

Board Handover Meeting September 21, 2007

Attendees: Juditha, Meredith, Star, Joann, Sonja, Natalie, Rubaida, Kelli

- Juditha began the meeting by offering her and other past board members assistance to this year's board.
 - Juditha will continue to maintain website until a new person can be found.
 - Need newsletter, website and membership slots filled
 - CD handed over with all DAWC files, for treasurer and secretary including free memberships list etc.
 - Recommended that the current board to feel no pressure to hold all traditional parties.
 - § Feedback from Members last yr was to keep events small with speaker or fun event, in the past traditional annual events but members feel that more fun and novel events are needed.
 - List of ideas given to Natalie
 - § Sonja suggested starting monthly game nights
- Monthly Coffee Socials
 - Second Wednesday of every month
 - § Star and Juditha hosting October 10
 - § Natalie West hosting November 14
 - § Sonja hosting December 12
 - Traditional to bring small gifts
 - Winter break starts on 12/14
- Thanksgiving party held last year but not traditional
- Christmas Bazaar has evolved to a very large involved event that was very difficult to pull off without the help of the British women's group.
 - Meredith reviewed information on hand and transferred that information to new board
 - Traditional to hold bake sale with bazaar
- Christmas Rickshaw Caroling/Bonfire event
 - To be chaired by Rubaida
 - Last year only bonfire due to embassy personal being banned from using Rickshaws. Will evaluate again this year.
- Christmas Pot luck
 - Traditionally at Ambassadors (At Charge this yr?)
 - § More formal than bonfire
- Christmas cookie exchange at club last yr was fun and successful
- Chocolate and Champagne party was a success last year
 - Couples event held near Valentines day
 - Chocolate fountain with berries/cake and champagne
- Natalie would like to host a Luau
 - January 18th as an adult evening party
- Last yr children's Easter party

- Newsletter
 - Last year first year that it was delivered electronically
 - There were mixed reviews of delivering newsletter electronically
 - Need Newsletter editor for this year
- Juditha stated that she was very impressed with the new ARA manager. She feels that he is very supportive of the DAWC and that he has good business connections that might be helpful.
 - Raffles had always been a big fundraiser for DAWC but now considered gambling by the ARA
- Yellow Pages
 - Needs to be a community project because it is so large in scale
 - Last 3 master copies handed over as well as updated information for the new book
 - Lupe Islam was editor of past editions and is willing to offer advice
 - DAWC paid for surveying and owns maps printed in yellow pages, others have attempted to use these without our permission
- Charities committee
 - Rubida has offered to chair committee, she has a long connection with the committee and has done many site visits etc
 - Tara Maria is also interested in being very active with committee
- Board Meetings will be held 1st Monday of every month at 6pm