

The Compass Rose

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

May 2024

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| 4/30 | Wine & Spirits 3pm |
| 5/1 | Mahjong 1pm |
| 5/2 | Deadline for lunch reservations |
| 5/3 | Deadline for lunch cancels |
| 5/7 | Luncheon 11am |
| 5/9 | Books & Coffee 10am |
| 5/14 | Mexican Train 1pm |
| 5/15 | Mahjong 1pm |
| 5/20 | Quilt & Stitch 1pm |
| 5/23 | Craft & Chat 10:30am |
| | Women Bonding 1pm |
| 5/28 | Daytime Books 1pm |

Luncheon News

MERRY MONTH OF MAY!

After doing your spring cleaning and checking your warm weather wardrobe, you may find you need to add an item or two. We have the solution for you. Join us for our luncheon on May 7, 2024 in the Event Center at Rockwood South Hill, 2903 E. 25th for lunch and a fashion show provided by Chico's and featuring our own members as models.



The menu will feature grilled chicken breast strips, Mandarin oranges, Gorgonzola cheese, dried cherries, candied walnuts, and dried cranberries on greens, served with a garlic-wine vinaigrette and hot rolls. Dessert will be cheesecake with berries.

There will be a no host bar. Wine will be \$5 a glass. Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person.

The Treasurer prefers that you pay by check for the luncheon.

The deadline for reservations is Thursday, May 2 at Noon. Deadline for cancellations is Friday, May 3rd. Email or call Sheryl Krauser, skrauser@comcast.net or 509-435-2535 to confirm your reservation.

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President's Corner

For me May is a month of rebirth and renewal and it's the month in which we select a new board of directors for Compass Club. The women who serve in this capacity are selfless and genuinely care about the women in our club and are invested in making their experience the best it can be. My hat's off to you wonderful ladies who have volunteered to serve. The slate of directors for the 2024-25 year is as follows.

- President: Kathi Brandmueller
- 1st Vice President: Kate Mietus
- 2nd Vice President: Dorothy Klepp
- Recording Secretary: Susie Volwiler
- Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Cousineau
- Treasurer: Maureen Boutz
- Membership: Sandy Colquhoun
- Philanthropy: Ro Lisk
- Fundraising: Carole Parfett
- 50/50, Bingo: Shirley Calkins and Barbara Boniface
- Interest Groups: Shari Russell
- Reservations: Sheryl Krauser
- Hostess: Julia Marvel
- Newsletter: Victoria McDonald and Launa Norman
- Decorations: Susan Miles
- Past President: Pat Partovi

The vote to elect these women will take place at the May luncheon and they will be installed at the June luncheon. Many thanks to each one of you for your service to this marvelous club.

Pat Partovi
President

Luncheon News (continued)

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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 Sheryl Krauser, the Reservations Chair, to cancel.

**Sandy Colquhoun and Kathy Cousineau
Vice Presidents**

Annual Game Day

Save the date! The Board gave the go-ahead to having the first annual Game Day on Monday, July 22, 10 am – 2pm in the Summit Event Center at Rockwood South Hill, 2903 E. 25th. We'll play from 10 to noon, break for lunch, and play till 2 pm. (You can stay and play till 2 or leave after lunch.)

The plan is for groups of 4 friends to play their favorite board or card game. Each group decides what they want to play and brings their own game or card set. Groups can include Compass Club members and non-member friends/family. There will also be some fundraising (possibly raffles) for our current Philanthropy.

Lunch will be a salad buffet and cheesecake for dessert. Coffee, iced tea and ice water will be available throughout the play time. Cost is \$22 per person.

A reservation form will be emailed to you in early June.

**Maureen Boutz
Annual Game Day
Mobile: 509-230-1649**

The Caring Corner

A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Shirley Calkins

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

Barbara Boniface

775-722-3330

bbboniface@yahoo.com

Directory Update

Welcome to our Newest Members:

Kelly Mielbrecht
5434 E. Harmon Rd.
Spokane, WA 99223
C: (253)293-6584
BD: 8 Jul
kellerie786@gmail.com



Judy Cunningham/Richard
10322 N. Middleton Dr. #426
Spokane, WA 99218
C: (530)400-9490
BD: 19 Oct
jecunninghamster@gmail.com

Membership

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

We are now collecting membership dues (\$25.00) for the 2024-2025 year.

They should be paid no later than the June luncheon.

