

The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter — May 2025 Edition

President's Corner

What an April luncheon meeting. I hope you all enjoyed the Pink Tea and learned a little about the struggle that our “foremothers” endured so women could have the right to vote. A special thank you to Anne Slauson for organizing the Readers’ Theater. She not only organized the event, but she wrote the script. Thanks to the cast who volunteered to make the event possible. A special thank you goes out to Tom Quinn and Tim Anderson, the men in the performance. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of women and be the “villains.” Thanks to Joy Bennett and Mimi Anderson for getting Tom and Tim to participate. Thanks to Colleen Maroney and Karolyn Tveit for the use of the tea pots that were on the tables during the tea.

We are working on filling out the Board for next year. We are still
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Luncheon Information

Our May lunch with Chico’s fashion show will be held on May 6th at the Osprey restaurant located in the Ruby River Hotel, 700 N Division, Spokane.

There will be a “build your own” baked potato and lettuce wrap bar. Chicken and JoJo potatoes will be included along with various toppings, fillings, and sauces. Lemon bars, brownie bites, and cookies will be the dessert offerings. Coffee and tea will be available, and there will be a wine only No Host bar.

Reservations are required and due by noon on Thursday, May 1.

Check in time is between 11 and 11:30 with lunch beginning at 12 and the fashion show starting at 1. Checks for \$ 30 should be made out to Compass Club .

Reservations are made by either emailing Sheryl Krauser at skrauser@comcast.net or texting her at 509.435.2535. Include your name with your reservation and watch for a confirmation text or email. If you need to cancel your reservation, do so before May 6.

We are looking for models for the fashion show. If you are interested, please contact either Dorothy (kleppd@yahoo.com) or Kate (kate6154@gmail.com)

Dorothy Klepp & Kate Mietus / Vice Presidents

May Mini Calendar

5/1	Reservation Deadline — noon
5/6	May Luncheon check in 11-11:30
5/7	Mahjong 1p
5/8	Books & Coffee 10a Bunco 1p
5/13	Mexican Train 1p
5/19	Quilt & Stitch 1p
5/20	Ukulele Group 1p
5/21	Mahjong 1p
5/22	Wine & Spirits 3p
5/24	The Social Club
5/27	Daytime Books 1p
5/29	Reservation Deadline — noon

Philanthropy Update

Thank you to all who got their "Bob Ross" on and joined me at Pinot's Palette for a fun afternoon! I do not have the final total but think we made about \$100 for Cup of Cool Water. We also made \$235 at our April luncheon philanthropy raffle. The grand total to date is about \$2,392.52. What an amazing amount! It will be an honor to present the charity directors with such a nice amount of money at the luncheon in June. (A picture of the artists is on page 12.)

It is now time to consider a charity for the 2025-26 Compass Club year. The board has narrowed down a list of ten to three choices. We will formally vote at our May luncheon. Please feel free to research the charities below (live links are available through our website) and come ready to cast your ballot.

1. **Camp Rooted** ~ <https://www.camrooted.org> ~ "provides a week of camp where siblings that are separated in the foster care system can come together. We help them experience the healthy power of laughter and play as they create positive memories together that remind them of the lasting bond that they share and deserve to cherish."
2. **Safety Net** ~ <https://safetynetinlandnw.org> ~ "is the helping hand for our local teens and young adults who have aged out of the foster care system. That means helping them with the resources to stay in school, build self esteem, receive job training and handle financial emergencies when they have nowhere else to turn."
3. **Transitions** ~ help4women.org ~ works to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane. "We operate six programs [including Woman's Hearth and Miryam's House] designed to support our community by providing childcare, housing, job training and friendly, safe spaces for women and children."

If you asked that a charity be considered, and it was not chosen by the board, please don't give up! Consider re-submitting next year.

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

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looking to fill the Fundraiser Chair and Interest Groups Chair positions. Please let me or another Board member know if you are interested. If you are a newer member, you may be interested in the Interest Groups Chair position because it would provide great way to meet people and check out the great interest groups.

Hope to see everyone in May. We will be having our spring Fashion Show, always a fun event. Since we all cleaned out our closets to support Philanthropy, I am sure everyone has room for a few new special items, so come and enjoy the show.

