

# The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter — September 2025

## President's Corner

Summer has almost come to an end (time just flies by). I hope everyone was able to enjoy the summer. It is time to start regular Compass Club activities beginning with the September Luncheon at Manito Park. I am sad that I will be traveling and will miss this event.

Patty Hostetter will be our new Fundraising chair. Thank you Patty. We are still looking for a Vice President to assist with running the luncheons and to work with Maureen Boutz, a well-seasoned Compass Club member. If you have been thinking of getting more involved and joining the Board, this position provides a great opportunity to learn the ropes from someone experienced. Remember our club is only as strong as its members.

September 1st this year is Labor Day, the unofficial end to summer. When I was a kid, this always meant school started on Tuesday (nowadays the first day of school is a moving target depending on what school district you are located in). Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 after President Grover Cleveland signed a law recognizing the first Monday in September as Labor

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## September Mini Calendar

8/22	Reservation Deadline — noon
9/2	Luncheon check in 11-11:30
9/3	Mahjong 1p
9/8	The Social Club
9/9	Mexican Train 1p
9/11	Books & Coffee 10a Bunco 1p
9/15	Quilt & Stitch 1p
9/16	Ukulele Group 1p
9/17	Mahjong 1p
9/18	Wine & Spirits 3p
9/21	BYOB 3 to 5p
9/23	Daytime Books 1p

## Luncheon Information

Welcome back to Compass Club monthly luncheons!

Our first luncheon and meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, at the Manito Park North Shelter (Lower area by Mirror Pond). Check-in is between 11 & 11:30. International attorney and history buff extraordinaire, Chet Caskey will speak about Spokane Parks and the Manito Park & Zoo.

We will have box lunches from Christ Kitchen with a choice of two sandwiches: **chicken salad OR egg salad** (which includes curry and green apples). **Please indicate your choice of sandwich when you make your reservation.** A small salad, fresh fruit, bottled water, dessert, mint, wet wipe, and cutlery will be included in each box. A gluten free option is available upon request. Please make your **\$30 check** payable to **Compass Club**.

**Deadline for reservations is Friday, August 22, before noon.** This is earlier than usual. Sheryl will be out of the country between Aug. 12 & Aug. 23 so please email her at skrauser@comcast.net with your **RSVP and your sandwich choice.** Do not call or text her. If you are unable to email your RSVP, call Maureen Boutz at 509.230.1649.

**Again, email Sheryl or call Maureen by noon on Aug 22 and include your name and sandwich choice in your reservation.**

In case of rain or wind, the alternate site will be the Parish Hall at St. Stephen's Church, 5720 S. Perry St., on the South Hill. If we need to move to St. Stephen's, an email Blast will be sent out.

**Maureen Boutz / Vice President**

## Philanthropy Update

**G**reetings Compass Club members!

Can you believe that we already have \$218 in our Philanthropy fund due to the generosity of the gals who enjoyed Game Day in July? We are off to an awesome start, and it is only up, up, up from here!

I have some wonderful things planned for the 2025-26 calendar year to boost our Philanthropy donation. Please watch for information about Restaurant Day, the QuarterMania Auction/Raffle, and the Bouquet Making class.

Plus at luncheons there will be raffles for a variety of prizes.

Just a reminder ... we voted and picked Safety Net as our charity this year. Safety Net is a charity that helps teens who have aged out of foster care get a handle on adulting. We will find out more about this charity at the October luncheon.

In the meantime, if you have a special skill or a prize to donate for a raffle, please let me know. Home-baked items are popular as are gift cards, wine, and treats. Thank you all.

**Julie Tveit** / Philanthropy Chair  
jtveit@live.com



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Day. This holiday was meant to recognize the labor movement, which was advocating for better working conditions, fair pay, and shorter workdays. While some still complain about working conditions today, if we are honest, the American workforce is treated well in comparison to their 19th Century counterparts.

We often celebrate this day with picnics and other end-of-summer activities; however, please take some time to acknowledge the vital role of workers in the nation's prosperity and well-being as well as recognize the contributions of our ancestors to the improved working conditions we enjoy today. Not to say there is not room for improvement.

