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## Toilets for Kileo Children

**F**riends of Tanzania was pleased to receive news from the Community Health Department of the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) that the Kileo Ward Primary School Latrine Construction project in Handeni District is close to completion.

We provided \$2,520 to the medical center for construction materials for latrines to be used by the 365 students of Kivuluni Primary School and the 331 students of the adjacent Mkombozi Primary School. KCMC, in partnership with the Kileo Dispensary, is working to decrease the incidence of diarrheal diseases in the region. After building the latrines, they will follow up with public health training.

The completion of the project is vital to comply with the new Tanzanian law requiring all primary schools to have functioning latrines or the schools will be closed. Construction of the 16 latrines, housed in two separate buildings, began in February 2009. It was anticipated that the project could be soon completed with the help of the entire village.

However, there were delays due to various factors, including the crumbling of the initial

foundation and difficulty obtaining cement. In addition, current drought conditions prevented villagers — mostly subsistence farmers — from volunteering their labor as soon as hoped. Members of the Community Health Department of KCMC, under the coordination of Dr. Sabina Mtwewe, have made many visits to the site to confirm that construction was proceeding adequately, to provide funds for materials, and to help troubleshoot any problems.

Noreen Mucha of FOT has been involved with this project, and another FOT member, Diane Russell, visited the site in September 2009 and spoke with Dr. Mtwewe and the headmaster of one of the primary schools. According to a recent progress report, the pit latrines and surrounding walls are built, and one building has a tin roof and doors. Still to come are finishing the floors, putting on the roof and doors to the second building, and painting the latrines.

The success of the project can be readily seen by comparing the photos of what was formerly used as a latrine with the new construction. FOT is proud to have donated to this important change for the hygiene and health of the primary school students of Kileo.

*The old  
Latrines  
site ...*



*... and the  
new Toilets  
under construction.*



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all friends of Tanzania. I am Patricia Kelley, honored to be the newly elected President of Friends of Tanzania. I offer a special note of appreciation to Candy Warner, who has served admirably as our president for the last six years. Asante sana, Candy!

This will be another busy year as we work to address Friends of Tanzania's objectives, which are: identifying and supporting worthy projects in Tanzania; disseminating information on the life, culture and development of Tanzania; and expanding our FOT community by creating events that bring together people interested in supporting Tanzania.

In 2010 we'll produce two newsletters, improve and update our website, [www.FOTanzania.org](http://www.FOTanzania.org) and post more volunteer opportunities there. We'll also look at ways to increase FOT membership and invite members, if able, to



*New FOT President Patricia Kelley speaks at the February Winter Party.*

increase their contributions to support projects in Tanzania.

At the end of the year we'll move into 2011 with plans for celebrating FOT's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of both Tanzania's Independence and the Peace Corps. These special events will recognize achievements while also offering opportunities to expand the services we offer through FOT.

My being President this year is something of an experiment: I moved to Boulder, CO, in 2007, and this is the first time FOT has had a president not living in the Washington, D.C., area. Accordingly, I may not always be available on short notice to meet with potential board members, or our friends at the Embassy of Tanzania, or with organizations with which FOT might wish to collaborate. Since there is no substitute for face-to-face contact, I have asked Washington-area board members to help with this important networking.

A little information about me: my husband, Craig Hafner, and I were part of the small group who organized and founded FOT in 1991, and he and I have served on the board at various times over the years. I first went to Tanzania in 1966 and worked as a nurse and instructor for two years at Mnero Hospital, just outside Nachingwea, in the south.

I returned to Tanzania for the first time in 2005, for a month, and three more times since then. And I will return again in May. Every time I go back, I appreciate the warmth and welcome of the Tanzanian people, the political stability and beauty of the country, the improved communications and roads – and more, much more. I am enriched by my experiences there and by the friendship of Tanzanians there and here.

I look forward to meeting more FOT members and friends. Please contact me at [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org) with any thoughts or suggestions – and thank you for your continued support of our organization.

*Patricia Kelley, President*

## *Returning Board Member*

**MWAMOYO HAMZA** — a former Friends of Tanzania board member who is chief of the Swahili Service of Voice of America, is returning to the FOT board. Hamza comes from Tanga and earned his doctorate in communications at Howard University, in Washington, D.C.

When Hamza was Acting Secretary General of the Tanzanian Community in Washington, D.C., he was the group's representative to the FOT board. Later, when he was no longer an officer with the Tanzanian Community, he continued to serve on our board for a total of seven years. He was a valuable member of the FOT board then, and we look forward to having him rejoin.



