



# welcome

editorial

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the IST Alumni Newsletter – a bi annual publication aimed at keeping the IST alumni, in Tanzania and abroad, abreast with the association’s work.

**Don’t miss out**

October saw the inauguration of a new committee under the presidency of Keval Shah. The outgoing committee under the leadership of Dialla Kassam saw a handful of events being organized including the IST barbeque, Corporate Bowlathon – which raised \$4,000 benefitting cleft lip surgeries at the CCBRT - and part funding to IST students who excelled in the IB program and obtained scholarships to leading universities.

The incoming committee aims to build on the success of its predecessors. Already in store for this year are a handful of events - see scheduled activities below for further details. Catch up also on the few get togethers that the new committee has organized since coming into office, including an informal evening at the president’s residence to welcome the new committee, a meet and greet with the Board at Alcove and a reunion combined with a school tour for the class of 1970.

**Also featuring**

In addition to what’s happening in Dar, catch up on the latest events being organized by

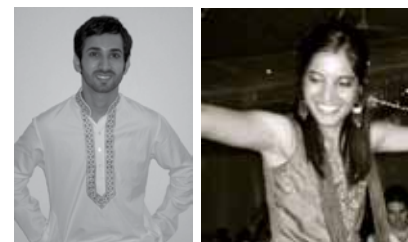
alumni abroad. Also find out what Caren Diehl, John Metzger and Surekha Dangoor have been up to since they left IST in the Nomad’s Whereabout’s section. Finally, see if you can spot yourself (or your friends) in the Down Memory Lane photos.

**You tell us**

We look forward to your feedback. For comments, or what you would like to see in the next newsletter, please let us know by sending an email to alumni@istafrica.com. Also feel free to share any photos, stories and events in your part of the world so we can publish these in the next issue. For a FREE subscription to the newsletter and to be added to the alumni database, please contact Doreen at the same email.

**Hassan and Nikki**

PS: special thanks to METL, Sumaria, Synarge, The Living Room and Indian Ocean Hotels for sponsoring the inaugural issue of the newsletter.



**Hassan Dewji Nikki Aggarwal**

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# *Achievements* of the outgoing committee



***Barbeque***  
*(September 2nd 2007, IST  
Secondary School Campus,  
11AM to 4PM).*

A relaxed Sunday afternoon with food, music and fun activities for members of the IST community, past and present.

Weekly Diary  
● F.A Cup - Fifth Round  
● Dar Arakhsie in Africa Junior tennis

# The Express sports

The Express  
TANGANYIKA'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER ON THE INTERNET  
E-mail: express@tanzania.com, radio@express.com

## Athletics team's camp starts Monday

By Shaban Osman  
Dar es Salaam

THE national athletics team will move into a residential camp on Monday to prepare for the Olympic Games to be held from August 8 to 24 in Beijing, China.

Uncertainty was prevailing over the start of the national team's residential training as Tanzania (AT) failed to secure a sponsorship.

AT Secretary General, Suleiman Nyambui said they and every thing is in place for the start of the camp.

The country's athletics governing body expected to have the team assembled in January but to no avail.

He said the camp will be conducted in Arusha before the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) and the Government.

Tanzania is expected to field athletes in the Chinese games in boxing and athletics.

Members of the boxing team are also expected to compete in the African qualifiers to be held in Windhoek, Namibia in March looking for the Olympic qualifications.

The boxers topped in the recently ended similar qualifications held in Algeria. Getull Bayo, Dickson Marwa, Samson Ramadhan and Mwendi Mohammed are the only local runners qualified for the games, held after every four years.



A member of International School of Tanganyika Alumni Association, Hassan David (C) presenting a trophy to CCBRT association's bowling competition winner, Shariwa team, at Sea Cliff Hotel over the weekend. Photo by Peter Mgonjo.

Shahabi to play Aga Khan on Sunday

## Local News

The Express



International School of Tanganyika Alumni Association President, Dialla Kassam (L) handing over a dummy cheque for USD 4,000 to CCBRT Representative, Haika Mawalla, to support disabled persons cared for at the hospital. It was during a bowling competition at Sea Cliff Hotel over the weekend. (Photo by Peter Mgonjo).

