



You are cordially invited to a
Pink Tea
on the first of April
Rockwood South Event Center
2903 E 25th Ave, Spokane
Check in: 11—11:30
\$30

Menu

Scones with Jam
Tomato Bisque
Tossed Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Tea Sandwiches (Egg-Salad & Turkey)
Sugar Cookies & Cupcakes
Pink Tea

Please feel free to wear pink, or a hat or fascinator to
further our celebration.

As this event is our monthly luncheon,
**reservations must be made and are due
by noon on March 27.**

Please contact Sheryl Krauser by texting her at
509.435.2535 or emailing her at
skrauser@comcast.net

For more information about the luncheon,
please see page 3.



The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter—April 2025 Edition

President's Corner

The days are getting longer and warmer: Spring is just around the corner (YAY). Hope everyone is enjoying the sun setting later even though the change in time can be hard on our bodies and moods. The good news is our April Luncheon is going to be a Pink Tea which will not only be fun but quite educational. A big thank you to Anne Slauson for suggesting and organizing this event (see page 3 for more information). If you haven't been able to join us for a luncheon yet this year, this will be a good time to change that trend.

More big thank yous to Carole Parfett for an excellent auction (see page 9 for details) and to Julie Tveit for a wonderful fundraising event (see article below) with another to come. I want to give a shout-out to Phyllis Packwood for taking over the Woman Bonding group -nka The
(cont. page 3 "President's")

April Mini Calendar

3/27	Reservation Deadline — noon
4/1	April Luncheon check in 11-11:30
4/2	Mahjong 1p
4/8	Mexican Train
4/10	Books & Coffee 10 a Bunco 1p Wine & Spirits 3p
4/14	Sip & Paint 2 to 4 p
4/15	Ukulele Group 1p
4/16	Mahjong 1p
4/21	Quilt & Stitch 1p
4/22	Daytime Books 1p

Philanthropy Update

I want to thank all members who participated in the "Soft Good Drive" for Cup of Cool Water! We donated 2114 pounds of goods netting \$422.80 for our charity!! Way to go!!!



Two trucks and a trailer full of the donated goods gathered at the March luncheon.



Sip and Paint Party with Pinot's Palette, 1919 E Sprague ~ Monday, April 14th, 2 to 4 pm.

Just a reminder that sign up is live for our next money-making endeavor. The event space will open at 1:30 for socializing and purchasing beverages. Sign up at <https://www.pinotpalette.com/spokane/event/810489> If you are not comfortable signing up online, text or email me, and I will sign you up. We will all be creating the painting seen to the left. It should be fun!

Finally, I am taking recommendations for our NEXT year's charity. If you have a charity that is near and dear to your heart, please let me know. We would like to support a local charity that would benefit from our smallish donation. We will vote on next year's charity at the May Lunch.

Happy Spring,
Julie Tveit / Philanthropy Chair ~ 509.570.6015 / jtveit@live.com

April Luncheon Details

Hello ladies. Even though our luncheon and Pink Tea will happen on April Fool's Day, this meeting is no joking matter. We will gather together in a festive setting to honor the women who came before us and secured our right to vote which was ratified by an Amendment to the Constitution on August 18, 1920. Our foremothers were brave and determined, and endured many hardships to insure this right. When they were campaigning in the early 1900s, their suffrage meetings were often disrupted by opponents, often husbands or fathers who forbade them to meet to discuss women's rights. It was believed that our only duty as women was to stay home, have babies, and raise them to be patriotic citizens.

Pink Teas were developed as a way for women to get together to discuss suffrage and other "forbidden" topics among frilly decorations and colorful projects such as making the latest new item - valentines. If the discussion was interrupted, they could quickly turn to their works of art, highly approved of by their opponents.

I hope you enjoy the luncheon and our Reader's Theater ~ Anne Slauson

Other Luncheon News: Erik Puthoff from STCU, the speaker on fraud at the February luncheon, has provided notes from his talk. Please see the "News" page of our website: <https://spokanecompassclub.org> for that information and links.

Dorothy Klepp & Kate Mietus / Vice Presidents

("President's" cont. from page 2)

Social Club (see page 4 for more information) and to Shirley Calkins who is starting up the Garden Club again. Watch for more information in the May newsletter. Another big thank you to Barb Clapp who has volunteered to reprise the Member Focus (see page 14) feature of the newsletter.

It is also time to start thinking of next year's Board. If you are interested in serving, please let me know, so the existing Board can put together a slate of officers for members to vote on.

Hope to see you in April,
Kathi Brandmueller / President



Mahjong



The Mahjong Group will meet on March 19, April 2, and April 16 at 1 pm. Reminders are sent out before each meeting with information on our location.

