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OF DAR ES SALAAM

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addresses are on the Members' List.

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*You are cordially invited to the
next DSG Morning to be held.....*

Date: 20 January 2010

Time: 9:30am

*Host: Anne Clarke, European
Commission*

*Speaker: John Ulanga, Executive
Director of The Foundation for
Civil Society*

*Topic: The role of civil society
groups in bringing about change
and empowering people to be
agents of change in their
communities.*

*Location: 42 Mahando Street. Left
turn just after passing Sea
Cliff village on your right. There
is a large sign on the corner. 6th
gate on the right in Mahando
Street. Look out for the EU flag.*

mittee Reports

Projects Committee

ATD Fourth World: Literacy Training at the Fish Market



On December 10, 2009 the DSG Projects Committee went to visit the Dar es Salaam fish market where we have funded ATD Fourth World to run a literacy training pilot project. The idea is to work with the poorest of the poor in Dar es Salaam to improve their lives.

We met Hassani, who is homeless, but living on the periphery of the wood sellers section of the fish market. We were told that he was one of the strongest students and most motivated. We also met Miraji who sells oil in zone 5. He has 2 children at school. Both said they had been transformed by being able to read. They could now read the newspaper, the destination of the daladalas, with their children, and they could read and write SMS messages and sign their names. Indeed the poorest of the poor were benefitting and their lives made better; these men who had done the training were so proud and confident.

REMINDER

The DSG has over 60 million Tanzanian Shillings to spend on projects in 2010. Please let any organizations you are involved with know that our application can be found on the DSG Web site at www.dsgdar.org

Project application deadline is January 31, 2010.

Administration Committee

If you have any interest in helping with the DSG Habari Newsletter, please contact Susan Thomas: m.s.thomas@att.net

Fundraising Committee

2009 DSG Bazaar... we made it!

In the run-up to this year's DSG bazaar we were holding our breathe. Could this year's bazaar match last year's record total of 60 million Tsh? We hoped so for the sake of the people our projects would support, but the signs were not good. The financial crisis was biting hard, many donor companies were having to tighten their belts and, for a variety of reasons, fewer countries had come forward to participate.

But amazingly we did it, we made over 60 million Tsh and we had as many visitors as last year. They enjoyed a non-stop entertainment program, feasted on food from around the world and shopped for gifts and delicacies from all corners of the globe.

The bazaar was a success because so many of you put so much time, thought and effort into making it so! You wrote to companies in your home country to gather donations of goods to sell. You asked friends and family to bring with them items from your country that everyone longs for. You worked with Tanzanian artisans to develop products especially for your stall. You donated clothes, books and household items for the White Elephant Stall. You sold raffle tickets, you put up posters and you talked and talked about the bazaar. You spent hours in the kitchen baking, you spent hours on the day frying and grilling. You got help from everyone you could think of to organize, decorate and sell. You spent hours in the blazing sun! And that is why the bazaar was a success.

Of course, the fund-raising committee deserves a huge amount of praise too. Seyi, Tim and Salha did everything they could too meet your logistical needs, even your requests at the 11th hour! Irene and her team worked miracles to decorate the venue and even covered the legs of each table with specially made socks to prevent them scratching the floor. Naima and Jeniffer put together a fabulous entertainment program, and for the second year, DJ Boni provided the sound system for the day. Our thanks go to all who performed. Ellen and Amy ensured the ticket sales and entrance gate went smoothly and the volunteers were on hand when needed, Kofi and Hunter kept us watered throughout the day with the help of Coca Cola. Shanti and Sylvia gathered a stunning array of raffle prizes and arranged, for the first time, a very popular Lucky Dip. Ed designed the information leaflet and, with Ginie's help, the project posters. George McBean gave the bazaar poster a new look.

Our guest of honor, Happy Sefu, deserves a big thank-you too. Her moving life story was a great reminder of why the bazaar takes place - why all the hard work is so worthwhile.



We are also tremendously grateful to IST, our hosts for the second year, and in particular to the faculty and staff who went out of their way to accommodate and help us. Our thanks also go to Ultimate Security for their services.

The Bazaar can only take place due to the generosity of all our donors and sponsors. Once again, KLM was our major sponsor and we thank KLM, and in particular the country director, Gabriel Braganza, for the continued support. A complete list of donors and sponsors and of participating embassies is attached here. Please take a moment to browse through and see just how many embassies, businesses and individuals have played a part in making the 2009 DSG Bazaar a success.

Thanks once again to you all and remember - it's never too early to start thinking about next year's bazaar!

Editor's Note: And a HUGE thanks to Anne Clark, who once again chaired the committee and donated hours upon hours of her time to making the Bazaar a success. A job well done by all - Thanks for you time and dedication!

Social Committee

The hosts for the next DSG Mornings are as follows:

January 2010: European Commission (Anne Clarke)
February 2010: Indonesia (Nenny Yudhistiranto)
March 2010: Canada (Judy Wiesinger)
April 2010: China (Xiaobing He)
May 2010: Finland (Kristina Toivonen)

**Thank you to all of the Donors, Sponsors and
Participating Embassies and Missions for helping to make
this years DSG Bazaar a Huge Success!**

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and missions**

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Tanzanian Public Holidays:

	2010	2011
New Year's Day	1 Jan	1 Jan
Zanzibar Revolution Day	12 Jan	12 Jan
Chama Cha Mapinduzi Day	5 Feb	5 Feb
Eid al-Moulid	26 Feb	15 Feb
Good Friday	2 Apr	22 Apr
Holy Saturday	3 Apr	23 Apr
Easter Sunday	4 Apr	24 Apr
Easter Monday	5 Apr	25 Apr
Union Day	26 Apr	26 Apr
Worker's Day	1 May	1 May
Saba Saba	7 Jul	7 Jul
Farmer's Day	8 Aug	8 Aug
Eid al-Fitr (Ramadan)	11 Aug	31 Jul
Id al Fitr (End of Ramadan)	10 Sep	30 Aug
Nyerere Day	14 Oct	14 Oct
Naming Day	29 Oct	29 Oct
Eid al-Kebir	16 Nov	6 Nov
Independence Day	9 Dec	9 Dec
Christmas Day	25 Dec	25 Dec

Note: Muslim festivals are timed according to local sightings of various phases of the moon and the dates given above are approximations.

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.

Activity	Day and Time		Contact Person and Number	
7 km Walking Group	Mon., Wed., and Fri,	7:00am		
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	0782 417 400
			Elena Conti	0782 144 137
Tennis Group	Tues and Thurs	7:00am	Catherine Mitchell	0754 222 228
Scrabble	On availability		Ed Miliano	edmiliano@gmail.com

If you have any suggestions, corrections or information you would like to see included in the DSG Habari, please contact Susan Thomas at m.s.thomas@att.net.