



# The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter — October 2025

## President's Corner

Hello Members,

If you read nothing else in this newsletter, please read the next paragraph.

The Compass Club has been hit by a phishing scam. The scam includes the use of my name and sometimes our Treasurer's name. You may receive an email that looks like it comes from either of us asking for help, or that you need to send money to Venmo or buy a gift card. Please note this request is NOT coming from me. First, it is not from my email (kibrandmueller@gmail.com is my only email address); second, I would not ask you for money in an email. The request may ask you to email me for information and if you just respond by hitting Reply, it goes to the scam and that's when they ask for money. Please do not fall for this scam. I have reported this issue to the police through Crime Stopper; however, since the emails do not come to me, I am not considered a victim. If you receive one of these emails, you can report it to Crime Stoppers at 509-456-2233 and mention Compass Club. These reports will be forwarded to the police, and I am hoping if they receive multiple reports they will investigate them.

On a lighter note, I want to thank Shirley Calkins for stepping in as Co Vice President to help Maureen Boutz. Barbara Boniface will continue working on 50/50 and Bingo, with assists by Shirley. Thank you very much.

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## Luncheon Information

### October Mini Calendar

10/1	Mahjong 1p
10/2	Luncheon RSVP Deadline Noon
10/7	Luncheon check in 11-11:30
10/9	Books & Coffee 10a Bunco 1p
10/11	Walking Club 9:30a
10/14	Mexican Train 1p
10/15	Mahjong 1p
10/16	Wine & Spirits 3-5p
10/17	Ping Pong 1-2:30
10/20	Quilt & Stitch 1p
10/21	Ukulele Group 1p
10/28	Daytime Books 1p
10/30	Luncheon RSVP Deadline Noon

October is the month to celebrate Oktoberfest. Our luncheon will be at **Das Stein Haus**, 1812 W. Francis, on **Tuesday, October 7**. Check-in between 11 & 11:30. Our program will include speakers from Safety Net, this year's Philanthropy focus organization.

Lunch, served buffet style, will include schnitzel, sauerbraten, spaetzle, red cabbage, a salad bar, fruit tray, and dessert. Please make your **check for \$30** payable to **Compass Club**. Das Stein Haus' banquet room will accommodate 60, but be prepared for close quarters.

### Reservation Deadline ~ By Noon Thursday, October 2nd

Reservation information: Sheryl, that traveling maniac, will again be out of the country for part of the reservation window. If you make a reservation **between Sept 15 and 25, please email her at skrauser@comcast.net only. After the 25th, email her or text her at 509.435.2535**. Again, the reservation deadline is Oct 2nd. If Sheryl does not respond to your reservation request within a day or two, please contact her a second time to be sure your request was received.

**Maureen Boutz & Shirley Calkins / Co Vice Presidents**

## Philanthropy Update

Hello Compass Club Members!

Thank you for supporting our chosen charity: Safety Net. In September, we made \$126 for a total of \$349 in our donation bank! Way to go!!

At our October Luncheon, one of the directors from Safety Net will be the guest speaker. Please come with your questions. To further support Safety Net, in November we will have a "Cleaning Your Apartment Needs" Drive. We will be accepting donations of anything a teen could use to clean his or her apartment. So the next time you go shopping, buy an extra container of dishwasher pods, a mop, or some paper towels, bring these items to the November luncheon, and I will take them to the Safety Net warehouse so the teens can "shop" for the things they need.



Finally, I want you to be on the look out for items that can be sold/won at our Quartermania Auction/ Raffle in the Spring of 2026. All the money from this event will go to Safety Net. We are looking for new or gently used high-end items that a member would want to win/bid on. Examples: purses, jewelry, home decor, etc. Please notify Lisa Tapia at 509-307-0331 or [Lisatapia64@gmail.com](mailto:Lisatapia64@gmail.com) if you have any items to donate.

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

## Chats & Crafts Update



**H**ello Friends!

Upon the counsel of my healthcare team, Chats and Crafts will be on a temporary hiatus for the rest of the year.

The classes with our signature lunches will return in the spring of 2026.

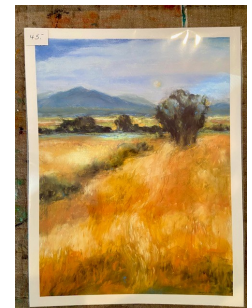
Looking forward to seeing you all then!

