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DSG Members enjoy a musically social morning!

Thank you to Mrs. Xiaobing He for hosting the April DSG meeting as well as to our guest musician, Mr. Sun Shengping. Mr. Sun is an engineer in the Urafiki Textiles Company. The instruments he played are: 1. Dizi, traditional Chinese flute, made of bamboo, popular throughout China from ancient time till now. 2. Hulusi, a traditional Chinese folk music instrument in south-west



Mrs. Xiaobing He with Mr. Sun Shengping

of China. Hulu, means

gourd in Chinese. The instrument gets its name because it has a gourd to amplify the sound and makes the tune softer. 3. Erhu, one of the traditional Chinese string instruments, popular throughout China from ancient time till now. Some people refer to it as the Chinese violin. Historically, the instrument was played only by and for ordinary people, not nobles.

May DSG Meeting

You are cordially invited....

Host: : Mrs Kristina Toivonen

Finnish Residence



When:

Wednesday, May 19th

9:30am

***Please bring all your donations to this meeting—read details on page 6.**

This is the last DSG morning meeting prior to the break!

Please come and take this opportunity to celebrate our achievements this year as well as thanking and saying farewell to those of us moving on to different posts.

At this meeting, we will appoint a new Chair and Co-Chair and look ahead to next year.

Projects Committee Report Ocean Road Cancer Institute Gets New Mural



The children's cancer ward at ORCI will be moving to Muhimbili Hospital, where the youngsters will be met by leopards, zebra, monkeys and other wild animals! If you are wondering how this can be possible in urban Dar es Salaam, it is because the DSG is funding the painting of a mural, depicting a watering hole surrounded by African wild animals, in the waiting area for the children with cancer. Along with the wildlife mural, 3-D cut-out animals will be made and painted by local

Tinga Tinga artists to create a theme that is child friendly and welcoming. Survival rates have increased from 12 to 75 percent in the past two years as a direct result of earlier intervention and treatment of paediatric cancer. This has been due in no small part to the work and dedication of Dr. Trish Scanlon, the only paediatric oncologist at ORCI, and her team of junior and volunteer doctors, nursing and auxiliary staff. Dr. Scanlon's work forms part of a larger whole

that aims to cure children of cancer, reduce mortality rates, raise awareness about children's cancers throughout Tanzania and to provide cancer care free of charge for all Tanzanian children. This overall project, which includes the building of a hostel for children and their parents during, and between, the patients' chemotherapy sessions, is being managed by the Irish NGO, "Children in the Crossfire."

Fundraising— Planning for the Bazaar



The new Bazaar Committee will meet on **Friday, May 7th** at the EU Residence (442 Mahando St.) to start planning this year's event.

The DSG bazaar is a high point of the diplomatic calendar of Dar and DSG's major fundraising event. Last year's bazaar raised over 60,000,000 TSh. and this has been disbursed to projects in Tanzania that support disadvantaged women, children or those with disabilities. The need is great and, with your help, we can raise this much or more at the 2010 bazaar.

Please start planning now for this year's bazaar. Begin by meeting with other spouses from your embassy. What would sell well? It could be food (finger food to eat at the Bazaar or wrapped food to take away), handi-

crafts, clothes toys, household goods. Are there companies you could approach to ask for donations of items to sell? Are there local NGOs that you could commission to make goods for your stall? (Tinga Tinga artists, Wonder Workshop, Mama Maasai, Mabinti Centre for example.)

If you have ideas about how to make this year's bazaar a success please share them. We look forward to your input. If you would like to help with the bazaar this year, please attend the next planning meeting (see box at left).

Social Committee Report



The Social Committee now has a couple of volunteers but we are still looking for more as well as someone willing to chair the committee!!

This committee serves to facilitate monthly DSG mornings by working with volunteer hosts each month. If interested, contact Michelle.

Administration Committee Report

Fundraising is requesting any interested members read the article on page 2 and come to the next meeting! Anne stated that the committee is always looking for fresh faces and new ideas.

The Newcomers group welcomed several new members at April's meeting.

Who can join DSG? Anyone having diplomatic status currently living in Dar es Salaam.

The DSG would like to welcome these new members:

Jacqueline Lenhardt—USA

Aisha Brown— USA

Emmy Etuknwa—Nigeria

Ewa Grodzicka—EU

Roseline Thandazile Chiliza—South Africa

Nominations for the 2010-2011 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were collected and announced at the April meeting. Voting will take place during the May meeting so please be present.

