

**NEXT – Servas Social End May 2016**

## **LILONGWE NEWS – CAPITAL NEWS!!**

A meeting started around 3:30pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2016 at Papaya Restaurant within the Game complex right here in the capital city Lilongwe.

**Present were:-** Makamo, Malomboza, Cuisinier and George were present with apologies from Tyanie, Sambo and Chavula – all who joined in Blantyre and have now moved to Lilongwe. Servas Lilongwe it turns out comprises of several Servas 'veterans' many who had been members for over 10 years – amazing! Many had also hosted before as well.

**Our main aim** for this meeting was to know each other and interact, as most of us had never met together before. (Cuisinier and George had attended a meeting a long time ago in Harrys bar in Lilongwe hosted by Demelza.)

### **What did we do then?**

- We created a group called **Servas Lilongwe on Whatsapp** so that we could have easy communication and we could share important info through our group.
- We welcomed Betty Makamo back to Lilongwe as she'd been out of Malawi for 2 years!
- We welcomed Olive Malomboza who' has shifted from Blantyre to Lilongwe.
- We realised that Kristina Cuisinier and George Chibati had been members for over 12 years that's 24years between them - wow!
- We agreed to have another get-together sometime in the near future.
- We agreed that we would aim to increase our membership in Lilongwe.

We then chatted about Servas in general and our various experiences of it.

**Thanks to all who came!**

**George CHIBATI – Lilongwe Regional Co-ordinator**



**Olive and Kristina**



**Carlabet, Olive + Kristina**



**Welcome to Lilongwe the Capital City of Malawi, Where Servas is up and running!**  
**There are 7 of us based in Malawi's capital city – Lilongwe! Visit us and enjoy the beauty of Lilongwe. We're ready to welcome you and host YOU! Just call or email us.**  
**Watch this space we are about to GROW!**



**George Chibati**



**Olive Malambosa**





## Some special hello's from Lilongwe...

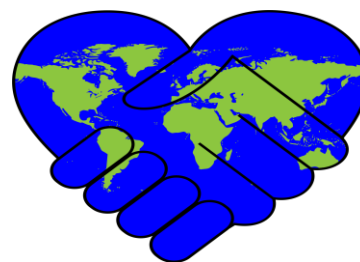
Hi I am  
**CARLIBET BETTY MAKAMO**, Cell: 0995080559  
and 0999358860 Email:  
carlibetmakamo@gmail.com. I stay in Area 1  
Falls Estate. I'm a veteran member of Servas  
having 1<sup>st</sup> joined over 10 years ago and even  
before that in Servas Botswana. I've hosted  
a lot, even Demelza and her husband (the old  
National Secretary and 3 of her children  
from Blantyre.

Hi! I am **GEORGE BLESSINGS CHIBATI** - I've been in Servas  
Malawi for a long time and I have seen  
Servas grow from the grassroots. I was  
Deputy Secretary with Demelza when  
Servas 1<sup>st</sup> started out growing. I was  
there when Servas Malawi hosting an  
African Regional meeting and I went to  
a regional meeting in Zambia to  
represent Malawi with 2 colleagues.  
I have hosted quite a few travellers too.  
My email is takotaya2020@gmail.com  
and I am the new **Lilongwe Regional  
Coordinator**.

Hi! I am Olive. I joined Servas when I  
was staying in Blantyre. After retiring  
from Saint Andrews Olive and getting  
a masters in Health I got a job  
working in a hospital in Kanengo. I  
am waiting to host you. I have hosted  
a SYLE traveller Australia. If you are  
coming from Lilongwe through  
Kamuzu international airport you  
maybe surprised to meet me first.



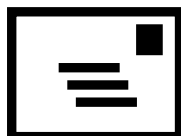
**"Don't Gain The World & Lose Your Soul,  
Wisdom Is Better Than Silver Or Gold."  
— Bob Marley**



## **SERVAS SOCIAL**

**Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016– Servas Social @Sara Samanika's**

**BLANTYRE - MALAWI**



Hi Sara,  
Hello –  
hope . . .