**Shari Russell** / Chats & Crafts Chair

## Fall Craft Sale

**T**he Fall Craft Sale will be held during the November 4th luncheon. Proceeds from the sale will benefit our club.

There will be items for sale from the Quilt & Stitch group (I recently purchased bowl warmers from Q & S member Linda Jones), hand-crafted toys by Maggie Crawford, and an art print and art bag by Janie Schnurr. More pictures on page 6.



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## Daytime Books

**D**aytime Books meets the fourth Tuesday of the 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)

Oct 28 *The Ride of Her Life* - Elizabeth Letts  
Hostess: Patty Hostetter

Nov 25 *Three Days In June* - Ann Tyler  
Hostess: Susan Miles

December - Holiday Luncheon - Date and Location to be Determined

Jan 27 *The Frozen River* - Ariel Lawhon  
Hostess: Sheryl Krauser

Feb 24 *We Are Completely Beside Ourselves* - Karen Joy Fowler  
Hostess: Joy Bennett

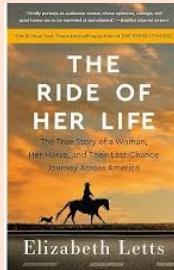
Mar 24 *Perma Red* - Debra Magpie Earling  
Hostess: Debra Belair

Apr 28 *The Emperor of Gladness* - Ocean Vuong  
Hostess: Colleen Maroney

May 26 *The Secret War of Julia Child* - Dianne R. Chambers  
Hostess: Ginny Botts

June 23 Choose New Books  
Hostess: Kathy Cousineau

**Kathy Cousineau** / Daytime Books Chair



## Quilt & Stitch

**Q**uilters and stitchers will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, Oct. 20 at the home of Nancy Mackenzie at 10:30. Linda Jones will co-host.



This earlier time is for those who would like to get together to sew for the Craft Sale. Bring a sandwich and beverage for lunch. Then at 1, we will have our regular meeting for the sharing of projects, fabrics, patterns, books, and ideas. RSVP to Nancy at [nancyp-mac@gmail.com](mailto:nancyp-mac@gmail.com) or text 509.979.0540.

All are welcome!

**Anne Slauson** / Quilt & Stitch Chair

## Bunco

**O**ur next Bunco game will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9th. Open to the first 12 who respond to Lynn at [bltroop@comcast.net](mailto:bltroop@comcast.net)

**Lynn Troop** / Bunco Chair

## Ukulele Group

**T**he 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](mailto:kibranmueller@gmail.com)

**Kathi Brandmueller**, Ukulele Chair

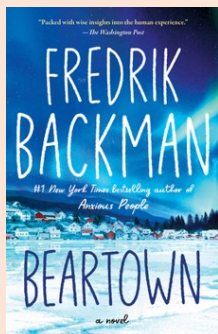


## Books and Coffee

**B**ooks 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)

October 9 ~ *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman,  
Hostess Patty Hostetter

November 13 ~ *Annie Bot*  
by Sierra Greer,  
Hostess Rita Van Cleve



December 11 ~ *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto,  
Hostess Kathi Brandmueller

January 8 ~ *Crow Talk* by Eileen Garvin  
via ZOOM

**Kathi Brandmueller** / Books and Coffee Chair

## Ping Pong

**A**lthough the Ping Pong group will usually meet between 1 & 2:30 on the 2nd Friday of the month to play, **in October, we will play on October 17th.** We will play at Jackie Brandt's. Paddles are provided and beginners are welcome.

Please contact Jackie Brandt at [Jaclyn.brandt@gmail.com](mailto:Jaclyn.brandt@gmail.com) for more info.

**Jackie Brandt** / Ping Pong Chair



## Wine & Spirits

**T**he next Wine & Spirits gathering will be at Fete - A Nectar Co. located at 120 N. Stevens St. We will meet on Thursday, September 18 at 3 pm.



Our October gathering will take place at Poole's Public House, 5620 S. Regal St. on Thursday, October 16 from 3 to 5 pm.

For both events, you will purchase your own beverage and food.

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

Please RSVP to either  
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

## BYOB

**O**ur next BYOB, hosted by Dorothy Klepp, is on Sunday, September 21, from 3 to 5 pm.

Please RSVP to Dorothy so she can plan the party. Her is [kleppd@yahoo.com](mailto:kleppd@yahoo.com), and her cell is 909.354.9845.