April DSG

DSG members at the April meeting were treated to an opportunity to socialize and try out some games that looked familiar along with some new ones.



Morning

Members' account of climbing Kilimanjaro

To stand on the roof-top of Africa is an amazing feeling! Following the Lemosho route we trekked for six days to reach Barafu base camp at a chilly 4673m. At midnight, by the light of head-torches we began our final ascent of Kibo, one of Mount Kilimanjaro's twin peaks. At dawn we paused to watch a beautiful sunrise over Mawenzi and then the final push to the snow-clad summit. It was tough, very tough, but a magical experience to reach first Stella Point and then Uhuru Peak, passing a towering glacier wall on one side and peering down into the snow-clad crater on the other.

We walked 15 hours on summit day and climbed to 5895m. No wonder our legs felt like jelly, but we were incredibly proud of ourselves and also incredibly grateful to the team of guides and porters who

supported us in every way – sometimes literally. Incredibly, we had a team of 32 for the 7 of us!

The Lemosho trail begins in farmers' shambas, climbs through lush montane forest, through giant heather and moorland to emerge on the rocky alpine terrain of the Shira plateau. The views are spectacular to the plains below, Mount Meru in the distance and the tantalizing peak of Kili itself, approaching ever closer each day.

Make climbing Kili a goal during your stay in Tanzania. Although one of the hardest things we have done in our lives, it is a very special and unforgettable experience.

Anne and Karin



Find the DSG members!!

DSG Welcomes Heads of Mission Spouses

Welcome to your new home in Dar es Salaam and to the DSG!



On April 18th, Mrs. Huwaida Kalo, DSG Chairperson hosted incoming wives of Heads of Mission. The ladies attended a luncheon at the Dar Hilton to get better acquainted.

Countries represented were:

Zambia, SA, Kenya, Canada, Palestine, S Korea, Oman, Indonesia, Iran, UNDP, and Cuba. Brazil and Britain sent apologies.

DSG thanks Protea Hotels for Partnership



House of Peace is a crisis centre and shelter for women and children from all over Tanzania, but based in Dar es Salaam. From the suggestion of the DSG Projects Committee, Protea Hotel has donated 160 sets of sheets and a similar number of towels for the shelter, as well as a collection of used bathtubs, sinks and taps.

Members of the Projects Committee went to visit the House of Peace. The shelter is currently providing a home to 35 adult women and 17 children.

“There is no rule to what kind of women come here, women come from wealthy as well as poor backgrounds, some are as young as 16. For us what matters is that these women are in immediate need of our help”.

Thomas Lyatuu, Executive Director of the House of Peace

Please email the Projects Committee (dsgprojects@live.com) if you would like more information or are able to donate items such as women’s clothing, food.

Corona Society Seeks Members/Volunteers

Corona Worldwide is an organization for people, principally but not exclusively women, who are living or have lived overseas.

In Dar es Salaam, Corona welcomes all newcomers!



Look for the new “Newcomers Guide to Dar” available Sept!!

Corona meets at the Terrace Restaurant, Slipway

1st Tuesday of each month, 9;30am

Currently seeking volunteers!

Www.kroete46@gmx.de

DSG Special Interest Groups

There are a variety of ways to become involved with the DSG. Below are list of activities that are currently available. *** The DSG is looking for new interest groups for 2010! If you would like to lead a group, please contact the executive board at ads4dsg@gmail.com

Activity	Day and Time		Contact Person and Number	
9 km Walking Group	Mon., Wed., and Fri.	7:00am at DYC	Tracy Moreno	0757 165 280
Bridge (beginners & intermediate)			Indira	0754 604 661
English Book Club	Once a month on Thurs or Fri mornings		Raylynn Oliver	0752 212 102
French Book Club	Once a month on Fridays	4pm	Isabelle deZamaroczy Elena Conti	0782 417 400 0782 144 137
Tennis Group	Contact Beth Interested in	If you are playing.	Beth Mahoney	0759 332 089
Scrabble	On availability		Ed Miliano	edmiliano@gmail.com

Helping to solve the water crisis

April 18, 2010



Despite some early confusion due to this being the first Live Earth Walk in Tanzania, it turned out to be a great day for those who participated.

