



The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

March 2024

2/27	Daytime Books 1pm
2/29	Deadline for lunch reservations
3/5	Luncheon 11:00
3/6	Mahjong 1pm
3/12	Mexican Train 1pm
3/14	Books & Coffee 10am
3/14	Special event: Wine Dinner 5pm
3/18	Quilt & Stitch 1pm
3/20	Mahjong 1pm
3/26	Daytime Books 1pm
3/28	Wine & Mahjong 3pm



Luncheon News

MARCH AUCTION!!!

The March luncheon will be at the Ramada Inn Airport on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. There will be many baskets and donated items to bid on at the silent auction and Shari will take bids on live auction items.

The Menu is Cashew Crusted Chicken, with Sweet Cranberry Compote, Wild Rice Pilaf and brandy glazed buttered carrots and salad and dessert. There is a vegetarian option of Tortellini Primavera and gluten free bread and dessert. When you make your reservation it is important to let Sheryl know you want the Tortellini or gluten free bread and dessert.

The no-host bar will be set up with wine.

Check-in begins at 11 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person.

Contact Sheryl Krauser to make your luncheon reservations: (509) 435-2535 or skrauser@comcast.net.

Deadline for reservations and cancellations is Noon on Thursday, February 29.

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

Sandy Colquhoun
Kathy Cousineau
Vice Presidents

President's Corner

I hope I'm not speaking too soon when I say what a mild winter we have had so far and that spring isn't far off. After all, the groundhog predicted an early spring and it sort of feels like spring while I write this. Spring can bring an increase in Compass activities and I'm looking forward to all of them.

The March luncheon is an important one since it's our annual auction. The auction raises the money we need to operate the club so I hope you will come and support the club with purchases of the wonderful events and items for sale. There will also be a bake sale so please bring something to contribute to it.

It's already time to recruit new board members since we need to introduce a slate of potential officers and board members at our April luncheon. Many of the positions need new people since last year the majority of board members opted to serve for another year. Our bylaws state that no officer should serve in the same position for more than two years. Serving on the board is a great way to meet new people and make new friends and learn all about how the club operates. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact me or any other board member to discuss it, we would love to have you.

Pat Partovi
President

AUCTION

LIVE AUCTION

We have our first "event" for the Live Auction segment of the March 5th Auction. Pat Partovi will host a Greek luncheon at her home. The minimum bid will be \$40 per person.

Live Auction items:

Greek Luncheon - hosted by Pat Partovi
Windy Bay Luncheon and boat tour – hosted by Sandy Colquhoun
Two watercolor prints – donated by Janie Schnur
YMCA membership for two

SILENT AUCTION

English Toffee Pudding Cake – Made to order by Vicki Deschaine

Interest Groups and individual gift baskets: Books and Coffee; Daytime Books; Crafting and Scrapping; Quilt & Stitch; "Paris" basket by Tyra Demateis; Ritters gift card – Carol Hannah; Bread of the Month – donated by Kathi Brandmuller
 The Wine and Spirits Group. Ingredients for "Luscious Lemon Drop". 2 Loons Distillery certificate for a private tour and tasting for 8-10 people.
 Starting bid at \$25.00.

ITEMS PRICED FOR SALE

Designer Cards by Carol Hannah

Knitted and crocheted designs by Maggie Crawford

One small quilt and 4 crocheted baby blankets – donated by Nancy Mackenzie

Handmade dish towels donated by Tyra Demateis

BAKE SALE ITEMS – Sold by donation only – Let's fill a table with delicious baked goods!

NOTE: The auction will not include the sale of clothing, jewelry, household items, etc.

Thank you for your support of this Compass Club fundraising event.

Carole Parfett
Fundraising Chair



The Caring Corner

Sue Harris would like to thank all for the beautiful cards she received expressing sympathy for the loss of her husband, **Dan**.

Get Well cards were sent to **Debra Belair** and **Kathleen Howlett**

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

Barbara Boniface
775-722-3330
bbboniface@yahoo.com



Wine & Spirits

The Wine and Spirits Group has scheduled a couple of activities to welcome spring. **On Thursday, March 28 we will gather at Brick West Brewing Company, 1318 W. First Ave, at 3:00 pm.** We have reserved the upstairs mezzanine and you will purchase whatever beverages and snacks you want, much as we did when we met at No Li.

Then on **Tuesday, April 30 at 3:00 pm we will meet at Latah Creek Wine Cellars, 13030 E. Indiana Ave.** The cost to attend will be \$20 which includes the wine tasting and snacks provided by the venue.

All are welcome, including significant others and non-Compass friends.

Please RSVP to Pat and/or Mimi at
patpartovi@gmail.com and
meemanderson@hotmail.com.



Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2023-2024

President	Pat Partovi	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine & Shari Russell
Vice Presidents	Sandy Colquhoun Kathy Cousineau	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson & Pat Partovi
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	Carol Hannah
50/50 Bingo	Shirley Calkins	Mahjong	Dona Farsdahl
Decorations	Shari Russell	Women Bonding	Kathleen Howlett
Newsletter	Kathy Piper		
Interest Groups	Julia Marvel		
Phone Committee	Sheryl Krauser		
Hostess	Kathleen Howlett		
Corresponding Secy.	Barbara Boniface		

Please refer to your Compass Directory for contact information.

