

The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter—October 2024 Edition

President's Corner

Our first luncheon is behind us and what a wonderful time it was. The weather was wonderful, the speaker was entertaining and informative, and the lunches were so tasty. What a wonderful way to usher in Fall although it still feels like summer as I write this message.

The box lunches were prepared by Christ Kitchen (christkitchen.org), a nonprofit, nondenominational ministry which provides work, job training, discipleship, support, and fellowship for women living in poverty in the Spokane area. I don't know about you, but I feel this was a win-win. We had a great lunch and supported women in our community. Good job Kate Mietus and Dorothy Klepp, VP's — way to kick off the year! Welcome to the Board.

Welcome, too, to Julie Tveit who has volunteered to take on Philanthropy for this year. She did a bang up job with the raffle at the luncheon.

And thank you to all the other Board members. Everyone did their part at our first luncheon. It is always challenging to get that first luncheon under our belts. Great job volunteers.

Kathi Brandmueller
President

October Mini Calendar

9/22	BYOB 2-5p
<u>9/23</u> <u>b4</u> <u>Noon</u>	<u>Deadline for lunch reservations!!!</u>
10/1	Luncheon 11:30a
10/2	Mahjong 1p
10/3	Wine & Spirits 2:30 p
10/8	Mexican Train 1p
10/10	Books & Coffee 10a
10/13	BYOB 2p
10/15	Ukulele Gang 1p
10/16	Mahjong 1p
10/18	Women Bonding 10:30 a
10/21	Quilt & Stitch 1p
10/22	Daytime Books 1p
10/24	Bunco 1p
10/31 b4 noon	Deadline for lunch reservation

Fundraising

Please see page 2 for important news about our December Fundraising Event



Luncheon News

Compass Club October Luncheon
Beacon Hill Event Center
848 E. Valley Spring Road
Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m.
\$30.00 ~ please make your check payable to Compass Club.

The deadline for reservations is Mon., Sept. 23, at noon per a Beacon Hill requirement!

Reservation Reminders:

- To make your reservation, email or text Sheryl Krauser at skrauser@comcast.net or 509.435.2535 because a written record is best. 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.

The Beacon Hill chefs are preparing a gourmet lunch for us of
Tomato Basil Bisque
Grilled Cheese with White Cheddar
Goat Cheese and Tomato Jam
on Whole Wheat
Mediterranean Salad of Artisan Greens

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December Fundraising

Our December luncheon will include a bake sale which is a fundraiser for Compass Club. Please don your apron and bake cookies, bread, or other specialty items to donate to this event.



Baked goods will be displayed on tables and should include the price for each item.

Thank you. Your upcoming support and participation will make this fundraiser a sweet success.

Carole Parfett
Fundraising Chair

Mexican Train

The Mexican Train Interest Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at different locations.



We welcome new players. If you are interested, mark your calendar and join us!

Maureen Boutz
Mexican Train Chair
myboutz@gmail.com

Quilt & Stitch

Our October 21st meeting will be held 1 pm.

Ideas for Holiday entertaining and gift projects will be discussed.



If you can come, please call

Sue at **509.808.3058** or **509.534.0473** or email her at harris1003@comcast.net
Bring ideas!

Anne Slauson
Quilt & Stitch Chair
anneslauson@gmail.com! or 509.496.2635

Mahjong

The Mahjong interest group will meet October 2nd and 16th at 1:00pm. For those who are new to Mahjong, here's some background. It was developed in the 19th century in China and has evolved to symbolize friendship. Friendship is what our group is all about!



Reminders are sent out before each meeting with meeting location information. If you are interested in finding out more about us or joining our group, contact Dona Farsdahl at dfarsdahl@comcast.net.

Dona Farsdahl
Mahjong Chair

Women Bonding

Jean and I are anxious to see all of you again.

In September, we will meet informally for coffee at Thomas Hammer's on the South Hill at 10:30 on September 20th. The address is 3173 S. Grand Blvd. No need to RSVP. Just show up.

