

# The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

April 2024

3/28	Deadline for lunch reservations
3/28	Crafting & chatting 1pm
3/28	Wine & Spirits 3pm
4/2	Luncheon 11:00
4/3	Mahjong 1pm
4/9	Mexican Train 1pm
4/11	Books & Coffee 10am
4/15	Quilt & Stitch 1pm
4/17	Mahjong 1pm
4/19	Women Bonding 1pm
4/23	Daytime Books 1pm
4/30	Wine & Spirits 3pm



## Luncheon News

### SPRING IS ABOUT TO SPRING!!!

The April luncheon will be Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 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 so please try to car-pool.

Upon arrival, members will draw numbers for table assignments, as well as, a "What/Where Am I" Spokane mystery place tag. Members will need the help of other members to identify their mystery place.

We will be entertained by Celtic Aires. The Celtic Aires are a music group from Spokane under the direction of Karen Stahl. They feature four-part harmony and a variety of instruments. One of the singers is one of our new members, Laurie Eash.

The menu for the luncheon will be a Spring Mix with Feta, candied walnuts, chicken breast, seasonal fresh berries, served with a side of Herbed Vinaigrette. There will be a coffee and ice tea station and a no-host bar for wine at \$5 a glass.

**Option:** Vegetarian –Curry vegetable rice bowl. **Let Sheryl know if you want the vegetarian option.**

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

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

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> by Noon. Deadline for can-

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## President's Corner

Spring is finally here and I know that for sure because the robins are back at my house. For Compass, spring means that it's time to put together a new slate of officers and board members for the coming year. For those of you who are new, the Compass year goes from September to June and the new officers are installed at the June

luncheon. The slate of proposed new officers is introduced at the April luncheon and they are voted on at the May luncheon. We have wonderful ladies who have already volunteered to serve next year

but we still have 3 positions open as of the writing of this column. They are both Vice President positions and Philanthropy. The VPs set up the luncheons, the menus and the programs and most of that work is completed over the summer. They work together and it's a great way to make a new friend or to do it with an existing friend. The Philanthropy chair raises money for our chosen charity, primarily by selling raffle tickets at the luncheons. Please consider serving in one of these positions.

Hearty thanks to **Carole Parfett** and everyone who helped with the auction. We met our goal for the year of \$4,000 so the club remains in good shape financially. I also want to thank those of you who purchased items at the auction and/or donated items for the auction.

**Pat Partovi**  
President



## The Caring Corner

Sent a "Thinking of You" card to **Carol Hannah**

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

**Barbara Boniface**

**775-722-3330**

**bbboniface@yahoo.com**

## Mexican Train

We play on the second Tuesday of every month at 1 pm – our April play date is April 9. At this point, we're all beginners so don't hesitate if you've never played or haven't played in some time. Location will be Mimi Anderson's house, 5918 N Woodview.

Contact Maureen Boutz if you're interested in playing – email: [myboutz@hotmail.com](mailto:myboutz@hotmail.com).



### ???GAME DAY???

Would you like to participate in an annual Game Day? Once a year, CC members and friends would gather to play their favorite card or board game (mah jongg, Mexican Train, Bridge, Scrabble, whatever you and your friends love to play) and enjoy lunch. It has been suggested that we schedule this in the summer so our members who go south for the winter could participate. We may also take the opportunity to fundraise for our chosen Philanthropy. One venue that would accommodate multiple tables of 4 players would be the Event Center at Rockwood on the South Hill. The cost would be for the lunch menu chosen. The first step is to determine if there is enough interest to go forward. An email blast with a survey will be sent to you shortly. Please reply promptly when it arrives. Thank you! Maureen Boutz

**Maureen Boutz**

**Mobile: 509-230-1649**

## Luncheon News (continued)

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cellations is Friday, March 29th.

Email or call Sheryl Krauser, [skrauser@comcast.net](mailto:skrauser@comcast.net) or (509) 435-2535.