Kathi Brandmueller / President

Bunco

Our next Bunco game will happen on Thursday, May 8th, 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

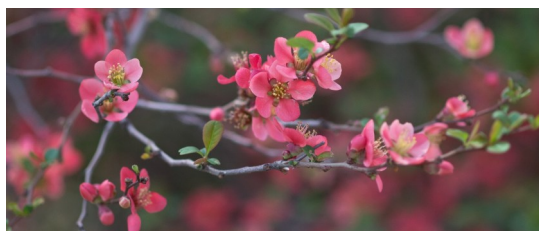
Daytime Books

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 dighere-bop@hotmail.com

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

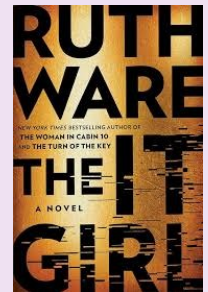
Books and Coffee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. If you would like to join us, please contact **Kathi Brandmueller** at 775.379.8952 or kibrandmueller@gmail.com.

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



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 kibrandmueller@gmail.com.

Kathi Brandmueller, Ukulele Chair

Quilt & Stitch

The May meeting for Quilt & Stitch will be held at the home of Sonia Bertsch on Monday, May 19th at 1:00. Email sonialbertsch@gmail.com to RSVP.

Kathie Heim is bringing fabric from Sue Harris, so let's finish our spring cleaning and add to the pile! There's just one more meeting after this, so we're going to need fabric to sew over summer break. Kathleen Howlett will bring dessert. All are welcome!

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



Wine & Spirits

Come join us at Beniditto's Brewpub, 1909 E Sprague, at 3:00 pm on Thursday, May 22. We will have some tables reserved, and they have plenty of room. There is a very small parking lot but there is also street parking. In addition to their beer, they have pizza, sandwiches and salads, along with other beverages. Spouses, significant others, friends, and family are all welcome. We hope to see you there.



See pictures of the April 10th W & S event at Barrister Winery on page 12.

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

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

Crafts & Chats

Buttons, Buttons, and more Buttons! So much fun was had at the March button crafting event. There were hundreds of different colored & shaped buttons, old & new, available to create flowers on our canvases. A couple of the gals actually used phrases in their creations and some have framed them in a shadowbox. MarikKay as usual was such a fun instructor; she's easy to follow and full of ideas and guidance.

Many began our session with Mimosas to get the creative juices flowing. A trio of salads was served for lunch along with delicious bread, wine, and dessert. For photos of the March event, see page 11.

Shari Russell / Crafts & Chats Chair

BYOB

Come join the fun at these casual social gatherings open to all members of the Compass Club, and their friends and family. If anyone would like to be "the hostess with the most-ess" on a Sunday afternoon, please let me know, and I'll include you in our next newsletter.

If you want more information, email me at Ldandsc@gmail.com.

Vicki Deschaine / BYOB Chair

Mahjong



The Mahjong Group will meet on May 7th and 21st. If you are interested in joining us, contact Dona at dfarsdahl@comcast.net

Dona Farsdahl / Mahjong Chair

Caring Corner

Get Well cards were sent to Maureen Boutz, Debra Belair and Dona Farsdahl.

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.

Dues Reminder

Our annual Compass Club dues of \$25 is due in June. If you pay your dues at the June luncheon, you will receive a free lunch at Rockwood South. Such a deal!!

Mexican Train

Our May play date is Tuesday, May 13 at 1 pm in the Rockwood's Sky Lounge (11th floor of the Tower building). Please let Maureen know if you plan to attend myboutz@hotmail.com We welcome new members. Come to join us!



Maureen Boutz / Mexican Train Chair

The Social Club

If you are interested in attending our April 24th event and are not on the email list, please contact me ASAP at either 509.294.0387 or jpneveralone@aol.com to sign-up!

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Phyllis Packwood / The Social Club Chair



Trailblazers

WhooHoo!! Here are the details for our 2025 Trailblazers Trip!!

The Jet Boat half-day tour of the Snake River/ Hells Canyon area includes a box lunch wild animals (hopefully), and cultural history.

