



The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter—February 2025

President's Corner

It is hard to believe that it is almost February. Where does the time go? So far our winter has not been too severe, but we still have February to go, and historically, February can be nasty. So hunker down and stay warm. Hope the weather will not keep you from enjoying all the upcoming Compass Club activities. Don't forget that Compass Club is having a fundraiser for Cup of Cool Water at Chowderhead Restaurant on January 16. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a sandwich and soup to warm those cockles.

Our next lunch meeting will be held at Darcy's in Spokane Valley. We have used this venue several times in the past, and the staff has always been very accommodating. I am looking forward to seeing everyone after our January break. I am sure we will have lots of stories to share with our friends about our holiday activities.

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Philanthropy

Reminders of upcoming events!

Thursday, January 16th is Compass Club Philanthropy Day at Chowderhead Restaurant, N 825 Monroe Street, Spokane from 10 am to 8 pm.

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Be sure to check out information about the March Auction on page 3



Luncheon News

*Compass Club February Luncheon
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m*

The reservation deadline is Thursday, January 30, 2025, at noon

*Darcy's Banquet Room
10502 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley
Taco Bar with Coffee, Tea, & Dessert
Bartender will be available*

*Guest Speaker: Erik Puthoff **

\$30.00 ~ Please make your check payable to Compass Club

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February Mini Calendar

1/30	Deadline for Luncheon reservations—noon
2/4	Feb. Luncheon 11a
2/5	Mahjong 1p
2/11	Mexican Train 1p
2/13	Books & Coffee via Zoom 10a Bunco 1p
2/17	Quilt & Stitch 1p
2/18	Ukulele Group 1p
2/19	Mahjong 1p
2/25	Daytime Books 1p
2/27	Deadline for Luncheon reservations—noon
3/4	March Luncheon, Auction & Donatable Goods Drive 11a

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Ten percent of the proceeds from the day will be donated to Cup of Cool Water. Enjoy their Smoked Steelhead Chowder or their famous Smash Burger—the Tater Tots are awesome, too. Take your friends and family.

Tuesday, March 4th is the Compass Club Donatable Goods Drive. It is time to start cleaning closets and cupboards for a good cause. Bring your bags of soft goods to the March Luncheon. For a complete description of “soft goods,” see the Club’s web page: <http://spokanecompassclub.org>. If you cannot

make the luncheon, call Julie Tveit 509.570.6015 for a pickup. Each pound collected will earn 20 cents for Cup of Cool Water which means that if each member (100+) brings in 10 lbs, Value Village will donate \$200.

April 14, 2025—Sip and Paint Party with Pinot’s Palette. Please mark your calendar for our final money-making opportunity for CofCW. On Monday, April 14, we will meet at Pinot’s Palette for a “Sip and Paint” afternoon. They will donate a percentage of the proceeds to our charity, and we will have a fun afternoon creating masterpieces and sipping wine, beer, cider, or soda. More details to come.

Julie Tveit / Philanthropy Chair



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To make your reservation, email or text Sheryl Krauser at skrauser@comcast.net or 509.435.2535. She will respond with an email or text saying she has received your reservation.

****Be sure to check for her confirmation of your reservation****
For other reservation reminders, see page 3.

*Erik Puthoff is a native of the Spokane area. He received his BA from Eastern Washington University and has worked with credit unions for 18 years. He has helped people protect against fraud and identity theft. His current role as the Community and Member Development Manager for STCU allows him to develop partnerships that build a better community. In his spare time, Erik enjoys being with family and friends, and exploring the many great places of the Pacific Northwest.

Kate Mietus and Dorothy Klepp / Vice Presidents

President's Corner Cont.

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The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is historically a time when people tend to be more generous to their charity of choice. They volunteer and tend to open their wallets more. However, the need for help does not decline at other times of the year, especially during the early months of the new year. Please consider finding a charity that you would like to support as a volunteer or a financial supporter and make it a year around activity.

Hope to see you at the February Luncheon.

Kathi Brandmueller, President
kibrandmueller@gmail.com

Reservation Reminders

- To make your reservation, email or text Sheryl Krauser at skrauser@comcast.net or 509.435.2535. No phone calls please.
- 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 confirmation from Sheryl, you will need to text or email her again because there is a problem.
- Be sure to indicate your lunch choice if there is an option.
- If there are other dietary restrictions that preclude your eating the menu as provided, please indicate when making your reservations that you would like to reserve a seat, but no meal. Beverages are included. Cost is \$10.

