



## TANZANIA'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON

Tanzania has a new ambassador in Washington, D.C. He is Ombeni Y. Sefue – a seasoned diplomat whose last posting was Tanzania's High Commissioner to Canada from October 2005 until his appointment to Washington this past June.

Ambassador Sefue has held several senior positions in Tanzania's foreign service including 1987 Stockholm, Sweden. He later returned to Tanzania as a Minister Plenipotentiary and Personal Assistant to President Benjamin Mkapa working as the President's speechwriter and advising the President on regional peace efforts, HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment in Tanzania and Tanzania's participation in world trade. He continued to serve in President Mkapa's team of advisers at such important meeting as the G8 Summit in Gleneagles, the World Economic Forum in Davos and Cape Town, Commonwealth conferences and at several United Nations sessions.

Ambassador Sefue holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from the Institute of Social Studies, in The Hague, The Netherlands, and a Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy from the Tanzania-Mozambique Centre for Foreign Relations, Dar Es Salaam. He is married with two children – a daughter and a son. WELCOME to Washington, Mr. Ambassador!



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# Mbegu Za Urafiki

## Seeds of Friendship

Newsletter of the Friends of Tanzania/ Marafiki wa Tanzania

Fall 2007

### ARE YOU BUYING TANZANIAN???

**Chocolate...Coffee....Tanzanite...Children's Books.** Products made in Tanzania, or from Tanzanian sources, or about Tanzania are all available NOW in the USA!

Starbucks, Caribou, Seattle Best often stock Tanzanian coffee - ask for it. Lake Champlain Chocolates carries chocolates and chocolate sauce. EBay and Amazon are sources of beautiful Tanzanite jewelry. Baskets and well-made handicrafts are available at Ten-Thousand Villages or Outreach Africa. And **Tusker**, you ask? Try [www.beergeek.biz](http://www.beergeek.biz) and EBay for Tusker T-Shirts.



Need holiday gifts? Birthday presents? Thank-You gifts? Want to indulge yourself? Want art work from Hussein Saidi, a Tanzanian artist living in the USA? Or children's books about Tanzania by Muriel and Tom Fielding, Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen, Virginia Kroll or Laurie Krebs? They are all on the **new** list on the FOT website. Check our [www.FOTanzania.org](http://www.FOTanzania.org) for a complete list.



Know of other products or sources? Let us know; the list is for information and is not an endorsement of any one product, but is an endorsement of **buying Tanzanian.** ☐Enjoy!☐



## President's Letter

As I start to write my President's Report, I'm about 34,000 feet up on my way to St. Louis. As well as attending a wedding, I'll be meeting Central Missouri FOT members in Jefferson City to talk about establishing a local chapter. It's a welcome development for FOT. Would you like to start a local chapter? It's not difficult as we have the resources for you.

One of our members has done a huge task this summer – preparing a data base of all the projects we have funded over the years. We can then archive project papers to a minimum and be ready for those of you who can visit our projects in Tanzania and report back. Thank you Jeanne Waples in Boulder for getting this started! Others will work on the files and binder so that the whole process is done by the end of the year.

I visited Boulder this summer where Patricia Kelley and Craig Hafner, active FOT members, now live. We are grateful for all their founding and continuing work for FOT and miss them very much here. But I know that their love of Tanzania will continue in their desire to establish a Boulder local chapter.

Behind the scenes there are meetings with project people (Global Outreach on computers for Iringa area Secondary Schools), travels, website updates, many answers to inquiries, project application evaluations – so much to do. Three of our Board Members terms will be ending this year. The search is on for new Board members. Please think about it.

Tanzanian Ambassador Andrew Daraja has now departed for home in Dar es Salaam and we welcome Ambassador Ombeni Sefue to Washington, D.C.

It is always good to be able to report that Membership and Fundraising goals will surely be met again this year with much thanks to you all and to Malcolm Morris for his steady work on renewals. Membership is the responsibility of all of us and we ask you to continue to spread the word about FOT. Do you need some brochures?

Already there are 8 projects funded this year, as I write, and another 3 Giving Back projects this year. We thank you for your encouragement of applications, your visits to sites, and your financial contributions. The Board works on your behalf and it's your organization. Thanks for making this happen and your continuing interest in Tanzania.