We had perfect walking weather and a clear course from the New Stadium.

Want to get fit for next year's walk? Join the Special Interest Walking Group!

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Spring Cleaning!

Clean Your Cupboards for a Good Cause



The United Nations Spouses Group (UNSG) of Tanzania is kindly requesting donations of used clothes, toys, books, shoes etc and anything that is cluttering your cupboards for a sale at the White Elephant stall at the DSG Bazaar in November 2010

The White Elephant stall is a second hand stall which has a good reputation with all who come to the DSG bazaar for a good bargain. We price our items cheaply and generally sell everything

All funds raised will be used for charity

If you have any of these items or know someone who will be leaving Dar soon

Please contact: Naima 0757175083

Mavis 0784803098



Are you moving? Getting rid of excess toys, books, linens?

As you sort through your belongings, please think of both the DSG Projects and the White Elephant stall run by the UNSG at the Charity Bazaar. The DSG supports several projects (including schools and orphanages) in the Dar es Salaam area and in the northern region. We would like to help them out by collecting the following items and distributing:

school supplies -- such as paper, exercise books, pens, pencils, crayons, etc.

small backpacks -- for school use

books -- especially those suitable for young children and teenagers (in English or Kiswahili)

toys -- such as puzzles and games, soft toys

shoes -- for young children (including those of primary school age)

music -- CDs suitable for children (they love to dance along to music!)

towels, bed linen and blankets

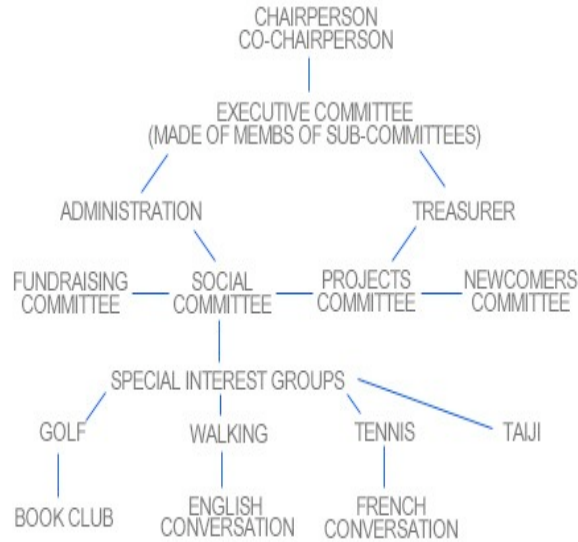
Please bring any items to the **MAY GENERAL MEETING**, and we will make sure they reach the projects.

ALSO LOOKING FOR ONE USED, FUNCTIONING COMPUTER

On behalf of our DSG Projects, MANY THANKS!

DSG

We are a non profit organization comprised of persons with diplomatic status in Tanzania. Our mandate is to be a social and charitable organization which is non-political, non-governmental, and non-profit. Our primary fundraising activity is an annual charity bazaar held in November. The funds raised by our organization are distributed between different charity projects around Tanzania.



Chairperson:

Kalo, Huwaida

Co-Chairperson:

Toivonen, Kristina

Treasurer:

Naeverlid, Margareth

Administration:

- Mahoney, Beth (secretary)
- He, Xiaobing (members' list)
- He, Xiaobing (e-Mail)
- Moreno, Tracy (newsletter)

Member's contact info can be found in the directory.

Fundraising Committee:

- Apparicio, Jeniffer
- Arab, Mounia
- Clarke, Anne (supporting)
- Gangte, Sylvia (supporting raffle)
- Grillo, Deniona
- He, Xiaobing
- Midttun, Guri
- Moussa, Naima
- Van der Heyden, Ellen
- Vercruyssen, Veronique
- Yudhistiranto, Nenny

Newcomers' Committee:

de Zamaroczy, Isabelle (chair)

Pazienza Rosenfield, Lisa

Podgurschi, Lilia

Projects Committee:

- Bach, Marianne
- Clarke, Anne
- Herrström, Karin
- Joseph, Shanti
- Korgren, Mia
- Midttun, Guri
- Vercruyssen, Veronique
- Waller, Ginie** (Chair)
- Wiesinger, Judy

Social Committee:

- Ntombela, Michelle** (Chair)
- Nutt, Karen