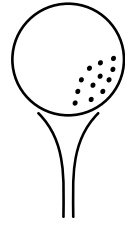


## Upcoming Events

### Phillips Real Estate Golf Tournament

July 19, 2010

Mt. Si Golf Course



More information will be posted  
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### Items We Need

- Towels
- New socks
- Men's razors

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## COMPASS News

May 2010



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## Remembering Lea Ann

Long-time Compass employee Lea Ann Parker passed away unexpectedly on April 3rd. An employee since 2002, she had been working as a case manager at the Veterans Program in Shoreline.

Lea Ann's impact on clients and staff was well known throughout the agency. Her quirky sense of humor kept everyone on their toes. She had an amazing ability to connect with the veterans in the program, and they loved her dearly.

At a memorial service held in her honor, Tim, a former resident now in permanent housing, and Terry shared the following poem, a testament to the good work that Lea Ann has done, and the work that we will all strive to do in her absence.



### To A Social Worker Dying Young:

Today this crowd of friend and family all gather 'tis for you Lea Ann. You made life matter.

With true caring, kindness and a unique grace, you put the smile upon love's face.

Eyes like yours were never completely shut, as you swore to keep us straight or kick our butts.

Often your voice so loud in that veterans place will reverberate always through that now hallowed space.

Never again will I hear "TIMMY" as I'd pass your way, nor hear you scream "WOOPEE" as you'd greet each sunny new day.

And though we hold our ears with a curious cup, it's at your "YIPPEE'S" we may no longer sup.

Lea Ann, we gather here to bid you adieu it's in heaven that we'll meet again on a new morning dew.

So were all here, some hand in hand, in memory of our friend Lea Ann.

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## AUCTION 2010



447  
Guests



49  
Desserts

396  
Auction  
Items



**\$290,071 Raised!**  
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## Men's Shelter Returns to First Church!

On April 17, 2010, our Men's Emergency Overnight Shelter moved to the Blaine Center at First United Methodist Church. This move is exciting, as it is both a renewal of our relationship with First Methodist and an opportunity to work alongside our neighbors.

In 2002, the Compass Center first began its partnership with First United Methodist Church. We opened a 40-bed shelter in the lower level of their church that provided safe sleeping quarters, showers, warm meals, and case management options to men who are homeless. Due to changing needs, the congregation of First United decided to rebuild and relocate. In March of 2008, the shelter moved to our Third Avenue location in Belltown and expanded capacity to 60 beds.

First United Methodist Church has finished their new church on Denny Way, complete with an outreach space that was designed and built specifically with social services in mind. We continue to provide the same basic services, but we now operate in an area that is larger, brighter, and more inviting than our previous spaces. The new shelter is equipped with a commercial kitchen (perfect for volunteer meals), individual shower rooms, a laundry room and space enough to accommodate real beds for shelter guests.

Compass Housing Alliance is pleased to be partnering with First Methodist. We look forward to the benefits it will bring to our organization, the shelter guests, and those looking for volunteer opportunities.



Photos by Erin Cawley-Morse

**Help welcome the guests to their new space. We need . . .**

- Cereal
- Individual oatmeal packets
- Tea, Ground coffee
- Powdered creamer
- Sugar
- Powdered milk
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Laundry detergent
- New flip flops/shower shoes

## Renton Building is "Topped Out"

On April 20th, around 100 people gathered to celebrate the enclosure of the roof at the Compass Veterans Center - Renton. On that date, the project was 45% complete, and construction is running several weeks ahead of schedule! Construction should be done by mid-September, and we hope to have all of the units leased up by the end of October.

### Capital Campaign Challenge

We have received a **challenge grant of \$15,000** from the Lucky Seven Foundation to be used for the Veterans Center in Renton. For every dollar received from new donors the Foundation will match it one for one. They will also match the first year of multi-year commitments.

**We invite you to make a two- or three-year pledge to support this worthwhile project** and to help us reach our goal of raising \$15,000 to meet the challenge from the Lucky Seven Foundation.

With the match, a pledge of \$3000 over three years will become \$4,000. Contact Cindy Jackson at 206-357-3104 to make your pledge today.



Renton Mayor Denis Law, Renton H.S. choir

## Finding Home through Hammond House

In March, a guest who had been at Hammond House for 20 months moved into permanent housing. Ruth struggled with multiple developmental, sensory and physical disabilities, as well as mental illness. She faced many challenges in understanding the processes and requirements to access services. In addition, she experienced a great deal of fear and anxiety related to accepting housing, both because of bad experiences in the past and as a result of her mental illness.

With the ongoing support of Hammond staff, her peers in shelter, and a supportive housing project, Ruth finally moved into an apartment about which she feels

excited rather than frightened and trapped. She is both motivated and optimistic about making community connections. (She is actively choosing a church community which she had expressed desire to do for a long time, but had been unable to follow up.) Support through the transition is being provided by both Hammond House and her new housing program. With the help of her Hammond House case manager, she has applied to receive telecommunication equipment and to get in-home assistance, which will allow her to maintain her independence. Ruth sometimes returns for dinner at Hammond House, something that provides her with continued social support.

*Hammond House Women's Shelter provides 40 women with a safe place to sleep at night, hot showers, dinner, breakfast, and a talented staff of counselors who work to connect them with other networks of support and housing options.*