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# OUR WINTER PARTY

The evening of February 27 more than 50 Friends of Tanzania members and guests gathered for good food, lively conversation and much celebrating of FOT's accomplishments.

Several recently returned Peace Corps Volunteers attended, including Brian Chelcun, who had a project funded by FOT through the Peace Corps Partnership Program. Brian told the group about how important the grant was to the success of his brick-making project, featured in the Spring 2007 newsletter.

Pat Kelley, FOT's new board president, used the occasion to review the organization's work over the past year and to share plans for the upcoming year. Pat asked each person to say a few words about his or her relationship with Tanzania. This was followed by a representative from the Tanzanian Embassy thanking FOT for its continued interest in Tanzania, and support of projects there, and for our friendships here and in Tanzania.

Mark Green, who was the American ambassador to Tanzania from August 2007 to January 2009, spoke briefly about his time as ambassador. Mark and his family are now living in the Washington, D.C., area, where Mark heads the office of the Malaria No More campaign. (See "FOT Members Working for Tanzania," page 5.)

The Winter Party, as well as the spring Samosa Party (see page 8) have become wonderful occasions to renew friendships and welcome others interested in the mission of Friends of Tanzania.

Our members represent diverse experiences — Peace Corps, study abroad, USAID, State Department, volunteer work — and the list goes on.



## GIVING BACK: *Another Path to Helping Tanzania* Second Chance Education Center Teacher Capacity Building

Would you like to provide a gift for a special project in Tanzania? Through Friends of Tanzania's "Giving Back" program, you can support a specific activity or program at a school, work site, or other location of your choice. Just contact FOT with information on the project you want to sponsor.

In addition, FOT can help you find a project or consult with you about designing a project that you can fund in Tanzania. The project must be approved by the FOT Projects Committee and board. Through the Giving Back program, FOT can help increase direct funding to projects in Tanzania, and you can benefit from having your project be tax-deductible. For more information on the Giving Back Program, please contact [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org).

One example of a Giving Back project currently under discussion is an educators workshop in Moshi. FOT Board Member, Diane Russell is working closely with Second Chance Education Centre, a Tanzanian NGO, to hold a weeklong capacity-building workshop in July or October for rural primary and secondary teachers in the Moshi area. The participating Tanzanian teachers will be expected to expand the reach of the workshop by demonstrating new teaching techniques to their colleagues back in their rural schools.

Diane is gathering contributions along with her own donation to fund the costs of room and board for the rural teachers and for teaching materials and handouts. The workshop will bring together visiting international teachers (who will cover their own expenses) and local teachers and headmasters to discuss, demonstrate, and develop modern teaching methodology. Anyone else interested in joining or supporting this program may contact Diane at [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org).

# FOT Projects Committee Report

KAREN SCHAEFER, PROJECTS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Since reporting to our members in October, we have agreed to fund an additional 5 projects for a total of \$11,500 and two Giving Back projects for \$15,150 for a grand total of \$26,650. FOT was pleased during this time to have gifts given in honor of Nice Macha, a Tanzanian who has worked with several NGO's in the Lushoto area; in honor of Cece Wasserman; and in appreciation of Candy Warner's service to FOT.

Thanks goes out to the Friends of Tanzania members who have volunteered during recent travels in Tanzania to visit FOT-funded organizations and view first-hand the results of our mutual collaborations.

From the visiting FOT members, the projects committee has received a number of on-the-scene accounts of the progress of various projects. The members' descriptions of the warm welcomes they received and their reports of how FOT funds are assisting Tanzanian organizations ease the day-to-day lives of people upholds my conviction in the merit of FOT's modest grant program.

Please continue to let me know if you are planning to travel to Tanzania and are able to spend a day or two visiting one of FOT's sponsored project sites. Your visit will be both rewarding to you and a much-appreciated service to our organization. Contact us at [projects@FOTanzania.org](mailto:projects@FOTanzania.org).

## FOT Projects Funded from October 2009 – March 2010

- **\$1500 for Micro Loan Project, Kigoma Region, Kigoma.**  
*TWSEDHRO (Tanzania Women Social Economic Development and Human Rights Organization):*

to expand to Kigoma the successful micro loan program they began in Kasulu District in November, 2007. In Kigoma, during the first year of the project, 5 groups of 4 women each will be granted small loans to run businesses such as selling fish or farm products. As the loans are repaid with interest, future groups of women will receive micro loans.