**Remember; A reservation made is a reservation paid.**

If you don't cancel by the **Friday** before the lunch, we will make a reservation at our venue for you and we must pay them for that reservation. **Therefore, we will send you a notice requesting payment from you if you have NOT cancelled in a timely manner.** Please call or email the Reservations Chair (Sheryl Krauser) to cancel.

**Sandy Colquhoun & Kathy Cousineau**  
Vice Presidents

## 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](mailto:patpartovi@gmail.com) and [meemanderson@hotmail.com](mailto:meemanderson@hotmail.com).

<b>Compass Club Board Members &amp; Interest Group Chairs 2023-2024</b>			
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.*

<i><b>April Birthdays</b></i>			
2	Suzanne Lopes	15	Kathleen Hyde
9	Sheryl Krauser	17	Marti Lee
11	Nancy Cooper	20	Kathie Heim
11	Irene Cruite	29	Britt Landreth
12	Beverly Hayes	29	Kathy Morris



## Crafting & Chatting

Hello dear friends!

Excited for our open crafting to be held March 28 from 1 to 4 PM.

Meanwhile, instructor MariKay has her Craft class identified for late April. She is finishing up some of the details so we will have an email blast sent with dates, pricing and location soon.



Sending all you chatters and crafters warm wishes, because the sun is finally beginning to share its vitamin D with us!

Warmly~

**Shari Russell**  
Interest Grp Chair

## Women Bonding

Women Bonding will be meeting on April 19 at the home of Kathleen Howlett, 6231 W Shawnee Ave at 1pm. Please email or call Jean Leonard at 509-850-7387 or [jleo2727@gmail.com](mailto:jleo2727@gmail.com) if you are able to join us. Come anyway if your plans change at the last minute.

We will be getting to know each other better, field suggestions, plan a May gathering. Each person should come with an idea of what you'd like this group to look like and an activity they might be interested in. Thanks.



**Kathleen Howlett**  
[kjhowlett@gmail.com](mailto:kjhowlett@gmail.com)  
Women Bonding Chair

## Philanthropy

I hope you all enjoyed the March luncheon and auction. It is time again to start thinking about our Philanthropy project for next year. We will be voting at our May meeting. In preparation, the Board will choose three charities to be voted on. If you have any suggestions for a charity you would like the board to consider please let me know at the April luncheon or email me at [kibrandmueller@gmail.com](mailto:kibrandmueller@gmail.com) before April 15th.

Please keep in mind the members like to consider charities that are local in nature and our contribution would make a noticeable difference to their organization.

Looking forward to seeing you in April.

**Kathi Brandmueller**  
Philanthropy Chair

## Theatre Goers

Last play at the Civic Theater for this season is "Cats" and our date is **Sunday June 2nd at 2:00pm**. If you are interested in going, please contact Carol Hannah at [cthannah@q.com](mailto:cthannah@q.com) by Wednesday, April 10th; that means I will need your check by that time. I will call in reservations to the Civic on Friday, April 12th. You can mail the check to Carol Hannah 810 E. Huron Drive, Spokane WA 99208. Price is \$33.00 for seniors.

If you are interested, we will go to dinner after the play. Please let me know. Thank you.

**Carol Hannah**  
Theatre Goers Chair





## 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.

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:

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



## Membership

### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

We will start collecting our membership dues (\$25.00) for the 2024-2025 year in April.

They should be paid no later than the June luncheon.

Thank you,  
**Mimi Anderson**  
Membership Chair

## Mahjong

The Mahjong Group will meet on April 3rd and 17th at 1:00pm. You're always invited to observe our play to see if you'd like to join! We have several new members who are learning to play. **Email Dona Farsdahl at dfarsdahl@comcast.net for more information** about our group and to be added to our reminder list!

**Dona Farsdahl**  
Mahjong Group



*Getting to Know You:*

## *The Compass Profile Corner*

*by Kate Mietus*



**Sharon Russell**  
**Member since 1997**

I was blessed to be an Army brat, Army officer, Army wife, & now unfortunately an army widow. I was born in Fort Ord, CA (Monterey coast). I was 30 before I had spent half of my life in the USA. I have loved all my experiences around the world.