Enjoy reading this issue of our newsletter and if you have ideas for us, please contact us at [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org). ASANTE SANA!

Candy Warner  
President FOT

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## 2008 FOT Membership/Renewal Form

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

Check one:  new member  renewal

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

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

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, (Country), Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Service/experience in Tanzania: Group: Peace Corps \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers for E. A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Visitor \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete as appropriate:** FOT Dues (\$15 reg./\$5 student) \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution for Development Projects \_\_\_\_\_

Nat Peace Corps Assoc Dues (optional \$35) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL :** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FOT Projects are funded with contributions from members. Please be generous as every dollar of your contribution goes to projects in Tanzania.**

**FOT is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all contributions including dues are tax deductible.** NPCA dues are not tax deductible. FOT's membership year runs from January to December. See our privacy policy at [www.FOTanzania.org](http://www.FOTanzania.org)



Tanganyika I & II Peace Corps Group held a Reunion on May 10-13, Arundel Plantation, South Carolina. They must have had a good time!

*1st row: L-R: Al Tamura, Lee Hedges, Gil Griffiths (sitting), Burt Segal (sitting)*

*2nd row: Jim O'Hara, Art Young*

*3rd row: Bob Bjerre, Roger Hagler, Jack McPhee, Peter De Simone, Lenny Bloom (hidden)*

*4th row: Bob Milhous, Jerry Parsons, Alex Quattlebaum*

*Last row: Bill Lounsberry, Rich Van Loenen, George Johnson, Tom Katus, Jerry Faust, Dennis Galvin*

## From the Treasurer's Desk

October 10, 2007

As reported in our last newsletter, we began 2007 with \$9,864 remaining in uncommitted funds. Since January 1, 2007 we have received \$24,390 in income from dues, all donations, NPCA dues and other income including calendars, baskets sales and interest. During 2007 we authorized expenditures of \$25,357 including \$17,500 on 8 FOT funded projects to date and \$4,000 in Giving Back Member-Designated projects. In the same period we had other expenses amounting to \$3,857 including the FOT Directory, wire transfer fees, NPCA dues, committee costs and the Spring newsletter. On October 10, 2007 we had a balance of \$8,897 remaining.

Kyle Green, Treasurer

## Seeking New Board Members

Would you like to serve as a member of the FOT Board of Directors? Do you know someone who could help FOT in its work and might be interested in this rewarding and enjoyable opportunity (on or off Board)?

Board Members serve for two years. There are up to ten meetings a year, generally in the Washington, D.C. area. Board members can join each meeting by telephone. Board Members are expected to serve on at least one committee and to attend most board meetings (occasional absences are understood).

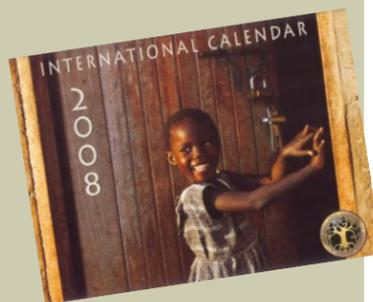
To nominate yourself or someone you know, please send your name with a paragraph describing your connection with Tanzania and the skills, experience and interests you would bring to the Board.

Send this information, or any questions you might have to Dick Geltman at [rgeltman@comcast.net](mailto:rgeltman@comcast.net). Nominations and expressions of interest should be received by November 15, 2007.

## BUY YOUR 2008 CALENDARS NOW!

The beautiful and colorful 2008 calendar produced by RPCVs of Madison, Wisconsin is ready. The calendar features photos and information about past and present Peace Corps host countries and this year East Africa is on the cover and Tanzania is the January page.

**Order these great calendars now for yourself and as Christmas gifts.** Calendars sell for \$10 each and all profits go to support FOT projects in Tanzania. Make your check out to "Friends of Tanzania" and mail it to: Friends of Tanzania, P.O. Box 9123, Arlington, VA 22219. Asante sana!



## Projects News

FOT is now receiving about 4 project applications each month – a very considerable amount of work ably handled by Karen Schaefer in Atlanta who receives, arranges translations, corresponds and handles the follow-through of all projects. This summer, Jeanne Waples in Boulder has started an Excel data base of all FOT projects from 1991 so that we can keep track, find materials and enable you to help when you visit our projects in Tanzania. Many thanks to both Karen and Jeanne from all the other Project Committee members!!