- **\$3000 for Reforestation/Tree Nursery Project, Rukwa Region, Sumbawanga.**  
*KAESO (Kaengesa Environmental Conservation Society):*

for tree seedlings and equipment for a village tree planting project. The community will actively participate in planting the seedlings, building protective fences, and assuring watering. The entire population of approximately 25,000 in the surrounding area will be direct beneficiaries.

- **\$1000 for Vocational Education Project, Ruvuma Region, Songea.**

*African Benedictine Hanga Abbey:* to purchase plumbing tools to use for training purposes and income generation. The Abbey plumbers, who are monks, also work as plumbers in the community and use the money they make to support the vocational training department which is open to students of all faiths. An FOT member visited the Abbey and sent a favorable report.

- **\$3000 for Reforestation/Tree Nursery Project, Iringa Region, Njombe.**  
*NJOWECA*

*(Njombe West Environmental Conservation Association):*

for tree seedlings and materials for their tree nursery. FOT funded NJOWECA in 2007 and 2008. They were nominated for the Equator Prize in 2006 by the United Nations Developmental Programme and are part of the United Nations Environmental Programme. A recommendation was received from a FOT member to continue funding for this final, third year.

- **\$3000 for Water Project, Ruvuma Region, Songea.**  
*COCOTO Community Consulting and Training Organization:*

for 12 hand pumps and cement for 12 drilled boreholes. The project is a continuation of the boreholes and horticulture project that FOT helped fund in 2008. The current phase of the project will provide the villages of Gumbilo and Mtwangimbole with a safe source of water for use by local

families and also for farmland irrigation. Approximately 8,500 people in the two villages will benefit from the project.

### Current Giving Back Projects:

- **\$10,150 to Geita Girls' Secondary School Scholarship Program, Geita, Mwanza Region.**

FOT Member Barbara Torrey has provided scholarships for 6 years to girls in need to complete their secondary school education. In 2010, 26 girls will be able to continue their education in this program.

- **\$5000 to Lutengano Secondary School Girls' Scholarship Program, Tukuyu, Mbeya Region.**

FOT member, Anita Johnson has provided scholarships to girls in need in Tukuyu. Now in its third year, this program allows 10 girls who have achieved good grades and citizenship activities, the opportunity to continue their education.

*For more information about Giving Back Projects, see page 3.*

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Friends of Tanzania is working to make our Membership Directory available on our website.

During this transition,  
please contact [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org)  
if you need current members' address information.

## FOT Members Working for Tanzania

**Charles Blake, Victoria Mathew, Brian Sterr, Keegan Wincewicz:**  
**TETEA**

Charles, Victoria, Brian, Keegan and two other RPCV's founded Tanzanian Empowerment Through Education Association (TETEA) in 2008. All of the founders had served as teachers in southern Tanzania, either in the Mt-wara or Songea areas, between 2004 and 2007. TETEA provides scholarships for at least 20 students from the Songea area to go to secondary school. It is also in the midst of raising funds for a library project in Maguu, south of Songea, which is designed to provide learning materials for a number of secondary and primary schools in that area. For more information, go to [www.tetea.org](http://www.tetea.org).



**Clare Liptak:**  
**Give It Up for Good**

Clare started this group to collect used sewing machines, both manual and electric, for distribution in Tanzania. She has shipped over 100 machines to Tanzania, including to vocational training centers in Dar es Salaam, Kigoma, Kasulu, Kakonko and Manyoni. Funds are also provided for local maintenance of the sewing machines. Through this project Clare and her project partner, Kat Wilson, are helping many Tanzanian women and mothers support themselves and their children. Contact her through [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org).

**Sara (Shosteck) Williams:**  
**Canadian Harambee Education Society**

Sara was an upper primary teacher with the Peace Corps in Mbeya 1963-65. Recently she supported a student in school in Katesh-Hanang District of Arusha Region through the scholarship program of the Canadian Harambee Education Society (CHES). She visited the school and along with others raised \$80,000 so that adequate housing could be provided for 40 girls receiving CHES scholarships for secondary schools in the area.



Girls from remote villages now have a place to stay once they get to their schools – the *Sara Williams Hostel*. For more information, go to [www.canadianharambee.ca](http://www.canadianharambee.ca).

**Mark Green:**  
**Malaria No More**



Mark is a former American ambassador to Tanzania who now heads up the Malaria Policy Center, the Washington, D.C., office of Malaria No More. In his work, Mark returns to Tanzania frequently using his experience and contacts to help eradicate malaria.

For more information, go to [www.malarianomore.org](http://www.malarianomore.org).

