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Observing 20 years of Friendship and More!

by PATRICIA KELLEY, PRESIDENT

Our long weekend of celebrating anniversaries: FOT's 20th, Peace Corps 50th and Tanzania's 50 years of Independence was wonderful! Many thanks to those of you who attended and/or worked to make all FOT's arrangements and events go so well. Please see photos on pages 4 and 5.

Special Events:

Hospitality Suites: FOT's suite, and many Peace Corps Groups' suites brought together old friends--some of whom hadn't seen one another for many years--and many of us made new and younger friends as we visited and mingled, and shared stories.

FOT's Celebration Dinner and General Meeting included more than 227 guests! We enjoyed an excellent dinner, good wine and beer, and much fellowship. Singing *Mungu Ibariki Afrika* (in Kiswahili) brought back memories and also tears to the eyes of some, as did our singing *Tanzania, Tanzania* (also in Kiswahili) later in the evening.

FOT's informational session, *Tanzania Today and Tomorrow*: Former US Ambassador to Tanzania Mark Green described successful efforts to combat malaria in Zanzibar and ongoing MCC Contract operations elsewhere in Tanzania, Ms Lynn Foden, Chief of Operations for Africa Region at Peace Corps, reported that many current Volunteers in Tanzania are working with AIDS prevention programs and that English teaching projects will soon expand there. Tanzanian Professor Charles Musiba enthusiastically spoke of his work with students in the Tanzania Field School he has

established at the Department of Anthropology of the University of Colorado Denver in cooperation with institutions in Mwanza and in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (among others) to study human origins, climate change, and human adaptability. FOT's own Mwamoyo Hamza was a convivial and able moderator for this informative forum.

In addition to FOT's events, we also facilitated many of the arrangements for the various Peace Corps reunion groups. Some of our FOT members and Board members who were former Peace Corps attended their specific Peace Corps Group's reunion, some FOT former Peace Corps staff attended the Peace Corps staff reception, and other FOT members attended the Peace Corps Gala.

FOT members joined Sunday morning's **Memorial Event** for Peace Corps staff and Volunteers who had died in service. This was held in the amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery, and was both moving and inspirational. Following this we joined the **March of Flags** (of all 139 countries where Peace Corps is serving and has served) from the Cemetery, across Memorial Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial. **Special thanks to the T1 RPCVs who carried the Tanzanian flag, and to the younger RPCVs who gave them a hand with this! One more reason to love younger FOT members!**

If you were in Washington for these events, you know it was great; and if you weren't we hope to see you next time!



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On FOT's 20th Anniversary

Our 20th anniversary has led the FOT Board to review why and how we support Friends of Tanzania. Here are some of our thoughts:

WHY support FOT? We remember FOT's goals, to: 1. Identify and support worthy projects in Tanzania, 2. Collect and disseminate information about the life, culture and development of Tanzania, and 3. Bring together people interested in supporting Tanzania.

About Projects: FOT helps support two types of projects:

a. Regularly funded projects:

In the last 20 years FOT has sent \$350,000.00 to help community development projects on Tanzania. Projects include simple water/sanitation systems for schools, community reforestation efforts, micro-loans, bee hive activities, and many more. These funds come from donations made by FOT members like you.



Patricia Kelley on the left with Peter Aloys and Candy Warner

b. Giving Back projects. Sometimes an individual FOT member is helping a community in Tanzania develop a project there. FOT may provide the organization with the support of our advice and experience, and by facilitating the sending of funds. See our Projects Report on page 3 and on our website.

About Disseminating Information and Bringing People Together: Twice a year, FOT members receive this newsletter, *Mbegu za Urafiki* (Seeds of Friendship) with information about FOT, recently funded projects, news from Tanzania and more. Our website www.FOTanzania.org is open to all and has additional information: lists of organizations working in Tanzania, information about Tanzanian products,

our new FOT brochure, and more. The number of FOT members and the people attending our events in September speak to how well we bring people together.

Supporting FOT helps you give back to Tanzania.

HOW to support FOT?

Our biggest needs right now are for more Board members, and more members of the Projects Committee. Please contact me at info@FOTanzania.org for more information.

We also ask that you keep up your membership (\$15.00 membership dues cover all our administrative expenses) and contribute any donations you wish if you can (100% of your donations go to support projects in Tanzania.)