**Kathi Brandmueller** / President

### News from June Luncheon

**O**ver sixty CC members and guests met on June 3 at the Airport Ramada for the last luncheon and meeting of the 2024/25 year. Kathi Brandmueller, President, thanked everyone for coming and reminded members to check with Interest Group chairs as to whether specific groups will be meeting over the summer. She also shared that the Pizza Party—the Club will be purchasing pizza for club members—will take place on Aug 5 at Round Table Pizza in the Valley—details will be sent in a Blast. There were several guests including Mimi Anderson's sister and Emily Smith.

Julie Tveit presented Amanda Jones, Assistant Director of Cup of Cool Water,

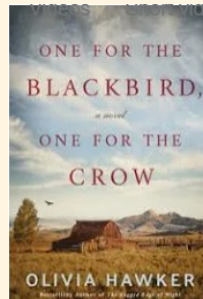
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## Daytime Books

**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)

Sept 23 *One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow* - Olivia Hawker  
Hostess: Dorothy Klepp



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

**W**e will meet on 9/15 at Julia Marvel's new home. There will be a new meeting format. For those who want to sew, come at 10:30 and bring a sack lunch. We will sew & eat until 1, when the regular meeting and show 'n tell will start. To RSVP either call or email Julia at 530.615.6332 or [jmarvel1722@gmail.com](mailto:jmarvel1722@gmail.com)

All are welcome!

Email Anne for more information:  
[anneslauson@gmail.com](mailto:anneslauson@gmail.com)



**Anne Slauson** / Quilt & Stitch Chair

## Bunco

**O**ur next Bunco game will be held on September 11th, 1 pm, at Vicki Deschaine's home. Lynn will be accepting the first 12 people who want to play. Please notify her at [bltroop@comcast.net](mailto:bltroop@comcast.net) or text her at 509.590.5307 if you are interested in playing.

**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

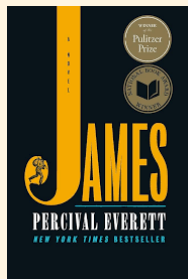




## Books and Coffee

**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)

September 11 ~ *James* by Percival Everett, Hostess Joy Bennett



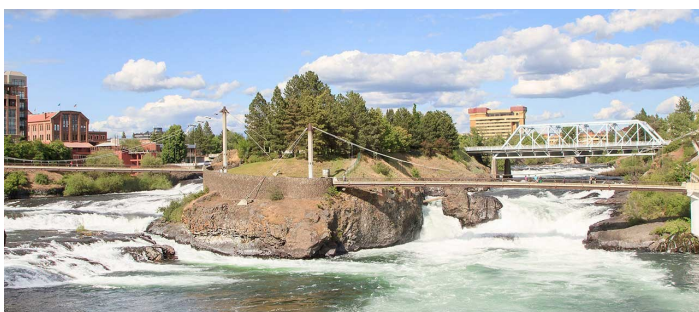
October 9 ~ *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman, Hostess Patty Hostetter

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 ZOOM

**Kathi Brandmueller** / Books and Coffee Chair



## Wine & Spirits

**T**he next Wine & Spirits gathering will be at Fete - A Nectar Co. located at 120 N. Stevens St. (corner of N. Stevens St and W. Main Ave) across the street from the old Parkade downtown. We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 3:00 pm. You will purchase your own beverage (wine, beer, etc.), and appetizers, ie charcuterie board, artichoke and spinach dip.



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 is being hosted by Dorothy Klepp on Sunday, September 21, from 3 to 5 pm.



Please RSVP to Dorothy so she can plan the party. Her email 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

**W**e always play the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1pm - for September that's 9/3 and 9/17. 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.

**Colleen Maroney / Mahjong Chair**

## Mexican Train

**W**e meet the 2nd Tues. of the month; our first game will be on 9/9 (1-3) in the game room at Rockwood South. All are welcome, but please let Connie know if you are coming.



To RSVP or for more information, contact Connie at [cldonelson@hotmail.com](mailto:cldonelson@hotmail.com)

**Connie Donelson / Mexican Train Chair**

## The Social Club

**N**ext adventure: Sept. 8 - Spokane Interstate Fair. Please contact Phyllis Packwood at [jpneveralone@aol.com](mailto:jpneveralone@aol.com) or 509.294.0387 for more information and/or to be added to our email list.