Please bring a sweet or savory finger-food to share along with your beverage of choice.

I hope to see you there!  
For more information, email Vicki at [Ldandsc@gmail.com](mailto:Ldandsc@gmail.com).

**Vicki Deschaine** / BYOB Chair

## Mahjong

We play the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1pm, for October that is 10/1 and 10/15.



An email will be sent out the week before with the location.

Mahjong is a super fun game, and all are welcome to play (no experience necessary).

Please contact Colleen Maroney at [c\\_maroney@comcast.net](mailto:c_maroney@comcast.net) for more information and to get on the email list.

**Colleen Maroney / Mahjong Chair**

## Mexican Train

We meet the 2nd Tues. of the month. Maggie Crawford is hosting our October 14th (1pm) game.



Be sure to contact her or the Chair if you plan on attending, so we know how many to plan for.

We welcome new members. Come join us!

**Connie Donelson / Mexican Train Chair**  
[cldonelson@hotmail.com](mailto:cldonelson@hotmail.com)

## The Social Club

Please contact Phyllis Packwood at [jpneveralone@aol.com](mailto:jpneveralone@aol.com) or 509.294.0387 for more information about the next adventure and/or to be added to our email list.

**Phyllis Packwood / The Social Club Chair**

## Caring Corner

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

A "Sympathy" card was sent to Kay Lou Dinsmore and a "Thinking of You" card was sent to Shari Russell.

**Kathy Cousineau / Corresponding Secretary** ~ [digtherebop@hotmail.com](mailto:digtherebop@hotmail.com) or 303.748.9606.



## The Walking Group

Please contact Miriam Culwell at [teamculwell@comcast.net](mailto:teamculwell@comcast.net) for more information about when and where we will be walking next. For information about the Walk to Cure Alzheimer's on Oct. 11th, please see page 11 and our website.

**Miriam Culwell / The Walking Group**

## Interest Group Update

The interest groups are up and running and waiting for new members.

In November, each interest group will be showcased at our monthly luncheon. We encourage all members to attend and participate in the informational fun.

If there is an interest group you might be interested in starting just write up a proposal and present it to the Board or give your proposal to me, and I can present it for you.

Make new friends with interest group encounters. Have a wonderful compass year. !

**Kathleen Howlett** / Interest Group Chair  
kihowlett@gmail.com



*("Fall Craft Sale" cont. from page 2)*

There will be two tables reserved to display items from the Quilt & Stitch group and a table for items from Maggie Crawford and Janie Schnurr. If you have craft items you would like to donate, please contact me so that I can arrange for a table to display your items. My home phone number is 509-466-6173 and my email address is peanuts303@aol.com



I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Craft Fair!



**Patty Hostetter** / Fundraising Chair

## Membership Update

We were very happy to see several guests at our September picnic at Manito Park.

Thanks to the Compass members who invited them. We hope to see them in the months ahead as new members.



We did have one guest who has become a member. Please welcome . . .

Susan Fox  
Susanf\_19@yahoo.com

Let's continue reaching out to ladies we know or meet to share the beauty of this fantastic group.

**Sandy Colquhoun**/Membership



**October**



**2025**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	<b>1</b> <i>Mahjong 1p (pg 5)</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Deadline for October Luncheon RSVPs</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Luncheon—check-in 11-11:30</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Books &amp; Coffee 10a (pg 4)</i> <i>Bunco 1p (pg 3)</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Walking Club 9:30a (pgs 5 &amp; 12)</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Mexican Train 1p (pg5)</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Mahjong 1p (pg 5)</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Wine &amp; Spirits 3-5p (pg 4)</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Ping Pong 1p (pg 4)</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Quilt &amp; Stitch 10:30/1p (pg 3)</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Ukulele Group 1p (pg 3)</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Daytime Books 1 p (pg 3)</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Deadline for November Luncheon RSVPs</i>	<b>31</b> 	<b>Nov 1</b>

## October Birthdays

**W**e all wish the following members a very happy October birthday:

Joanne Moyer: 1  
Kathleen Howlett: 2  
Serena Miller: 5  
Joy Beal: 9  
Jackie Brandt: 10  
Kay Lou Dinsmore: 11  
Nancy Mackenzie: 14

