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Special points of interest:

- Note the next meeting on your calendar now— **August 25th**
- Start collecting Bazaar items now!

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DSG Karibu Dance Party

Welcome back to another great DSG year and to an abbreviated version of the monthly newsletter! **DSG and Movenpick have partnered this year to hold a very exciting event!**

DSG welcomes all returning and new members. The August morning will be full of information, news and even some shopping opportunities.

Annual dues are 20,000 tsh and benefit charity. Membership is open to all spouses holding diplomatic status.

Mark your calendar now – September 24th at 8pm is the date of our Karibu Dance Party.

All proceeds will go to House of Peace and Neema Crafts.

In addition to dancing, look forward to a silent auction. And who will win the door prize? Donation by Egypt Air.

Price of the dance ticket is 30,000 tsh and includes a drink and bitings. A cash bar will also be open.

Tickets will be on sale at the August DSG Morning



August DSG Meeting

You are cordially invited....

Host: : Mrs Jacqueline Lenhardt

American Residence

Toure Drive



Mark it on your calendar now!!!

Wednesday, August 25th

9:30am

WELCOMING MEETING

DSG invites returning members and new members to come and get to know one another.

Please make sure to forward to all newcomers with your missions.

A DSG overview will be given as well as an update on Fundraising Activities.

Sister Jean Pruitt will speak about the shelter for street children she operates in Dar.

Items will be on sale from various charities and local shops such as D.Light

Sign up for events:

- Art lessons, crafts
- Book Club
- Shopping trips

Projects Committee Report

The projects committee is taking a well deserved break through this school holiday season. However, the efforts that have been made through DSG are ongoing and the committee will be back to work in September.



Fundraising— DSG Bazaar 2010

Members recognized and thanked Anne Clarke for heading the Fundraising Committee for the past year. Anne has recently held several meetings to hand over the committee to the new chair and members.

All members are encouraged to be forming country teams for the Bazaar booths. Now is a great time to begin thinking of items to sell as people come and go from holidays in home countries.

Xiaobing He has kindly volunteered to chair the Fundraising Committee for the 2010-2011 year.



In addition, if you are interested in serving on the committee, members are still needed. Please visit the website or contact Xiaobing.

Members met at the Chinese Residence on May 28th and have agreed to meet again in August.

The 2010 Bazaar will be held on November 20th at the IST

Upper School campus.

New Interest Group - Travel!

At our last meeting, the social committee proposed the organization of a new travel group and the ideas are flowing! Here are a few of the proposals being considered:

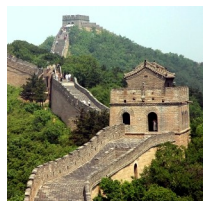
members!

If you are interested in travel, please send your details to:

- Local trips around Dar
- Girls trips to SA or Dubai
- Cultural trip to China

jacquelinelenhardt@yahoo.com

Watch for more information in future newsletters and at the morning meetings!



This is going to be an exciting year for DSG

Newcomer's Committee



Welcome all newcomers!!!

You are invited to a coffee on Tuesday, August 31st. More details will follow on the website and at the Morning Meeting.

Minister Margaret Sitta thanks DSG for their support to the House of Peace Women's Shelter

Speaking at the launch on July 2nd of the UNFPA and House of Peace campaign "Don't Kick her, kick the ball", Minister Margaret Sitta thanked DSG, the Corona Society and the US Embassy for their support to the House of Peace Women's Shelter.

In June, DSG contributed 2,000,000 Tsh in response to an appeal for emergency funding from the House of Peace who were threatened with eviction if they failed to pay their rent arrears.

The campaign involves the sale of footballs carrying the slogan, "Don't kick her, kick a football" and in Kiswahili, "Usimpige mwanamke, piga mpira". The balls will be on sale for 25,000 Tsh at Shoppers Supermarkets and Protea Hotels in Dar es Salaam. All profits from the sales will go to the House of Peace.

The House of Peace is the only crisis centre in Dar es Salaam and indeed in Tanzania for women escaping gender based violence. It provides shelter, legal aid, health care, food and clothing for the women and children. There are currently 35 women and 17 children staying at the shelter.

Ashura and Alice, two of the women, gave moving testimonies at the Campaign Launch, outlining how they and their children had been the victims of violence from their husbands and other family members. Destitute and in despair, they have found in the House of Peace, a way to regain their strength and dignity and to build a new life.

Speaking at the launch, Hon. Margaret Sitta, Minister of Community Development, Women and Children, shared the shocking statistic from a WHO study that 41% of women in Dar es Salaam experienced physical or sexual violence at the hands of their partner.

Both Minister Sitta and Mrs. Julitta Onabanjo, UNFPA Representative in Tanzania, stressed that violence against women is unacceptable and must stop. They emphasized that, as well as legal protection, the economic empowerment of women is crucial to bringing this about.

Jackie Lenhardt, wife of the US Ambassador and a social worker by profession is volunteering two hours a week at the House of Peace. She and DSG Chair, Anne Clarke, were present at the launch.



DSG Website - Work in Progress

In the last couple of months we have been working hard to construct the new DSG Website. Although there is still a lot more we can do, we want to share it now so we can get your feedback and suggestions.

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.

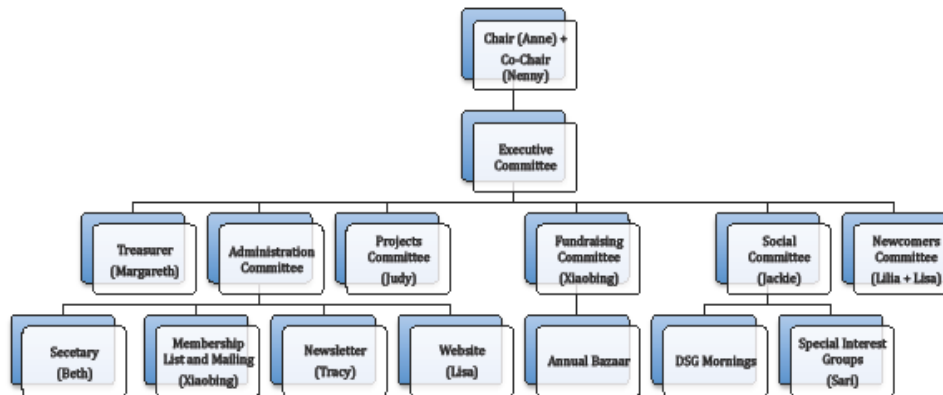
Our webmaster, Lisa Rosenfield, welcomes your feedback and suggestions.



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

Treasurer:

Naeverlid, Margareth

Administration:

- Mahoney, Beth (secretary)
- He, Xiaobing (members' list)
- Rosenfield, Lisa (webmaster)
- Moreno, Tracy (newsletter)

Social Committee:

- Lenhardt, Jacqueline
- Werderman, Sari

Fundraising Committee:

- Apparicio, Jeniffer
- Gangte, Sylvia (supporting raffle)
- Grillo, Deniona
- He, Xiaobing**
- Koekkoek, Berna
- Lenhardt, Jacqueline
- Meglioli, Alejandra
- Midttun, Guri
- Moreno, Tracy
- Moussa, Naima
- Mthimunye, Mounia
- Vercruysse, Veronique
- Werderman, Sari
- Yudhistiranto, Nenny

Newcomers' Committee:

- Pazienza Rosenfield, Lisa
- Podgurschi, Lilia

Projects Committee:

- Bach, Marianne
- Clarke, Anne
- Korgren, Mia
- Midttun, Guri
- Vercruysse, Veronique
- Waller, Ginie
- Wiesinger, Judy**

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