**Phyllis Packwood / The Social Club Chair**

## Caring Corner



**G**et Well cards were sent to Debra Belair and Kate Mietus. Thinking of You cards were sent to Ginny Bott, Ro Lisk, Kate Mietus, and Shari Russell, and a Sympathy card was sent to

Debra Belair. Thank you cards were sent to Chowderhead Restaurant and Pinot's Palette.

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

**Kathy Cousineau / Correspondence Chair**  
[digtherebop@hotmail.com](mailto:digtherebop@hotmail.com) or 303.748.9606.

## The Walking Group

**P**lease contact Miriam Culwell at [teamculwell@comcast.net](mailto:teamculwell@comcast.net) for more information about when and where we will be walking next.

**Miriam Culwell / The Walking Group**

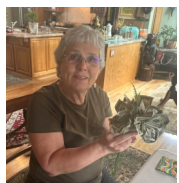
## Crafts & Chats

**D**ear Friends!

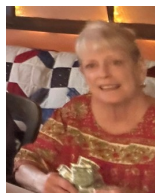
We ended our C & C year with two fun crafts. The button picture craft (see picture of me with the project) was a great success and then several crafters joined me in producing the money bouquets presented to Interest Group chairs at the June luncheon.



Sandy Colquhoun showed Kathy Cousineau, Danielle



Day (pictured ~tr), Susie Volwiler (pictured ~l), Kathy Catron (pictured ~r), and me how to make



the bouquets using \$1 and \$5 bills along with some \$2 bills, which had to be ordered, but added a bit of fun to the project.

Watch upcoming *Compass Rose* editions for information about the Fall craft activity: we might do something different with buttons. MariKay and I are working out the details, but due to my health issues, which I'm sure will improve once chemo is done, I am not sure all the specifics. I do know it will be a blast.

**Shari Russell** / Crafts & Chats Chair

## Membership Update

**W**elcome back to another fun year with Compass Club!

Last year we added around 17 new members, and would love to add even more this year. While we do get new members from internet searches, we want to encourage members to reach out to people they know, or have just met, and tell them about this wonderful group. We are all looking forward to meeting more new members this year.

On a different note, we are saying goodbye to a number of members due to moves or life situations. We want to thank them for their involvement in Compass Club and wish them the very best in the future. Each one of them has touched us in some way, and we are happy we got to know them.

**Sandy Colquhaun** / Membership





## September 2025

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

## Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs

Board Members	Names	Interest Groups	Chairs
President	Kathi Brandmueller	Books & Coffee	Kathi Brandmueller
Vice Presidents	Maureen Boutz Vacant at the Moment	Bunco	Lynn Troop
Recording Scty	Susie Volwiler	BYOB	Vicki Deschaine
Correspond. 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	Shirley Calkins Barbara Boniface	Quilt & Stitch	Anne Slauson
Interest Groups	Kathleen Howlett	The Social Club	Phyllis Packwood
Reservations	Sheryl Krauser	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine Shari Russell
Hostess	Danielle Day	Ukulele Group	Kathi Brandmueller
Newsletter/Web Page/Blasts	Victoria McDonald Launa Norman	Walking Group	Miriam Culwell
Decorations	Susan Miles	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson Pat Partovi

**Please consult your directory for contact information**

### News from the Compass Club News Team:

- 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 Blasts. We're just the messengers—email the author of the information directly.
- Please consult <https://spokanecompassclub.org> for current information and live links. The website is updated when the newsletter or as needed.

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



## September Birthdays

We all wish happy birthday to all members with a September birthday!!



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with checks totaling \$3,500 from fund raisers throughout the year. Jones thanked the Club for its generosity and shared that the CoCW auction will take place on Sept. 8. She also told the group that CoCW will begin providing transition housing and start training participants in landscaping skills.

The Ukulele group accompanied the singing of the "Birthday" song to all those present with summer birthdays and led a rousing rendition of "You Are My Sunshine."



Various Interest Group Chairs shared dates of events that were to take place over the summer.

The buffet brunch included ham, potatoes, pasta and Greek salads, French toast, cinnamon rolls, and a fruit and cheese tray.



New and returning Board Members ( a complete list is available on page 8) were introduced and thanked, Kathi was thanked, and Interest Group chairs were presented with money bouquets.

Members who purchased Philanthropy raffle tickets throughout the year were eligible for numerous raffle drawings. It was of some note and humor that Karolyn Tveit's name was drawn numerous times—she bought many many raffle tickets. The centerpieces were given to visitors and new members—and Karolyn won the drawing for one as well.

