



# The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter—March 2025 Edition

## President's Corner

**W**e welcomed three new members at the February Luncheon. It is so nice to have new members because it gives us an opportunity to make new friends and helps keep the Club fresh and vibrant. With this in mind, if anyone is interested in starting a new Interest Group, please let Shari Russell know: she is the Interest Group chair and can help you get your group started. Remember, Interest Groups are open to all members, new and old, so get out there and enjoy as many as you please.

Saint Patrick's Day is upon us. Saint Patrick's Day is a religious and cultural holiday held on March 17th, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland. It was made an official  
*(cont. page 5— "President's")*

## Philanthropy

Hello Compass Club Members,  
I want to thank everyone who supported our first-ever Restaurant Benefit Day for Cup of Cool Water. We raised \$342.72 with little effort. Yay us!  
*(cont. page 2— "Philanthropy")*

Important March Auction information is on page 3

## Luncheon News

*The March luncheon will be held on  
Tuesday, March 4th  
at the Airport Ramada, 8909 W Airport Drive*

*Reservations are due by noon on February 27.  
Please email or text Sheryl Krauser at  
(skrauser@comcast.net or 509.435.2535)*

*We will be enjoying an Italian Buffet of Chicken Parmesan, Vegetarian Lasagna, an Antipasto Platter, Tossed Green Salad with Italian or Ranch Dressing, Garlic Bread, Cheese Cake with Berries, Coffee/Decaf/Tea along with a No Host Bar—wine only.*

*\$30.00 ~ Please make your check payable to Compass Club  
(cont. page 2 "Luncheon")*

## March Mini Calendar

3/4	Luncheon , Auction, Fundraiser 11a
3/5	Mahjong 1p
3/7	Wine & Spirits 3-5p
3/11	Mexican Train 1p
3/13	Books & Coffee 10a Bunco 1p
3/17	Quilt & Stitch 1p
3/18	Ukulele Group 1p
3/19	Mahjong 1p Chatting & Crafting 10:30—2
3/20	Wine Dinner 5p
3/25	Daytime Books 1p
3/27	Deadline for Luncheon reservations—noon
4/1	April Pink Tea Luncheon 11a

*("Philanthropy" cont. from page 1)*

At the February luncheon raffle, we made \$152, bringing our donation total to \$1,596.72. So, so wonderful.

**Tuesday, March 4th is the Compass Club Donatable Goods Drive.** This painless money-making adventure will take place at the March luncheon. Pack up your donatable soft goods into bags and drop them off in the parking lot of the Ramada Inn before the luncheon. If you need to confirm your goods are "soft," see our website ([spokanecompassclub.org](http://spokanecompassclub.org)) for more information. My truck, a brown/bronze Toyota Tundra with a canopy, will be parked at the northwest entrance to the Ramada parking lot. There will be balloons festooning the windshield and a small trailer attached to the back. Just pull up, open your trunk, and I will grab the bags and put them in the truck. Easy Peasy! If you have tons of bags to donate, or will not be attending the luncheon, just call me (509.570.6015) and I will come pick them up.

**Monday, April 14th, 2 to 4 pm - Sip and Paint Party with Pinot's Palette, 1919 E Sprague.** The more people we get to participate, the larger the percentage the business will donate, so ask friends and family to join you. The cost is \$40 with beer, wine, ciders, sodas all extra. You can sign up and pay online at <https://www.pinotpalette.com/spokane/event/810489>. If you would rather sign up through me, just drop me a text or an email, and I will add your name to the list.

If you have a favorite local charity that would benefit from Compass Club sponsorship for the 2025-26 year, please let me know. We will vote on next year's charity at the May Luncheon.

**Julie Tveit / Philanthropy Chair**  
509.570.6015 / [jtveit@live.com](mailto:jtveit@live.com)

*("Luncheon" cont. from page 1)*

**\*\*Be sure to check for her confirmation of your reservation.\*\***

For other reservation reminders, see page 3.

This luncheon will also include the Annual Auction—see page 3 and a fundraiser for Cup of Cool Water—see page 1.

**Kate Mietus and Dorothy Klepp / Vice Presidents**

**B**e sure to put our April Luncheon, April 1st, on your calendars. We will enjoy a Pink Tea. Get into the spirit with pink attire or a fancy hat or fascinator. More information to come in the April Newsletter.



## 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.

## Compass Club Auction

**W**e have two “Events” for the Live Auction segment of the March 4th Auction which will take place during our luncheon at the Airport Ramada and many other excellent donations.

