

# The Safi Signal



SAFI SCHOOL PROJECT

JUNE, 2017

## Meet Bishop Durning School -- New Home for Safi Students

Since the beginning of the 2017 Tanzanian school year, the 58 secondary students supported by Safi School Project transferred from Ngateu Secondary School to Bishop Durning School, a boarding school in Arusha, a few miles from Ngateu. "Our" students are spread among Forms II through IV.

A boarding school such as Bishop Durning provides a safer environment for many of our students who do not live at home and so were almost living on the street while attending Ngateu. Bishop Durning provides room and board; and a living situation that allows students to focus more on their studies by eliminating the considerable travel time that many students faced before.

The physical plant at Bishop Durning is much sounder than that of Ngateu and should eliminate the need for Safi to devote funds to maintaining or improving buildings and grounds, and allows Safi to return to its original mission of directly supporting students.

The move ends Safi's relationship with Ngateu School, but not with the students we support. Philosophical and operational differences between the Ngateu administration and Safi necessitated the dissolution. Safi leaders spent substantial time and effort to resolve these differences, but were unsuccessful.

We approached the parents of the students who would be affected by a move to explain the move and how our support for their children would continue. The parents were virtually unanimous in their support of the move.

The teachers at Bishop Durning are college graduates and our transferring students face some differences in teaching styles than they are used to. With the help of a grant from St. Mark Lutheran Church, Lacey, WA, a tutoring program is being instituted using one of our former Ngateu teachers to assist the students. (See Bishop Durning, p. 2.)



**Bishop Durning**, from p. 1

We are very grateful to St. Mark for their continuing help with the Safi Programs. Our Tanzanian Educational Consultant is keeping in close contact with the students to determine whether additional assistance will be needed to maintain the performance level of our students that we have witnessed the past few years.

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**New Board Takes the Safi Reins**

A new Board was elected at the recent Annual Meeting. Of the fourteen Board members, eight are continuing, four are new, and two are returning members. The Board membership now extends from Northern Washington to Newberg, Oregon and includes teachers, a social worker, two members who own, or have owned, their own companies, a retired nurse practitioner, two former IRS professionals, an architect, several lifelong volunteers, and a writer. The Board is looking forward to a busy year with the changes in the Safi Program, and welcome input from the membership.



Marilyn Alhf, Dittie Weinel, Karen Mapes, Jenny Bona, Jane Seidel, Rob Quello, Mary Nelson, Sally Tellekson, Robert Alspaugh, Earla Ferry, Kate Delozier, Chris Gourley, Lola Deane.

Insets: Courtney Bell, Lyle Morse.

## Sailing, sailing . . .

**For the 4th time Safi School Project is offering a Holland America Cruise for two!** Safi School Project has again had a gracious donation of a one week Holland America Cruise for two. This is a big part of our fundraising efforts and a fun opportunity for you and your friends. Safi is only licensed to sell 500 tickets, so your odds are much better than with most other raffles.

**This is a fantastic prize: A Holland-America cruise for two, up to 7 days on any Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska or Canada/New England route.**

The winning Stateroom will be a minimum of ocean view.

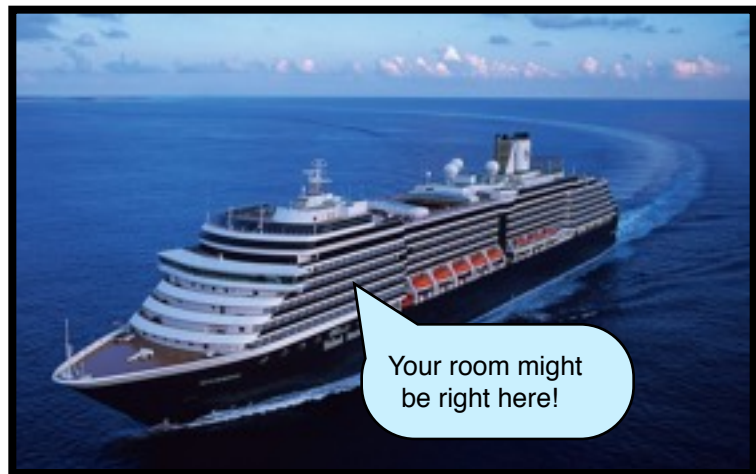
**Ticket Price: Individual tickets are \$25 or Buy a Pack of Five for \$100.**

**The winner will be picked at the Safi Auction, held at Lacey Community Center on Friday, October 6th, 2017. You don't need to be present to win.**

Ticket sales will begin in June. Purchase your tickets by check to Safi School Project with 'Cruise' on the memo line. (Prize does not include Holland-America fuel surcharges or taxes, onboard charges, shore excursions, or airfare.)

To purchase raffle tickets before the auction, **contact Kristina Tamm-Finnerud, [ktammfinn@gmail.com](mailto:ktammfinn@gmail.com).**

Information about auction tickets will be in the next Signal, but **SAVE THE DATE: October 6, 2017** for an evening of fun and fundraising.



### Anyone for Africa?

Two spots remain open for this year's Purposeful Travel Trip to Tanzania, August 14 – September 4, 2017. Contact Mary Nelson for more information at 360-413-0246.

## By-Laws Changes Need Membership OK

At its March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting the Safi Board adopted several proposed changes to the Safi By-Laws which cannot take effect without approval of the general Safi membership. Anyone who has either donated financially or with volunteer time in the last five years is eligible to vote. You can vote your approval or disapproval of the changes either online ([kateld@aol.com](mailto:kateld@aol.com)) or by mail (Safi School Project, PO Box 8275, Lacey, WA 98509). The proposed changes appear below in **bold face** type.

### Article IV – Officers

Section 2. The initial board of directors designated in the Articles of Incorporation shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Foundation. At such meeting, the membership of the Foundation shall elect members for the Board. Thereafter, nominations for Board membership shall be presented by a nominating committee at the annual meeting **and elected by a majority vote of those present**. A call to the membership will be issued to recruit applications for Board membership prior to preparation of the slate of nominees.

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Section 4. The Officers of Safi School Project will consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Financial Secretary as elected by the Board. The Chair will be responsible for conducting and scheduling the business of the organization.

### Article VI - Committees

Section 3. **Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee will oversee the financial work of the organization and reports to the Board; and arrange for a financial review as ordered by the Board of Directors.**

#### STAY IN TOUCH

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**CONTRIBUTIONS:** If you have not had an opportunity to participate in the Safi Education program this year and would like to make a contribution, please complete the following and send with your check to Safi School Project, PO Box 8275, Lacey, WA 98509.

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## Bishop Durning Pictures