Thank you for your generous help over 20 years,

Patricia Kelley, *President*



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FOT Board Seeks New Members

FOT is governed by volunteers who give their time and effort in many ways. You can help us by volunteering your name to be considered for membership on our Board. Board Members serve for two year terms. They begin with an orientation meeting and then attend about eight other meetings during the year, many by way of telephone conference calls from their homes around the US. We need your help as a Board Member! Please contact one of our Board Members or send an email to info@FOTanzania.org

FOT Projects Committee Report

by DIANE B. RUSSELL, PROJECTS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Requests from organizations in Tanzania for project funding has increased dramatically this year. The Projects Committee works diligently to identify projects that meet FOT's criteria and for which our funding would be used most effectively. We strive to distribute funds to small-scale projects located in different regions of Tanzania and to include a wide variety of development sectors. We carefully consider the organization and whether the project has adequate planning and budgeting, achievable goals, sustainability, and community support, input, and contribution. We are pleased to be able to give modest grants for a variety of good projects, but regret that we must turn down many other worthy projects.

FRIENDS OF TANZANIA Projects Funded from April through September 2011

1) \$1900 for agricultural/milling machine project, Musoma, Mara Region.

The Anglican Church of Tanzania will supply a milling machine for Bwenda Village. A milling machine in the village permits the women and disabled people to walk shorter distances with their grain and allows children to attend school daily. School fees for orphans will be paid from profits.

2) \$2550 for a beekeeping project, Masasi District, Mtwara Region. Kikundi Cha Voluntia plans to erect 100 hives on land on the Makonde Plateau four kilometers from the village of Nanganga. Men from Kikundi cha Voluntia will care for the land and the hives bi-weekly. Funds from FOT will pay for materials to make the hives and equipment to gather the honey. (Two PCVs have recommended the project and have corresponded with FOT on behalf of the organization.)

3) \$2000 for beekeeping project, Ludewa, Iringa Region. Chama Cha Walemavu Tanzania (CHATAWA) will purchase 85 hives and working gear in order to implement a beekeeping project. The village government will provide 3 acres of land for the project. CHAWATA works to support disabled people.

4) \$2075 for agricultural/milling machine project, Bukoba, Kagera Region. Youth Training Organization will complete the building for a milling and pestering machine and purchase the machine. The youth working the machines will have 2 years of experience at another mill and others will be newly trained. 120 village women and children will save time in bringing the maize, millet, and soy beans to this mill. Some grain will be kept for families, the rest, sold at market or to the newly-established teachers' training college ½ km from the project. 75% of profits will be applied to a microfinance plan for wom-

en, school fees for secondary school youth, orphans' support, and a carpentry workshop.

5) \$1850 for animal husbandry project, Bukoba, Kagera Region. Network of Bukoba Municipal Women (NEBUMWO PLUS) will assist women afflicted with HIV/AIDS by providing them with the nutritional value of milk and meat and an income-generating project. The plan is to purchase 30 goats to be distributed "on loan" to 30 women on the condition that once the goats reproduce 2 kids per year, the owner must give another woman a new kid ("get a goat, repay a goat"). In addition, the community will have manure for farm crops. FOT is funding the purchase of 30 goats, transport of the goats, vaccinations, worm tablets, veterinary costs and a bicycle for monitoring.

6) \$1500 for fish farming project, Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region. African Community Rehabilitation Organization (ACRO) will use the funds for fish pond construction and fish management equipment (netting, wire, fencing) to support the development of integrated fish farming and training by women's groups to improve the quality of life of village women, vulnerable children, and orphans. Five groups of women, 10 per group, are involved in training 20 children from one school at a time in an ongoing process of women training more women, children training children. Another fish pond will be constructed in a community land area; this pond will be owned and managed by women. Positive outcomes include sharing knowledge about the nutritional benefits of fish, increased consumption by the children to counter malnutrition, and economic opportunities through selling fish.

