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CCBRT and Neema Crafts Changing Communities

Thank you to Mrs. Judy Wiesinger for hosting the March DSG meeting as well as to our guest speakers, Mrs. Susie Hart of Neema Crafts and Ms. Annika Unterpertinger of CCBRT.

This informational meeting had the members close to tears at some points and smiling with joy at others.

How can we forget Susie's

story of a disabled child hidden away in a corn silo for 7

years due to the stigma attached to cerebral palsy?



Mrs. Judy Wiesinger, Susie Hart and Annika Unterpertinger in front of the Neema Crafts Booth.

Through hard working individuals such as those at CCBRT, we heard other stories of hope. Certainly, the planned Baobab Women's Clinic will improve the lives of thousands of Tanzanian women yearly.

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April DSG Meeting

You are cordially invited....

Host: Mrs Xiaobing He

When:

IT'S A FUN MORNING!!!

Chinese Residence

THURSDAY April 22nd

The meeting will get started with a short Hulusi performance (a local Chinese instrument).

2 Kajificheni Close

9:30am

Followed by many active social opportunities such as table tennis, Chinese checkers, majiang, karaoke, etc..



Projects Committee Report



Aspiring women collaborating with MWIDEFU can buy high yielding dairy cows . One woman has seen the success of this program herself and three more have applied.

Recently, three members travelled to Arusha to visit past and new projects in the area, including two projects we funded last year in Karatu: FAME and Mazingira Bora Karatu .

We visited the farm which Maadili purchased last year partly with DSG funds. Here they have chickens raised for income and eventually hope to build a house for the orphans.

granted partial funding to their microfinance project. MWIDEFU is a dynamic Tanzanian association acting as a catalyst in development. They believe that money alone doesn't bring development; it's people's ideas, know-how, commitment and work. They have already facilitated the implementation of several community initiatives in health, agriculture and education.

The MBK community park stage has already hosted events, and now the DSG has approved funding for MBK to build a row of shops along the border of the park to raise income to pay for security and maintenance.

Lastly, we met with Young Kimaro of MWIDEFU, a community organization the DSG has previously funded to equip the library with shelves, books and electronic media. This year the Committee decided to try something new and

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Fundraising— DSG Bazaar 2010



The fundraising committee welcomes your ideas. Contact Anne Clarke 0764-509-445, anneclarkedar@gmail.com or contact a committee member

The DSG Bazaar, traditionally held in November, has become a high point of the diplomatic calendar - a place to shop for holiday gifts from around the world, find the maple syrup, smoked salmon or Dutch cheese that you crave, feast on culinary delights from four continents and be entertained by non-stop music and dance from Tanzania and far beyond.

funds projects that support those in need in Tanzania, especially women, children and those with disabilities.

The Bazaar, with its Grand Raffle, is DSG's major fundraiser. Raising over 60,000,000 Tsh, the bazaar is our opportunity to make a difference, to give something back to our host country. All money raised at the Bazaar

The DSG Bazaar is our opportunity to tell the wider community what we do, to profile the organizations that we fund and to invite new organizations to apply for funding.

What should the 2010 DSG Bazaar look like? How can we make it even better than before? How can we raise even more money? How can we better support the individual embassies as they organize their country booths and food stalls?

Social Committee Report



Could this be you?

DSG is looking for a new **Social Committee Chair.**

This key position needs to be filled for the 2010-

11 year as Michelle will be leaving us in June.

If you are considering this position but have questions, please contact Michelle directly.

Administration Committee Report

Fundraising is requesting any interested members to sign up to assist with next year's bazaar. Anne stated that the committee is always looking for fresh faces and new ideas.

The Newcomers group welcomed a couple of new members at March'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:

Deniona Grillo—EU

Sara Collins—Ireland

Beth Barjor—World Bank

Nominations for the 2010-2011 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Please email your nominations asap to the DSG executive committee as they will be voted on in May.



Project Spotlight—Neema Crafts

DSG welcomed Susie Hart who spoke about Neema crafts, a truly inspirational project that currently employs 103 disabled Tanzanias; significantly changing the perception of disabled people in the Iringa area.