## Tanzanian Networking

### • COLORADO •

Since moving to Boulder, CO, a few years ago, my husband, Craig Hafner, and I have met people here who are Tanzanian or have connections to Tanzania. Some belong to groups working in Tanzania which have goals similar to Friends of Tanzania.

Recently FOT hosted a networking event in Denver which brought together 24 people, three of whom were FOT members. Representatives of eight organizations, including FOT, gave brief presentations about their work and provided handouts and contact information. These organizations assist programs in home-based care, schools and education, support of orphans and vulnerable children in Tanzania, and student exchange programs. There were questions and discussion of ideas, sharing of experiences, contacts and resources, and a general enjoyment in being together with others involved in Tanzania.

Results of the event include setting up a blog to communicate between the organizations, holding periodic meetings, planning an event in Colorado in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tanzania's Independence next year, and a few more FOT members.

If you want to host a similar event where you are, I'll be happy to share the materials we used. Be in touch.

*by Patricia Kelley*

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let us know at:  
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## TANZANIA IN THE NEWS

- In November 2009, Tanzania authorities collaborated with officers from police, national wildlife, customs and national intelligence agencies across East Africa in "Operation Costa," which targeted wildlife crime. More than two tons of ivory was seized and more than 100 people arrested in the operation, which was coordinated by Interpol. Operation Costa was named in honor of Constantius "Costa" Aloysius Mlay, a former director of the wildlife division of the Tanzania Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism. (*Interpol*)
- In March, President Jakaya Kikwete announced a new Tanzanian election law that will impose tighter controls on campaign financing and improve the standards of this year's polls. President Kikwete said the new measures were crucial to ensuring the credibility of the legislative and presidential elections to be held in October. (*Daily News, Tanzania*)
- In May, Tanzania will host the 20th World Economic Forum on Africa, held for the first time in East Africa. This year's theme is "Rethinking Africa's Growth Strategy." In addition, the Forum's Young Global Leaders Summit will be held concurrently in Dar es Salaam and will integrate more than 200 of the world's top young leaders in the meeting. (*World Economic Forum*)

# Many Thanks to FOT Members from . . .

**Lugarawa Trust Foundation:  
Beekeeping Project, Iringa Region**  
We are very happy to inform you that we have completed our proposed project. We have succeeded to purchase and install 73 beehives and also we have purchased all equipments as planned. LTF would like to say thank you for your financial support.”



**African Inland Church:  
Tailoring Project, Shinyanga Region**  
“We are very glad that most women involved in the project now are supporting their families especially their children with school fees, support for orphan children with uniforms, school supplies, and have improved their family incomes and nutritional status as they can now be able to purchase food for their own families. We thank you so much for your support.”



**Sakale Development Foundation:  
Tree Nursery Project,  
Tanga Region**  
“We are much thankful to FOT for the financial assistance because it has contributed much in solving our problem of obtaining composite manure. Moreover FOT has brought us closer to the population of farmers and animal keepers who will now get seedlings free of charge, something which is very rare to them.”



*Villagers in Tanga Region study soil erosion and preservation.*



*Bamboo seedbed boxes Sakale Tree Nursery Project, Tanga Region.*

**Christian Youth Network:  
Goat Project, Tabora Region**  
“We are so pleased to hear that our project has been approved. We use this opportunity to thank you so much for your donation to purchase goats....We thank you again for your donation to support caregivers of children.”



*Six year old Hadija Hamis burned and now orphaned was helped through the income generated by the CYN Goat Project, Tabora, and now attends school.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT for 2009

### INCOME

FOT Dues	\$ 4,790
Donations above Dues	21,242
Member <i>Giving Back</i>	
Donations	15,200
Calendar Sales	1,731
Other Income	<u>704</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,667</b>

### EXPENSES

13 Regular Projects	\$ 28,930
2 <i>Giving Back</i> Projects	15,150
Wire Transfer Fees	725
Newsletters	2,054
Committee/Admin/ Other Expenses	<u>2,045</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>48,904</b>
Surplus/Deficit	(5,237)
Opening Balance	<u>26,403</u>

**Carry Forward to 2010**      **\$ 21,166**

Prepared by Daniel Ehrenberg, *Treasurer*

### COCOTO: Community Consulting and Training Organization: Water Project, Ruvuma Region

“...already group members have skills on making boreholes and fixing rope pumps as well as maintaining them. People getting water services do contribute money and the responsible group owning the boreholes saves. Currently already groups have a range of Tshs. 60,000 up to Tshs. 150,000 depending on the period of making the borehole and number of service beneficiaries.”