State Attorney General Mkizungu claimed before the court that the accused committed the offence on August 17, 2005, at Kalokola village on Lake Tanganyika's shores in Nkasi district.

He went on to say that the accused was living in Kigoma town, where in 2002 she got married and in 2005 she conceived a child, shortly after that she was informed that her mother was sick and therefore she left Kigoma for Kalungu village to see her mother.

Mariam nursed her mother until she got well, then she decided to look for work so that she could earn the fare to return her to her husband in Kigoma.

She went to Kalokola Village where her efforts to get casual labour failed. She went on looking for work along Lake Tanganyika, and later decided to throw the six-month -old infant into the lake, and then ran away.

The child's body was found on the following day by villagers. Their militia conducted a man-

that she was married to a man who was not fit to care for the child and herself.

The father of the accused, Justinian said, died when Mariam was a baby, and she was cared for by her mother's younger sister, thus missing parents, and she repents of the offence she has committed as it troubles her heart, and she will be haunted by it the whole of her life.

The advocate blamed the community for failing to help his client until she came to the decision of killing her child, adding that his client has the first born, a four-year-old she gave birth to before getting married to the Kigoma man, and this elder child needs its mother's care.

Following the prosecution presented by the State Attorney, and defence by the independent advocate, Judge-In-Charge Bethuel Mmilla sentenced the accused to three years jail, asking her not to repeat the offence as it was a brutal and an inhuman act.

### Bowlathon

(February 9th 2008. Sea Cliff Bowling Arena, 2 PM onwards).

A fundraising initiative to support the CCBRT. \$4,000 USD raised to fund minor lip surgery for 20 kids.



## ***Partial Sponsorships to IST students (2008 and 2009)***

Provide funding to meet airfare expenses to students demonstrating exemplary academic performance and unable to bear certain costs.



### **2008**

**Christine Karamagi**

Stanford University - Full scholarship

**Wende Kisamfu**

Stanford University - Full scholarship

**Dushyant Pattni**

Trinity University - Full scholarship

**Nellin Njovu**

Trinity University - Full scholarship

### **2009**

**Charles Mbatia**

Stanford University

**Sylvia Llahuka**

Wellesley College

**Evelyn Lupimo**

Stanford University - Full scholarship

**Alex Serkali**

Trinity University - Full scholarship

**Sabrina Yegella**

Dartmouth University

## ***AGM and cocktail***

***(1st October 2009. Golden Tulip Hotel, 7 PM onwards)***

Outgoing committee presented their achievements. New committee (see below) was sworn in and a Trust Board was formed to act as a patron to the Association.



# *New Committee and Trustees*

## *Executive Committee*



**Keval Shah**  
President



**Riaz Bharwani**  
Vice-President



**Hassan Dewji**  
Junior Vice-  
President



**Jitesh Ladwa**  
Treasurer



**Manish Thakrar**  
Secretary

## *Trustees*



**Jayesh Shah**



**Dialla Kassam**



**Scott Coles**

## *Alumni Secretary*



**Doreen da Silva**

## *Members without Portfolio*

Chintal Kanabar  
Mohamed Khimji  
Sidika Nazarali

Hussein Dewji  
Nikki Aggarwal  
Simon Rupia

Mili Manek  
Palak Patel  
Sukaina Khimji

Mohamed Kassongo  
Shamima Bhalloo  
Vikram Desai





## ***Introduction to the Subcommittees***

### ***Website***

develop, monitor, co-ordinate and maintain the IST Alumni website.

Keval Shah (Coordinator)  
Sukaina Khimji  
Mohamed Khimji

### ***Newsletter***

produce a bi-annual e-newsletter informing the alumni community of the Association's activities.

Hassan Dewji (Coordinator)  
Nikki Aggarwal

### ***Fundraising***

organize fundraising activities for local charities.

Jitesh Ladwa (Coordinator)  
Mili Manek  
Palak Patel  
Vikram Desai  
Sidika Nazarali

### ***Outreach and Social Events***

reach out to the IST alumni community at large by organizing get-togethers, locally and overseas.