The Projects Committee announced that DSG will once again fund the application by Neema Crafts.

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Neema has an excellent website to display their goods. However, they are always looking for shops to display and sell items, so if you are able to help in any way, please contact Neema Crafts directly.

www.neemacrafts.com



CCBRT—A new beginning in Maternal Care

At the March DSG meeting, members welcomed Annika of CCBRT who came to give an overview of current operations as well as to unveil plans for the new Baobab Maternity Hospital.

Did you know that in Tanzania, 35 mothers die *daily* due to labor and complications from childbirth? In an effort to reduce such tragedies, CCBRT and the Tanzanian Government have entered into a public-



Private partnership to build a new hospital on land adjacent to the current property. The anticipated opening will be 2012 and it is estimated that the new hospital will handle 12,000 deliveries/year and

will hold 192 beds. As with current practices, the new facility will offer comprehensive services and will focus on early intervention with charges being handled on a sliding scale. The hospital will save countless lives, reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and prevent the occurrence of disabilities.

Please visit the website to view details and see how you can help:

www.baobabhospital.or.tz

Run/Walk for Water



April 18, 2010

Run for Water
LIVE EARTH

Imagine having to walk 6km for water everyday....

Registration available at Shoppers: M/W/Sat/Sun

One of the amazing Friends of Live Earth Run for Water events will take place in Dar! On April 18th, they will be having a 6km walk and a 15 km run with the start and finish point from the New National Stadium. This important event will feature live musical performances and water education activities in an effort to ignite a massive global movement to put an end to this epidemic. Cost is 1,000 tsh (walk) and 3,000 (run). Start time: 5:30am <http://liveearth.org/en/dar-es-salaam-tanzania>

We are also looking for someone to organize t-shirts for the group. Please contact Tracy if you want to sign up or if you can help organize shirts for the participants.

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Around Dar : Theatre



Pub Theatre—George & Dragon- Danni Boy

A poignant drama that looks at how we keep going after the loss of a loved one; especially a child.

April 28th and 29th—Tickets on sale after Easter

For further information, please contact Amanda Ford at Youth.theatre@gmail.com

Belly Dancing

Ladies,

Come along for a term of belly dancing! Meet others and get fit while shaking your stuff!!!!

Coral Beach Hotel

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Instructor: Amanda Ford Spora

April 13—May 25



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	
Scrabble	On availability		Ed Miliano	edmiliano@gmail.com



Tanzania Breast Cancer Foundation (TBCF) is a non governmental, not for profit, self help and community based organization that aims at providing information, counseling, advisory and emotional support to breast cancer patients and their families.

TBCF 2010 Charity Walk—April 25th, 7:30am CONTACT BETH IF INTERESTED: BMAHONEY88@HOTMAIL.COM

Route: Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) Grounds – Aga Khan Hospital – Sea View – Palm Beach – Ali Hassan Mwinyi Rd – Ohio Street – Samora Avenue pass - Ministry of Health and Social Welfare – back to ORCI

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

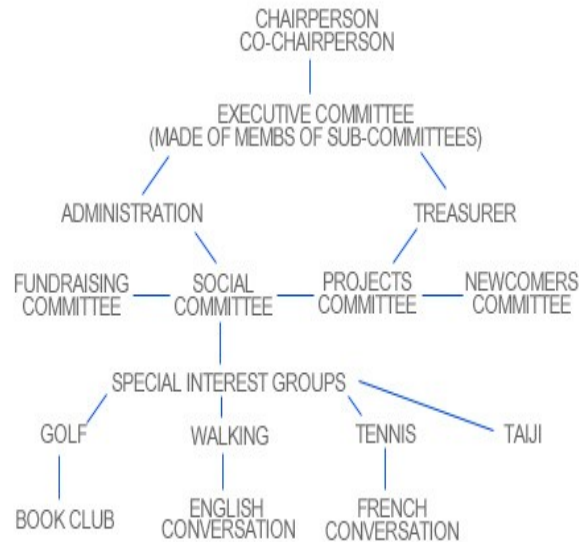
Please bring any items to the **MAY GENERAL MEETING**, and we will make sure they reach the projects.

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.



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Newcomers' Committee:

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