. . . all is well with you. Servas Malawi greatly appreciating you hosting the last meeting. We also really appreciated your effort and support in even driving to Petroda filling station to pick up Servas members. Its something we did not expect you to do and showed us how kind and committed you are, (MUCH APPRECIATED). We had a fantastic night with lots of food well cooked and appetising. You are a good cook Sara, that was amazing. I enjoyed the yummy food and nice environment. Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is coming up soon. Date to be announced later. Thanks to you Sara and your entire family for hosting us and welcoming us into YOUR home for a night - Great! **Regards Deborah National Secretary Servas Malawi**



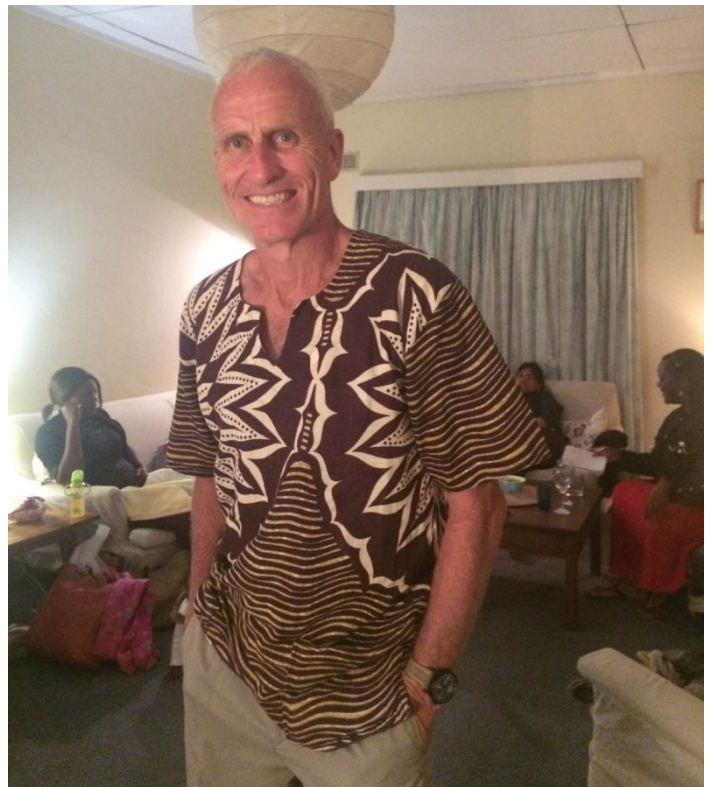


↑ Jane is taking the photograph (*thanks Jane!*), ↓ Ben below.

**\*AMUSING TALKS \* NEW EXPERIENCES \***

Last Fridays social night was fantastic – lots of laughter and too many jokes! Lots of debates and talks. We had a fantastic dinner with appetising food prepared by Sara whose home was really nice and cosy - enhanced by dogs and little children running up and down, one with 3 legs but very clever( fun) – I am talking of a dog not a child of course – ha!

Our wide ranging discussions covered; ALBINO killings and social injustice in Malawi Some interesting and inspiring stories - touching and educational. We heard more bout Ennie's experience of visiting a prison in Malawi with Servas. Sad to hear that children hang around with their mothers in prison without much educational support.





Sonia  
(Megans  
mom)  
tells us  
how  
she is  
finding  
Austira.



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### **\*AMUSING TALKS \* NEW EXPERIENCES \***

Sonia talked on Megan her daughter, she said she has **joined Servas Austria** as day host as she is living and studying in Austria (**hello Servas Austria!**) "Am feeling as if am still at home, Servas is indeed a family" Megan told her mom. – Sonia – interesting huh?

Ben (Demelzas husband) was updating all Servas Malawi as well as international members that this coming June there will be a 3 PEAKS WALK starting 4.30( really it is AM!!) At Blantyre sport club as a meeting place make sure that you have 3thousand malawi kwacha in your hand for TEA OR COFFEE and SNACKS. Be geared to hike michiru, ndirande hill and soche hill, ( 48km and be prepared to walk FAST!! GOOSH! Come and show us how good you are, GUYS PLEASE be ready to beat Ben because this is nothing to him, funny) the contacts are PHONE 0888832879 and Email:[gordonbenbow1@gmail.com](mailto:gordonbenbow1@gmail.com) ,please book in advance before is too late.