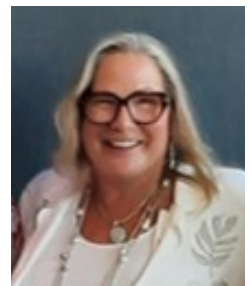


Catherine (Cathy) Caskey is a gregarious person. She discovered and joined Compass Club after her husband spoke at last September's luncheon. He teaches history thru Spokane Community Colleges Second Act Program for people over 55, and conducts tours and talks about local history. Cathy's twin sister Becky, also a nurse, moved here from Houston, and now they live about a block away from each other. Cathy considers herself the "good twin."

Cathy has lived in many places. She was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa and earned her nursing degree in Sioux City. She has had a variety of jobs during her fifty years in the healthcare field. She joined the Air Force with a buddy and spent three years in Louisiana as an Air Force nurse. She married and lived in New Mexico where she went back to college and earned a BA in social psychology. She moved around in Texas and loved working as a hospice nurse. Cathy was in Carlsbad, New Mexico, working as the director of a nursing home when she met her second husband, Chet. He was recovering from lymphoma and had been given a prognosis of 2-4 years. That was 20 years ago. She also worked with Vietnam veterans through the VA and at Eastern State Hospital.

Her hobbies include embroidery and hand-sewn quilts. Folk art and World War 11 history interest her, and she's currently reading about the Jewish concentration camps as the "Final Solution." She is a detail oriented person and was the editor of her husband's book. She would like to join a foursome of newbies/beginners at Mahjong.

Danielle Day, who always seems to have a big smile and lots of energy, found the *Spokesman Review* article about Compass Club after googling "How to make friends in Spokane." She joined the Club shortly thereafter.



She moved here from the Puget Sound area to be closer to her daughter and grandson when her daughter was pregnant with her second child. Danielle lives with her partner, three dogs, and a cat in the So. Balboa neighborhood very near her daughter and grandsons - now 3 and 7 months.

Most of Danielle's work-life was spent as a fitness professional teaching group classes at ProClub Fitness. This led her to Hot Yoga and her own yoga studio in Seattle's Laurelhurst neighborhood. During her career, she trained around 650 yoga instructors. As an instructor herself, she was on fire and loved her work; however, now that she's retired from teaching, her workouts are just for her and in her own home.

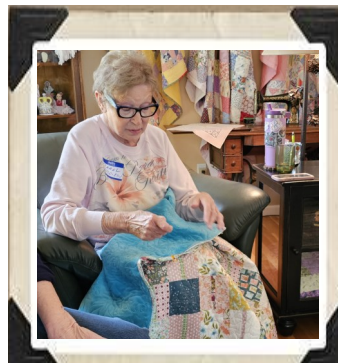
Danielle is a very active member of Compass Club. She is in both book clubs, and much to the delight of neighbors, puts her finished books into her free library. She has also gone on many adventures with The Social Club and was a model at our May Luncheon fashion show. Looking ahead, she has taken on the position of Hostess, and she will greet everyone and hand out name tags at the upcoming luncheons. She feels this will be a fun way to learn everyone's names.



**The May Birthday Lunch Bunch: Lynn Troop, Dona Farsdahl, Susan Miles, Mimi Anderson, Sharon White and Maureen Boutz.**



**Quilt & Stitch May Meeting**







Centerpieces from our June Luncheon

Auction Winner's of Kathi B's  
Bread Making Class



Happy Readers at Daytime Book's June Meeting

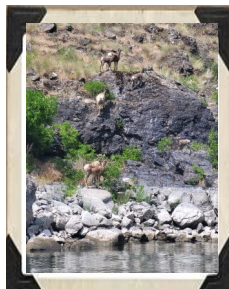






**Ladies Who Lunch  
lunched in June at  
Twigs Wandermere**

**Trailblazer's Snake River  
Trip in June**





**Wine & Spirits Gathered on June 26 at  
Trailbreakers in Liberty Lake**





**The Ladies Who Lunch met on July 18  
at the Max in the Mirabeau Hotel**



**Did you know Lynn Troop has a twin?  
Can you guess who's who?**



Happy Players at the 2nd Annual Game Day at  
Rockwood July 8





Compass Club Pizza Party on August 5

