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## November DSG Meeting

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Note the next DSG meeting on your calendar now - December 7
- Executive Board meets November 30th—TO BE RESCHEDULED

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Mrs. Badriya Alharbi kindly volunteered to host the DSG Coffee Morning meeting on November 9th at the Oman Residence.

Members were greeted by Lisa (Newcomer's), Anne (Treasurer) and Debbie (Member's Roster).

Guests of the morning were



treated to the experience of henna painting and basket making during yet another inspirational and entertaining meeting.

The meeting was followed by a lovely assortment of bites and socializing.

Special thanks to Annaba Kilfeather for providing photos.

## December DSG Coffee Morning



*You are cordially invited to the December Coffee Morning:*

*Hostess: Mrs. Gunilla Hjelmaker*

*Location: Swedish Residence*

*Date: December 7th*

**Speaker: Mr Mubarak Manam, Head of Save the Children, Zanzibar.**

**Auction of the prizes that were not claimed**

**Presentation of the Bethsaida book project**

## From the DSG Chair..... Gunilla Hjelmaker



“B”-day is over! And as far as I know, all DSG members involved in the Bazaar are happy and relieved that our biggest fund raising activity of the year went better than we could ever have imagined. Exactly how well, in terms of money, we don´t know yet (this will be announced at our next DSG coffee morning on December 7<sup>th</sup>) but we have reason to believe that we have passed last year´s results!

On the other hand, we must remember that the Bazaar is not only about money. This is a community event and an event that brings us, as DSG members, together. A multitude of diplomatic groups such as UNSG, ADSG and DSG have joined hands, pulling together to achieve a common goal. And there is a lot of strength and power in working together as one.

“B”-day was a fun day! It was great to watch the kids over in the kids’ corner, faces and nails being painted and to see their pirouettes in the jumping castle. Activities at the dunk tank were spectacular! The country stalls sold Sudanese slippers, Dutch cheese, Canadian maple syrup, the Swedish tingatinga/kurbits collection, Omani incense, US Christmas decorations and much more! The food stalls were a popular trip around the world, as usual, and the White Elephant Stall attracted lots of people.

In short, there was something for everyone.

After a “B”-day like this, there are lots of thank yous to be said. To visitors and volunteers, to the IST school and student council volunteers, to sponsors and people committing their time to the Bazaar. To embassies and diplomatic missions that helped us out, to country stall organizers, to entertainment groups and to everyone who helped in making this day into a success.

I will not mention specific names except one. Julie Wakeman-Linn, our fearless “Bazaar General”. Thank you Julie; we couldn´t have done it without you!

We are approaching the end of 2011. Our last DSG coffee morning this year will take place at the Swedish residence on December 7. This meeting will focus on the situation of children in Tanzania.

As many of us are travelling over Christmas and coming back during January, we have no DSG meeting until February, where and when will be announced on our website, [www.dsgdar.org](http://www.dsgdar.org). You will also be reminded through an email via ads4dsg.

Again, thanks for your hard work in making the Bazaar a success.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and a happy beginning of 2012!



# The Bazaar!

By Julie Wakeman-Linn

So many people, including hundreds of kids, enjoyed the DSG Annual Charity Bazaar on Saturday. The kids



events were really "hopping" and "lots of fun," my teenage and elementary school age friends reported.

A special thanks to our wonderful Anne Clarke who took over the EU/kids games at the 11th hour and helped the kids' team make them such a success. The country stalls had an amazing variety of goods and the Dutch cheese sold out early. We, the team, even had time to wander the country stalls and the white elephant and shop, too. Our first estimates are that, for the Fall

fund raising season, we will exceed last year's impressive totals. The Project committee will have a lot of cash for the most vulnerable of Tanzania.

It was a hot, but fun, family day, with few technological glitches. The Pan Percussion Orchestra opened the day. The IST students played and the Irish Dancers danced and Bethsaida girls sang. Yasmin Mulji won the grand



prize of two KLM tickets and Debbie VanByndt won the Benetton tanzanite pendant.

If you didn't check your entrance ticket for a winning door prize and if you still have it, check this list (PAGE 5). If you are a winner, contact us at [dsgbazaar2011@gmail.com](mailto:dsgbazaar2011@gmail.com) to claim it. Any unclaimed door prizes, including a beautiful Domus tray, restaurant vouchers, and \$100 spa

vouchers, will be auctioned off at the next DSG coffee morning.

Thanks to the best Bazaar team ever! Especially Gunilla, Shemina, Jagu, Berna, Feno, Becky, Tracy, Yasmin, Iveta, Nada, Judy and Amy and all those hard working ladies and gentlemen who made the day fun and successful.



Naveeda and Julie share a well deserved moment of laughter!



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# Projects Committee

By Judy Wiesinger



Buguruni School for the Deaf; a past DSG recipient



Moyo Mmoja in Bagamoyo

As I reported in the last newsletter, 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. Recently, some of our members visited two organisations in the Bagamoyo area: Kidzcare and Moyo Mmoja. The first is a children's centre well known to the DSG, where we gave some medical equipment; the second is a vocational training centre for young women, where we provided funds for the refurbishment of their workshop.

Usually, we try to do these visits with several members of the projects committee, or other DSG members, but this is not always possible. This week, I shall be in the Mwanza region on a personal trip and expect to be able to visit Lake Victoria Children's Organisation on Ukerewe Island, a 2 ½ hour ferry ride away from Mwanza in Lake Victoria. I am excited about this as it will be the first time that a member of the DSG has visited this group on the island since it became one of "our" projects this year! I am also hopeful that I might be able to visit BCDSA, another children's organisation some distance from Mwanza City, where we have funded the purchase of four cows, as well as the construction of a cow shed. Some of the milk is used for the children, while the rest is sold to generate income for the work of the organisation. If all goes according to plan, I shall be able to show you some pictures in the next Habari Newsletter.

