

## ROTARY CLUB BALI SEMINYAK 8.1.18

**Pres Erika** ran another terrific meeting attended by MANY guests and our own busy and proactive members.

Today's meeting was dedicated to Swiss National Day and **Pres Erika's** quiz asked us to name the country that consumed the most chocolate, had the most expensive coffee and had a LOT of mountains. Of course the answer was Switzerland!

By comparison Switzerland boasts 208 mountains while our beautiful Bali has 11...but some of our mountains are still very much ALIVE while Switzerland's are all fast asleep.

AGAIN **Sally** had the honor of sharing the Four Way Test...along with the help of **John T**, returning to Bali after a three month honeymoon.



Today's Sergeant of Arms **Sir Mariuz** (he really is a SIR) introduced our guests with his usual panache and great sense of humor.



Rtn Yuni Wirianti



Rtn Yemima Testement



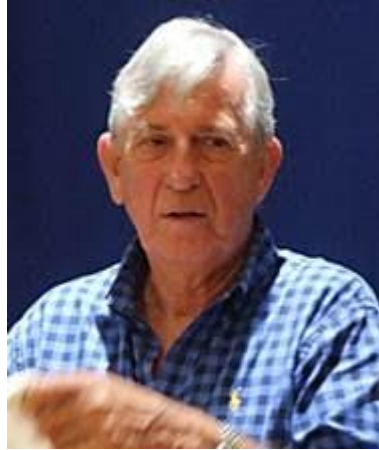
Twice PP Sue Winski



Richard Groos (3<sup>rd</sup> mtg)



Ray Della Polina



Sandra



Raoul (our newest Rotarian)



Rtn Peter RC Soest-Lippstad



Myrthe



Jenny



Grady (2<sup>nd</sup> mtg)



Janita





Thanks **Mario, Gerard, Alex, Erika, Raoul, John and Marilyn** for bringing guests to our meeting! The more the merrier.

And welcome to our very own members **Sanata, Sally, Marilyn, Oliver, Manfred, Detlev, Alex J., Jeni, Patrick L.P., Patrick M., Florian, Mario, Erika, John T., Patrick V. P. Gerard** and **Sir Mariuz**.



A big welcome home to **Oliver** ...where he attended Munich Rotary Club meetings in support of GG Bumi Sehat and brought back a flag. **Oliver** will continue to stay in touch with his new Rotary friends as they explore possible financial support for this Global Grant. Well done, **Oliver**.



In spite of sciatic nerve problems **Manfred** limped to our meeting. Brandishing Manfred's cane, **Alex J** will surely hasten Manfred's recovery.

For the second week in a row we had the great pleasure of inducting a new member, **Raoul Wifjffels**. **Mario** is **Raoul's** sponsor and had the honor of pinning him. **N.B.** Raoul has been unimpressed by Rotary clubs for a long time. After attending several of our meetings, and 'gentle' pressure by Mario, his thinking has turned around and it's now our job as a club to prove that Raoul has made the right decision. Welcome new member **Raoul!**



What a great marketing ploy. A newly opened hospital is giving free health check-ups in villages. **Marilyn** suggested contacting the hospital...have them visit YOUR village. Here's the contact info:

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## **YAY!!! PROJECTS PROJECTS PROJECTS!!!**



**Patrick VK** praised the Rotaracts for the fine work they've done delivering their **LIGHT** (Literacy, Go-Green and Hygiene) program. As children read books donated by RCBS, they add a leaf to their Literacy Tree. The children are also watching their herbal garden grow and have learned the correct way to brush their teeth.



**Florian** updated us on the continuing progress of the Seeds to Table District Grant. The project is moving along at great speed and very successfully. The kids LOVE it.



Children checking out their worm farm, learning how to compost, and planting their organic garden.



And from **Peter**, RC Soest-Lippstad, an update on THEIR project! Since 2009 this club has supported over 200 orphaned children in Denpasar, insuring education through high school, and then helping them to find employment. The children have become very much a part of their club members' lives and this project will continue to be supported by fundraiser concerts.



Guest speaker **I Gede Bingin's** inspiring presentation about the John Fawcett Foundation encountered 'ghostly technical interference' from a neighboring meeting room. Undeterred, the Director of this internationally recognized foundation carried on.

It is only due to the foresight and support of The Rotary Foundation that JFF exists today. In 1990 Trustees of The Rotary Foundation approved a Health Hunger and Humanity Grant covering the purchase and conversion of a second-hand, 24-seater school bus into a mobile eye clinic for cataract surgeries. The funding also supplied a generator, trailer and 2-years running costs for this innovative sight restoration project in Bali.



