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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Note the next meeting on your calendar now—September 15th**
- **Start collecting Bazaar items now!**

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## DSG Begins a New Year!

Thank you to Mrs. Jacqueline Lenhardt for hosting the August DSG meeting. We had a very large group in attendance and it was wonderful to see all the returning members as well as the new ones.

Members had the opportunity to socialize, sign up for the Karibu Dance Party and other activities, shop and hear our guest speaker talk about her projects.

Sister Jean has lived in Tanzania for 41 years; her passion is helping the local children. After pointing out that 50% of the population is under the age of 18, she highlighted 3 programs.



Jacqueline and Papu



Sister Jean

1. **Ajenda Ya Watoto** advances children's rights in Tanzania. There is a call for support from DSG members to spread the word and engage politicians to invest in youth.
2. **Www.teachafrika.com** is a website where books can be purchased that support pastoralist girls and orphans. These make great gifts.
3. **Dogodogo Center** is the ongoing center that receives street children and places them in school. Graduates now work in Dar, are artists and studying in universities.

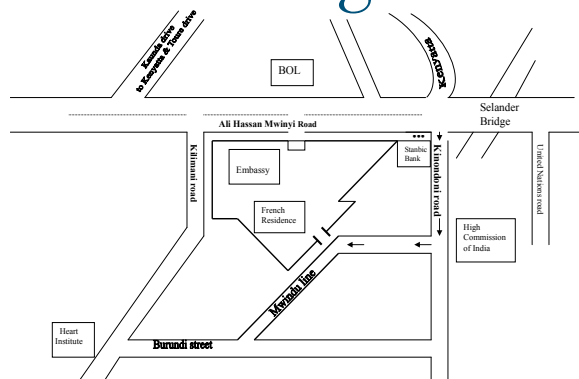
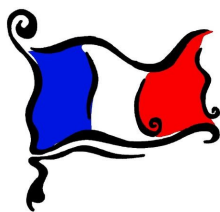
## September DSG Meeting

Host: : Mrs Marine de Labriolle  
French Residence

Mark it on your calendar now!!!

Wednesday,  
Sept 15th

9:30am



Marine de Labriolle  
Residence of the French Ambassador  
Mwindi line  
Park the cars in the street

## From the DSG Chair.....Anne Clarke



Welcome to the new DSG year and a special *Karibu* to those of you who have just arrived in Tanzania. Thanks to Jackie for hosting a wonderful DSG Morning at the US Residence and to Sister Jean Pruitt, founder of the Dogodogo Centre, for her inspirational words about the importance of empowering children and campaigning for the [Children's Agenda](#) and children's rights.

The work of DSG has been continuing apace over the holiday period. We are excited about our new [DSG Website](#) and hope that you will all visit it and give us your feedback and suggestions.

The Karibu Dance Party is our major event this month so please mark September 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and call Sari (0763 558473) to buy your tickets. You will find a poster on the DSG website you can use to advertise the event among friends and colleagues.



September always seems like a time of Homecoming – a time to catch up on everyone's news and share stories of travel and adventure. This year my husband and I decided to spend our vacation in Tanzania to explore new places and return to some of our favourite haunts. Among the highlights were: turtles hatching from their nests at South Beach (the nests are protected by an NGO called [Sea Sense](#)); exploring Bagamoyo's history with a wonderful guide from the [Institute of Tourism](#) (0784 869652); staying at [Mbuyuni Farm Retreat](#) in Morogoro and visiting the remarkable [Hero Rats](#) (giant pouched rats that are trained to detect landmines and also TB); and spending two hours watching wild dogs in Selous.

I encourage you all to explore Tanzania. It is full of hidden gems!

## Fundraising— DSG Bazaar 2010



Calling all committee members, country booth organizers and bazaar volunteers:

Meeting at the Chinese Residence

September 13th

9:30am

DSG Bazaar 2010 will be held at the IST Upper School campus on November 20th, 2010. The Fundraising Committee of DSG began preparations in May and this is ongoing.

At the last meeting, the Committee de-

ecided to hold its first Bazaar Briefing Meeting at the Chinese Residence on September 13th, 2010. All embassies and diplomatic missions in Tanzania are invited and encouraged to participate by providing Bazaar booths, food stands, entertainment performances, donations in cash or in kind.

Much help is needed in organizing such a Bazaar. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please contact Xiaobing or any other member of the Committee.

## Projects Committee Report

The current projects committee consists of eight members. Its role is to distribute the funds raised at the annual Charity Bazaar to local initiatives which assist Tanzania's most vulnerable citizens. Further details can be found on the DSG website, [www.dsgdar.org](http://www.dsgdar.org), and I strongly encourage you to take a look at the projects that the DSG supports. If you would like more information or might be interested in joining the committee, please get in touch, either in person, or at [dsgprojects@live.com](mailto:dsgprojects@live.com).