### Live Auction

Pat Partovi will host a “Barefoot Contessa” luncheon at her home on April 25, 2025. The minimum bid is \$40.

Sandy Colquhoun will host a “Windy Bay Luncheon and Boat Tour” later this year with a minimum bid of \$40.

**Other live auction items** include two watercolor prints donated by artist Janie Schnurr and a YMCA membership for two valued at \$1,000.

### Silent Auction

Baskets will be provided by the Books & Coffee, Daytime Books, Wine & Spirits, and Quilt & Stitch Interest Groups.

Karen Scott will donate a basket, Kathi Brandmueller will donate a “Bread a Month” and one of the members of the Barbershop Quartet who entertained us in December has donated a handcrafted pen.

**Items Priced for Sale** will include handcrafted designs by Quilt & Stitch members.

There will also be **Bake Sale Items** which will be sold by donation only. Let's fill a table with delicious baked goods!

**Carole Parfett** / Fundraising Chair  
caroleparfett@gmail.com

## Quilt & Stitch



The February meeting of Quilt & Stitch will be on Mon., Feb. 17th at 1:00. We will meet at the Quilting Bee parking lot at 12:50

(after you've shopped) and then drive to Julia Marvel's home.

RSVP to her at [jmarvel1722@gmail.com](mailto:jmarvel1722@gmail.com) or call 509.960.1185. You can also RSVP to me. We'll be finishing projects and baskets for the auction, so bring what you have.

All are welcome.

**Anne Slauson** / Quilt & Stitch Chair  
[anneslauson@gmail.com](mailto:anneslauson@gmail.com)

## Wine & Spirits

Come join us on Friday, March 7, 3:00-5:00 at:

Selkirk Pizza and Tap House  
12424 N. Division St. (Wandermere).

We have reserved a space in the back. You will purchase your own food and beverages before joining us.



All are welcome including significant others and non-Compass members. Please RSVP to Pat ([patpartovi@gmail.com](mailto:patpartovi@gmail.com)) or Mimi ([meemanderson@hotmail.com](mailto:meemanderson@hotmail.com))

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

## Trailblazers

Announcing Trailblazer's 2025 adventure: a jet boat half-day excursion into Hells Canyon on the Snake River. Watch the newsletter for further details in the coming months.



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

## Bunco

Our next Bunco game will happen on March 13th @ 1pm at Vicki Deschaine's. All games will be played on the second Thursday of the month.

If you are interested, please contact **Lynn Troop** at [bltroop@comcast.net](mailto:bltroop@comcast.net) or text 509.590.5307.

## Mahjong

The Mahjong Group will meet on February 19, March 5, and March 19 at 1 pm. It is important to be on our email list so you can find out the location of our meetings and which members have volunteered to host.



Beginners and longtime players are welcome. For more information email Dona at [dfarsdahl@comcast.net](mailto:dfarsdahl@comcast.net)

**Dona Farsdahl** / Mahjong Interest Group Chair

## Crafting & Chatting

We have set the date for our Button Craft! Mary Kay will be our instructor, and it will be hosted at my home. Lunch and beverages which also include a glass of wine or bubbles will be included.



Date/Time: Wed., March 19 10:30—2  
Cost: \$35  
RSVP: 508.868.7500 call or text  
Class Size: 10

**Shari Russell** / Crafting & Chatting Chair

## Mexican Train

We will be playing on March 11 at 1 pm at Pat Par-tovi's.

Please contact Maureen for more information. We welcome new members to join us!

**Maureen Boutz**, Mexican Train Chair  
509.230.1649



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Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. Even though folklore credits Saint Patrick with driving out the snakes from Ireland the day actually commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilithe, the wearing of green attire or shamrocks, and church attendance.

In the United States, the religious significance of the day has mostly been disregarded, and the day is generally an excuse to party. We love green beer and corned beef and cabbage. The saying is everyone's Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. However you decide to celebrate, have a good time and be safe.

**Kathi Brandmueller** / President

## Ukulele Group

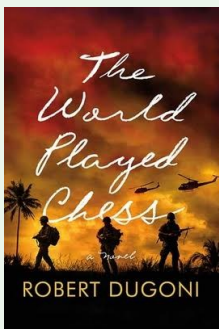
The Ukulele Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm to practice and learn new songs. The meetings are at Kathi Brandmueller's.

Please let Kathi know if you are interested in joining. Contact her at [kibrandmueller@gmail.com](mailto:kibrandmueller@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 [digtherebop@hotmail.com](mailto:digtherebop@hotmail.com).



