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Diplomatic Spouses Group
OF DAR ES SALAAM

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Note the next meeting on your calendar now - October 13th**
- **Start collecting Bazaar items now!**

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DSG Morning Meeting .. A visual journey

Many thanks to Marine de Labriolle for hosting the September morning meeting at her residence. DSG members were treated to an interactive talk by our host and Julietta Helleberg regarding local Tanzanian arts and crafts.

Pieces on display were described for the audience and included tribal working art, sculpture and wooden pieces. Julietta detailed how she had travelled abroad and had seen in those museums, Tanzanian crafts that were not on display locally. Upon her return, she took a Land Rover all over the country looking for art in faraway villages. Her current collection

includes crafts from everyday life, ceremonies, initiations and other cultural events.

Members also heard about the efforts that have been made in training women in town to create art for export. Challenges to this idea have included the difficulty for farmers to dedicate the required time when crops need to be picked as well as producing large enough quantities for export to foreign countries.



In addition, the morning was filled by an inspirational speech by Thomas Lyatuu of House of Peace and songs by some of the women themselves who travelled to be with us.

October DSG Meeting

Host: :
Anne Clarke, in conjunction with Makutano House



Prepare for a fun, interactive and different kind of DSG coffee morning!!

The next DSG Morning will be hosted by Anne Clarke and held at the newly opened [Makutano House](#), (off Toure Drive, just behind Sasatel House) on **Wednesday ,October 13th**.

Rachel Kessi will explain the history of Makutano as an organization promoting high quality arts and crafts in Tanzania. She will explain her vision for Makutano House and give us a taste of some of the activities that will take place there. There will be a guided tour and an opportunity to purchase art and crafts.

Also look forward to hearing from ATD Fourth World, guests of the Projects Committee (pg 3 more info).

From the DSG Chair.....Anne Clarke

DSG has welcomed more than 30 new members in the last month. I hope you are all settling in well to life in Dar and beginning to explore the city. This month and next, DSG will organize bus tours to help newcomers find their way around Dar and the Social Committee is planning an outing to the main market, Kariakoo.

I hope we can also organize a tour with [Afri-Roots](#), that will show us a part of the city we would normally never see. By bicycle or a combination of taxi and on foot the route goes to the poorest parts of the city and provides a glimpse of real Dar life.

For a beautiful photographic record of contemporary Dar and an insight into the history of familiar buildings, browse through Muzu Sulemanji's new book *Contemporary Dar es Salaam*.



Vanessa from Visa2Dance and Thomas Lyatuu of House of Peace at Sept DSG Morning

There will be no lack of entertainment in Dar during October. Visa2dance, Tanzania's contemporary dance festival, has its public performances on 7th, 8th and 9th October. DSG member Vanessa Tamburi, is Artistic Advisor to Visa2Dance and we feature an article about her in this edition of Habari DSG (page 6).

Two local festivals taking place this month are [Sauti za Busara](#) Music Festival and [ZIFF](#) Zanzibar International Film Festival.

On 13th October the second Kempinski Showcase features another young artist and another young designer. And on 14th October the European Film Festival begins, with over 35 films being screened over a period of 4 weeks.

As we say farewell to September, let's remember the amazing team who put together the Karibu Dance Party - a first for DSG and a great success.

Looking forward to the DSG Bazaar in November, a reminder to everyone to plan ahead to ensure everything is in place for the Big Day.

Have a great month and see you all on the 13th at Makutano House.



The Fundraising Committee has been busy with the preparations for the 2010 DSG Bazaar over the past month. Twenty six embassies and missions have confirmed participation, which guarantees that arts and crafts, food and other goods from around the world can be expected.

The entertainment program through out the bazaar is being prepared. Excellent raffle and lucky dip prizes have been se-

cured. Interesting kids' activities are arranged. The Bazaar is going to be another fun, joyful, interesting event for all!

So take out your highlighter, mark November 20, 2010 and go out tell your friends about our wonderful and meaningful Bazaar to come.

Please note, the entrance tickets and raffle tickets will be sold at the October DSG Morning so you may purchase yours

Fundraising - Circle the Bazaar Date! By Xiaobing He

The United Nations Spouses Group (UNSG) of Tanzania is kindly requesting donations of used clothes, toys, books, shoes etc for a sale at the White Elephant Bazaar Stall.

The White Elephant stall is a second hand stall which has a good reputation for a good bargain. We price our items cheaply and generally sell everything.

The Boutique: Your good quality items will be priced accordingly and nicely displayed in a corner of the stall.

All funds raised will be used for charity.

If you have any of these items or know someone who does, [Please contact us and we are happy to pick up your donation](#)

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Projects Committee Report...by Judy Wiesinger

During September, members of the projects committee have made follow-up visits to several of the projects funded during 2010. Where possible, we visit the projects that have received DSG funding, to verify that the money was used for the purpose requested and to collect receipts.