Cheri Susens: 14  
Connie Smith: 16  
Judy Cunningham: 19  
Ann Slauson: 25  
Billie Pittman: 25  
Shirley Calkins: 27  
Maggie Crawford: 28



## Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs

Board Members	Names	Interest Groups	Chairs
President	Kathi Brandmueller	Books & Coffee	Kathi Brandmueller
Co-Vice Presidents	Maureen Boutz Shirley Calkins	Bunco	Lynn Troop
Recording Scty	Susie Volwiler	BYOB	Vicki Deschaine
Corresponding Scty	Kathy Cousineau	Crafts & Chats	Shari Russell
Treasurer	Dorothy Klepp	Daytime Books	Kathy Cousineau
Membership	Sandy Colquhoun	Ladies Who Lunch	Vicki Deschaine
Philanthropy	Julie Tveit	Mexican Train	Connie Donelson
Fundraising	Patty Hostetter	Mahjong	Colleen Maroney
50-50 / Bingo	Barbara Boniface	Ping Pong	Jackie Brandt
		Quilt & Stitch	Anne Slauson
Interest Groups	Kathleen Howlett	The Social Club	Phyllis Packwood
Reservations	Sheryl Krauser	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine
Hostess	Danielle Day	Ukulele Group	Kathi Brandmueller
Decorations	Susan Miles	Walking Group	Miriam Culwell
Newsletter/Web Page/Blasts	Victoria McDonald Launa Norman	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson Pat Partovi

**Please consult your directory for contact information**

### News from the Compass Club News Team:

- ◇ A digital copy of the 2025/26 Directory was sent out on September 5th. If you did not receive one, please contact us at [compassclubnews@gmail.com](mailto:compassclubnews@gmail.com). If you would like a printed copy (\$5), please contact our membership chair, Sandy Colquhoun at [idahosandy@comcast.net](mailto:idahosandy@comcast.net)
- ◇ When you receive a Blast email, please do not use your Reply option. Pertinent email information about the email's author is included in any Blast. Because we're just the messengers, it is important to email the author of the information directly especially when there is a time issue.
- ◇ Please consult <https://spokanecompassclub.org> for current information and live links. The website is updated when the newsletter comes out or as needed.

**Launa Norman & Victoria McDonald / [compassclubnews@gmail.com](mailto:compassclubnews@gmail.com)**

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I also want to thank Maureen and Danielle Day for running the September Luncheon meeting.

The Board would like to invite you to look over some suggested changes to the Club's By-laws. These are available for review on page 12. They will be presented again at the October meeting and voted on at the November meeting.

Halloween is just around the corner. Halloween originates from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, celebrated around November 1 to mark the end of summer and the beginning of winter. The Christian Church later incorporated these traditions into All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day) on November 1, making October 31 All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween.

Following European traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today's "Trick-or-Treat" tradition. In the late 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts, pranks and witchcraft. At the turn of the century, Halloween parties for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, foods of the season and festive costumes.

When I was a kid, Halloween was a holiday for kids. Kids went door to door and got candy. It was a one day event. Nowadays, people start decorating and celebrating sometime in early October, if not before. It is a whole season, and I equate it with Fall. People even buy costumes for their pets. Americans spent some \$700 million on costumes for their pets in 2023—more than three times what they spent in 2010. However you celebrate, enjoy the season. Take some time and enjoy the beauty of fall.

**Kathi Brandmueller** / President



## News from Ladies Who Lunch

Ladies Who Lunch met August 20th at Terraza Waterfront by De Leon's Coeur d'Alene. The weather was perfect.

**Vicki Deschaine** / Ladies Who Lunch Chair



## News from September Luncheon



Just over forty-five CC members and guests met on September 2 at Manito Park for the first luncheon and meeting of the 2025/26 year.

Maureen Boutz, Co Vice-President, and Danielle Day, Hostess, led the meeting as Kathi Brandmueller, President, was away.

After attendees ate delicious box lunches prepared by Christ Kitchen, husband of member Cathy Caskey and local historian, Chet Caskey gave a very informative overview of the history of Spokane parks, including Manito and Riverfront. Everyone shared that they had learned at least one thing.

The meeting continued with the Philanthropy and 50/50 drawings. Kathleene Howlett, Interest Group Chair shared information, Jackie Brandt invited members to join the Ping Pong Group (next meeting on Oct. 17), and Mariam Culwell shared that she had signed up the Club for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 11. See page 12 and our website for more information and links.

