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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Note the next DSG meeting on your calendar now - November 9th**
- **Executive Board meets November 30th**

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October DSG Meeting

A big thank you and congratulations to the Social Committee for their success in organizing the October DSG Coffee Morning. With over 50 members attending the event at Sea Cliff, it was wonderful!

The intent of the morning was, as always, to activate, educate and offer a unique setting to socialize in. The catered food included several varieties of smoothies, fruit kebobs and muffins. A few



lucky members were treated

to a massage by one of our own, Mike Connors, while others learned about the Breast Cancer Walk, natural beauty products and aromatherapy to name a few.



The meeting was also a big success in terms of recruiting new enthusiastic members to volunteer on various committees. A warm welcome to Kimberly Mike, Thuy Pham and Nada El Ghaffar who will form the new Social



Committee. Debbie Arnold will fill the

spot of membership and email distribution. At this time, the DSG is still in need of a webmaster. Our web page is a wonderful resource for all members but needs someone to keep it updated. If you are able to fill this role, please contact Lisa Pazienza-Rosenfield. (pg3)



November DSG Coffee Morning



Mrs Badriya Alhgrbi has kindly volunteered to host our meeting on **November 9th**.

The meeting will take place at 9.30. This is our last meeting before the Bazaar on November 26th and we all need to get together for the final preparations. Posters and handouts will be distributed on November 9th.

There will be basket making, henna painting and more at our next meeting. Welcome !

Directions to the Omani residence:

Drive past Shoppers Plaza in Mikocheni. Continue and pass TMJ Hospital and the Engen petrol station. Continue a few hundred meters and find the FEZA school on your left. The gate immediately after the school is the Omani residence.

From the DSG Chair..... Gunilla Hjelmaker



The DSG year has many highlights. The Karibu Dance Party is one. It was held on September 30th at the Golden Tulip Hotel and it was a success! All experienced a great evening, welcoming and fun, and in the end we were able to add almost 7 million Tsh to the DSG project fund.

Thanks everyone for your support and hard work!

Again, when writing this Habari newsletter piece, I am in Sweden. I am here only for a few days to celebrate important days in our family, but long enough to realize that November is here and that November brings our next DSG highlight, the Annual Charity Bazaar. November 26th is the day for this big event, and the venue, as usual, the IST grounds. Mark the day and spread the word! Let us all help to get as many Dar residents and visitors as possible to the Bazaar. At our next monthly coffee morning, (find more information on www.dsgdar.org) we will have posters and flyers distributed to everyone.

While looking at all the work being done to make the Bazaar happen, a few things strike me:

First, DSG members are competent, generous with their time and determined to make the Bazaar a success. There is no giving up and no settling for second best. The Bazaar is absolutely crucial in our fund raising. Without the Bazaar it would be impossible to contribute to any of this year's twenty one projects, all over Tanzania. Without the Bazaar, children, women and people living with disabilities would have less of a chance in life.

Secondly, working to make the Bazaar happen brings us together as a group, as I guess having common goals always does. I don't know if you agree, but my experience is that doing nothing together can be perfectly fine and sometimes it is necessary. But working together and accomplishing what you have set out to do – that's even better!

Thirdly, we have high hopes. We would like to see the fundraising sum of last year, Tsh 70 million, be matched or exceeded simply to benefit as many as possible. We would like to do better, bigger, more. And I agree – this would be fantastic! But if this does not happen, the Bazaar day is still important. It is a day that brings people together, a day when we can expand our knowledge, widen our circles, meet new cultures and, most of all, have fun.

I hope that you, just as I do, look forward to the Bazaar. I will see you there, but until then, take care!

Projects Committee

By Judy Wiesinger

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROJECTS COMMITTEE HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: PROJECTSDSG@GMAIL.COM

The committee continues to follow up on this year's projects. This involves requesting reports and making visits to ensure that the DSG money was spent for the purpose it was donated. On a recent, personal visit to the Dodoma region, Anne Clarke kindly took some time to visit Miyuji Cheshire Children's Home, where about thirty children with physical and mental disabilities are cared for. The DSG provided funding to build and equip a new dining room – and Anne reported that the facility is in use and the children were delighted to see the visitors. The picture shows Anne with some of the children holding a large "thank you" card to the DSG!