Looking ahead, our next fun time will be up in Green Bluff at the Beck's Harvest House on Friday, Oct. 18. You can either meet us there or come to the central meeting area and carpool. The meeting spot is the Fred Meyer on Division at 10:30.



RSVP to **Jean Leonard** at **509-855-7387** or **jleo2727@gmail.com**.

Women Bonding will e-mail those who have indicated an interest with our November plan. As a group we do need to have a meeting to discuss the year ahead. Hold tight!

Kathleen Howlett / kjhowlett@gmail.com
Jean Leonard / jleo2727@gmail.com
Women Bonding Chairs



Theatre Goers

We are going to try and get this group going again. I only had one person respond to the first play (*Carousel*).

The plays and dates for this year are:

A Christmas Carol—Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 2 pm

Lend Me a Soprano—Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 2 pm

Romeo and Juliet—Sunday, Apr. 6 @ 2 pm

Waitress—Sunday May 15 @ 2 pm

Tickets for Seniors are \$36 and \$41 for adults under 65.

If you are interested in this group, please email me **Carol Hannah** at **cthan-nah@q.com**. I need to have at least 6 people going to a play. If there are fewer than 6, it would be easier for you to get your own tickets for when you want to attend.

Four weeks before a play, I will send out an email telling you when I need to know if you want to attend, how many tickets you need, and when I need your payment—checks need to be sent to me at 801 E. Huron Dr, Spokane, 99208, made out to Carol Hannah. I do not order the tickets until I receive all payments.

Thank you,

Carol Hannah / Theatre Goers

BYOB

Come join the fun at this casual social gathering open to all members of the Compass Club, their friends, and family.

Please bring a savory nibble to share and the adult beverage you wish to drink. RSVP's are a must so the hostess for each event can plan accordingly. See the directory for contact information.

Our Fall schedule is as follows:



September 22, 2 to 5 pm ~ Vicki & Larry Deschaine

October 13, 2 to 5 pm ~ Shari Russell

November 17, 2 to 5 pm ~ Maggie Crawford

See pictures of the August 25th event on page 12.

Wine & Spirits

The next Wine and Spirits group event will be held at Trailbreaker Cider, 2204 N. Madson St., Liberty Lake, trailbreakercider.com, on Thursday, October 3 at 2:30 pm. We will meet upstairs. You will order your food and beverages near the entrance. In addition to their delicious cider, they also offer beer and wine.



On Thursday, November 7 we will gather at the Garland Brew Werks, 603 W. Garland Ave., Spo-

kane, garlandbrewwerks.com, at 3:00 pm. You will order your own beverages and food. In addition to their hand crafted beers, they have cider and wine.

Members and friends are all welcome. Please RSVP to either patpartovi@gmail.com and/or meemanderson@hotmail.com.

Pat Partovi / Co-chair
patpartovi@gmail.com

Hello Friends!

So excited to announce that our October luncheon will be our first time to showcase an interest group. There will be a table set up so you can chat with members, observe what they do, and ask questions. It will be a lovely way to decide if the group might be a fit for you.

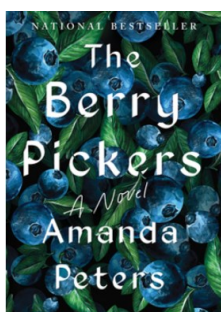
The time we spend together in the various interest groups allows us to discover more about other members/friends. Please make sure to stop by the table, chat, ask questions, and say hello.

Shari Russell / Interest Group 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.

DAYTIME BOOK LIST FOR 2024-2025



Oct 22 *Berry Pickers* – Amanda Peters
Hostess: Kathy Cousineau

Nov 26 *Tom Lake* – Ann Patchett
Hostess: Anne Lauderbaugh

December Holiday Luncheon – Date and location to be determined

Jan 30 *Table for Two* – Amor Towles
Hostess: Sheryl Krauser

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.