The lovely centerpieces were given to visitors and new members and those who have not re-

ceived one in the past.

The next luncheon and meeting will be on October 7 at Das Stein Haus.





Saturday, October 11

Support the *Walk to End Alzheimer's* through our COMPASS CLUB TEAM:

- You can walk and make a donation
- You can ask friends to sponsor your walk by making a donation
- You can just make a donation (no donation is too big or too small)

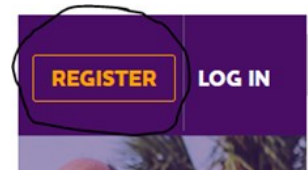
If you want to join us for the Walk, follow the directions below to register. Here are the details for the walk:

- ⇒ 9:30am ~ MEET AT THE BIG RED WAGON in Riverfront park
  - ⇒ We'll walk over to register to the Lilac Bowl
- ⇒ 10:30am ~ Ceremony begins
- ⇒ 11:00am ~ Walk begins
  - ⇒ The walk will occur rain or shine and is about 2.5 miles long

To Register for the Walk, go to the web address (please note that live links are available through our website) listed here:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2025/WA-WashingtonState?fr\\_id=18982&pg=entry](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2025/WA-WashingtonState?fr_id=18982&pg=entry)

Then Click on the register box and you will be prompted to answer the following questions:



1. Have you participated before, answer YES or NO
2. Click on JOIN A TEAM
3. Enter the Team Name, "COMPASS CLUB" and click SEARCH FOR A TEAM
4. Click JOIN

Follow the prompts...

If you or someone you know would like to either make a donation or support you, please donate to our team by going through the same web portal (web address above) and follow the directions for making a donation. Our team is "Compass Club."

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Culwell at [teamculwell@comcast.net](mailto:teamculwell@comcast.net) or 452.890.5048.

Article X – Bylaws Amendment reads “Notice regarding amendments shall be published in the newsletter and announced at the regular meeting one month prior to consideration. Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting after the aforementioned rules have been met. A two-thirds vote of the members in good standing attending the meeting is required.”

Proposed changes are being presented in the October Newsletter, will be announced at the October Luncheon/Meeting, and will be voted upon during the November Luncheon/Meeting. Complete Club bylaws are available on our website: [spokanecompassclub.org](http://spokanecompassclub.org) and in Club directories prior to the 2025/26 edition.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments as follows:

#### Article II

- Change to "The Spokane Compass Club, founded in 1948, is a social club for women who want to develop friendships, enjoy social activities, and support local philanthropic organizations."

#### Article III, Section C, 3 & 4

- (3) Change "directory/yearbook" to "directory."
- (3) Change "cost of membership and directory/yearbook" to "cost of membership and emailed directory."
- (4) Change "includes the membership directory" to "includes emailed directory."

#### Article IV, Section A

- Change "First Vice President. Second Vice President" to "Co-Vice Presidents."
- Remove First Vice President & Second Vice President
- List "Co-Vice Presidents" with the following duties:
  - o "Organize and plan the luncheon meetings"
  - o "Take the place of the President at luncheon/meetings, Executive Board and Board meetings as needed."
- Corresponding Secretary
  - o Change "It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep the record of membership, and attend all correspondence necessary to the function of the club" to "The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for miscellaneous correspondence, including sending birthday cards to members; and the Caring Corner, which involves sending Get Well, Sympathy, and Thinking of You cards."

#### Article VII, Section B, 2, 3, 4, 6, & 7

- (2) Change "Ways and Means" to two Standing Committees: Fundraising and Bingo and 50/50 with the following descriptions:
  - o Fundraising - organize, plan, and run club fundraising activities as needed
  - o Bingo - organize, plan, and run the annual Bingo program
  - o 50/50 - sell tickets and distribute prizes at luncheons
- (3) Under Membership, change bullet points 2 & 3 to "amend membership roll as needed" and add "print and distribute membership brochure/application."
- (4) Add to Newsletter after "month" - "send out Club announcements in email blasts to all members, and update the Membership Directory and the website."
- (6) Change "Telephone" to "Reservations: Shall take reservations from members for the monthly luncheon/meetings."
- (7) Remove "Communications"