7) \$2020 for reforestation/tree nursery project, Lushoto, Tanga Region. LUSHOTO WOMEN EMPOWERMENT GROUP will purchase tree seedlings, sand, and nursery equipment for "environmental protection on the

Usambara Mountains." The project will train approximately 300 women in Jeagestal village to plant, raise tree seedlings, and manage their own selling businesses. The women, ages 20-50 years, 30% of whom are widows, already cultivate vegetables and fruits for family consumption and selling. The tree seedlings will be an off-season occupation, thus providing a year-round income.

8) \$1300 for environmental education project, Lushoto, Tanga Region.

Friends of Usambara Society will use the funds for tree seedlings and equipment at two primary schools for the establishment of environmental enterprise clubs and tree nurseries. Through the schools, the organization will promote agroforestry as an alternate income-generating activity by fostering environmental conservation while providing youth with the knowledge of entrepreneurship. Tree seedlings will be from exotic species, which are fast growing and will provide women with firewood, and indigenous species, which are suited to environmental forest conservation. The youth will have incomes through the establishment of their own business in the villages. In the first year, 200 youth in the clubs will benefit; after 2-3 years, 4000 people will benefit from the purchase of trees and managing to preserve the water source.

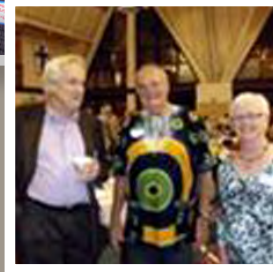
9) \$2500 for water project, Musoma, Mara Region. HAKI ZA WANAWAKE NA WATOTO (HAWAWAMU) will construct rainwater harvesting tanks at 2 primary schools, Matongo and Kin-yariri. The school children and teachers will have a close source of water; the community will learn how to get water through construction of water tanks. The goals are to improve pupils' health by eliminating waterborne disease and to have water to wash hands. The water will be boiled for drinking.

Total approved grants of regularly funded projects in 2011 to date: \$20,695.

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FOT Celebrates Anniversaries . . .

Friday FOT Dinner



INDEPENDENCE DAY 1961

By EMMANUEL MUGANDA



I was 12 years old when Tanganyika became independent. There would be a flag raising ceremony at the Musoma stadium, just next to the airport, on midnight of December 9th. I was wondering if my parents would let me attend and since my father was one of the three religious leaders asked to lead a prayer at the ceremony my parents let me attend. It was a heart rending experience to watch the Union Jack come down for the last time and our green, black and yellow go up to the new national anthem. It was a great day in Musoma as it was elsewhere in Tanganyika. There was a greater sense of pride among the people of Musoma since our new leader, Julius Nyerere, came from this area.

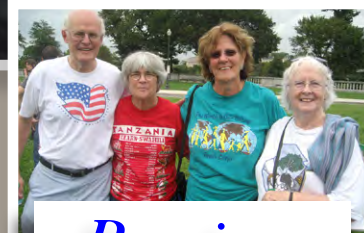
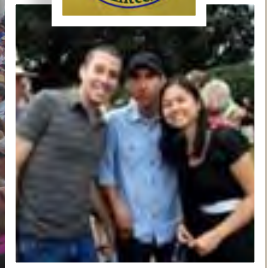
The next day, I went back to the airport as it was announced that the Duke of Edinburgh, who had represented the Queen of England at the independence ceremony, would be coming to Musoma, piloting his own plane, on the way to Serengeti. As much as I was excited about our independence, I was excited as much to see the Duke as he arrived in Musoma and to marvel at his plane.

Things would never be the same again for Tanganyika, just as it would never be the same again for this young man growing up in an independent nation. There was hope.



Rejoicing . . . Remembering . . . Reconnecting

Sunday March



Reunions



Tanzanian Women of Tallahassee Hold Ladies Bingo Night Fundraiser

By ELIZABETH PLATT (TANZANIA VI)



On Saturday, March 26th, several Tanzanian women living in Tallahassee, Florida, held a successful and joyous Tanzanian dinner and bingo night in a local church hall. We were raising funds to purchase sport uniforms (see photo of sport shirt) and sanitary napkins for girls in the rural Kasisa Primary School, Sengerema District, Mwanza Region.

The evening of the event brought together about 75 local women and girls, including some RPCVs. After our meal we showed pictures of the school and the children, including one of the very inadequate latrine, and explained the need for sanitary napkins and sport uniforms. The women in the audience were quite moved by our story. Afterwards we played several rousing rounds of Bingo, a game in which the Tanzanians participated with great exuberance, infecting everyone with a spirit of fun and excitement.