At the beginning of the month, we headed to Kerege village, near Bagamoyo, to visit Kidzcare (funds used to build a kindergarten for children in the local community). Three visits were then made in rapid succession, to visit Mbuyuni School, Dar es Salaam (classroom furniture for disabled children), to Tegeta Mission Dispensary and Canossa Secondary School, both run by the Canossian Daughters of Charity (the DSG funded, respectively, a hot air sterilizing oven and textbooks). Our last trip this month was to Jamuge pre-school for orphans and vulnerable children in Mbagala, Dar es Salaam (classroom furniture, books & supplies).

We have been sorry to say goodbye to committee member, Mariann Bache who is studying for exams. Thank you, Mariann, for your hard work and commitment to our projects – and good luck! We have been delighted to welcome four newcomers on these visits, and expect to be able to invite more club members to come along in the future.

ATD Fourth World -

"We live in a world which is organised in such a way so as not to have contact with the poorest people, while at the same time it wonders why so many of its inhabitants feel excluded. ATD Fourth World is a link that allows people to come together, to think together and to act together." Eugene Brand –

Director-General of ATD

ATD Fourth World is an international NGO which focuses on

supporting the poorest of the poor through its grass-roots presence and involvement in disadvantaged communities, creating public awareness of extreme poverty and influencing policies to address it.

For more than 10 years, ATD Fourth World has been present in Tanzania. They have been particularly involved at the Fish Market at Magongoni – Dar es Salaam, especially with the firewood and charcoal sellers (about fifty men and women), who are among the poorest workers at the Fish Market. The firewood and charcoal sellers find wood in the city, bring it to the Fish Market and cut it into pieces to be sold to the fish fryers. Some of



them are homeless and many illiterate. In November 2008, the head of the association of the firewood and charcoal sellers requested ATD's support for a project teaching some of his co-workers how to read and write in Swahili. During 2009, thanks to DSG funding, a literacy-training pilot study was run over a period of six months for 12 students (the "learners"). A teacher was hired to give a two-hour lesson twice a week, and every "learner" was assisted by a "supporter" who was responsible for encouraging and helping him with the homework.

The pilot study was such a success that the DSG decided to grant further funding in 2010 to enable ATD to conduct two more literacy courses for two groups of 12 workers each. Hassani, who is homeless, and lives on the periphery of the wood sellers' section at the fish market, attended the pilot literacy project. He was one of the most motivated of the twelve learners. Miraji, who sells oil in zone 5 of the market and who has 2 children at school, was also a keen learner. Both said they felt empowered by being able to read and write. They can now read where the daladas are going, understand SMS messages, read with their children, and sign their names.

www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Tanzania,549-.html

DSG Website - Check it out!

In the last couple of months we have been working hard to construct the new DSG Website.

Go to www.dsgdar.org. On the Home Page you will find a welcome note and links to upcoming events, the latest newsletter and a featured project. You can also click on a Calendar that gives you an overview of the year ahead. The intention is to include other community events alongside those of DSG as we develop the site.

On other pages of the site you will find information about DSG – its goals, structure and history. There are pages for Social Activities – DSG mornings and special interest groups; Newcomers; Fundraising – reports of previous bazaars and plans for this year; Projects – with an overview of projects funded in the last few years and form for those who may wish to apply for funding in the future.

Our webmaster, Lisa Rosenfield, welcomes your feedback and suggestions.



Newcomers Committee Welcomes Members



If you were unable attend the DSG newcomers' coffee morning, but would like to participate in future coffee mornings or the Dar city bus tour, please e-mail Lilia or Lisa at dsgdarnewcomers@gmail.com

NEWCOMER'S COFFEE: To be held on October 20, 9:30am

EU
Ayahlush Getachew
Kelly Gebel

KENYA
Naomi Mutinda

NIGERIA
Andrew Osemobo

PAKISTAN
Naveeda Tajammul

SOUTH KOREA
Kyungeun Lee

SWEDEN

Gunilla Hjelmaker
Jan Sandberg

IMF
Kim Y.J.Abbasi

UNDP
Giselle Poisot Chagas

WORLD BANK
Iveta Silarszka
Vidyun. S.Ahluwalia

Karibu Dance Party

Congratulations to all involved in organizing the Karibu Dance Party and to those who helped on the night. The event was a great success, with fabulous music by the Tanzanites ensuring that the dance floor was full to overflowing throughout the evening. The proceeds from tickets sales and the Silent Auction will go equally to the House of Peace Crisis Centre for Women, and Neema Crafts in Iringa, which supports people with disabilities. We expect to give close to 4 million T shillings to each organization.

Thanks go to Mövenpick Royal Palm Hotel for the venue, Irene Schuthof for the stunning décor, Art 'n Frame for printing of tickets and posters, and Red 'n White for the bubbly welcome drink.

The Prize Draw for a holiday for two in Egypt was won by Marine de Labriolle. Our thanks go to Egyptair and the Mövenpick for their generous sponsorship of the air tickets, accommodation and Nile Cruise.

We are also extremely appreciative of the generous donations for the silent auction from Swala Gem, Leopard Tours, Jazz Salon and Neema Crafts.

We greatly appreciated the opportunity to work together with the Social Sustainability Team at the Mövenpick and hope to do so again in future.



Social Committee - What are your DSG Interests?