Manish Thakrar (Coordinator)  
Chintal Kanabar  
Simon Rupia

### ***Community Service***

reach out to the needy in the community outside IST.

Riaz Bharwani (Coordinator)  
Mohamed Kassongo  
Hussein Dewji  
Shamima Bhalloo

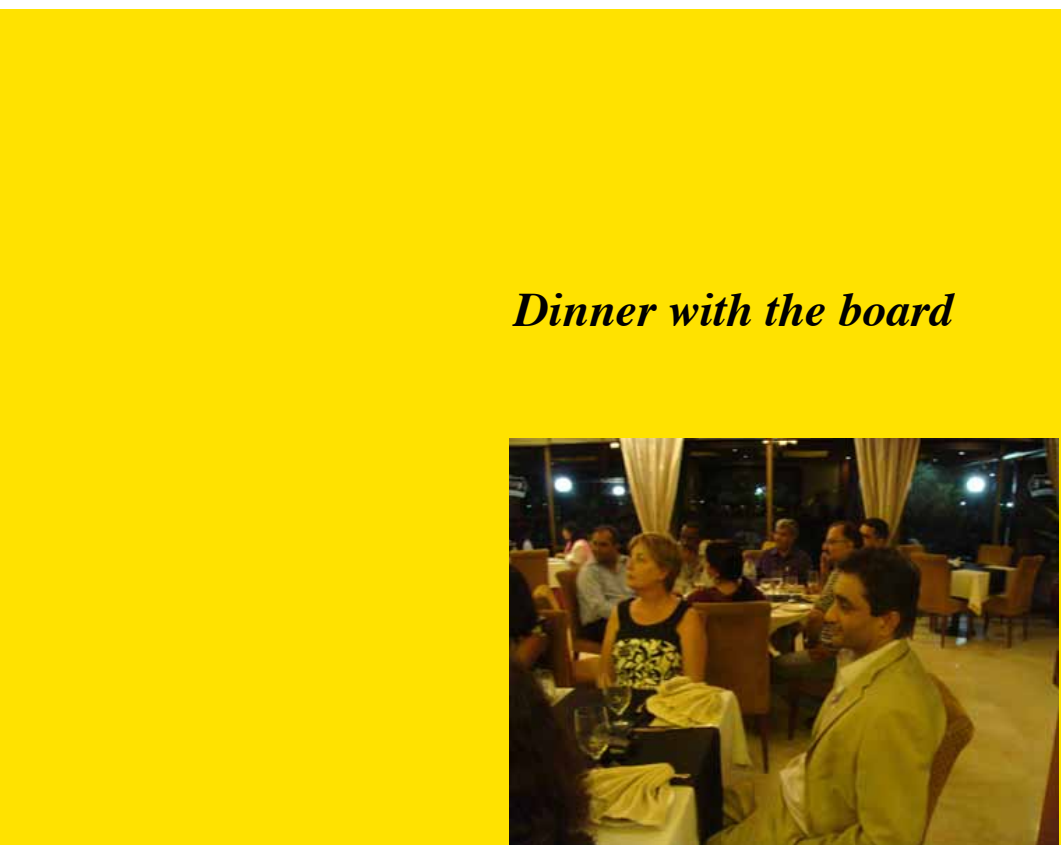
# *Events this year* so far by the Alumni Association

*The group that came down: Class of 1970: lunch at Golden Tulip followed by tour of school.*





*Alumni get together at Keval's*



## *Scheduled events this year by the Alumni Association*

The following events have been scheduled for the first half of 2010. Precise details will be emailed nearer to the time.

### ***Fundraising subcommittee***

Garage sale (mid-march, IST Secondary School). Participants will rent a table where they can bring items to sell. Each table has a fee (Tshs 25,000 per table) and participants can book as many tables as they want depending on the number of items they have which they wish to sell. All these proceeds go directly to charity. (House of Blue Hope)

During the day, we will arrange music, snacks and refreshments for purchase, and a barbeque at the end of the day. A live DJ will play music all day and an MC will host the event, reminding the public and participants this event is for charity and to be as generous as possible!

### ***Website sub-committee***

Ensure that the website is up and running by the middle of the year and database of contacts is streamlined.