March Birthdays

3	Colleen Maroney	18	Irene Hernandez
3	Launa Norman	25	Katharine Ross
4	Joyce Colclough	26	Ann Fly
4	Ro Lisk	29	Dianne Hunter
9	Allison Sharp	31	Laurie Eash



Crafting & Chatting

Hello Friends!

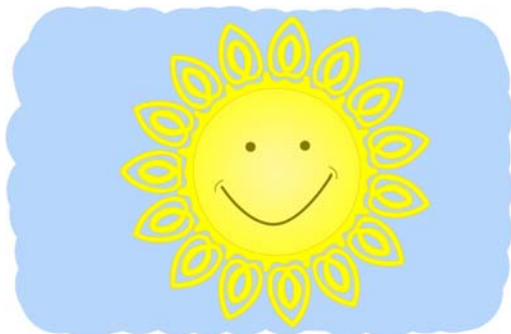
No firm dates yet but we will be having a **spring class in April**. Our instructor is busy fine-tuning her ideas.

March 28, which is a Thursday, will be open crafting at my home. Time will be 1 PM to 4 PM. Bring whatever project you are working on or just come for a cup of tea or coffee and chat.



Stay tuned for details!

Shari Russell
Interest Group Chair



Theatre Goers

The next play is **"The Comedy of Errors"** on Sunday March 3rd. If you are interested in going please send me an e-mail to Carol Hannah (cthannah@q.com) with # of persons going by February 15th. I will call in the reservations on Wednesday, February 21st. Price is \$33.00 for seniors. Please send a check to **Carol Hannah 801 E. Huron Drive Spokane WA 99208**

Philanthropy

I would like to extend a special thanks to **Anne Slauson** for the lovely Valentine items she sewed and had for sale at our February meeting. All the proceeds 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. We also held our raffle which was won by **Ann Fly**.



"The babies at Maddie's Place have been "exposed to in-utero to drugs ranging from methamphetamine to legal antidepressants, but the vast majority — more than 80% — of the 64 babies who've received care at Maddie's Place have been addicted to opioids, most often fentanyl. Opened in October 2022, Maddie's Place uniquely allows a parent (the mother or father, but not both) to live at the facility with free room and board while their infant is taken care of and assessed by medical staff." (excerpt from: Inlander, Nursing Recovery, Jan. 25, 2024, by Samantha Wohlfeil)

Kathi Brandmueller
Philanthropy Chair

Women Bonding

We had to re-schedule our Feb. 15 meeting due to the snowstorm. We will let you know when the meeting will be.



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.

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.com or 775-379-8952. Here's what we will be reading:

March 14 "A Single Thread" by Tracy Chevalier
Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry Street, Spokane.



April 11 "The Forever Witness" by Ed Humes

May 9 "Queen Bee" by Dorothea Benton

June 13 "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams

Kathi Brandmueller
Books & Coffee Chair

Mexican Train

The Mexican Train Interest Group will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 1 pm, place TBD. Please email **Maureen Boutz**, myboutz@hotmail.com, if you wish to join in the fun!

Mahjong

The Mahjong Group will meet March 6th and 20th at 1:00pm. Whether you've played before or are a beginner, you're welcome to join us. Email Dona Farsdahl at dfarsdahl@comcast.net to get more info and/or to be added to our email reminder list!



Dona Farsdahl
Mahjong Group

Getting to Know You:

The Compass Profile Corner

by Kate Mietus



Barbara Boniface

Member since 2014
Corresponding Secretary-second term

I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and earned my BA (Sociology) and BS (Nursing) at the University of San Francisco. After working awhile, I made a career path decision, and earned a Masters of Public Administration and Health Service Administration. Nursing has served me well. I have managed physician groups, insurance companies, acute rehabilitation, etc. I retired several times and just couldn't make a smooth transition to retirement. I am retired now and will not renew my license this year!

When my husband Bill retired in 2001, we moved to Sparks, Nevada, to be within an hour of all the outdoors activities we love: hiking, cross country skiing, biking, kayaking, and camping. Our son Greg and his family live in Spokane; he was always asking us to move closer. Knowing that it is smarter to relocate when we can make the decision, we said, "Let's go!" We haven't regretted it! Our four grandchildren, ages 10 to 21, are not far away and it is a blessing.

In addition to all the outdoor activities, I like to read in my spare time. My new-found love is Mahjong and the wonderful ladies with whom I play.

Some memorable experiences for me include being married for 50 years (as of last October), the birth of our son, being present at the birth of our first grandchild, and having the honor of having the name Grandma.



Joy Bennett

2-month member of
Compass Club

I was born and raised in Missouri. At age 14, I moved to South Carolina. I graduated from the University of Illinois and earned my Master's in social work at the University of South Carolina. I was a psychotherapist in private practice for 30 years, specializing in work with young children, particularly in play therapy. In addition to my work as a counselor, I was recruited to be one of the few trainers of Divorce Mediators in South Carolina, and the only non-attorney to ever do so.