Thank you,
**Mimi Anderson
Membership Chair**

Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2023-2024

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| President | Pat Partovi | Trailblazers | Vicki Deschaine & Shari Russell |
| Vice Presidents | Sandy Colquhoun Kathy Cousineau | Wine & Spirits | Mimi Anderson & Pat Partovi |
| Recording Secretary | Susie Volwiler | Daytime Books | Kathy Cousineau |
| Corresponding Secy. | Barbara Boniface | Quilt & Stitch | Anne Slauson |
| Treasurer | Maureen Boutz | Books & Coffee | Kathi Brandmueller |
| Membership | Mimi Anderson | Crafting & Chatting | Shari Russell |
| Philanthropy | Kathi Brandmueller | Theatre Goers | Carol Hannah |
| Fundraising | Carole Parfett | Mahjong | Dona Farsdahl |
| 50/50 Bingo | Shirley Calkins | Women Bonding | Kathleen Howlett |
| Decorations | Shari Russell | Mexican Train | Maureen Boutz |
| Newsletter | Kathy Piper | | |
| Interest Groups | Julia Marvel | | |
| Phone Committee | Sheryl Krauser | | |
| Hostess | Kathleen Howlett | | |
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Please refer to your Compass Directory for contact information.

May Birthdays

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| 3 | Lynn Troop | 13 | Dona Farsdahl |
| 11 | Andrea Truman | 18 | Mimi Anderson |
| 11 | Sharon White | 21 | Susan Miles |
| 13 | Maureen Boutz | 22 | Erin Heilig |



Crafting & Chatting

We have a DATE!

Crafting and Chatting is pleased to announce the following class!

Location: Shari's house: 17218 N Golden Dr, Colbert, WA

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m.

What: Wooden Candle Craft

Cost: \$30 pp Lunch included

Misc: MariKay instructs.



All materials supplied.

Limited space.

RSVP: Shari Russell,
509 868-7500 text/call

Warmly~

Shari Russell

Crafting & Chatting Chair



Women Bonding

Women bonding is planning a movie get together. Members will be notified of the title, time, and place as information comes in. We are also investigating all the upcoming Spokane expo events scheduled in the next coming weeks. Remember, no need to do anything alone. You have friends in Compass.

Contact Jean Leonard with questions and if you want to join us for the **Pentatonix** We want to purchase tickets by May 15. Jean's email is jleo2727@gmail.com

Kathleen Howlett
kjhowlett@gmail.com
Women Bonding
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 by Tuesday, April 23rd; that means I will need your check by that time. I will call in reservations to the Civic on Friday, April 26th. You make the check out to **Carol Hannah** and mail it to me at 801 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.

May 28 **Good Night, Irene**
by Luis Alberto Urrea
Hostess: Anne Lauderbaugh

June 25 Choose New Books
Hostess: Kate Mietus

Kathy Cousineau
Daytime Books Chair



Books and Coffee

Books and Coffee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am. 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:

May 9 "Queen Bee" by Dorothea Benton

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

Kathi Brandmueller
Books & Coffee Chair



Mahjong

Mahjong will meet May 1st and 15th. If you have questions or would like to be added to our email list, please send an email to Dona Farsdahl, dfarsdahl@comcast.net Reminders are sent out before each meeting with our meeting location.

Dona Farsdahl
Mahjong Group



Mexican Train

The next play date for Mexican Train is Tuesday, May 14 at 1 pm, at Rockwood South Hill. This group meets the second Tuesday of the month in various locations. We are all beginners so please join us if you are interested in playing.

Maureen Boutz
Mobile: 509-230-1649



Getting to Know You:

The Compass Profile Corner

by Kate Mietus



Kathi Brandmueller
4-year member
Philanthropy Chair

I was born in Sacramento, CA, where I attended grade school through Consumnes River College. I married and then went back to school at the University of Nevada, Reno, to finish my degree in Geologic Engineering. My father and both of my brothers were all civil engineers. My mother was a kindergarten teacher and my sister taught deaf children until retirement. My niece is currently a teacher for the deaf as well.

I worked for Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection and for Nevada's Department of Transportation. Fifteen years of my career were spent in consulting where I conducted soils reports, clean-up of gas stations, asbestos, and lead-based paint, and storm water quality. Four years ago at retirement, my husband and I moved to Spokane. My husband had grown up in Spokane Valley and his family still live in the area.

We found a home in north Spokane and have been very happy with the move, though winters are not my thing. We spend time with family, and we enjoy being members of the Symphony Associates. I was introduced to Compass Club by my sister-in-law, Myrna Brandmueller. I enjoy the friends I have made and participating in Books and Coffee and mahjong. I also enjoy crocheting, kayaking, hiking, and travelling. I keep busy teaching fitness at the YMCA and MUV Fitness. If I have any spare time, I volunteer at 2nd Harvest.

My husband and I have been married for 50 years. We spent our 50th anniversary in Santa Cruz, CA, where we honeymooned.

My memorable life accomplishment was getting through college in my 30's, with the goal of graduating before the age of 40 (I barely made it). Now I have slid right into retirement.