### ***Newsletter sub-committee***

to produce at least two newsletters a year capturing news, events and information relevant to the IST alumni community at large.

### ***Outreach and social events sub-committee***

A family day out for the alumni currently here in Dar in April. This will give an opportunity for the alumnus to come and catch up with school mates and to network with the IST community.

### ***Community service sub-committee***

Community service committee of the IST Alumni have decided to go ahead with two projects for the year. The first will be a marathon or a charity walk with a difference. With the funds collected, it will then be decided upon whether to construct a well for the less fortunate, who have to walk hundreds of miles to get access to water, or, to choose an orphanage who are inadequately funded and to perhaps outsource certain essential necessities they might require and provide them with it. For instance, mosquito netting or furniture. The second event will be a book and toy drive. This will involve collecting new and/or used books and toys as donation towards charity. These will be collected over a span of time. We are still looking into different institutions especially nurseries or schools where these items will be best utilized. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



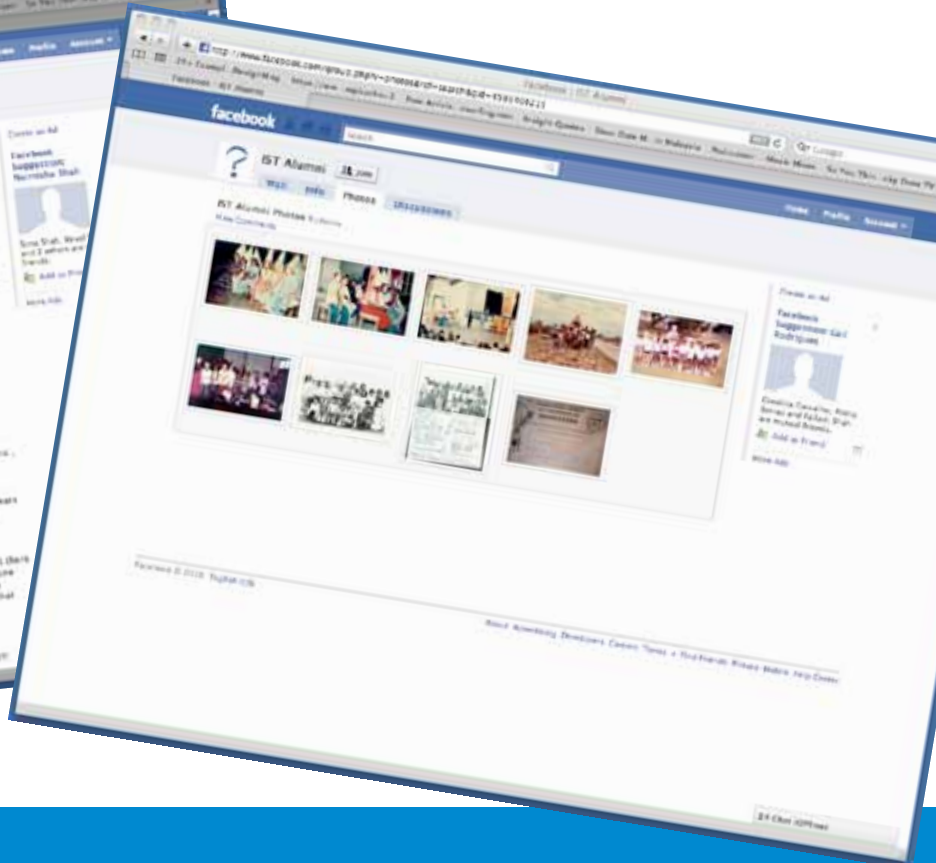
# Events organized by alumni abroad

## John's website!

I set up a web page for [www.tz-reunion.com](http://www.tz-reunion.com) I particularly did not put a date in the URL so that anyone else could use it for TZ Reunions, it does not matter if they are in Tanzania or anywhere else. I also set up a facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&ref=search&gid=4593404215> or search for IST ALUMNI within facebook, which many people have joined. I would love if anyone would like to administer either of these and take them over.