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

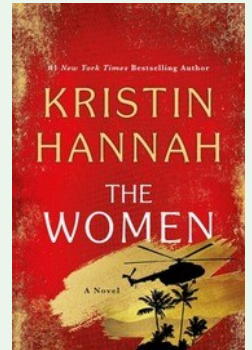
June 24 *Choose New Books*  
Hostess: Ginny Bott

**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](mailto:kibrandmueller@gmail.com).

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

Instagram post submitted by Linda Rapp.



Me: "What's happening here?"  
The 4 year old: "Shhh mummy! They're having book club."  
Me: 😊 "...my job here is done."

## Luncheon Update

**A** lively luncheon took place at Darcy's on February 4th. Eric Pathoff, the speaker, provided much needed information about keeping information safe. More pictures from the luncheon can be found on page 11.



## Caring Corner

**A** Sympathy Card was sent to Carol Hannah; Thinking of You cards were sent to Nancy Smith, Beverley Novin, Mimi Anderson, Carol Hannah, Marian Denney; and Get Well Cards were sent to Sally Batson, Janie Schnurr, Shari Russell, and Patty Hostetter.

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

## Membership Update

**O**ur membership continues to grow through friend referrals and our website. Two of our newest members found us through a computer search. Please continue to go to our website (<https://spokanecompassclub.org>), so we will be at the top of the list when ladies new to town search for a women's group or book club or craft group etc.

A huge welcome to . . .

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Danielle Day  
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**Sandy Colquhoun** / Membership Chair  
[idahosandy@comast.net](mailto:idahosandy@comast.net)

## Compass Club Wine Dinner

**T**he Compass Club Wine Dinner will be held on Thursday evening, March 20, at Rockwood South Hill in the Sky Lounge at 5 pm. The cost is \$100 per person. **Reservations must be in by March 12.** To reserve your space contact Maureen Boutz, email: [myboutz@hotmail.com](mailto:myboutz@hotmail.com)

### First Course

Smoked salmon with a dill and lemon caper filled beet-marbled deviled egg  
Bacon and Bleu cheese deviled eggs  
La Marca Prosecco

### Second Course

Seared Ahi tuna with kiwi and avocado on arugula,  
dressed with a lemon vinaigrette  
The Magpie Sauvignon Blanc

### Third Course

Ravioli stuffed with seared scallops, ricotta and parmesan,  
with a lemon rosemary brown butter sauce  
Browne Family Pinot Noir

### Fourth Course

Lamb chop, mashed sweet potatoes, and red and golden beets  
with a marinade of mint, feta, champagne vinegar, and Dijon  
L'Ecole 41 Merlot

### Fifth Course

Chocolates & Cheese  
Dow's Late Bottled Vintage Port

Spouses, friends, and family are welcome! Invite someone you know to enjoy this event with you.

Make checks payable to: "Compass Club," payable the night of the dinner.

If you make a reservation and need to cancel, please do so by March 12, or you must pay for your reservation.





# March 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27 <b>Deadline for Luncheon Reservations—noon</b>	Feb 28	1
2	3	4 March Luncheon, Auction, & Donatable Goods Drive (pgs 1 & 3)	5 Mahjong 1p (pg 5)	6	7 Wine & Spirits 3-5 (pg 4)	8
9	10	11 Mexican Train 1pm (pg 5)	12	13 Books & Coffee 10a (pg 6) Bunco 1p (pg 4)	14	15
16	17 Quilt & Stitch 1pm (pg 4) 	18 Ukulele Group 1pm (pg 7)	19 Chatting & Crafting 10:30—2 (pg 5) Mahjong 1p (pg 5)	20 Wine Dinner 5p (pg 8)	21	22
23	24	25 Daytime Books 1 pm (pg 6)	26	27 <b>Deadline for Luncheon Reservations—noon</b>	28	29
30	31	Apr 1 <b>April Pink Tea Luncheon</b>	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5

## Birthdays



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

- Colleen Maroney
- Launa Norman
- Joyce Colclough
- Ro Lisk
- Allison Sharp
- Katharine Ross
- Ann Fly
- Jayne Kubasak
- Dianne Hunter

**Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2024-2025**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Interest Groups</b>	<b>Name</b>
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 Jean Leonard
Newsletter/Web Page	Victoria McDonald Launa Norman		
Decorations	Susan Miles		
Past President	Pat Partovi		

**Please consult your directory for contact information**



*On January 24th, members from Spokane Valley, "The Valley Girls," met at Darcy's for lunch since there wasn't a January luncheon. The group is planning to get together in the summer when the Club is on hiatus. Picture submitted by Julie Tveit*

*Pictures from the February luncheon submitted by Launa Norman*