Sometimes, we are invited to visit organisations that we have supported in the past. This past week, I attended a concert at Buguruni School for the Deaf in Dar es Salaam, where, many years ago, the DSG gave some money for a hen house and hens. The original house fell down, but it is now being rebuilt with bricks, rather than with inferior building materials. There are 250 children at the school, which is today strongly supported by the organisation TANZANEAR. All children have recently been fitted with hearing aids, and it was heart warming to watch and hear them speak, act, dance and sing. About half the children to Standard 7 are boarders and their classrooms and dormitories were in good condition. They are taught during regular school day and are able to participate in a range of "clubs" after school.

Soon, the main work of the projects committee will begin again. We have come to expect many applications for DSG funding to drop into our mailbox in Oysterbay in the course of the next couple of months, with the largest number crashing in on **31 January, the deadline for applications**. Last year we received 80 applications. What will it be this year?! How many will we be able to support financially?! We won't know for some time, but we DO know that your generosity at the recent DSG Bazaar will enable us to fulfil our objective of supporting Tanzania's most vulnerable citizens around the country. Stay tuned.

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](mailto:projectsdsg@gmail.com) (changed from [dsgprojects@live.com](mailto: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.

# Community Events and Notices

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	

Dear DSG members,

We have 84 boxes of Adjani water and 22 crates of soda (a mix of water, sprite, coke, fanta) left from the bazaar. Each crate/box has 24 bottles.

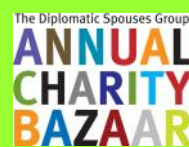
We are selling them at wholesale price: 350tsh each or 8400 Tsh per box/crate.

For the sodas, you would have to pay extra for the bottles and crate, or exchange with your own crates and empty soda bottles. I have to return to Coke the crates with empty bottles Friday. Please let me know by Thursday if you are interested. Thank you, Feno Maret 06 85 10 80 42



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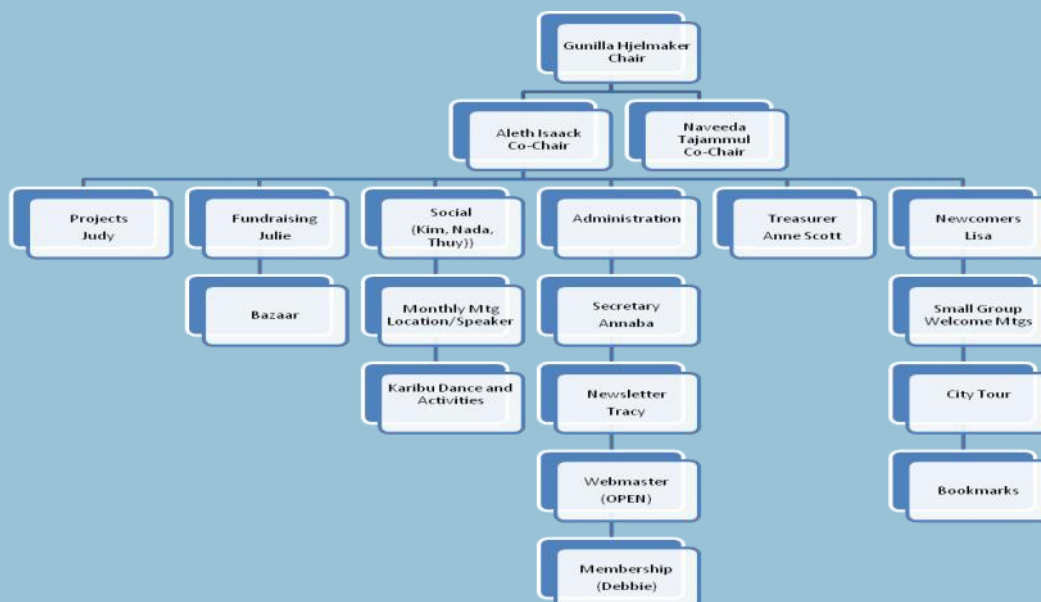
### WINNING DOOR PRIZE TICKETS



1216	426	
652	3161	2556
1354	1533	3370
524	911	3368
993	184	3427
2262	2865	499
18	3479	815
3331	2040	936
2566		2996
1593		1860

## 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.



### Chairperson:

Hjelmaker, Gunilla

### Co-Chairpersons:

Isaack, Aleth

Tajammul, Naveeda

### Treasurer:

Scott, Anne

### Administration:

Kilfeather, Annaba (secretary)

Arnold, Debbie (members' list)

**OPEN POSITION** (webmaster)

Moreno, Tracy (newsletter)

### Social Committee:

El Ghaffar, Nada

Mike, Kimberley

Pham, Thuy

### Fundraising Committee:

Bhakta, Jagu

Conti, Elena

Hjelmaker, Gunilla

Isaack, Aleth

Koekkoek, Berna

Moreno, Tracy

Son, Eun-Mi

Tajammul, Naveeda

**Wakeman-Linn, Julie**

Wiesinger, Judy

### Newcomers' Committee:

Pazienza Rosenfield, Lisa

**OPEN POSITION**

### Projects Committee:

Clarke, Anne

Collins, Sara

Hjelmaker, Gunilla

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Mekkonen, Endanchi

Podgurschi, Lilia

Todevska, Daniela

Vercruysse, Veronique

Wakemann-Linn, Julie

**Wiesinger, Judy**