The yield from ticket sales, donations, and bingo card contributions totaled over \$2000, leaving us with a surplus we may be able to use for the digging of a new latrine at the school. For me, the most gratifying aspect of the whole enterprise has been the awakening of the 'can-do' spirit of the Tanzanian women. So, now just watch us go!



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Thank You, FOT Members

Bwenda Village Grain Mill Project:

Rhobi Samwelly of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, Mara Diocese wrote that there remained 107,456 TSH after the purchase of the grain milling machine for Bwenda Village and asked how FOT would like her to use this amount. We asked her for suggestions and she replied: "I am agreeing to use the funds to HIV/AIDS Widows in Bwenda village as micro finance. Through micro finance these women can be able to support their children with education. I would like to invite you to visit our organization to see the ongoing projects, I think this will sound good to us and people whom you supported."

Youth Training Organization Grain Mill Project:

Charles Mpitagi tells us: "The whole community at the project has been informed and they are so appreciate-full and we promise to use the funds accordingly. Once again thank you for the assistance and cooperation you have been giving to me from the beginning of our request."

NEBUMWO PLUS Goat Project:

Pelagia Katunzi says, "Once again I

thank you for a very good cooperation I received from you and the entire of FOT, we expect to the goats on the (first) week of August as our vetererinary is attending a seminar in Morogoro. Express our sincere gratitude to all members of FOT and we hope to be effective on reporting."

Sukuro Borehole Giving Back

Project:

Fr. Peter Pinto sends, "Greetings from Simanjiro. We started to drill day before yesterday and Praise God, We hit the water today at 115 meters, and I am very happy. Gerald says there is bigger water still below. So we will go deeper. Will keep you informed."

Juhudi Women Association for Community Development, Solar Drying Project:

Mama Judith Chambega writes, "It is my hope that you are doing well there at the Friends of Tanzania in Virginia. We are also fine here in Lushoto-Tanzania proceeding with our organizational activities including the solar drying of foods."

FOT PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT, *continued from page 3*

Giving-Back Projects, 2011

1) \$5575 for Sukuro Water Project, Simanjiro District, Manyara Region. Robert J. Griffith, Tanzania VI, Memorial Giving Back Project. Divine Word Mission will oversee the drilling of a borehole in Sukuro Village of 3000 residents to provide clean water. The other source of water is at a distance of 7 km. The project will follow 3 phases: a) water survey; b) drill 120 m. borehole; c) install generator and diesel pump. The application was prepared by Barbara Mackey with Fr. Peter Pinto and Dr. Jenny Browne, Maasai Rafiki Project.

2) Up to \$6700 for Second Chance Education Centre, Rural Teacher Capacity Building Workshop, Moshi, Kilimanjaro.

Donations will support the attendance of 30 more rural primary and second-

ary school teachers for a week and basic materials at a second workshop planned for January 2012, based on the success of the first workshop. Selected Tanzanian teachers and teacher resource center directors who participated in the first workshop will be invited to return as mentors alongside experienced American and international volunteer educators. The headmasters of Msaranga Ward Primary and Secondary Schools have offered their classrooms and students for helpful, non-evaluative, observed practice teaching sessions for the participants. Diane Russell has submitted the application for renewal of the giving back project on behalf of Mama Lucy M. Renju, Director of Second Chance Education Centre.

From the **TREASURER'S DESK: October 12, 2011**

As reported in our last newsletter, we began 2011 with \$16,539 in surplus funds carried over from 2010. Since January 1, 2011, we have received \$35,772 in income from dues, donations, and other income including calendars and miscellaneous sales and the net donation to projects from the September Celebrations. To date in 2011, we authorized expenditures of \$37,594, including \$20,695 on 10 FOT Projects and \$10,825 on three Giving-Back Projects approved to date. Other expenses amounted to \$6,074 including the FOT website upgrade, the Spring newsletter, wire transfer fees, and other committee expenses. We also have \$5,100 in a Calvert Social Investment Foundation Community Investment Fund for International Microenterprise that becomes due with 1% interest in April of next year. The balance remaining as of October 12, 2011 is \$15,581 (not counting the Calvert Investment).