Fundraising

Compass Club Auction News

The annual Compass Club Auction is scheduled for March 4, 2025, during our luncheon at the Airport Ramada Inn.

"Experiences" for the Live Auction segment of this event are the most popular, and since this is a fundraiser for Compass Club, "Experience Events" are good opportunities to bring in the most money.

If you have an idea for a fun gathering, please put together an "Experience Event." A link to the donation form can be found on our web page. A copy of the form was sent out in December.

The March Auction will also include gift baskets put together by several Compass Club interest groups as well as hand-crafted items from the Quilt & Stitch Group. Additionally, to enhance fundraising, the Auction will include the sale of baked goods and perhaps other home-made food items.

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

Our auctioneer will be Shari Russell. Maureen Boutz will be a cashier, and we are looking for a second cashier. Two volunteers are needed to greet members and hand out auction forms and paddles. Spotters will also be needed. Please let

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Quilt & Stitch

Our next meeting will be held on Mon., Feb. 17th at the home of Julia Marvel at 1 pm. Please RSVP to jmarvel1722@gmail.com or call 509.960.1185. We will meet at the Quilting Bee to drive to Julia's, leaving at 12:50. Go earlier if you wish to shop; otherwise, wait outside. We will continue our plans for the auction. All are welcome.



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

See page 11 for photos, courtesy of Launa Norman, from the Q & S Holiday Party.

Wine & Spirits

The Wine and Spirits group is taking the winter off. Our fun exploration of wineries, breweries, distilleries, and cideries (that should be a word) will pick up again in the spring.

If you have any suggestions for places to visit, please tell Pat or Mimi, and we'll be only too happy to check them out.

Cheers ~

Pat Partovi & Mimi Anderson,
Co-chairs

patptovi@gmail.com
meemander-son@hotmail.com



Web Page

The Compass Club web page provides members with a great calendar, news, pictures, links and more. For example you can find a link to the Chowderhead menu or a complete list of soft goods for March's donation event. If you have misplaced the newsletter, you can find links to the last three months there as well.

Check out spokanecompassclub.org today.

Victoria McDonald & Launa Norman,
Compass Club News Team

Bunco

The next Bunco game will take place on Feb. 13th at 1 pm. Please contact Lynn Troop if interested in playing and to find out the location. Game days going forward will be the 2nd Thursday of each month with time off over the winter.

Lynn Troop, Bunco Chair
ltroop@comcast.net

Mahjong



The Mahjong Group will meet on February 5th and 19th at 1 pm. Although each month, the first Mahjong play date is held at the Rockwood South Community Center, it is important to be on our email list so you can find out the location of our other play days and which members have volunteered to host.

Beginners and longtime players are welcome to join us.

For more information, email Dona Farsdahl at dfarsdahl@comcast.net

Dona Farsdahl, Mahjong Interest Group

Crafting & Chatting

Buttons & Bows and Buttons and Bows!!

All righty friends, there won't be any bows at the next craft event, but there will be lots of buttons—most of them vintage. Mari Kay and I are working out the details for this next experience, but for now know that it will take place in the spring, cost \$35, and include lunch. More details to follow.

Shari Russell, Crafting & Chatting Chair

Mexican Train

We will be playing on February 11th at 1 pm in the Game Room at the Rockwood South Hill Community Center.

We welcome new members to join us!

Maureen Boutz, Mexican Train Chair
509.230.1649



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me know if you are interested in helping or have any questions about possible donations.

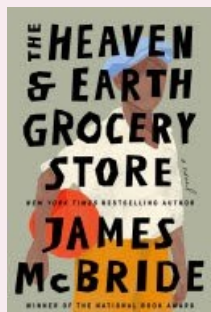
Thank you for your support.

Carole Parfett, Fundraising Chair
caroleparfett@gmail.com

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 digtherebop@hotmail.com.

Feb 25 *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* – James McBride
Hostess: Joy Bennett



Mar 25 *The World Played Chess* – Robert Dugoni
Hostess: Dorothy Klepp

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

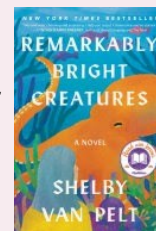
Kathy Cousineau, Daytime Books Chair



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.