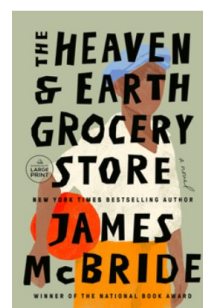
BOOKS AND COFFEE LIST BOOK LIST

October 10: *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride,
Host Patty Hostetter

November 14: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

December 12: *Carl Maxey: A Fighting Life* by Jim Kerschner,
Co-Hosts Kathi Brandmueller and Kelli Mielbrecht

Kathi Brandmueller
Books and Coffee Chair



Chatting & Crafting

Save the date for our November class when our fab instructor MariKay returns to lead us through a timely and fun craft!

There are some details to be worked out, such as whether it will be on wood or canvas, but as always at these events, lunch and beverages will be provided. Details will be updated, but these are the important ones to know:



Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024
Time: 10:30 am
Place: Shari Russell's Home
Cost: \$35 per person
Space is limited!

RSVP by text or email to **Shari** at **509.868.7500** or **sharonjoyful-beau@gmail.com**

Shari Russel / Chatting & Crafting Chair



Bunco

Our next Bunco game is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th from 1 to 3 pm. The location has not yet been determined. There is a limit of 12 people at this time.



If you are interested, please contact **Lynn Troop** at **bltroop@comcast.net** or text **509.590.5307**.

Ukulele Gang

Get out those ukuleles and dust them off. The first meeting of the ukulele gang will be Tuesday, October 15th at 1pm.

All levels of players are welcome from "I've never picked up a ukulele" to "I am an expert."



We will meet at Kathi Brandmueller's house. Please **RSVP** to **kibrannmueller@gmail.com** or **775-379-8952** so we have enough music to go around. If you don't have a ukulele and just want to check us out, you are welcome to come and observe.

Kathi Brandmueller /Ukulele Gang Chair

September Luncheon Report

The first luncheon of the season was great fun. The box lunches prepared by Christ Kitchen were delicious. The covered picnic area at Manito Park was beautiful. The weather was delightful. The speaker, Chet Caskey, was entertaining and informative.

Here are the winners for the day:
From the Philanthropy drawing: Maureen Boutz (Dairy Queen gift card), Ann Fly (books), Patty Hostetter (Chowderhead gift card), and Mary Scarpelli (wine).

Debra Belair was the 50/50 winner.

And centerpieces were won by Ann Fly, Julie Tviet, Pat Partovi, Sharon White, Kathy Cousineau, Kate Mietus, Cathy Caskey (speaker's wife and new member), Joyce Colclough, and Patricia Tackes (guest of Dona Fasdahl)

Congratulations to all winners!

Susan Miles
Decorations Chair

For more pictures of centerpieces, see page 12



Membership Updates

It is great to see everyone back together after a very warm, relaxing, and enjoyable summer.

Our friendships are growing with two new members; please welcome

Lisa D. Tapia
Lisatapia64@gmail.com



Interested in: Daytime books, BYOB, Crafting and Chatting, Wine & Spirits, Mexican Train, Women Bonding, and Bunco

AND

Catherine Caskey
Goodtwin49@hotmail.com

Interested in: Quilt & Stitch and Crafting & Chatting

We have a number of members who still have not paid their dues for the 2024-2025 year. Remember, dues are still just \$25.00!

Sandy Colquhoun, Membership Chair
idahosandy@comast.net



Passing of Note

Ruth Faye (Prizel) Beck longtime member of the Compass Club passed away on August 15, 2024. A firm believer in honesty, integrity, and friendship, it is not surprising that she joined the Compass Club after moving to Spokane in 2014 to be closer to family. She is survived by her Herbert, her husband of 63 years, three children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Correspondence

Get Well cards were sent to three of our members.

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Ruth Beck (see article above) and Myrna Brandmueller.



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.