The Karibu Dance Party was a huge success with all tickets sold!! The door prize was won by Marine de Labriolle—congratulations to her! We also received bids for all the silent auction items. The dancing got started by 8:30pm and the floor was crowded until the very end. Wow, DSG members really enjoyed themselves!

The Movenpick provided tasty food, the decorations by Irene were wonderful as was the welcome drink provided by Red&White. Thanks to everyone for their contributions towards making this a very successful charity event.

We are now planning the Kariakoo Shopping trip for the end of October. Please look for further details in your inbox or contact our committee for sign ups/details.

Seeking members with skills they would like to share! The committee is looking for someone to:

1. Assist the treasurer
2. Update member lists and distribute emails to members

If interested, please contact:

Sari Werderman,
DSG Activity Coordinator



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	Monthly on Thurs or Fri mornings		Oluseyi Onabanjo	0765 751 744
French Book Club	Once a month on Fridays	4pm	Elena Conti	0782 144 137
Tennis Group	Contact Beth	TBD	Beth Mahoney	0759 332 089

Entertainment and Events

submissions by members, for members, with an emphasis on charity



For many spouses, moving to a new country means a break in their career but for Vanessa Tamburi it has brought new opportunities to explore her passion for dance, choreography and the arts in general. Vanessa is Artistic Advisor for the [Visa2Dance](#) festival, an annual event bringing together contemporary dancers from around the world for workshops and performance. Vanessa, together with Artistic Director, Aloyce Makonde and Coordinator, Rachel Kessi, are working on final preparations

for the 2010 Visa2Dance festival, which begins on 4th October.

Vanessa began her career as a dancer with the National Dance Academy of Rome and then went on to study at Mudra, the school directed by M. Bejart, in Brussels. She then worked as a solo dancer for the the Ballet of Montercarlo, the Hamburg Ballet and the Vienna Opera Ballet. Over the years she became more and more interested in contemporary choreographic work, melding dance with contemporary theatre, visual and multimedia art. Eventually she established the company [FLUSSO Dance Project](#). FLUSSO explores the fusion of theatre, dance, music, videos and visual arts.

It is through [Visa2Dance](#) that Vanessa has found her niche in the artistic community of Tanzania and is sharing her ideas and experiences. She has taken inspiration from some of the important issues facing Tanzania today. For example, for the 2009 Visa2Dance she created *Black in White*, a piece about the situation of albinos. in this country. For this year's festival, there will be new creations on the themes of women, youth and disability.

Don't miss the Visa2Dance Festival performances which will be on 7th, 8th and 9th October at Dar es Salaam's Diamond Jubilee Hall and 15th October at Mtoni Palace Ruins in Zanzibar. Submitted by Anne Clarke



Its great to see so many people interested in learning Tinga Tinga Painting. I have an enthusiastic young teacher who will be able to teach us this very interesting African art. He will be charging TSH5000 per person per class. We will be using our own materials (canvas, paints, brushes etc) for the classes. He can provided us the materials which we can purchase from him. The classes will last about 2 hours. If you are still interested can you please email me mentioning which day will be most suitable for you. Would mornings suit most of us? I would also request if anyone can offer a location where we can have the classes. Contact: Sylvia Gangte



TALK ON THE HADZABE PEOPLE BY PROFESSOR MARINA BUTOVSKAYA ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER AT 10 A.M. AT THE RUSSIAN-TANZANIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

This exciting and informative presentation , by a social anthropologist recently returned from her research expedition among the hunter-gatherer Hadzabe people near Lake Eyusi in north central Tanzania. Her presentation is tentatively entitled, “**Traditional Societies in Modern Life.**”

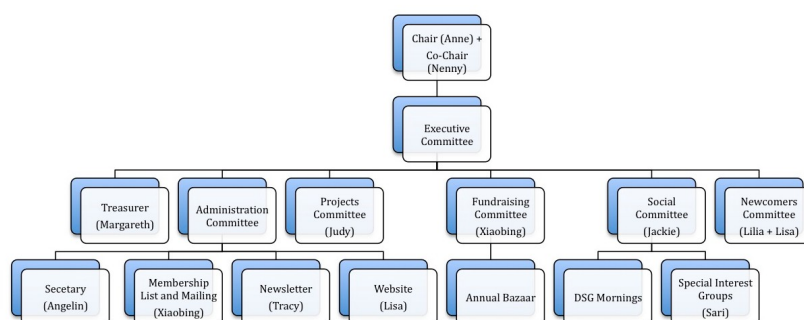


Please join in learning more about Tanzania's oldest inhabitants, a people whose lives have changed little in thousands of years and who have had minimal contact with modern society. For more information, please contact Mrs. Olga Kiwale at the Russian-Tanzanian Cultural Centre on Sea View Road, Dar es Salaam, at 2136578

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.

DSG ORGANIZATION CHART 2010-2011



Chairperson:

Clarke, Anne

Co-Chairperson:

Yudhistiranto, Nenny

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Naeverlid, Margareth

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He, Xiaobing (members' list)

Rosenfield, Lisa (webmaster)

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