On 9 November, we hope to have one or more representatives from COPWZ (Catalyst Organization for Women's Progress in Zanzibar) to speak to us, and to demonstrate one of their groups' activities. This organization in Unguja supports capacity building for women's income-

generating groups. Committee member Kristin Hyving, is the DSG contact person with this group and provided the following report.



"This year the DSG has supported a COWPZ project which included special skills' training and procurement of productivity tools. During 6-10 June, COWPZ conducted an entrepreneurship skills' training for 30 participants from 3 women's groups from Unguja (Umasikini Karaha Matarumbeta group, Imani (Mtoni) and Tufahamiiane Kizimkazi groups). The goal of the training was to enable the participants to know more about the context and scope of entrepreneurship, especially on the methods of price-setting and opportunity-seeking. The participants were enabled to apply a wide range of techniques and formats in entrepreneurship

activities. The DSG also supported the procurement of productivity tools such as a food-cutter machine, and agricultural handcraft equipment such as ploughs, knives, forks, sprinklers, etc. for the Kizimkazi group."

The projects committee is currently reviewing and updating the Projects section of the DSG website and the projects application form. This is in anticipation of the applications that will be arriving by the deadline of 31 January, 2012.

Please note that the Projects Committee has changed its email address for projects' applications and correspondence with the chair of the projects committee. It is now projectsdsg@gmail.com (changed from dsgprojects@live.com). The hotmail account will be phased out as soon as possible.

SEEKING A DSG WEBMASTER!

To all DSG Members,

During the most recent Executive Board meeting, it was noted that we still do not have a new volunteer webmaster.

Lisa Paziienza-Rosenfield has taken on these duties for the past year in addition to being chair of the Newcomer's Committee. As advertised, she would

like to step down and hand this position over to another willing volunteer. We thank Lisa for all her hard work and making the DSG Website the comprehensive site that it is today.

The DSG Website is critical to our mission of reaching out to new members when they arrive in Dar, to keeping cur-

rent members updated and for passing along important information to our cause such as Projects information.

If you are willing to fill this position, please email or talk to any Board Member at once or we will fill this position with a paid company, taking away from money to be spent on charity.

Fundraising and The Bazaar! By Julie Wakeman-Linn

Big plans are underway for this year's Charity Bazaar. We have assembled a great team and all the big fun components are coming back. For kids' games we will have games, the bouncy castle and waterslide. Rumor has it the famous Dunk Tank will be back. The White Elephant is returning with a big bang. Donate your castoff clothing, books, household items for a good cause. Contact UNSG members or the bazaar email. Entertainment will feature the Crowtrap Band, a sharp young rock band and more. The wonderful main prizes are already in place. Wouldn't we all like to win two roundtrip trips from KLM?

Key changes: Now kids under twelve get in free *when accompanied by a parent*. The hours are from 12-4.

How can you help?

Raffle prizes: we have the donation letters for you to deliver to your favorite restaurants, salons, hotels and shops. We will arrange the follow up

contacts and prize pick-ups.

Country stall teams need your help.

This part of the Bazaar is possibly the best loved by our community! Already fourteen countries have sent their participation forms back and many more countries have promised to participate. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your embassy. Think outside the box: demonstrate a traditional craft, give mini-language lessons, display travel ideas from your corner of the world. Please send your participation form now or just an e-mail about your participation

to: dsgbazaar2011@gmail.com or adenberna@gmail.com

Give us one or two hours on the day of the Bazaar. We would love a little of your time to assist with the ticket selling, the raffle selling, the White Elephant, the raffle and door prize drawings. An hour or two of your help will make it a fun day for everyone.