My professional career was as a distribution executive and my favorite job was VP of distribution for Burger King of Hawaii ~ 42 stores on four islands ~ and great stories to tell regarding the challenges.

I served in Desert Storm, with a year in the combat zone. After my husband Stephen retired from the army, we looked at 3 areas, choosing Spokane for retirement because it offered the best of everything for us. When you've lived around the world and loved it all, our decision to settle in Spokane says a lot regarding our lovely area.

I have been a member of Compass Club since 1997 which makes me an antique! I've held many positions within Compass Club, including President. My husband and I met some of our best friends through the Compass gourmet club. What a great way to meet people in the greater Spokane area!

I adore the outdoors: flyfishing, sailing, bicycling, gardening, hiking, cross country skiing - any excuse to be outside. My indoor activities are crafting, being a foodie, and anything that involves getting together with friends.

Recently, I was awarded an honor quilt for my service in the US army. That and receiving the Patriotic Civilian service award are probably my proudest moments.

Compass Club is a wonderful organization, full of bright, accomplished, experienced, and just lovely women. I am so happy to be part of the fellowship of you fabulous ladies!



## The Compass Profile Corner (continued)



**Maggie Crawford**

*"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."*

I joined Compass Club just over a year ago. I was a bit adrift after my husband died so Patty Hostetter and Pat Partovi convinced me to join them for a luncheon. I was thrilled to find out there were some other members that I knew.

I was born and raised in southern California where I received my BA from UC Riverside. I taught school (where I met my husband of 52 years) for a while and then started working for a national corporation. I was transferred to Portland, Oregon, in management position. My husband had also quit teaching by that time and worked for the same company.

My husband was tired of being a sales rep, so he answered an ad in the Oregonian newspaper for teachers with sales experience. The ad was placed by the fellow who started Sylvan Learning Centers. We had talked about having our own business. This looked like the perfect opportunity so we moved to Spokane, built our dream house in Suncrest on a bluff that overlooks the river, and started the first Sylvan Learning Centers outside the Portland area. In 2017 I sold the centers and retired to spend more time with my husband.

Now that I'm retired, all I have is spare time. I love to read. I've joined both Compass Club book groups and am a member of a neighborhood one as well. I like working with yarn, both knitting and crochet. Last year I had my laundry/craft room remodeled to house the ridiculous amount of yarn that I've accumulated. It works very well when I want to start a project at midnight.

A memorable life experience was travelling with my parents. They loved to travel and set a goal of taking my sisters and me to every state in the union before we were out of high school. Having met that goal, I've continued to travel to all of Europe (except Belgium), St. Petersburg, Russia, many countries in South America, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and the Dominican Republic.

I'm just getting to know the workings of Compass Club and am looking forward to meeting more people. I was thrilled to find that some old friends were also members.

## Decorations

Hello dear friends of Compass Club. You will notice that our March luncheon tables were indeed decorated with centerpieces. However, they belonged to the Ramada Inn!

Just a reminder that the luncheon that is devoted to our annual fundraising auction does not include centerpiece giveaways. The thought is that we want to promote dollars being used for the auction. However, we will see you in April for more decorations.

**Shari Russell**  
Decorations Chair



## Auction Finale

I entered the room with trepidation. Would the Auction go as planned? Is everything in order? Did I do everything I was supposed to do? Well, I could relax. Everyone came through. The offerings looked beautiful – the interest groups' baskets glowed, the Quilting group displayed their wares beautifully and Maggie Crawford's gorgeous knitted items were spectacular.

I am pleased that the Auction (including bake sale) brought in \$4,000 for the benefit of our Club.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the auction. Thank you to everyone who purchased auction items to support our group. There was a good collection of dining-touring events and individual items such as Janie Schnurr's art work, Vicki Deschaine's custom made to order cake, Kathi Brandmueller bread of the month, Sandy Colquhoun's lunch and lake tour, Nancy Smith's southern living luncheon and Pat Par-tovi's Greek luncheon.