My husband Tom retired a few years ago, and I retired last July. We moved to Spokane in August after looking at a number of other spots in the Northwest. Both of our kids had moved West and stayed: our daughter Maggie lives in Portland and teaches teachers how to teach Math, and our son Ben is a biologist working in the Mojave Desert, northwest of L.A.

In my spare time, I like to read and hike. I have been learning to speak Spanish for the past ten years. I also enjoy sewing and crafts.

Decorations

What an exciting and fun luncheon we had in February at Darcy's in the Valley. Great food, fun way to meet some of our members or get to know others better. All topped off with decorations that gave a nod to history.

The table decorations were multifaceted. See the photo of Nancy Smith, Kathy Piper & Carol Hannah displaying some of the 'placemats' retailing for \$20-\$30 depending on the year.

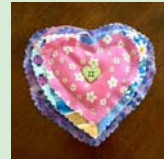
Found some wonderful cookbooks at a book sale. Topped those off with a lovely tea cup, whose mesh bag contained various teas, some instant Starbucks coffee, and a \$10 bill to purchase your favorite beverage.

Many thanks to our member, Connie Smith, who a year ago approached me with a table decoration idea that featured older cookbooks. We tweaked it a bit and came up with this fun design. Nancy Mackenzie was our scribe. the winners of these decorations were:

- Ann Fly
- Julie Tveit
- Connie Donelson
- Nancy Cooper
- Kathi Brandmueller
- Tyra Demateis
- Dona Farsdahl
- Jim Kershner, Guest Speaker



Highlites from our Feb Lunch



Photos courtesy of Mimi Anderson

Special Event: Wine Dinner

The Wine Dinner will be at the Rockwood South Hill campus in the Event Center on Thursday, March 14, starting at 5 pm. It will be 6 courses plus wine and costs \$75 per person. Checks should be made out to "Compass Club." Please contact Maureen Boutz, myboutz@hotmail.com, no later than March 1 if you wish to attend. We will cap at 30 people. This is NOT a COUPLES ONLY event – all are welcome. Bring a friend if you wish. We are working with Vino! for the wines - they will also be available for purchase that evening. The menu is as follows:

FIRST PLATE

Jean Pierre Sparkling Brut (France)
Buttered Crostini with fig and brulee brie,
drizzled with honey and finished with spicy microgreens

SECOND PLATE

Mirth Chardonnay (Washington)
Crab Salad
with avocado and heirloom cherry tomatoes
Dressed with basil lemon vinaigrette

THIRD PLATE

Long Shadows Poet's Leap Riesling (Washington)
Hamachi two ways: Hamachi Crudo & Hamachi Nigiri

Hamachi Crudo: Sliced Hamachi (yellowtail tuna) sauced with a lemon yuzu soy sauce
Garnished with finely chopped red onions, cilantro, and lemon zest

Hamachi Nigiri: Sliced Hamachi (yellowtail tuna) on seasoned rice.
Hamachi is seared and brushed with Nikiri (house made sweet soy sauce).
Garnished with tobiko

FOURTH PLATE

A to Z Pinot Noir (Oregon)
House made Duck Confit Ravioli in a mushroom sage sauce

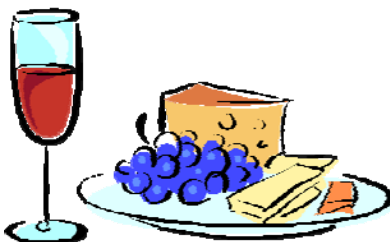
FIFTH PLATE

Aquilini Cabernet Sauvignon (Red Mountain)
Bison ribeye
Roasted root vegetables and sauteed wild mushrooms

SIXTH PLATE

Graham's Six Grape Port (Portugal)
Blue Cheese & House made Chocolate Truffles

Maureen Boutz
Mobile: 509-230-1649





Quilt & Stitch

Quilt & Stitch meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Our next meeting is on 3/18 at 1pm. It will be held at Sonia Bertsch's home, 3606 W. Washington Rd., 509-879-2274, SONIALBertsch@gmail.com. Dessert will be provided by Kathleen Howlett. As always there will be show 'n tell and perhaps we can plan for a group project at a workshop. Please RSVP. All new members are welcome.



Anne Slauson
Quilt & Stitch Chair
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Directory Updates

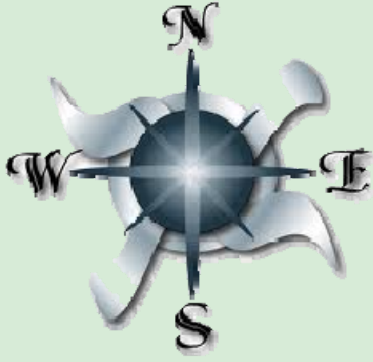
Please welcome the following **new members**:

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Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27 Daytime Books 1pm	Feb 28	Feb 29 Deadline for luncheon reservations/ cancellations	1	2
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