Please do what you can to increase your donations to FOT this year.

Candy Warner, Treasurer

Colorado FOTs Work with Tanzania Embassy

Friends of Tanzania in Colorado invited Tanzanian Ambassador Mwanaidi Sinare Maajar to Denver Oct. 23-25, 2011 and she accepted! Universities and organizations engaging her as a speaker provided support for her travel and expenses: University of Denver Law School, Colorado School of Mines and University of Colorado - Denver, and the World Trade Center, Denver. Additional support was provided by Africa Adventure Consultants, which specializes in African Safaris. A "Tanzanian Networking Event," with more than 20 Colorado-based organizations and many university researchers sharing information about their work in Tanzania, was planned because of the Ambassador's visit. FOT members including RPCVs and TEAAs from Colorado were all invited. If you want to do something similar in your home area, please contact board FOT members Pat Kelley or Craig Hafner.

DUES REMINDER

FOT relies on your dues and donations to support its development projects in Tanzania including the most recent projects described on pages 3 and 6. We are now seeking dues and donations for our 2012 membership year. Make sure you are up to date by checking your mailing label. If it has a 12, you are already paid through December 2012 and are all set for next year. If it has an 11, we would welcome your renewal now or early next year. If it has a 10 or less, you are really late and need to renew right away.

Please help us finish up this year's projects and get off to a great start on next year's by making a donation in addition to your dues and by being as generous as you can. Our membership/renewal form is below.

Asante sana.

Malcolm Morris, *Membership Chair*

PASSAGES

MARTIN CHAMBERLAIN

passed away on November 7, 2010 in Seattle at the age of 96. Martin was the Director of the Peace Corps in Tanzania from 1963 to 1965. Prior to his Peace Corps work, Martin had received a Ph.D in social sciences at the Univ. of Chicago and had worked for 17 years at the Univ. of Washington. After Peace Corps, Martin was a Dean and later Assistant to the Chancellor at the Univ. of California, San Diego, until his retirement in 1982. During his retirement he wrote a book about his grandfather, Col. Granville Haller, a northwest pioneer. Martin was a loyal member of FOT for many years.

EUGENE SCHREIBER

passed away on July 20, 2011 in New Orleans. Eugene was a member of T-I, the first contingent of Peace Corps Volunteers sent abroad by President Kennedy whom he and other members of T-1 met at the White House. Eugene served as Managing Director of the World Trade Center of New Orleans for 32 years, hosting many world leaders and receiving numerous awards for his work. Eugene was also a Foreign Service Officer in the Dept. of State for 17 years, serving in Bolivia, Uganda, Brazil and Guatemala. Eugene was considered a lifelong diplomat who was an eloquent advocate for the City of New Orleans.



2012 CALENDARS

The informative and visually stunning 2012 calendar produced by the RPCVs of Madison, Wisconsin is available through our website online payments or by using the Membership Form below. The price of \$15 includes postage. All profits go to the support of FOT projects. The Calendars make wonderful holiday or thank-you gifts, and are particularly good for families or schools. Buy yours now!

2012 FOT Membership ~ New/Renewal Membership Form

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Service/experience in Tanzania:

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Complete as appropriate:



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

Contribution for development projects _____

Order # _____ Peace Corps 2012 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. FOT is a 501c3 charitable organization; your contributions, including FOT dues, are tax deductible. NPCA dues are not tax deductible.

*Greetings from Her Excellency Madame Mwanaidi Sinare Maajar,
Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania, on the occasion of
Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary Celebrations, September, 2011*



Tanzania cannot thank you enough for the impact you have made through volunteering in various areas such as education, health, environment, agricultural development and HIV/AIDS. Apart from helping the people of Tanzania to meet their need for trained workers, you also help Tanzanians to better understand Americans while at the same time helping Americans better understand Tanzania and Tanzanians.

Volunteers are well remembered by their students, their Tanzanian counterparts, the families that hosted them, their neighbors and friends whose lives they have touched. It is worth noting that the importance of Peace Corps Volunteers is as relevant now as it was back in 1961.

Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary and thank you very much for the positive changes you are helping to make with the Tanzanian people, especially those in the rural areas.

*This is a brief except from the statement we received.
The full statement is posted on our website www.FOTanzania.org.*



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