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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Note the next DSG meeting on your calendar now - May 18th**
- **Executive Board meets May 12th**

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April DSG Meeting

The April DSG morning meeting proved to be delectable at the Italian Residence! Special thanks to H.E. Mr. Pierluigi for the use of the beautiful Italian Residence, to Lisa Rosenfield for organizing, to Mrs. Maria Teresa D'Angelo for hosting and to Mr. Dario de Nicola from the CEFA organization.



Mr. de Nicola commenced the meeting with a brief history of his organization, which was established in Tanzania in 1976 primarily as a Rural Development program.

Cefa Njombe Milk Factory collaborates with farmers in

Njombe District and processes milk, yogurt and various types of cheeses. By involving the local community, CEFA has affected sustainable economic change. In addition, a social intervention program makes dairy products available to children in the region. Currently, over 24,000 school children receive free milk at school to assist with nutrition.

The most recent action being taken is through the LESS (Labor Empowerment and Social Services) is MORE project that is working to provide opportunities for the disabled, HIV/AIDS infected and orphans of Dar es Salaam. Participants are carefully screened and then offered a 3 month training program, leading to education, jobs or employment with an in-house catering service.

For more information about the organization or how to order products, please email: cefatanzania@gmail.com



May DSG Meeting

You are cordially invited to the last DSG Morning Meeting prior to the break...



Hostess: Mrs. Jacqueline Lenhardt

USA Residence

9 Toure Drive

You are welcome to showcase a dish from your country by bringing it to this meeting. On this morning, we will hold our Annual General Meeting.

From the DSG Chair.....Anne Clarke

Just a few days ago, I was flying over Serengeti with an amazing view of the great migration of wildebeest and zebra that travel 1000 km through the vast expanse of protected area in the north of Tanzania. This birds-eye view is a great way to see the 'big picture' – to understand the landscape and to appreciate the scale of this wonder of the natural world. So I decided to put on a wide-angle lens to look at the year I have served as your chair, to put to one side the details and to focus on the important landmarks in our journey through the year.



In June, the old and new Executive met together to brainstorm the year ahead. I hope this lively and creative discussion will become an annual event. Amongst other things, the group called for the forging of closer links between UNSG, ADSG and DSG and, throughout the year, representatives of ADSG and UNSG have attended all DSG Executive meetings and the organizations have supported one another in the planning of major events.

In early August, the first Habari DSG Newsletter dropped into members email boxes and welcomed us (back) to Dar. Habari DSG has come out, like clockwork, on the first of every month (except January) throughout the year. August also saw the launch of the DSG Website, with information about the organization, events and projects, as well as contact information for newcomers to Dar. A *Karibu Tanzania* bookmark, with the DSG website address, has been produced by the Newcomers Committee and will be distributed to all missions to give to their new staff.

In September, the Karibu Dance was a great start to the DSG year. Primarily a social event, it also raised 9 million TSh for two DSG projects – Neema Crafts and The House of Peace.

In November, the 2010 Charity Bazaar, graced by the presence of Hon. Mrs. Asha Bilal, raised over 70 million TSh and received excellent feedback from visitors. Press coverage focused not only on the event but on the projects funded by DSG.

Some small strides have been made this year to add variety to DSG mornings and to organize visits and workshops. In January, a group took the Dar Reality Tour with Mejah from Afrirroots to see a different side of Dar life. Also in January, a group of girls from Bethsaida Secondary School ran a card-making workshop for UNSG and DSG members. In February at the Indonesian Residence, members learned how to make flowers from cake-icing, flowers from vegetables, paper flowers and flower arrangements. I hope there will be more events like this next year.

In February and March the Projects Committee reviewed 80 project applications and, after fact-finding visits, emails and a great deal of discussion, selected 15 for funding.

In March, DSG received a grant of almost 15 million TSh from a French NGO, *Ecole pour tous*, to purchase school material for distribution to DSG projects. Six projects will benefit from this funding.