HAVE YOU ORGANIZED AN IST ALUMNI EVENT IN YOUR COUNTRY? EMAIL US A BLURB AND SOME PHOTOS SO WE CAN COVER THE EVENT IN OUR NEXT ISSUE AT [alumni@isafrika.com](mailto:alumni@isafrika.com).



# Where are they now?

## *John Metzger*

In my last years at IST we had a great bunch of teachers, I particularly remember Mr. Fernandez (Chemistry) Mrs. Wamba (french) Mr. Powel (Head ~Master) Mrs Valsen English. This is a few, i will try to remember more ...

For those of that were around at that time I bet that you recall that there was not much in Dar... it was the "Hamna years" at the Yacht Club there was the Hamna list... haha... I also bet that you remember that it was GREAT !! Because there was almost no Discos or night spots everyone had privet parties that everyone went to.

Just a little about what I have been up to... after I finished IST I got a pilots licence, worked for a security company, went to study some more... ended up with a Degree in Gemology ... went back to Tanzania (again as one does) and Worked as a IT System administrator for a Japanese company and then went back to security... A friend and myself went on to open our own security company in 1999, it grew to one of the biggest security companies in Tanzania and in 2008 I decided that I wanted to move on. I decided to go and spend some time in Europe and that is where I am now ... Actually in South of Spain ... I am now setting up a few Push To Talk (PTT you have prob seen it on your Nokia).

I Dont know if any of you knew Kirstian Kjaer... We were in the same class for the last few years... Well as fate has it, I had moved to Spain and... guess what... I found out that Kristian lives about 10 minutes from my place.



Hi I am John Metzger, As what everyone says that my years at IST were great and probably the best in my youth ! Actually they were the best as I spent all my childhood years at IST. I went from 1st grade all the way to 11th ...

A few of the my friends went all the way through with me. Freddy Helberg, Vinesh Paleja and a few others. Riaz Bharwani joined us in Middle School, we were best friends all the way to 11th grade. Dimitri Ferentinos, although I knew him before he joined the IST, joined us in the first years of upper school and its great to be able to say that we are best of friends.

IST was a great place, I remember most of it. Probably some of the best things and wildest things that I remember was moving from the Upanga Road Campus to the Upper School campus. It was a complete construction site, there was only the front building that consisted of some labs, the library, the office and, the computer room ... I still remember the apple II computers that were in there ... one or two of the language classrooms and that was about it ...



## *Caren Diehl*

I graduated from IST in 1999. I received my BSc in Sport Psychology in Wales, and my Masters in Philadelphia and am now working on my PhD (the University is in England). I am currently living in Germany but hopefully that won't be for much longer as my PhD should be done soon. Let's see where the next chapter of my life takes me. I have helped organize the reunion in 2006 in Dar es Salaam; it was great seeing a lot of people again even though the reunion had a sad ending to it as Jagpreet, a dear friend passed away a few days after I returned to Germany. I have also attended several gatherings in London as there are quite a few IST kids there. It's always great to see old friends and remembering the good old days. Whenever I travel I try and meet up with people from IST. I have met up with a few people in Denmark, UAE, Germany and London in 2009. We just all seem to have a very special bond; it's hard to explain its just always great seeing people from IST.



## *Surekha Dangoor*

My years in Tanzania were unquestionably the best years of my childhood. It was a tropical paradise whose facets I can still recall so vividly - the beautiful beaches, the lush vegetation, the pothole riddled streets, the unpredictability of the telephone service of the water supply, the relaxed attitude of the natives, all the little places and hangouts in town, all my friends that I had made, several of whom I am still in touch with. IST is probably the best school that I have ever come across. It played a very formative role in the development of my character and my choices in life. I loved the school, the teachers, the students ... and it felt like a second home to me. I am so happy to be in touch with so many of my friends, classmates and teachers even decades later! For anyone who wishes to contact me, my name at the time was Surekha Satyam, and I graduated from IST with an IB diploma in 1986.



My name after marriage is Surekha Dangoor. I currently live in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. I obtained my Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan, and last worked for Cisco Systems. I have a daughter who is now the focus of my life, so I stay home full-time. I recently finished writing a book, called "Satyam", in honour of my late father.

# *Down memory lane*