**Already this year FOT has funded a total of 8 projects for \$17,500 including two mentioned in our Spring issue: \$500 for construction materials for the Songea Orphans Relief Services project and \$1,200 to the Njombe West Environmental Conservation Association for a reforestation project.**

We continue to need your help in identifying good projects. Let us know at [info@FOTanzania.org](mailto:info@FOTanzania.org). And many thanks also to our three Giving Back donors so far this year. Your gifts are very important to Tanzania.

Mary Segall,  
Project Chairman

## FOT Budgeted Projects Funded from April through September

- \$3000** to the Ark Foundation of Africa in **Dar es Salaam** to assist in furnishing and equipping the library of the Tumaini Community Secondary School. The school serves underprivileged children who have lost one or both parents to AIDS. In order for the school to meet Ministry of Education standards it needs a fully equipped science lab and library. The funds provided by Friends of Tanzania will go towards the purchase of timber, hardware and "must have" books for the school library. FOT members Brian Singer and Lynn Kneedler, who have both worked with the Ark Foundation, recommended funding of this project.
- \$3000** to the Women's Education and Economic Center (WEECE) to provide supplies for a tailoring project in **Moshi, Kilimanjaro**. The project will train up to 48 young women in sewing, embroidery, and batik skills. The sale of the completed garments will provide a stream of revenue to the economic center and enable its members to continue their education activities in health and gender issues. With the FOT funds, WEECE will purchase sewing machines, fabric, and sewing notions. FOT Board member Craig Hafner brought this project to our attention.
- \$3000** to the Mkombozi Expansion Project in **Moshi, Kilimanjaro** to support the expansion of a vocational education center for orphans. The funds will be used to finish the roof of three new classrooms, purchase doors and windows for the building, and pay for eight toilets. The expanded facilities will allow the vocational center to double the number of students served at the center. Craig Hafner is familiar with the center and recommended the funding of this application.
- \$800** to the Kikundi cha Wanawake Viziwi (Deaf Women's Group). The group is located in **Dar es Salaam** and is affiliated with CHAVITA, a Tanzanian organization for the deaf. The Deaf Women's Group generates income through weaving, sewing, and traditional handicrafts. With the grant money from Friends of Tanzania, the group will purchase weaving and craft materials. FOT was also able to connect the group with Global Sistergoods, a fair trade import business that has agreed to offer some of the Tanzanian handicrafts for sale in the U.S.
- \$3000** to Youth Build Future in **Mbeya** to purchase building materials for a grain mill. Youth Build Future is an NGO that assists physically disabled youth. The funds will provide corrugated iron sheets, cement, sand gravel, timber, windows, a door, and nails for the construction of the mill. The new grain mill will employ the disabled and will mill maize, wheat, millet, and soya for local farmers who, without the new mill, must carry their grain on foot 3 kilometers to the nearest mill location.
- \$3000** to the Mzumbe Women Workers Club for construction supplies to complete a kindergarten and adult education center. The school is located in **Mzumbe, Morogoro**. The FOT grant will allow the club to complete the walls and roof, purchase windows and doors, and install toilet facilities in the school building. FOT board member Karen Schaefer visited the partially built school and recommended funding the proposal.

## Two for One

Karen Schaefer

In the final days of my Peace Corps service in the Tanzanian village of Mzumbe, the Mzumbe Women Workers' Club received its jump start as a small business credit union through a \$500 grant from Friends of Tanzania. In the ten years since its first micro loan, the club has garnered enough profit from their endeavors to begin constructing a preschool for Mzumbe children. When I learned that the Mzumbe Women Workers' Club had honored me by naming their school Karen Kindergarten, I knew I had to return to the village and see it for myself. So this past July, my daughter, my grandson, and I set out for a visit.



"Now, don't expect too much," I warned them. Even though I had seen a copy of the carefully drafted plans for the school, I understood that things in Tanzania run on a relaxed time schedule, and that structures go up in fitful stages as money becomes available and building materials can be afforded. I knew this school wouldn't have the trappings of an elite academy.