After this whistle-stop flight over the DSG year I hope you will agree there is a great deal to be proud of and, of course, an enormous number of people deserving of thanks for their creativity, inspiration, hard work and understanding. I will thank you all individually at our final DSG Morning of the year on May 18th but, for now, please enjoy the reports from each of our Committee Chairs.

Projects Committee

By Judy Wiesinger

The DSG supports local initiatives which assist Tanzania's most vulnerable citizens, most often women, children and the physically and mentally challenged. At the end of January, 2010, 25 applications were received, of which 16 were funded. One year later, 80 applications were received of which 15 were chosen to be supported with the proceeds of the DSG's fundraising efforts at the annual charity bazaar held in November, 2010. Six organisations funded in 2011 had previously received support from the DSG in 2010, albeit for different projects.

The projects committee currently comprises ten DSG members who meet regularly throughout the year. All projects are selected on the basis of the following criteria: focus on education, income-generation or health; community-based, focusing on vulnerable groups; strong reliable leadership – all requiring a self-sustaining long-term vision. Where possible, pre-funding visits are made to determine the viability of the proposed project prior to awarding funds, and visits are made to the selected projects by committee members or general members when possible, and upon completion of the project.

In January, for the first time, three committee members made a trip to Zanzibar to raise awareness about the DSG and its funding system. This took place at meetings with representatives of NGOs in northern Unguja (Mangapwani) and at the Aga Khan NGO Resource Centre in Stone Town.

Information about the DSG projects is presented to the membership in the following ways: on the projects board at the monthly meetings, in the form of speakers representing selected projects and in the monthly Habari newsletter. The following projects were featured since September 2010: ATD Fourth World, ReClaim Women's Space, Neema Crafts, House of Peace, Ocean Road Children's Cancer Ward, MWIDEFU and Bethsaida Girls Secondary School.

The 15 projects chosen for funding in 2011 are located in 7 areas of the country, as follows:

Bagamoyo – Moyo Mmoja Trust, Kidzcare (Kerege)

Dar es Salaam – ATD Fourth World (Tegeta), Bethsaida Girls Secondary School, CHIPUA

Dodoma – Miyuji Cheshire Home, Tanzania Cheshire Foundation

Iringa – Neema Crafts Centre for People with Disabilities

Mwanza – BCDSA (Busega Children's Development Services and Assistance), Lake Victoria Children Organisation (Ukerewe Island), TAHEA Mwanza

North – ECONEF (Usa River), Maadili Child Care Centre (Arusha), St. Clara Girls Secondary School (Same)

Zanzibar – COWPZ (Catalyst Organisation for Women Progress in Zanzibar), Jumuiya ya ma Albino

In addition to supporting projects with funds raised at the bazaar and other DSG events, the DSG has been able to donate 15,000,000/= as a result of a very generous donation from the French NGO , Ecole pour Tous , that supports schools. The following projects will be benefiting from this source: Emusoi, Loreto School, CHIPUA, ECONEF, Children's Cancer Ward and ATD street library (Tandale).



To the left is a photo of young women of CHIPUA (Dar es Salaam).

To the right is a photo of the women of COWPZ (Zanzibar)



Fundraising Exceeded Goals! By Xiaobing He

In the year 2010-2011, as usual, the major activity that the Fundraising Committee engaged in was to organize the Annual DSG Bazaar. Around 24 DSG members joined the Committee and diligently worked to make the Bazaar a success.

Thirty-one embassies, high commissions and international institutes participated in the Bazaar, which provided 25 country stalls, 9 food stalls, a white elephant market and a kids' activity area. Additional kids' activities, entertainment programs and drinks were provided on the warm Dar es Salaam afternoon. Over 100 prizes were drawn either as raffle prizes or the lucky dip prizes. The variety of activities made the Bazaar not only a shopping and eating event, but also a fun afternoon for a family outing and relaxing weekend spot. Special thanks should be given to IST for providing

the site and services.