By early 2000 Rotary Club of West Perth District 9450 established ***The John Fawcett Foundation Incorporated*** in the spirit of the Rotary philosophy: ‘recognise a need, investigate, and devise plans to ensure success for the long-term’...and the rest is history.

By 2017, the John Fawcett Foundation had:

- Screened over one million poor men, women and children in Indonesia.
- Provided 477,247 pairs of eye glasses and half a million free eye medications.
- Given the gift of sight to over 50,585 cataract-blind Indonesians enabling them to return to a productive life.

The Indonesian government contributes aircraft that fly JFF’s 22 member staff and mobile hospital to islands throughout the country, and from Australia, eye surgeons and other specialists are frequently at JFF offices to teach doctors and staff the latest in treatment and technology.

**RCBS is proud to have supported three JFF vision projects during the past three years.**



Our second guest speaker this afternoon was **Putu Juarez Robin Putra, SE, Chairman of Society of Indonesia Professional Convention Organizers (SIPCO) Bali, Vice Chairman of Bali Tourism Board.**

**VISION:** Realizing Bali as a major tourist destination in MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, Exhibitions / Events).

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This widely traveled and very diplomatic speaker is charged with bringing large international meetings to Bali. On one hand this is great for business and tourism in Bali. On the other hand it’s a double edged sword due to the island’s need for stronger infrastructure. Many of Bali’s roads are narrow, never meant to carry vehicles wider than a horse or oxen drawn cart. Homes are built on the edges of these roads these narrow roads and widening them would force removal of many homes...definitely not in the cards.

**Pak Putra** has been successful in bringing large meetings to Bali in spite of traffic problems. This is his job. Improving our infrastructure to better handle the ever increasing number of vehicles is a government priority but there is no easy solution.

Our membership offered many excellent suggestions addressing traffic, and perhaps **Pak Putra** will carry these ideas to officials who are in a position to consider them.

**Happy birthday to members Manfred, Gerard and Marie Francoise.  
(Marie Francoise's birthday cupcake is in cold storage awaiting her return to Bali)**



### **RCBS SERVICE RESPONSE TO DISASTER: LAOS AND LOMBOK**

Bali's neighboring island of Lombok is very much on everyone's minds. Loss of life and massive destruction resulted from the recent 6.4 earthquake and 50+ after shocks. Rotary clubs throughout Bali banded together and transferred over 59,000,000 to Rotary Club Mataram on Lombok. Their club members will purchase and oversee distribution of food, water, clothes and medical supplies.



**Patrick L.P.** is working hard to get Navaza water filters to Laos. Collapse of a dam flooded huge areas and access to clean water is a serious problem. Member donations made it possible to purchase the filters but getting them to Laos is complicated. **Patrick L. P.** is in frequent communication with the Laos Embassy in Jakarta and a Laos Rotary Club determining the most effective method to deliver the filters.



Good deeds are rewarded and the raffle was won by **Patrick L. P.** The prize? A Rotary sarong. Perhaps **Patrick** will wear it to the next meeting.



A second raffle prize was won by **Grady!** A whole bunch of deeeelicious Belgian waffles.

Good news for the Happy/Sad stories this week. They were ALL happy. **Mario** was happy to have **Raoul** as a new member. **Alex J**, General Manager of the Trans Hotel Bali, was thrilled to announce **Sir Mariuz** has joined the hotel. **Oliver** enjoyed his trip to Munich and the opportunity to present our Bumi Sehat Global Grant at two Rotary clubs.

**FINES?** A new experience for our members today. We never have fines, at least not until **SAA Sir Mariuz** bombarded us. **Mariuz** blithely and quite randomly fined anyone in his line of sight and for any reason he chose.

**Florian** was fined for not using hair gel. **Grady** for the best hair...because it was braided. **Myrthe** had to pay up for wearing flower printed high heels. **Peter** simply because he had enjoyed the meeting. **Alex J** for doing what he always does...make sure our lunch meal is delectable. Ha! Ha! Then the tables turned and **Mariuz** was fined for not wearing his Rotary pin.



And finally a special gift from **Pres Erika** to our well deserving **Yohana**, ...a woven handbag

**Pres Erika's** words of wisdom are borrowed from Rotary International's President, Barry Rassin who said :

“A well known saying goes, ‘If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.’ That doesn't mean people ignore the needs outside of their own homes; instead they should pay attention to the needs within.”



And if you missed this meeting, here's the scrumptious lunch you didn't get to eat.

Yours in Rotary, Marilyn, Sally and Yohana