Email your ideas, your suggestions and how you would like to help to

dsgbazaar2011@gmail.com You are more than welcome to come to any Fundraising committee meetings. We will announce them through the DSG email system.

Remember the Bazaar's purpose is to raise funds for women, children and the disabled. Give generously of your time so we can help these most vulnerable persons in Tanzanian society. Thanks! Let's make it a successful and fun day.

Our Annual Charity Bazaar is on November 26th, 12-4, IST Secondary School

Giselle and Julie can't contain their excitement about the Bazaar!!



Karibu Newcomers to DSG.... By Lisa Paziienza Rosenfield

The most recent newcomers were welcomed at a newcomers' coffee morning on in October at Epi d'Or. They were treated to a morning of networking, information sharing and building friendships. Executive Committee members shared their experiences regarding DSG and Dar Es Salaam. Tips of day-to-day resources and recommendations were outlined and discussed.



If you are new to Dar and are a diplomatic spouse, you are welcome at our newcomer coffee mornings. They are held throughout

the year and by interest and request.

Please e-mail :

dsgdarnewcomers@gmail.com or sign up at the next all member coffee morning to express your interest. Upon request, you will be notified about upcoming coffee mornings by email and on www.dsgdar.org.

There was a newcomers' city bus tour on October 6th. It provided an orientation to locations useful and interesting to



Dar newcomers. Ten newcomers took advantage of this opportunity and a fun

day was had by all!

All newcomers are welcome to take a DSG inspired and designed bookmark. These are made available at each DSG coffee morning at the entrance and serve as a good reminder to check the dsg website!



Keeping Active – DSG Interest Groups

Activity	Day and Time		Contact Person and Number	
6 km Walking Group	Mon., Wed., and Fri.	7:30am at IST Upper	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	Open for a member to organize	

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 Annual Charity Bazaar on November 26, 2011.

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 does

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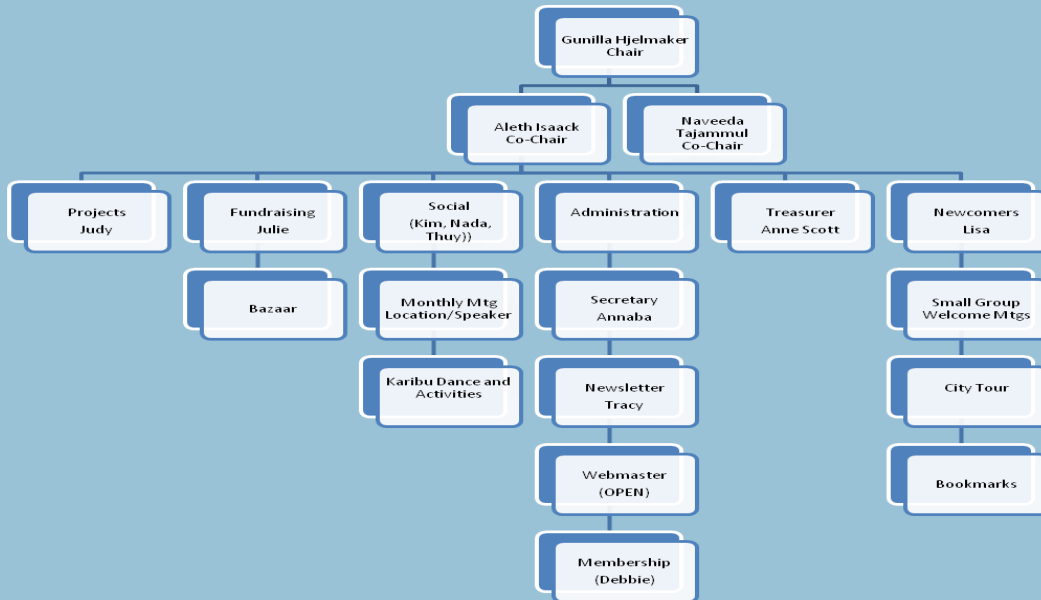
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DSG

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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