Date: June 16

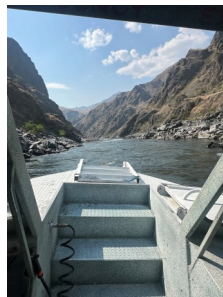
Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Tour Company: Beamers Hells Canyon Tours
(www.hellscanyontours.com) /
509.758.4800.

Price: \$175 per person

Reservation Info: Ask for Shelby and say you are with the Compass Club group to get a 10% discount.

Launch Info: Park at the Holiday Inn and walk down to the boats. The tour launches from the river side of the Holiday Inn.



Clarkston is roughly two hours from Spokane. After the trip some of us will be spending the night at the Holiday Inn (509.758.9500) - we're retired ... let's take it easy. The motel is also offering a discount if you mention Beamers. Online the price average is \$120. Be sure to check other discount options and other motels in the area: Best Western Plus at Hells Canyon and Motel 6.

If you would rather camp, possibilities nearby include Granite Lake RV Resort, Hells Gate State Park, and Chief Timothy.

DO NOT WAIT TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!!
There is limited availability at both Beamers and the Holiday Inn.

This will be a blast!!

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki at 509.466.8632 or Ldandsc@gmail.com

Vicki Deschaine / Trailblazers Co-Chair

Ladies Who Lunch

Who likes to go out to lunch once in a while? I do!!

I (Vicki Deschaine) am starting up a little group activity called "Ladies Who Lunch." Every now and then, particularly during the summer, I'll pick a date, time, and a "sit down" restaurant somewhere around the Spokane area with a patio or inside dining and Blast the invitation out to the Club (with the kind assistance of the Newsletter Ladies) and the first 12 (maximum) who contact me by email, will be included in the reservation.

Lunch is on you ~ separate checks all around!

Bon Appetit!!

[Vicki Deschaine Ldandsc@gmail.com](mailto:Ldandsc@gmail.com)
aka Cooking Wench

Membership Update

Spring is upon us, and we are “coming out of hibernation” and ready to face the world again after the “not soooo bad” winter. As you are visiting with your neighbors, church friends, doctors, lawyers, school friends, friends of your children, remember to mention Compass Club as your way to get and stay connected within the community.

We have no official new members this month, but we do have a couple of ladies who are using the free-to-attend activities option to determine if they would like to join us. Each of these ladies heard about us through word-of-mouth: one directly from a member and the other from a friend of a friend.

Let’s keep chatting about how great Compass Club is.

Sandy Colquhoun / Membership Chair
idahosandy@comast.net

Luncheon Reminder

A quick reminder about lunch costs. By the end of the year (Sept—June), the total cost (budget line item) of the Compass Club lunches is designed to balance out to cost \$30 per lunch. Some lunches are less expensive (e.g. Christ Kitchen Box Lunch at Manito Park) and some cost much more (e.g. the October lunch at Beacon Hill, the Christmas lunch at the Osprey, and the Pink Tea at Rockwood South).

All luncheons offer opportunities to connect with friends, existing and new.

Kate Mietus / Vice President

Game Day News

SAVE THE DATE!
SECOND ANNUAL GAME DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025, 10 AM TO 2 PM,
ROCKWOOD SOUTH HILL EVENT CENTER

What it’s all about: A day to play card or board games with friends and to raise funds for our Philanthropy of the year.

This day has many purposes:

1. An activity for our members during a time when we don’t typically meet
2. An opportunity to raise funds for our chosen Philanthropy
3. A great way to introduce friends to Compass Club in hopes of gaining new members

How to proceed:

1. Decide what game you want to play (Examples: Scrabble, Rummikube, Hearts, Pinochle, Mah Jong, Bridge, Mexican Train, Uno, Bunco, etc.)
2. Invite 3 friends to play that game with you on Game Day (Friends = other Compass Club members or non-member friends with whom you enjoy playing a card or board game)
3. Fill out the Registration Form that will be available in June, and return it with your payment for the lunch that will be served.

More information to come. Questions?
Contact **Maureen Boutz** at
myboutz@hotmail.com

May 2025

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

Birthdays

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

- Lynn Troop 3
- Sharon White 11
- Maureen Boutz 13
- Dona Farsdahl 13
- Mimi Anderson 18
- Sussan Miles 21



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 <https://spokanecompassclub.org> for current information and live links. The website is updated when the newsletter is released.

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