



## ROTARY CLUB BALI SEMINYAK BULLETIN OCTOBER 3, 2018

International Teacher's Day was honored today and quiz winners were **Marie Francoise** for knowing that the organization was inaugurated by UNESCO in 1994. Those answers were worth two candy bars. **Anita** was correct in saying International Teacher's Day is celebrated each year on Oct. 5. Yep, it won her a candy bar.

**Florian** led us in reading the Four Way Test and **Sergeant of Arms Mario** introduced our guests, among them being **District Governor Elect Nyoman Suastika**, **District Administration Director, Julia** and our own **Assistant Governor Suzana**. With all this Rotary power present, we knew we were going to hear important Rotary news!

Pooja



Anne



DGE Nyoman



DAD Julia



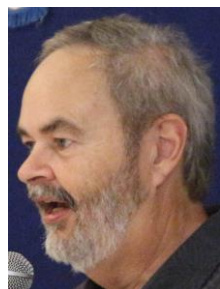
AG & District  
Training Director  
Suzana



Rtn Ray, RC  
Perth (A favorite  
Guest)



Two times Pres  
RC Caringbah  
Richard



Three times Pres  
RC Caringbah  
Cathy



Rtn Lanesh



Our lovely Anna



Members attending this meeting were: **Steinar, Sally (welcome back from Shanghai!!) Marilyn, Marie Francoise, Oliver, Sarita, Anita, Dr. Patrick M., Florian, Udo, Virginie (welcome back from France), Handy, Mario, John T., and Cok Raka.**



**Florian's** dancing talent accompanying last week's traditional Indian dance expert and performer, Pooja, won him a candy bar. Pooja was with us again this week to cheer him on.



Flag exchange with Rtn Lanesh



**Dr. Patrick M** combined practicality and play showing us key chains with sports balls attached. When the balls were opened, each contained a poncho to ward off the coming rains in Lombok. Three hundred key chains were distributed.

The building of low cost housing in Lombok is moving forward at good speed, thanks to Rotary support. The faster the better! There are thousands of people still without a roof over their heads.

Indonesia has faced three crushing natural disasters in less than a year. First, Bali's Mt. Agung threatened a major eruption, displacing hundreds of villages on the mountainside. The villagers were evacuated to temporary sites located in safer locations. Although Mt. Agung has remained relatively quiet of late, Bali must still remain on alert.

Then came the massive earthquakes on Lombok, again leaving thousands homeless and without basic needs. Electricity, water and communications failed. Thousands on the Gili Islands were evacuated by an armada of boats. Rotary clubs throughout Indonesia rushed supplies to Lombok by boat, often over very rough seas. NGO's throughout Bali pitched in to help. (Here, in the north of Bali, we too had serious problems when 80+ homes collapsed

as a result of the earthquakes. The East Bali Poverty Project Foundation jumped in to help our local folks.)



And now it is Sulawesi. A 7.5 earthquake followed by a tsunami decimated the cities of Palu and Donggala. The death toll is at 1400 and rising daily. The ground on which entire neighborhoods were sitting, liquefied, and the homes and their family owners, were swallowed into the mud. The tsunami swept hundreds of people off the beach, many bodies still not recovered. It was a repeat of

everything that had occurred in Lombok...but **WORSE**.

**District Administration Director Julia** reported that initially the Palu airport was closed, allowing only military planes to land to evacuate people in dire need of medical attention. Some areas cannot be reached by land due to enormous landslides obliterating roads. Using donations, our local Rotary Disaster Response teams are again speeding to respond with basic needs like food, water filters, clothing mattresses, blankets and more. The amounts of money needed to buy and supply Rotary Mobile Clinics is large, about IDR 140,000,000 per clinic and additional donors are sought. Sanitation is a huge problem, inviting illness for destitute villagers. And with the rainy season soon to begin, malaria will follow.



**District Governor Elect Nyoman** gave us detailed reports on donations and how they were being used, first for Lombok and now also for Sulawesi. So typically Rotary, transparency is a priority when it comes to money. The Rotary Disaster Response team members have all been back and forth to Lombok and Sulawesi multiple times...all on their own personal funds. One hundred percent of donation money is used to support people on the devastated islands.

If you wish to donate this is where you can transfer funds (any country's currency is fine. Foreign currencies will automatically be converted to IDR rupiah upon receipt.)