*A Borehole driller finalizing his work at a COCOTO site in Songea.*

# Passages

## ROBERT GRIFFITH

A longtime member of Friends of Tanzania, Bob Griffith, died Nov. 21, 2009, at the age of 66. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, Bob taught at Makiungu School in Singida Region for four years in the mid 1960s. After returning to the United States, he taught a few more years before beginning a 35-year career with the U.S. government's Defense Contract Management Agency.

Bob loved Notre Dame, everything "Irish," and his garden. He was well-loved by family and

friends for his service to his church and his community, and for his passion for the Peace Corps. This was expressed not only through FOT but also through his leadership positions in the returned volunteer groups in Southeastern Ohio (SORVO) and in Cincinnati (CARV). Members of both groups have raised \$3,250 to fund a project in Bob's memory in the Singida area. FOT member Barbara Mackey and Bob's nephew will visit Singida this summer to find a suitable project. Further contributions to FOT in Bob's memory are welcome.

## MRS. HANNA DARAJA

We were saddened to hear of the death in Tanzania March 7, 2010, of Mrs. Hanna Daraja, the wife of Andrew Daraja, who was Tanzania's ambassador to the United States a few years ago. When they lived in Washington, D.C., Ambassador and Mrs. Daraja were good friends to Friends of Tanzania. They attended FOT parties and also entertained several of us in their home. We offer our condolences to Ambassador Daraja and all of his family.

## DUES REMINDER

Friends of Tanzania relies on your dues and donations to continue its development projects in Tanzania, including the projects described on page 3.

If the number next to your name on the mailing label of this newsletter isn't a 10 (for 2010), please renew right away by sending us the membership form on this page together with your dues and, we hope a contribution for our project fund. You can also pay your dues and make a donation online at our website. Your first year is free if you have just returned from volunteering in Tanzania.

Please invite your friends and colleagues to reconnect with Tanzania by becoming members. If you send us the name and address of a prospective member, we'll be happy to send a sample newsletter and an invitation to join. Send it to [info@FO-Tanzania.org](mailto:info@FO-Tanzania.org) and use the same email address to keep us up to date on any address changes. **Asante sana!**

### 2011 CALENDARS

Reserve your 2011 Peace Corps Calendars now. We will send them as soon as we get them in the summer. We usually run out. So order now on the membership form!!!

## 2010 FOT Membership ~ New/Renewal Membership Form

Please print and return this with your check to:  
Friends of Tanzania, P.O. Box 9123, Arlington VA 22219-1123

CHECK ONE:  NEW MEMBER  RENEWAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Tanzania (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Service/experience in Tanzania:

Peace Corps  Teachers for East Africa  Visitor, Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of work: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete as appropriate:

FOT Dues (\$15 regular; \$5 student) \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution for development projects \_\_\_\_\_

Order # \_\_\_\_\_ Peace Corps 2011 Calendars at \$15 @ \_\_\_\_\_

(For RPCVs) National Peace Corps Assoc. Dues (optional \$35) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

FOT Projects are funded with contributions from members. Please be as generous as possible. Every dollar of your contribution goes to projects in Tanzania. FOT's membership year runs from January to December. See our privacy policy at [www.FOTanzania.org](http://www.FOTanzania.org). FOT is a 501c3 charitable organization; your contributions, including FOT dues, are tax deductible. NPCA dues are not tax deductible.

# Samosas and Friendship PARTY

*Please join us in May for Friends of Tanzania's Annual Spring Samosas and Friendship Party. Enjoy complimentary samosas, East African music, and the camaraderie of friends old and new who are interested in Tanzania.*

**FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

**SWAHILI VILLAGE**

10606 Baltimore Ave., Suite A • Beltsville, MD 20705

**DIRECTIONS:** See [www.SwahiliVillage.net](http://www.SwahiliVillage.net)

**Please RSVP to [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org) by May 12th**

**Welcome all! Karibuni!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sept. 22-25, 2011: Peace Corps' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C.** It is not too early to mark your calendar for this big event: Festival on the Mall, FOT's Saturday night dinner, and marching across the Potomac for memorials at Arlington Cemetery. Lots to do and many friends to see. Reunion groups are beginning to schedule time together and FOT can help with that. More in our next newsletter.

**Dec. 9, 2011: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tanzanian Independence.**

FOT will sponsor an event in 2011 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Independence.

**April 26** each year is **Union Day in Tanzania**, commemorating the unification of Zanzibar and Tanganyika in 1964.



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