Efforts were made to publicize the Bazaar. We were honored to have Mama Aisha Bilal as our Guest of Honor. Approximately seven articles and pictures were published before and after the bazaar in several major English and Swahili newspapers. The committee also organized for over 1000 posters and 3000 leaflets to be printed. Through diplomatic and community channels, they were distributed to a wide population. KLM continued their sponsorship of the Bazaar together with many other sponsors, either in kind or as service providers. Pepsi and Azam joined the sponsor's team for the first time. A full list of donors and



sponsors can be found on the DSG web site www.dsgdar.org

The Bazaar drew over 3000 visitors and made more than 71 million Tanzanian shillings net income through embassies, high commissions and international institution's contributions, sponsor's cash donations, tickets and drink sales. The money earned forms a good foundation for our Project Committee to start this year's program and make our DSG a useful organization to help the Tanzanian society.

Please be sure to read the Projects Committee report to see specifically which organizations will benefit from the Bazaar efforts during the 2011 year.

Members are encouraged to join the Fundraising Committee to help formulate ideas for 2011-2012.

Karibu Newcomers to DSG By Lilia and Lisa

The Newcomer's Committee was exceptionally pleased to welcome new DSG members at every meeting over the past year! In all, 62 Dar diplomats became new members, helping DSG to maintain a vibrant and active community.

Approximately half of the new members have taken advantage of the special coffee mornings held to welcome those who are new to Dar and the DSG. These meetings were filled



with lively discussions, information about daily life in Dar as well as activities and interest

groups specifically pertaining to the DSG and introductions of new friends. The fourth and final **Newcomer's Coffee** will be held on **May 12th**. Invitations have gone out; if you are new and have not received yours, please contact us!

It was exciting to see so many newcomers participate in activities early on, including the DSG Bazaar held in November. Additionally, a **bus city tour** has been planned for the **19th of May**. If you would like to participate and have not yet signed up,



contact Lisa or Lilia.

The final project of the Newcomer's Committee this year has been to have a bookmark designed and printed with the DSG website. Sylvia Gangte supplied an original painting for the project which George McBean helped to design. All members at the April DSG Morning Meeting received a bookmark. In the future, all newcomers will receive a bookmark to serve as a reminder of the DSG website.



Social Committee

By Jackie Lenhardt and Sari Werderman

The Social Committee has had an industrious year!

Karibu Dance: This charity Dance Party was held at the Movenpick Hotel to kick off the new DSG year in September. This was the first year for this charity event and it proved to be a huge success. We definitely recommend continuation of this event.

Group Activities: DSG members regularly attended a variety of interest groups such as walking, bridge, book clubs and tennis. A few members also took painting lessons and joined art and crafts activities such as card making.

Travel: Trips were planned for South Africa and China and had fairly large initial interest. Unfortunately, as the dates approached, DSG members became involved in other higher priority personal interests which necessitated the cancellation of these trips.

The Social Committee also helped to facilitate the location and speakers for monthly morning meetings. Thank you to all Missions that hosted our members at their residences.

DSG Mornings 2010-2011

AUGUST: Host Mrs. Jackie Lenhardt. **Venue** US Residence. **Speaker** Sister Jean Pruitt about the Dogodogo Centre.

SEPTEMBER: Host Mrs. Marine de Labriolle. **Venue** French Residence. **Speaker** Mrs. Giullietta Helleberg about Arts and Crafts in Tanzania. **Profiled project** House of Peace – musical presentation.

OCTOBER: Host Mrs. Anne Clarke. **Venue** Makutano House. **Speaker** Rachel Kessi, founder of Makutano House. **Profiled project** ATD Fourth World – Ana Dulac.