**Bank Name: Bank Central Indonesia**

**Branch: Mahendradata**

**Account Number: 6485399996**

**Account Name: Rotary Klub Bali Kuta Yayasan**

**Swift Code: CENAIJJA**

You can contact District Administration Director Julia at [juliarivai@yahoo.com](mailto:juliarivai@yahoo.com) should you have questions.

Many of our Bali clubs will have funds coming from The Rotary Foundation (based on past member donations to The Rotary Foundation) that can be used for projects. Under normal circumstances, these funds would go towards projects in our local Bali communities. Facing the needs of Sulawesi, some of the clubs will join together and use their funds for Sulawesi projects.

**Pres Erika** called for a moment of silence and prayer for the survivors in Palu and Deggali.



**Assistant Governor Suzana** (also District 3420 Training Director!) spoke to us about the purposes of Rotary. We are a service organization and, unlike a charity, our service projects must be **sustainable** and fit Rotary International's guidelines. Those guidelines tell us our large projects **must** address at least one of Rotary's Areas of Focus: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, maternal and child healthcare, literacy, and/or economic development. Sustainability translates to a project's capability to successfully continue long after Rotary has completed the project.

Something to be very proud about is Rotary's participation in polio eradication. This worldwide Rotary project has made it possible to come very close to eliminating polio. Beginning in 1998, when polio was endemic, world-wide immunizations were begun. At that time there were thousands of polio victims under the age of 15 every year. This year there are 19 reported cases to date. These cases are in Afghanistan and Pakistan (reported by the Polio Global Eradication Commission). We are indeed getting very close ending polio,

Thank you to our members, **Sally, Sarita and Gerard**, for making donations to **The Rotary Foundation** this Rotary year. We look forward to seeing many more names added to this 'thank you' list in coming weeks. **Oliver** is our cub's TRF chair and will be delighted to accept your donations. And you might be interested to know that RCBS's all-time giving to TRF is US\$155,510.03 as of mid-September 2018.



Birthday greetings to **Joerg**, now in Singapore with his family. We're holding your birthday cupcake for you, **Joerg**. Come home soon!



**Hendy** made a really neat donation of MANY booklets artfully writing about the Moon Star, Stories 1 and 2. Thank you **Hendy**!



The winning raffle prize ticket was drawn by guest Rtn. Richard Mason, RC Caringbah, and guess who won it. Richard Mason! But who reached out to get the prize? His wife, Cathy. **SAA Mario** slipped the prize past Cathy's outstretched hand...and gave two shopping vouchers to Richard. But we know who used them!



Ongoing Seeds to Table District Grant has taken on a life of its own. Its success in teaching children how to grow their own organic food, make compost, cook healthy meals and manage waste has attracted lots of other schools where children want to also learn these skills. Just look at this turn out at last Saturday's activity!



Here's **Florian**, the happy project leader extolling the virtues of Seeds to Table! And accolades to **Ida** and **Mario**, project team members!

Two new projects in the works. **Cok Raka** and **Marilyn** submitted a proposal to the Australian Consulate Direct Aid Program (DAP) asking for supplies aimed specifically for

women and children in Lombok. It will likely be at least three months before we hear if the project is accepted and funded. Fingers crossed!



A second project, also from **Cok Raka** and **Marilyn**, is a waste management project where a local group of activist young people are working with schools. Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> week, elementary school students are showing up with bags of waste every Saturday. No funds were requested for this project, but we will be asking you to give a little of your time every so often...to share your area of expertise with the 150 students at this elementary school.

Speaking of projects, did you know that the Bogor government administration has issued a regulation making plastic bags illegal as of December 1? The Bogor mayor says that 13% of the city's waste is made up of plastic bags! Even before the regulation goes into full effect, over the past two months plastic waste was reduced by 50 to 70 % every day.

And in a recent Jakarta Post editorial, the delivery of basic services in Indonesia was addressed. Basic services include clean water and toilets. These are services we all take for granted but the less developed areas of Indonesia still are doing without. Jakarta had the best ratings for these basic services.

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE PRES

***“Enthusiasm is the electricity of life”***

- Gordon Parks



**Gordon Parks, self-taught documentary photo journalist.  
November 30, 1912 – March 7, 2006)**

Yours in Rotary,  
Marilyn and Anita  
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