Philanthropy

Hello Compass Club Members!

Thank you to all who participated in the Philanthropy raffle at the September luncheon. We raised \$176. Our running total to donate to Cup of Cool Water is now \$248, including the \$72 from this summer's Game Day raffle.

Ticket prices are consistent with last year:

\$1 = 1 ticket

\$5 = 6 tickets

PLUS \$10 for 13 tickets!

I am looking for donated gifts to use as raffle prizes. Were you gifted with a Baskin-Robbins gift card but are lactose intolerant? Donate it as a prize! Are you an expert in making beautiful cakes? Donate one! Are you skilled with a crochet hook, a paintbrush, or a rolling pin? Consider making and donating a prize!

We are always on the lookout for easy, fun, money-making things we can do to boost our philanthropy fund. If you have an idea, contact me. Thank you.

Julie Tveit
Philanthropy
Chair

jtveit@live.com or
509.570.6015



October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sept 22 BYOB 2-5	Sept 23 Reservation Deadline by noon	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28
Sept 29	Sept 30	1 Luncheon 11:30 (pg 1)	2 Mahjong 1pm (pg 2)	3 Wine & Spirits 2:30 (pg 5)	4	5
6	7	8 Mexican Train 1pm (pg 2)	9	10 Books & Coffee 10am (pg 6)	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31 Deadline for November lunch- eon reservations	Nov 1	Nov 2

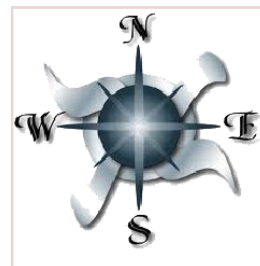
Compass Club Web Page Update



Please check out the Club's web page at <http://spokanecompassclub.org>

Here you will find information about upcoming events and links to the latest newsletters.

Any questions, please contact Victoria McDonald at compassclub-news@gmail.com



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 (New)	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	Theatre Goers	Carol Hannah
Interest Groups	Shari Russell	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine Shari Russell
Reservations	Sheryl Krauser	Ukulele (New)	Kathi Brandmueller
Hostess	Julia Marvel	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson Pat Partovi
Newsletter/Web Page	Victoria McDonald Launa Norman	Women Bonding	Kathleen Howlett Jean Leonard
Decorations	Susan Miles		
Past President	Pat Partovi		

Please consult your directory for contact information

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with Champagne Vinaigrette
Lemon Ricotta Cookies
Beacon Hill Brownies
Cucumber Water
Strawberry Lemonade
Coffee

Our guest speaker will be from Cup of Cool Water, our philanthropy this year.

Beacon Hill invites us to walk their grounds from 11 to 2 ~ it's lovely with the water features still running.



Check for road construction in the Beacon Hill area before you leave home.

Reserve your spot before noon on Sept. 23 by emailing or texting Sheryl Krauser.

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

Kate Mietus & Dorothy Klepp / VP's



New Lunch Policy

It has come to the Board's attention that we have several members who have dietary or health restrictions that do not allow them to eat at our luncheons. These restrictions do not include vegetarians or people who are gluten intolerant as we are able to accommodate these restrictions.

Some of these people have expressed interest in coming to the luncheons to share the fellowship and enjoy the programs but do not want to pay for a meal they cannot eat. Therefore, the Board has approved a policy to accommodate these individuals. For a \$10 fee, ladies with strict dietary requirements will be able to join us. This fee will cover a seat and any complimentary beverages supplied by the venue as well as the programs.

Members interested will still need to make a reservation by emailing or texting Sheryl Krauser at skrauser@comcast.net or 509.435.2535 so there is a seat reserved. When making a reservation, let Sheryl know you are in this group, so she will not reserve a meal for you but only a seat.

Please contact me with any questions.

Kathi Brandmueller

President



Pictures from BYOB on August 25 at Dona Farsdahl's



Centerpiece Pictures — more about the September luncheon on page 7