We have beginners (added at least one new member this month) and longtime players. For more information about our fun group, contact Dona at dfarsdahl@comcast.net

Dona Farsdahl / Mahjong Chair

Crafts & Chats

Mary Kay and I are excited to use buttons (both vintage and new) for our March 19th activity. As of 3/14 there is one spot left. Lunch and beverages will be provided along with lots of opportunities to make new friends and chat, chat, chat!



Reserve your spot today.
Wed., March 19 10:30—2
Cost: \$35
RSVP: 509.868.7500 call or text

Shari Russell / Crafts & Chats Chair
Sharonjoyfulbeau@gmail.com

Mexican Train

We will be playing on April 8th at 1 pm at Patty Hostetter's: 13013 W Sunnyvale Dr., Nine Mile Falls. Please contact Maureen 509.230.1649 for more information. We welcome new members. Come to join us!



Maureen Boutz / Mexican Train Chair

The Social Club

Hello ladies! My name is Phyllis Packwood, and I am the new leader of the Women Bonding group. After a meeting in February, we decided that the group needed a name change. It is now called "The Social Club" which we think more accurately depicts what we are about.

The purpose of our Interest Group is for companionship and to develop friendships. I will be planning one main event each month, but we are hoping to informally meet at events other members plan, such as movies, concerts, etc.

On March 7, seven of us walked to fundraise for Meals on Wheels (see picture right). We had a great time and got to know each other a bit more.



I am planning our April event and will send an email once the details are finalized. To join, please contact me asap at either 509.294.0387 or jpneveralone@aol.com to sign-up! If you signed the form at our most recent luncheon, you have already been added to the contact list.

Phyllis Packwood / The Social Club Chair

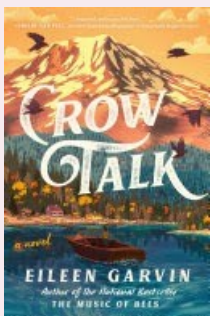
Ukulele Group

The Ukulele Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm to practice and learn new songs. The meetings are at Kathi Brandmueller's home, 3030 W Beacon Ave., Spokane. Please let Kathi know if you are interested in joining. Contact her at kibranmueller@gmail.com.

Kathi Brandmueller, Ukulele Chair

Daytime Books

Daytime Books meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 pm for book discussion and light refreshments. If you would like to join us, please contact Kathy Cousineau at digthere-bop@hotmail.com



Apr 22 *Crow Talk* – Eileen Garvin

Hostess: Kate Mietus

May 27 *Sleeping Giants* – Rene Denfeld
Hostess: Pat Partovi

June 24 Choose New Books
Hostess: Ginny Bott

Kathy Cousineau / Daytime Books Chair

Books and Coffee

Books and Coffee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. If you would like to join us, please contact **Kathi Brandmueller at 775.379.8952 or kibrandmueller@gmail.com.**

April 10: *The Invincible Miss Cust* by Penny Haw
Hosted by Mary Scarpelli



May 8: *The IT Girl* by Ruth Ware
Hosted by Colleen Maroney

June 12: *Music of the Bees* by Eileen Garvin
Hosted by Cheri Susens

July 10: *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*
by Maggie O'Farrell
Hosted by Tracy Barton

Kathi Brandmueller / Books and Coffee Chair



Quilt & Stitch



The April meeting of Quilt & Stitch will be on April 21 at 1:00 in the Rockwood South Meeting Room. The hostess will be

MaryAlice Stoner. Please RSVP to her at dougsmat@aol.com or call 406.721.4041. Desert will be provided by Linda Jones.

Let's all do some house cleaning and bring anything that we no longer need or want: fabrics, patterns, or tools to share with others. Remember: "One quilter's junk is another one's treasure."

All are welcome.

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

Trailblazers

Announcing Trailblazer's 2025 adventure: a jet boat half-day excursion into Hells Canyon on the Snake River on June 17 & 18. The cost will be between \$170 & \$180. Watch the newsletter for further details in the coming months.



Vicki Deschaine & Shari Russell / Trailblazer's Co-chairs

Wine & Spirits

The next Wine & Spirits group gathering will be at Barrister Winery on Thursday, April 10 at 3:00 pm. The address is



1213 W Railroad Alley, Spokane. There is street parking at meters so be sure to bring coins or use the parking app if you have it on your phone.

They also have beer if you prefer, and we will provide cheese and crackers. It helps us to reserve enough space if you RSVP.

See pictures on page 13 of the W&S night at Selkirk Tap House.

All are welcome including significant others and non-Compass members.