Thank you to Kathy Cousineau for arranging the luncheon – we certainly had a generously proportioned and delicious meal.

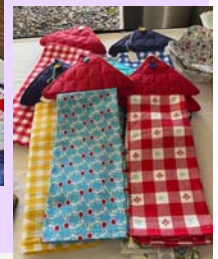
Thank you to Shari Russell, our auctioneer extraordinaire, for making the Live Auction so much fun. We had some lively bidding to round out the event. The moment Shari took over, I breathed a sign of great relief as I knew we were in capable hands.

Thank you to the volunteers who signed up early to assist. Barbara Boniface handed out name tags and paddles. Kate Mietus and Ro Lisk were spotters. Kathie Heim and Maureen Boutz were cashiers. Kathy Cousineau and Barbara Boniface worked to set up the room and then to clear up after

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

**Carole Parfett**  
Fundraising

## Items from our March Auction



Lunch on Windy Bay, Coast of Alena Lake  
A Hearty Lunch and a half-hour boat ride will be provided for 6 people.  
Date to be determined by participants.



Photos courtesy of Mimi Anderson



## Directory Updates

### NEW MEMBERS:

#### Irene Cruite

7011 S. Brookshire Ct.  
Spokane, WA 99223  
858-336-6442

BD: 11 Apr

irenecruite@yahoo.com

Irene is interested in Trailblazers, Theatre Goers, and Women Bonding



#### Sherry Carson

8812 E. Boardwalk Lane  
Spokane, WA 99212  
509-990-5103

BD: 9 Sep

sherrycarson@comcast.net

Sherry is interested in Mahjong, Trailblazers, Quilt & Stitch, Crafting & Chatting, Theatre Goers, Mexican Train, and Women Bonding.

#### Kathy Morris

607 W. Kiernan  
Spokane, WA 99205  
425-753-3170

BD: 29 Apr

kathy.baha@gmail.com

Kathy is interested in Trailblazers, Theatre Goers, and Mexican Train

#### Yvonne Lopez-Morton/Robert

12015 S. Player Dr.  
Spokane, WA 99223  
509-599-1177

BD: 20 Jul

yvonnelm1177@gmail.com

Yvonne is interested in Trailblazers, Crafting and Chatting, and Wine & Spirits.

**We now have 120 members!**

#### Mimi Anderson

**Membership Chair**

## Quilt & Stitch

Quilt & Stitch meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be at the home of Sonia

Bertsch on Mon., Apr 15th at

1:00. Kathleen Howlett will provide a "green" dessert. Venue

information is in the March

newsletter. **The March meeting**

**will be held at Nancy MacKen-**

**zie's, not Sonia's. Watch for an email for clarifi-**

**cation.** All members are welcome. Contact Anne if

you are interested. [anneslauson@gmail.com](mailto:anneslauson@gmail.com)



#### .Anne Slauson

**Quilt & Stitch Chair**

[anneslauson@gmail.com](mailto:anneslauson@gmail.com)





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## April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU		FRI
<i>Mar 24</i>	<i>Mar 25</i>	<i>Mar 26</i>	<i>Mar 27</i>	<i>Mar 28 Deadline for luncheon reser- vations</i>	<i>Mar 28 Crafting &amp; chat- ting 1pm  Wine &amp; Spirits 3pm</i>	<i>Mar 29 Deadline for luncheon cancellations</i>
	1	2 <i>Luncheon 11am</i>	3 <i>Mahjong 1pm</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Mexican Train 1pm</i>	10	11 <i>Books &amp; Coffee 10am</i>	12	13
14	15 <i>Quilt &amp; Stitch 1pm</i>	16	17 <i>Mahjong 1pm</i>	18	19 <i>Women Bonding 1pm</i>	20
21	22	23 <i>Daytime Books 1pm</i>	24	25	26	27
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