NOVEMBER: Host Mrs. Huwaida Kalo. **Venue** Sudanese Residence. **Speaker** Mr. Brian Connors, Peace Corps. **Profiled project** ReClaim Women's Space, Zanzibar – Munira Said.

JANUARY: Host Mrs. Annaba Kilfeather. **Venue** Irish Residence. **Speaker** Mr. Oluseyi Bajulaiye, UNHCR Representative.

FEBRUARY: Host Mrs. Nenny Yudhistiranto. **Venue** Indonesian Residence. **Theme** Flowers - demonstrations of flower arranging, making flowers from icing, making flower garnishes from vegetables, making paper flowers. **Profiled project** MWIDEFU, Moshi – Young Kimaro. Additional presentation by Dr. Minou Fuglesang, Femina Hip.

MARCH: Host Mrs. Judy Wiesinger. **Venue** Canadian Residence. **Speaker** Dr. Trish Scanlan, paediatric oncologist. **Profiled project** Ocean Road Children's Cancer Ward.

APRIL: Host Mrs. Maria Teresa d'Angelo, sister of the Italian Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Pierluigi, and Mrs. Lisa Rosenfield. **Venue** Italian Residence. **Speaker** Mr. Dario de Nicola, CEFA. Cheese tasting. **Profiled project** Bethsaida Secondary School for Orphan Girls.

MAY: Host Mrs. Jacqueline Lenhardt. **Venue** US Residence. **DSG Annual General Meeting** and celebration of the year's achievements.



Keeping Active – DSG Interest Groups

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 / Evenings		Oluseyi Onabanjo	0765 751 744
French Book Club	Monthly on a Friday	4pm	Elena Conti	0782 144 137
Tennis Group	Thursdays	7-10:30am	Beth Mahoney	0759 332 089

ADSG Upcoming Dinner & Dance Gala

UNSG Dinner Dance

Fun and Fundraising in One Evening!

Venue: Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel

Entrance fee: 50,000 Tsh per person

Dress Code: Traditional Attire / Evening dress

Theme: Combating Maternal and Child Mortality in Tanzania

Guest of Honour: Mama Salma Kikwete

First Lady of the United Republic of Tanzania

Live Music by *Tanzanite*

Other attractions: African Cuisine

Fashion Parade

African Dances

Lucky Dip with exotic prices

For tickets:

Aleth Isaack - 0784948911 Mavis Musindo -
07803098 Naomi Majanbu - 0754786621

The April 15th event, the brainchild of UNSG chairperson Papu McIntire, was a sold-out success. Three hundred people enjoyed dance performances by University of Dar Es Salaam students, the Scottish Dancers, an impromptu Ethiopian dance troupe, and a group of Bethsaida girls dancing and singing. A "Salsa in Dar" demonstration opened the dancing which continued until the stars went home.

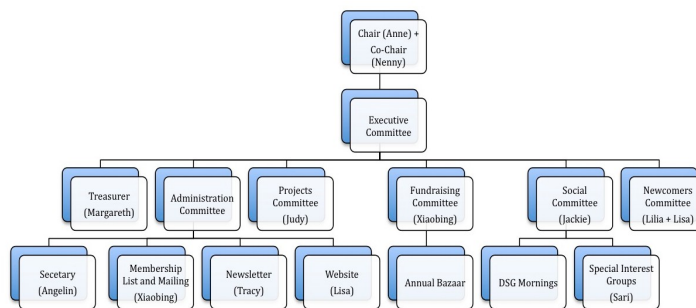
The event's proceeds, well in excess of 18 million TSH, go to the Bethsaida Secondary School for Orphan Girls (<http://www.oloforphans.org/>). Special thanks to the event's key sponsors including Mr. Abdul Haji, The Kempinski Hotel, Ethiopian Airlines, Exim Bank, decorations by Irene and many others for their generosity. Thanks also to the wonderful UNSG Team for organizing this great evening.



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:

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Co-Chairperson:

Yudhistiranto, Nenny

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