Please RSVP to Pat (patpartovi@gmail.com) or Mimi (meemanderson@hotmail.com)

Pat Partovi & Mimi Anderson / Wine & Spirits Co-chairs

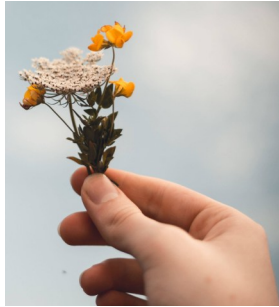
Bunco

Our next Bunco game will happen on Thursday, April 10th, and is open to the first 12 players who respond to Lynn Troop at bltroop@comcast.net All games are played on the second Thursday of the month.

Lynn Troop / Bunco Chair

Caring Corner

A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Ann Fly and a "Get Well" card was sent to Joanne Leitch.



To request a "Get Well," "Thinking of You," or "Sympathy" card, please contact our Correspondence Secretary,

Kathy Cousineau / Correspondence Chair
digtherebop@hotmail.com or
303.748.9606.



Membership Update

During the busy holiday season, we added a new member who was not properly welcomed. Apologies for the belated "Glad you are joining us" to

Vicki Fisher
vjfishers57@icloud.com

We recently had two other women join us:

Kay Lou Dinsmore
spokane8@yahoo.com

Rebecca Ray
reray@att.net

Please welcome these three and continue to reach out to others. We all gain new friends through this amazing group.

Also, please update your directory to reflect a change of address for Julia Marvel:
1705 E. Mead, Spokane, 99218

Sandy Colquhoun / Membership Chair
idahosandy@comast.net



Auction Report

I want to thank everyone who donated to the Auction. Thank you, too, to everyone who purchased auction items to support the Club. 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's donation of two tickets to a show at the Fox and a bread-making class, Sandy Colquhoun's lunch and lake tour, and Pat Partovi's Barefoot Contessa luncheon.

Thank you to Dorothy Klepp and Kate Mietus for arranging the luncheon.

Thank you to Shari Russell, our Auctioneer extraordinaire, for making the Live Auction so much fun. We even had some friendly bidding for the YMCA gift certificate.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with setting up and cleaning up.

For those members I have neglected to include in this article:

Thank you, Thank you!

I am pleased that the Auction brought in \$3,034 to benefit of the Club.

Carole Parfett / Fundraising Chair

Interest Groups

I am so excited for all of the positive changes that are happening with our interest groups. I strongly believe that these groups are where the straw of friendships are made.

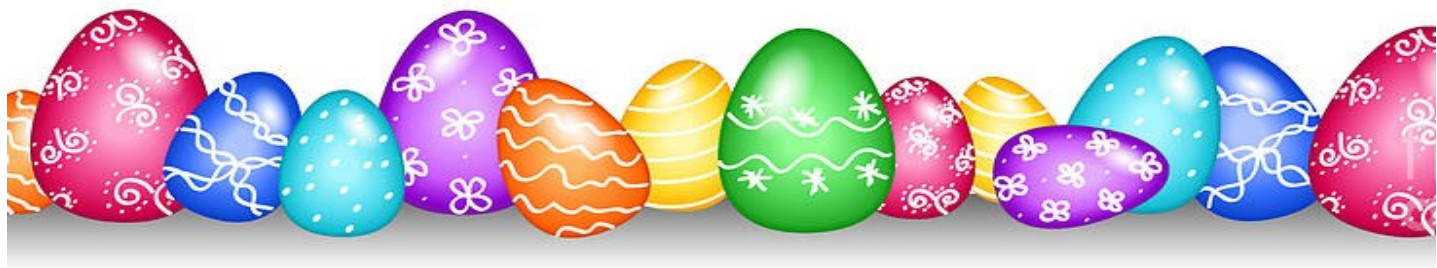
How fun that the Garden Group (more information to follow) is being resurrected. The objective of this group—will be to visit nurseries around the county with a bonus of having lunch together.

The Women Bonding group has a new name ~ The Social Club ~ with new activities to come.

I encourage all ~ but especially new members ~ to take the opportunity to pique interests by attending some of the various groups whether or not it's something that's been done before. All groups are open to visitors, so see what group/s might be right for you. All interest groups and chairs are listed on page 11 of the newsletter with more information on our website: <https://spokanecompassclub.org>

Come on sun ... Spring is almost here.

Shari Russell / Interest Group Chair



Reservation Reminders

- To make your reservation, email or text Sheryl Krauser at skrauser@comcast.net or 509.435.2535. Phone calls can be problematic, so text or email.
- When you make your reservation, please include your name.
- Sheryl will always reply to emails and texts to confirm your reservation.
- If you don't receive a reply from Sheryl, you will need to reconfirm because there is a problem.
- If there are lunch choices, please include that information with your reservation.
- If your reservation is for a seat only, please let Sheryl know when you make your reservation—a description of this type of reservation was in the October Newsletter and is on our website: spokanecompassclub.org
- If you make a reservation and need to cancel, contact Sheryl—remember: A reservation made is a reservation paid.