February 13 via Zoom: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby van Pelt



March 13: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
Hosted by Maggie Crawford

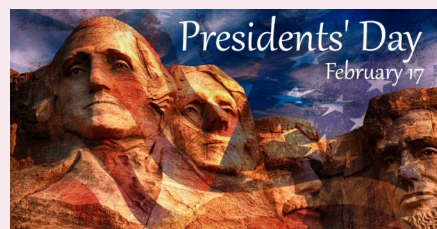
April 10: *The Invincible Miss Cust* by Penny Haw
Hosted by Mary Scarpelli

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



Women Bonding

The January meeting has been canceled due to lack of interest. We need your help to keep this group going. We have received few RSVPs, if any, for events. If you are serious about supporting this group, please call Kathleen at 509.703.8188. I would like to plan a matinee movie outing for February 19th.

Kathleen Howlett, Women Bonding Chair

Membership Update

Our new year is getting off to the right start with another "new" member. Actually, Char was a member 20 year ago and has now returned to Spokane and Compass Club. Welcome back, Char!

Char Rinkuns
charinc@yahoo.com

We are always looking for new friends to join Compass Club. This group has been so instrumental in the lives of its members in many, many ways. Let's continue to seek out friends who will benefit from this wonderful group of women as much as we will benefit from them.

Sandy Colquhoun, Membership Chair
idahosandy@comast.net

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. Please let Kathi know if you are interested in joining. Contact her at kibranmueller@gmail.com.



Kathi Brandmueller, Ukulele Chair



Caring Corner

A Sympathy Card was sent to Susan Miles and Get Well Cards were sent to Barbara Boniface, Ann Fly, and Shari Russell.

To request a "Get Well," "Thinking of You," or "Sympathy" card, please contact our Correspondence Secretary, **Kathy Cousineau** at digtherebop@hotmail.com or 303.748.9606.

March Wine Dinner - Save the Date

A Wine Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 20, at 5 pm in the Sky Lounge at Rockwood South Hill.

Cost is \$100 per person, payable that evening with a check made out to Compass Club.

The room can seat 32 comfortably – feel free to invite spouses and friends.

Reservations must be in by March 12. To reserve your space, contact Maureen Boutz, email: myboutz@hotmail.com

First Course

Smoked salmon with a dill and lemon caper filled beet-marbled deviled egg
Bacon and Bleu Cheese deviled eggs

Second Course

Seared Ahi Tuna with kiwi and avocado on arugula dressed with a lemon vinaigrette

Third Course

Ravioli stuffed with seared scallops, ricotta, and parmesan mix with a lemon, rosemary, and brown butter sauce

Fourth Course

Lamb chop, mashed sweet potatoes, and red and golden beets with a marinade of mint, feta, champagne vinegar, and Dijon

Fifth Course - Dessert

Chocolates & Cheese with Ruby Port

Wine pairings still to be chosen.





February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30 <i>Deadline for Luncheon Reservations—noon</i>	Jan 31	1
2	3	4 <i>February Luncheon (pg 1)</i>	5 <i>Mahjong 1p (pg 5)</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Mexican Train 1pm (pg 5)</i>	12	13 <i>Books & Coffee 10a via Zoom (pg 6)</i> <i>Bunco 1p (pg 4)</i>	HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15
16	17 <i>Quilt & Stitch 1pm (pg 4)</i>	18 <i>Ukulele Group 1pm (pg 7)</i>	19 <i>Mahjong 1p (pg 5)</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Daytime Books 1 pm (pg 6)</i>	26	27 <i>Deadline for Luncheon Reservations—noon</i>	28	Mar 1
Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4 <i>March Luncheon & Action Donatable Goods Drive</i>	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8

Birthdays

We all send happy birthday wishes to the following members:

- Nancy McVicker
- Darlene Gaffney
- Joanne Leitch
- Julia Marvel
- Carolyn Gallon



Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2024-2025

Board Members	Name	Interest Groups	Name
President	Kathi Brandmueller	Books & Coffee	Kathi Brandmueller
Vice Presidents	Kate Mietus Dorothy Klepp	Bunco	Lynn Troop
Recording Secty	Susie Volwiler	BYOB	Vicki Deschaine
Corresponding Secty	Kathy Cousineau	Crafting & Chatting	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	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine Shari Russell
Interest Groups	Shari Russell	Ukulele	Kathi Brandmueller
Reservations	Sheryl Krauser	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson Pat Partovi
Hostess	Julia Marvel	Women Bonding	Kathleen Howlett
Newsletter/Web Page	Victoria McDonald Launa Norman		
Decorations	Susan Miles		
Past President	Pat Partovi		

Please consult your directory for contact information

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