One of the initiatives that we have supported for the past two years, and which will be one of the recipients of the funds raised at the Karibu Dance on 24 September, is Neema Crafts Center in Iringa. It empowers people with disabilities, helping them out of extreme poverty through handicrafts' training and employment opportunities. Both in 2009 and 2010, we provided the Center with funds for tailoring training courses, and I would like to share the story of one of the tailoring students with you.

Julias Mhapa is 39 years old, married and has a daughter who is 20. His daughter has



completed form 4 but has not yet managed to find a job. Julias' wages from the tailoring course are meeting the basic requirements for his mother, his wife, his daughter and his three younger brothers, all of whom are living with him, and none of whom has a job.

Julias lives in Tagamenda, which is about eight kilometres outside Iringa Town. He has polio in both legs, which he contracted when he was three, so he now crawls on his hands, and cycles to Neema on his tricycle.

The tailoring course is a way out of his previous life for him. Prior to Neema, he tried to support his family by watering flowers. Then he heard about Neema's tailoring course and thought it was a good opportunity

for him to apply (he had been on the waiting list for three years), as it would give him a certificate that would help him in the future to get a job as a tailor. There is no other opportunity for him due to his disability.

Being disabled, Julias did not have access to education, and in recent years he has relied upon his neighbours to teach him to read and write, which he is now learning slowly. At the end of the tailoring course he would like to apply to be an inworker at Neema or, at the very least, an outworker if his skills are up to it.

He is incredibly grateful for the opportunity that Neema, and through Neema the DSG - has given him and is very happy to be at Neema.

Judy Wiesinger

Projects Chair

## 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](http://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 - Coffee Morning



Sixteen newcomers joined the DSG Newcomer Committee, DSG Chair Anne Clarke and Social Committee Member Sari Werderman for an intimate coffee morning at Newcomers' Committee co-chair Lilia Podgurschi's home. After introductions and an overview about the DSG, Committee co-chair Lisa Rosenfield Paziienza led a discussion about living in Dar Es Salaam. While Dar is the

first international post for some, others are veterans of both Dar and other foreign countries. Topics included security, health, recreation, shopping and local customs. Guests had the opportunity to mingle and sample delicious refreshments. The group was enthusiastic and many members expressed interest in joining DSG committees, getting involved in DSG activities, and participating in the

newcomers' Dar city bus tour.

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](mailto:dsgdarnewcomers@gmail.com). For additional information about upcoming newcomers' events, visit [www.dsgdar.org](http://www.dsgdar.org).

## DSG Welcomes New Members

### CANADA

Christian Kananura  
Radica Bose

### CHINA

Bai Tie (Summer)

### DFID ( UK)\*

Kate Moberly

### E.U.

Ewa Grodzicka

### FINLAND

Anna Kokkonen  
Hanna Pikkarainen  
Paivi Putkonen  
Tina Tamminen

### FRANCE

Sandra Lenglin

### GERMANY

Katharina Graf-  
Pfungsten

### IRELAND

Annaba Kilfeather

### JAPAN

Yukiko Veno,  
Emi Hamamo

### NORWAY

Rosita Lundstol

### SWEDEN

Kristin Hyving,  
Tonny Lindstrom

### USA

Teresa Abshire

Solomon Asres

Jane Balisky

Lisa Cook

Mike Connors

Grant Gleisner

Peter Jensen

Fatima Quiroz

Mary Stephenson

Jim Yates

### IMF (Afritac)

Feno Maret

### UNIDO

Hope Kalenzi

### World Bank

Elizabeth Mehta  
Endanchyelem  
Mekkonen

# Social Committee - What are your DSG Interests?

Many thanks for all who took their time to fill the activity questionnaire at this year's first DSG meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. I also received some replies after the event via email – thanks for not forgetting.

It was very nice to see the level of interest! Now that I have member's contact details, I will try and send emails so that people with similar interests can plan a get-together and choose a group leader/contact person amongst them. Some activity groups from last year already have contact persons (see below).

It was also nice to learn that many members were interested in day trips and travel. The local trip to Dar Markets drew the most interest and many members were also interested in our ideas of travelling abroad as a group. In addition, there were some new activity ideas!

The following are the results of our questionnaire in order of popularity.