My daughter was the first to burst out laughing when she spied the school. Not a new building at all, the school consisted of the back half of the Mzumbe Secondary School repair shop. This was slower progress than even I'd anticipated.

"Sort of suits you," my daughter commented, as she scanned the rudimentary facility.

Only later did we learn that this was temporary quarters for the school. After the children sang us their songs of welcome and my grandson distributed the gifts we had brought, Mama Kimolo, the club president, and several other club members escorted us down the hill to the site of the future, permanent kindergarten. Workers had completed laying the foundation for the building, and in some rooms, partial walls had gone up. One of the classrooms appeared nearly complete, lacking only its flooring. And there the construction had stalled, all the funds exhausted before cement for the floor could be purchased or the remaining tin for the roof obtained.

Yet despite its dirt floors and unfinished roof, the partially completed school, it turned out, was already operational. Although not yet safe for young children, part of the building was nonetheless serviceable for adults. Not a group inclined to wait passively for the final nail to be hammered or the last brick to be mortared into place, the enterprising members of the Mzumbe Women Workers Club leapt to put the semi-finished classroom to good use. The room, Mama Kimolo informed us, was already serving in the afternoons as a place where teachers from Mzumbe Secondary School prepared adult school-leavers for the Tanzanian equivalent of the GED.

Now, with the new grant from FOT, the Mzumbe Women Workers' Club will complete the construction of a dual purpose school. Mornings the rooms will fill with the wriggling bodies of four- and five-year olds taking their first steps on the path of learning. And afternoons those same rooms will provide a second chance for adult students whose track to education detoured somewhere along the way.

### Giving Back Member-Designated Grants in 2007

1. 30 Scholarships for Girls at Geita Secondary School, Mwanza Region  
- Barbara Torrey
2. Funding toward a borehole well at St. Bakhita School of Nursing and Namanyere Hospital in Sumbawanga, Rukwe Region - Ernie Farrow
3. Funding toward a Water Well at Jacaranda School, Mwanza - Bob Taft

## Local Chapters Begin Organizing: Central Missouri

FOT members from Central Missouri wishing to become a Local Chapter were invited by Peter De Simone to an organizing FOT orientation on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City featuring FOT President Candy Warner. The twelve who came were joined by an additional 15 in spirit who want to become the first Local Chapter of FOT. We can expect that local chapters would have many Tanzanians participating as they are enthusiastic to meet, to fund projects and to advocate for Tanzania. This is a welcome development and extension of FOT's goals. We look forward to more Local Chapters who can take advantage of our previous organization, bylaws, 501.c.3 status, website and newsletter. The Board welcomes discussions with anyone interested in starting their own group. Many thanks to Sammie Zayumbe who chaired this meeting.



**Central Missouri Organizes September 16, 2007.**

Surrounding Sue Breyfogle and Candy Warner are: Wide Mwaka, Godfrey Shoke, Sammie and Sarah Zayumbe, Peter De Simone and Hamisi Allute. Missing from the photo are participants: Godfrey Karnaja, Boaz Mwamtube and Russ Breyfogle.

## Dues Reminder

FOT relies on your dues and donations to support its development projects in Tanzania including the most recent projects described on page 3. We are now seeking dues and donations for our 2008 membership year. Make sure you are up to date by checking your mailing label. If it has an 8, you are good through December 2008. If it has a 6, you are late and need to renew right away. If it has a 7, we would welcome your renewal now or early next year. Please help us get us off to a good start on our projects by making a donation in addition to your dues and by being as generous as you can. Our membership/renewal form is on page 7. Ahsante sana!

## Passages

Judith A. Ondich Gray, 63, of Manlius, New York died July 25, 2006. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, she graduated from Indiana University of PA and later received her master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. With her husband, Gordon Gray, Judith served in the Peace Corps in Tanzania from 1964-1967, working in the National Library. After returning to the US, Judith was a librarian at Nottingham High School for 29 years, retiring in 2001.

## A Gift Idea for the Holidays

This holiday season, consider a gift to Friends of Tanzania - a gift that keeps on giving - on behalf of your family, friends or co-workers. They can share in the joy of the season as they participate in our projects through your gift. We can provide you FOT brochures to distribute to announce your gift. Contact: [info@fotanzania.org](mailto:info@fotanzania.org)