as a couple of us who are, safe to say, novices!

The session was so much fun, we all learned a lot about assembling as well as tools important to making the cards. Refreshments were available, & when this gal kept yapping, but was gently reminded to keep on task... We ended up completing all three cards in a timely manner.

Deb Mallion is an amazing and funny instructor and loves the small group settings. So do we. Thanks, Deb.!

Shari Russell
Chatt & Crafting Chair



Directory Updates

Another New Member

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Welcome
Glad you're here!

Corrections

Some of the new members' names and/or emails were printed in error last month. Here are the correct spellings:

Beverley Novin (*corrected spelling of first name*)
beverlymallison@gmail.com

Dorothy Klepp
kleppd@yahoo.com (*corrected email addr.*)

Victoria McDonald
vmaccsupreme1@gmail.com

Phyllis Packwood (*corrected spelling of first name*)

Women Bonding

NEW

Have you ever heard or read about an event, a new restaurant to try, an activity that would be fun, but there was no one to do it with? Maybe just coffee and a chat or a walk? We want to help you out. Let's get together to create a network of members who would like to do things, but not alone. Maybe even find a travel partner.

We will have an evening to meet and brainstorm on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 at the home of Kathleen Howlett, 6231 W. Shawnee Ave. RSVP at 509-466-1269. This is my home phone as I am in the process of getting an another cell phone. Bring ideas, concerns, and your calendars. Refreshments will be served and we will have fun!

Thanks! I am excited!

Kathleen Howlett



Decorations

A very festive time was held at our December luncheon. Thank you so much to our VPs!

Centerpieces were a variety of secular advent, calendars, ranging from Teas to hot chocolates and of course the ever popular fancy chocolates. Each place setting received a festive ornament for the attendees to take home.

Here is a list of our table decoration winners. But first many thanks to former past president, Holly, and long-time member, Nancy Mackenzie for drawing the names and of course we need to thank Sandy for being scribe !!

Susie Volwiler
Patty Hostetter
Kathie Heim
Sharon White
Debra Belair
Carol Hannah
Kathi Brandmueller
Barb Clapp.



Congratulations to everyone!

Ho Ho Ho and Happy Holidays to you! **Shari Russell Decorations Chair**

Quilt & Stitch

The quilters and stitchers will begin the new year by meeting at 1:00, Jan. 15th, at the home of Kathleen Howlett, 6231 W. Shawnee Ave., 509 703-8188, kjhowlett@gmail.com. The focus will be on projects for 2024 so bring your ideas, books, and patterns. Treats by Anne.

Please rsvp to:

Anne Slauson

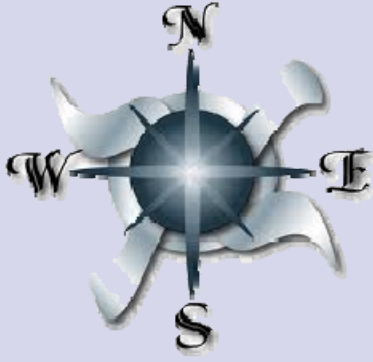
Quilt & Stitch Chair

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Here are some photos from our Nov. 20 Quilt Group.
(Submitted by Linda Jones)





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Compass Club Monthly Planner

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21	22	23 <i>Daytime Books 1pm</i>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<i>Feb 1 Deadline for res- ervations for February lunch- eon.</i>		