- Dar Markets, October 2010 (22)
- Cooking (16)
- Overnight or all day Spa Retreat in Dar, February 2011 (16)
- Dar Fish market, January 2011 (15)
- Painting Classes (10)
- Shopping trip to Nairobi Kenya, Spring time 2011 (10)
-  Trip to China, May 2011 (10)
- Walking group (8)
- Shopping trip to South Africa, December 2010 (8)
- Table Tennis (7)
- Holiday Gift making (7)

- English Book club (6)
- Bridge (6)
- Tennis (5)
- English Conversation (4)
- African Dance (4)
- Games (4)
- French Book Club (2)
- Sewing (2)
- Scrapbooking (2)
- Yoga/Meditation (2)



Sari Werderman,  
 DSG Activity Coordinator  
[woodham.sari@gmail.com](mailto:woodham.sari@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	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

Have you purchased your tickets yet?

Now on Sale!!!

To purchase tickets:

- Contact Sari Werderman
- Contact Sara Collins
- Come to Sept DSG Mtg

Win a fantastic door prize!

Support DSG Charities



# KARIBU DANCE NIGHT

MÖVENPICK ROYAL PALM HOTEL

24 September 2010

8 - 12 pm



Proceeds to

**NEEMA CRAFTS**

(helping people with disabilities in Iringa)

**HOUSE OF PEACE**

(fighting against gender-based violence)

**30,000Tsh/person**

Contact Sara 0755-006722

or Sari 0763-558473

Organised by



**Live Band TANZANITE**  
Door Prize and Silent Auction  
Casual dress



**TANZANIAN WOMEN BRING FRESH VEGETABLES TO DAR**

## LOOKING FOR FRESH VEGETABLES?

### SUPPORT TANZANIAN WOMEN AT THE SAME TIME!

The Women Power Project, with the assistance of the Women in Social Entrepreneurship (WISE), will be your connection to fresh vegetables.

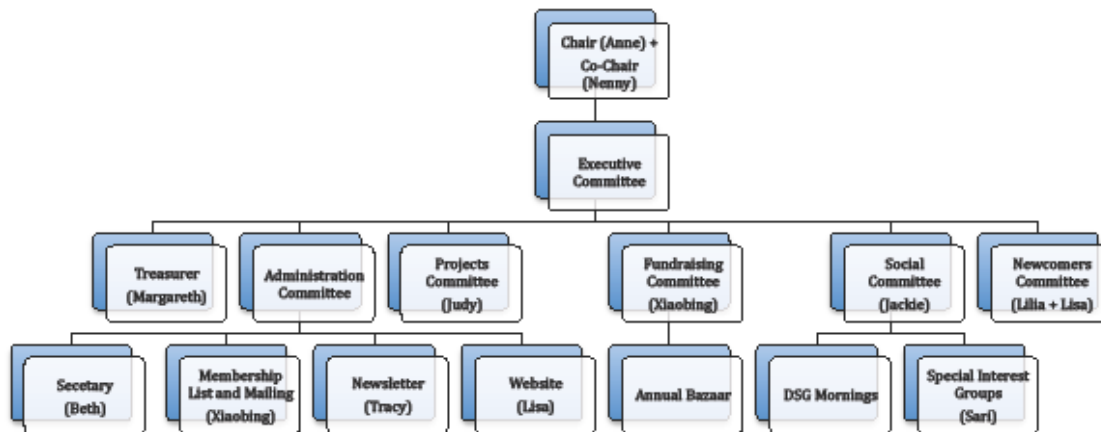
The WPP is a project with a mission of empowering women whereby we sell their vegetables at a fair wage as a way of protecting them from exploitation by the brokers who buy things at low prices. The vegetables are washed and packed in 1/4kg, 1/2kg and 1kg and then delivered at the gates of the respective customers. Currently we are working with women from Morogoro, Mpwapwa and Dar es Salaam.

This project is set to begin by October 1st so look in the next newsletter for information and ordering details. Everything will be done online!

## 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:

Nicholson, Angelin (secretary)

He, Xiaobing (members' list)

Rosenfield, Lisa (webmaster)

Moreno, Tracy (newsletter)

### Social Committee:

**Lenhardt, Jacqueline**

**Werderman, Sari**

### Fundraising Committee:

Apparicio, Jeniffer

Asres, Solomon

Bai, Summer

Gangte, Sylvia

Grillo, Deniona

Hapriante, Yanti

**He, Xiaobing**

Koekkoek, Berna

Lenhardt, Jacqueline

Meglioli, Alejandra

Midttun, Guri

Moreno, Tracy

Moussa, Naima

Mthimunya, Mounia

Vercruysse, Veronique

Werderman, Sari

Yates, Jim

Yudhistiranto, Nenny

### Newcomers' Committee:

**Pazienza Rosenfield, Lisa**

**Podgurschi, Lilia**

### Projects Committee:

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Clarke, Anne

Collins, Sara

Korsgren, Mia

Midttun, Guri

Vercruysse, Veronique

Waller, Ginie

**Wiesinger, Judy**