As Philanthropy Chair I sit on the Compass Club Board. The Board is always open to any members' ideas to improve the Club and/or bring in newer members. We are also looking for people who would be willing to serve on the board next year. There are many positions available, and it is easy to find one that plays to anyone's strengths. Please let Pat know if you are interested in a board position.



The Compass Profile Corner (continued)



Tyra Demateis
One year member

I was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and grew up in Newport Beach, CA. During high school, I was an exchange student in Argentina. During the first year of our marriage, my husband Rocco and I lived in Brasilia, Brazil. Spanish and Latin American culture were an interest we both shared some 54 years ago when we first met. We'll be celebrating 50 years of marriage this summer and I can confirm that learning about other countries and cultures remain a strong interest for both of us.

I spent my career in education. I worked in the areas of Teacher Training, Language Development, Curriculum Development, and as a Spanish teacher. The highlight of my career was the privilege to work on fellowships with UC Irvine and Yale-New Haven Teachers' Institutes. During those times, my understanding of resiliency was greatly enhanced, and the knowledge I gained allowed me to focus on writing curriculum resiliency skills for at-risk youth.

As a retiree, I volunteered as a trainer and participant with the Ophelia project, a team mentoring project for adolescent girls in three school districts in the Coachella Valley. How we use resiliency to recover from and withstand adversity, neglect, life challenges, and trauma remains a passionate interest of mine.

We moved to Spokane three years ago to be with our son Christopher who is a single dad, and to be close to him and our young granddaughters, Mia and Chelsea. It's been quite an adventure adjusting to a new climate and lifestyle. In addition to being with our family, my favorite past times are reading, sewing, machine embroidery, and making dolls and stuffed animals. I also love to cook and try out new recipes.

One of the best things I did after moving to Spokane was to join the Compass Club last year. I've loved meeting such an interesting and fun group of women. I especially enjoy Mahjong, Daytime Books, and Crafting. I feel very fortunate to part of such a wonderful organization.



April Decorations

Winners of the table decorations at the April Luncheon were:

Dona Farsdahl
Sheryl Krauser
Kathy Cousineau
Victoria McDonald
Katharine Ross
Pat Partovi
Kate Mietus
Billie Pittman
Julie Tveit

Special thanks to Mimi Anderson for acting as scribe and to Susan Miles, who stepped in for me to set up the decorations and draw the winners.



Quilt & Stitch

The May meeting of Quilt & Stitch will be held at the home of **Sue Harris, 4202 S. Cook St.** at 1:00 on May 20th. Sue will provide dessert and beverages. We will continue to work on using up our scraps, 2 1/2" strips (jelly rolls), or squares to make 2 10x10" blocks (25 - 2 1/2" squares, 5 across, 5 rows down), one spring and one in fall colors. If this doesn't work for you, I, and others, can bring extras from their stash to help out. Please RSVP to me, anneslauson@gmail.com or Sue, harris1003@comcast.net.



Hope to see you there!

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



Photos from our April Luncheon



Wine & Spirits

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.



PHOTOS FROM OUR BRICK WEST GET-TOGETHER



Photos from our 6-Course Wine Dinner



 THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024
Rockwood Sky Lounge
Compass Club Wine Dinner
Guest presenter, Matt Dolan of VINO!

~ *First Plate* ~

Fig and Brulee Brie Crostini
HONEY DRIZZLE AND SPICY MICROGREENS

Jean Pierre Sparkling Wine, FR - \$14.95

Second Plate

Crab Salad
AVOCADO AND HEIRLOOM CHERRY TOMATOES
WITH BASIL LEMON VINAIGRETTE

Mirth (unoaked) Chardonnay, WA - \$16.95

Third Plate

Hamachi Two Ways:
HAMACHI CRUDO AND HAMACHI NIGIRI

Poet's Leap Riesling, WA - \$21.95

Fourth Plate

House Made Duck Confit Ravioli
MUSHROOM SAGE SAUCE

A to Z Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, OR - \$17.95

Fifth Plate

Bison Ribeye
ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES AND SAUTEED MUSHROOMS

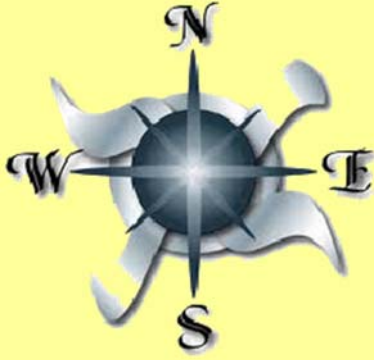
10,000 Hours Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mt WA - \$31.00

Dessert

Blue Cheese and House Made Truffles

Grahams "Six Grape" Porto, Portugal - \$27.95

Fresh-brewed Cravens Coffee



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| <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7 Luncheon 11am</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>9 Books & Coffee 10am</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> |
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| <i>36</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28 Daytime Books 1pm</i> | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>31</i> | |