### **\*\*TRIP TO INDIA \*\***

Ben was narrating on his family trip to India as a Servas traveller.

He did not manage to cross the tiny pillows (*it was part of his 'my kids got chicken-pox but we travelled' story*) - he said it was ok because he was used to hiking – huh? Funny."

I enjoyed the trip and my son Saulo was like a celebrity because they are few black people in India - so everyone was busy looking at him and 'oh-ing!' Fame at last!

**'I WAS SO EXCITED WHEN I WAS SHAKING HANDS WITH OBAMA'**, that was how DR JANE started telling us about her trip to USA, so amazing we laughed a lot. She went for PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMUNITY SERVICES training, for 3 months. She learnt a lot on leadership skills and community support, "we swept the kitchens" as part of community works, it was funny and interesting to do. Part of the programme was hearing a talk with BARRACK OBAMA and shaking hands with him so amazing and i was surprisingly nervous/excited.

### **AN UNUSUAL DEBATE - PRESIDENT MUGABE ONCE SAID AND I QOUTE,**

"We are living in a world where you can touch each others private parts in public but not your partners." so we all laughed a lot about this and discussed it at length – well you just had to!!! True???

Ending remarks where by me, Deborah the National Secretary reminding us our AGM will shortly be coming up and everyone keep a look for any prospective new members.

**Oh and in between all that chatting - we ate a lot of food!!! Yeh! Great meeting!**



## Trip to Italy – Presentation by Lemorah BENBOW

Visit to Servas Italy Dec' 2016.

In December 2015 Mom and I went to Italy. We contacted Jessica (sitting grey jumper) and Francesca (standing) - Servas hosts in Biella (north west Italy and Milan) and they invited us to their home for dinner. I'm Lemorah in red & Aunty Bianca (servas host) front left in a black jumper.



Francesca and Davide were super kind, inviting us for dinner (including the son and grand mother of my moms friend – Luca and Aunty Wendy). They lived in a nice flat in a small village, near to Biella.





## FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 'SHARING FOOD TOGETHER'.



Mom in the middle with lots of lovely Italian food, salad, wine of course, meats and cheeses.  
Me, discussing HAIKU POEMS with Aunty Francesca – who drove from Milan!! (2hours!).

**TRAVEL OFTEN**  
GETTING LOST WILL  
HELP YOU FIND YOURSELF.

*Travel makes one  
modest. You see what a  
tiny place you occupy in  
the world.*



Hello to everyone, do you remember us?

**We wish you all happiness, success and health for this year 2016.**

We take this opportunity to give you some news of us old Servas Malawi members now relocated to France.

In France pupils enter the high school in Year 11 so Valentin is now a “lycéen” and is successful at school. He celebrated his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. He shares his time between his lessons at the international school, the video games, outing with his friends, a bit of fitness, rugby and swimming.

Matéo is now in “college” since last year. He is doing well at school. He is always keen on sport: he is a swimming competitor and plays volley ball and badminton thru the school. He also begins to enjoy outing with his friends (to the skate park, to the cinema or to eat tacos...).

On her side Eléanor our small girl is now very busy between all her extra school activities: swimming, flute, music theory, English speaking theatre. She likes school very much and has some rather terrible friends (overexcited evening memories of sleep over parties!)

2016 could be the year of change for Christophe (my husband) who'll probably change of employer. In the mean time he is still very busy and has to travel from time to time for his pumps and pipes as he is an agro engineer.

On my side, I work (part time) since a bit more than one year in a school on extracurricular activities. From March going I will work in the same school as helper.

I will help 2 children who face difficulties during their school time.

As we say: **Yesterday is a memory**  
**Tomorrow is a mystery**  
**Today is a present**

So we wish you a lot of happiness with lots of nice “presents” in 2016.

Lots of love **Albarine, Christophe, Valentin, Matéo et Eléanor.**

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