March Luncheon Report

Over 65 members enjoyed a wonderful Italian themed buffet lunch and delicious cheesecake at the Airport Ramada on March 4. The decorations were Marti Gras themed and everyone had beads to wear thanks to decoration chair Susan Miles—seen here.



During the business portion of the luncheon, president Kathi Brandmueller welcomed everyone. Phyliss Packwood, new chair of Women Bonding now called The Social Club, shared upcoming information and an interest sheet was sent around the room. A show of hands for interest in a Garden Club group was called for by Shirley Calkins. Trailblazers' co-chair Vicki Deschaine shared that the event for this year will be a 6-hour Jet Boat ride on the Snake on June 17 with participants either staying the night in Lewiston hotels or nearby campgrounds. More information will be forthcoming, but the cost should be between \$170 and \$180. There were four visitors at the luncheon and two new members were recognized.

The baked goods, craft items and silent/live auctions netted \$3,034 for Compass Club. The Live Auction was lively with the highest bid of \$800 coming for the YMCA memberships, followed by the Barefoot Contessa lunch for 8 (\$520), Windy Bay lunch for 7 (\$315), Bread Making for 4 (\$140), two paintings by Janie Schurr (\$115), and two tickets to the *Psychology of a Murderer* event (\$110).

For more information and pictures of the luncheon, see page 13.



April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25 Daytime Books 1 pm	Mar 26	Mar 27 Deadline for Luncheon Reservations—	Mar 28	Mar 29
Mar 30	Mar 31	1 April Pink Tea Luncheon check-in 11-11:30 (pg 2)	2 Mahjong 1p (pg 4)	3	4	5
6	7	8 Mexican Train 1pm (pg 4)	9	10 Books & Coffee 10a (pg 5) Bunco 1p (pg 6) Wine & Spirits 3p (pg 6)	11	12
13	14 Quilt & Stitch 1pm (pg 6) Sip & Paint 2to4pm (pg 2)	15 Ukulele Group 1pm (pg 5)	16 Mahjong 1p (pg 4)	17	18	19
20	21	22 Daytime Books 1 pm (pg 5)	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	May 1 Deadline for lunch reservations	May 3	May 3
May 4	May 5	May 6 May Luncheon	May 7	May 8 Books & Coffee 10a Bunco 1p	May 9	May 10

Birthdays



We all send happy birthday wishes to the following members with April birthdays:

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| Gwen Welch | Catherine Caskey |
| Sheryl Krauser | Marti Lee |
| Nancy Cooper | Kathie Heim |
| Beverly Hayes | Britt Landreth |
| Kathleen Hyde | Kathy Morris |

Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2024-2025

Board Members	Names	Interest Groups	Chairs
President	Kathi Brandmueller	Books & Coffee	Kathi Brandmueller
Vice Presidents	Kate Mietus Dorothy Klepp	Bunco	Lynn Troop
Recording Scty	Susie Volwiler	BYOB	Vicki Deschaine
Corresponding Scty	Kathy Cousineau	Crafts & Chats	Shari Russell
Treasurer	Maureen Boutz	Daytime Books	Kathy Cousineau
Membership	Sandy Colquhoun	Mexican Train	Maureen Boutz
Philanthropy	Julie Tveit	Mahjong	Dona Farsdahl
Fundraising	Carole Parfett	Quilt & Stitch	Anne Slauson
50/50 Bingo	Shirley Calkins Barbara Boniface	The Social Club	Phyllis Packwood
Interest Groups	Shari Russell	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine Shari Russell
Reservations	Sheryl Krauser	Ukulele Group	Kathi Brandmueller
Hostess	Julia Marvel	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson Pat Partovi
Newsletter/Web Page/Blasts	Victoria McDonald Launa Norman		
Decorations	Susan Miles		
Past President	Pat Partovi		

News from the Compass Club News Team:

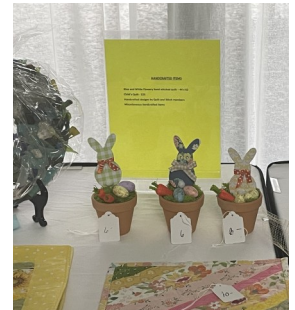
Please consult our website <https://spokanecompassclub.org> for current information. The website is updated when the newsletter is released.

The May *Compass Rose* will come out after the 20th of April.

Launa Norman & Victoria McDonald / CNT—compassclubnews@gmail.com

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There was a collection inside and out for Cup of Cool Water with a total of \$422.80 coming from Value Village for donated soft goods—enough to fill two pickup beds and a trailer and \$38 from the donation basket on the registration table.



Pictures from the March luncheon care of Mimi Anderson and Susan Miles.



Pictures care of Mimi Anderson.