

ROTARY CLUB BALI SEMINYAK BULLETIN SEPT 5, 2018 (#9)



It was so pleasant to be back 'home' at the Trans Hotel Bali for this past Wednesday's meeting. **Pres Erika** honored International Literacy Day and we learned that a huge number of adults worldwide are illiterate. **Jeni** rightly said Gambia had the highest illiteracy rate of any country...62% of the population cannot read or write. No wonder Rotary International wants clubs to do projects that address this problem. Literacy is one of Rotary's six Areas of Focus



We were overjoyed to welcome **Udo** and his dear wife **Anna** back to Bali. After back surgeries in Germany, **Udo** looks terrific and showed off his recovering back with a sexy belly dance hip swivel. **Anna** is overseeing **Udo's** activities and says he is swimming every day....or else!

More good news is seeing **Peter Erni**, looking more and more like the **Peter** we know and love. **Peter** is putting on weight, discarded his cane and says he's starting a second life after his near death accident.

Moving right along, **Manfred** read the Four Way Test and today's **Sergeant of Arms, Steiner**, introduced our many guests.

Anna



Dharma



Leo (3rd Mtg)



Ray



Ramia



Mia



Nalendra



Levent (2nd Mtg)



Elmark



Guest Speaker Yoga



And our attending members: **Steiner, Marilyn, Erni, Oliver, Manfred, Alex J., Jeni, Sarita, Patrick L. P., Anita, Dr. Patrick M., Florian, Udo, Erika, John T., Patrick V. K., Birthday Guy James.**

BOARD NEWS

Our club's Board met last week and approved the July 25 Board meeting minutes. You can find those minutes on the club's website. (Just out of curiosity, let me know if you **can** find them! Send me a yes or no message via What App or to marilyninbali@gmail.com)

We're getting better at publishing Board minutes timely. Those first Board minutes got lost during the club's total focus on responding to Lombok. The Aug 29 Board meeting minutes should be posted within days.

CLUB NEWS

Sally, Alex P and Pres Erika organized an impromptu dinner at Massimo's Restaurant Aug 31. Rightly earned, this was a festive opportunity to recognize club members' rapid response efforts in support of Lombok. Sixteen of our members attended and brought along lots of guests. Many thanks to Massimo's for hosting us.

And **Trevor** had a few comments about the dinner at Massimo...

MASSIMO BY NAME AND NATURE: Just as the name Massimo is a name of Italian origin meaning "the greatest", Massimo last Friday celebrated the generosity of the person and the establishment, in their contribution to Lombok.

What a great feeling of warmth and achievement amongst Rotary folks at the table! This, down at our end, leading to the imbibing of wine that.... 'would not kill a brown dog', as we say in Australia. Joerg, (excuse the lacking of umlaut) brushed me up on Aulf Deutsche , as opposed to next week's lesson to be given in Hochdeutsch. This was necessary after my absence of utilizing the same of some 40 years.....

The Aug 31 dinner was so much fun that **Sally** has already planned the next one for Oct. 19 at **Patrick L. P.s** hotel, Tijii Benoa. Mark your calendars.

High on Rotary International's priority list is increasing membership. District 3420 held a Membership Seminar on Aug 31 and attendance was excellent with 82 Rotarians at the seminar. RCBS was represented by **Pres Erika, Dr. Patrick M and Marie Francoise**. Not declared openly, but my guess is that Pres Erika is aiming at adding one new member every month. So far so good!!

Tim, Director of Stella's Child Foundation, held a fundraiser on Aug. 25 and had a great turnout....150 attendees! Students from Stella's Child, all learning about life skills and moral character development participated. (Another guess....Tim will be September's newest member.)

District 3420's **Disaster Relief Team** is overseeing the delivery of 600 ShelterBoxes to Lombok. The Mobile Health Clinic is busy day and night tending to health issues. And the team is holding Trauma Healing sessions on the island for young and old. Thousands of people are still without shelter, adequate water, food and clothing. We're getting updates from our own **Dr. Patrick M.** who has been back and forth to Lombok multiple times. We're all fortunate the continuing earthquakes and aftershocks have slowed down...and maybe even stopped.

PROJECTS

All good news about Seeds to Table District Grant. How does this project's garden grow? At top speed! Accolades to project leaders **Florian** and volunteer Ida.



Five thousand copies of Ocean Champion Books, funded by the Australian Consulate's Direct Aid Program, are being distributed by project leader **Jeni**.



Project leader **Alex J** told us Soap for Hope will be sending 1000 bars of soap to Lombok! With limited sanitation facilities on the island this will go a long way to improving health conditions. Thanks **Alex J** for representing RCBS as a sitting member of the Soap for Hope board.

And in the works, another Australian Consulate project is being considered by **Dr. Patrick M.** that would address helping Lombok.

BREAKING NEWS!! The Global Grant that will bring water and sanitation to Data and Nawa Kerti villages in Karangasem has been approved by Rotary International. Congrats **Jeni!!!**

GUEST SPEAKERS

Not officially a guest speaker, our own **Jeni**, licensed architect in earthquake prone California, USA, talked us through a fascinating Power Point showing various methods for building Earthquake Resistant Buildings. **Jeni** compared earthquake resistant structures to those on Lombok...and clearly we have a lot to learn for future construction in Indonesia.



Our official guest speaker was **Yoga Iswara**, Director of Suksma Bali (Thank You Bali) and he spoke to us about one of Bali's biggest concerns...ridding the island of all that plastic! On Sept 15 in nine villages, Suksma Bali will be seeking commitments to eliminate plastic usage. It's a difficult commitment to make lacking a satisfactory replacement but an acceptable step would be to make sure plastic is collected and sent off for recycling.

Next, hotels will be the focus for Suksma Bali on Dec 7th. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every hotel gave their guest a non-plastic bag to take on their shopping expeditions!

There are many NGO's addressing our island's plastic problem and there was discussion about attempting to bring them together as a single voice.

What can **YOU** do? Here's one step we can all take...get rid of plastic straws. **Jeni** brought samples of two non-plastic straws...one metal and the other glass. These, as well as, paper straws can be found at Tokopedia. Switching to non-plastic straws would definitely make our ocean creatures safer and eliminate gobs of plastic waste in Bali. Takes a bit of effort on everybody's part to give up those widely used plastic straws but it's a good thing to do! **Marilyn** was obviously lusting after those straws and **Jeni** let her take them home.

And for sure do **YOUR** shopping with your very own non-plastic bag!!

WE HAVE PROJECT MONEY FOR DISTRICT AND GLOBAL GRANTS

It's payback time for your generous donations to The Rotary Foundation. Based on your donations from three years back, our club now has **US \$2,634** for a District Grant. If you have a project idea, just make sure it's NOT time sensitive. These grants take months to get funded! But it's yours to spend because if you don't, our money goes right back to District 3420 and some other club gets to use it. District Grants must be submitted to the District by end of November so start thinking! We'll get the proposal format to you shortly.

For **Global Grants** we have **\$4,390**. That money is already spoken for by **Anita** to help fund the Bumi Sehat Global Grant.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Time	5-Sep-18	12-Sep-18	19-Sep-18	26-Sep-18
10:30-12:00			Vocational Program to WIRACANA Hand Fan	Board Meeting
12:00-14:00	Lunch Meeting	Lunch Meeting		Lunch Meeting
	Guest speaker: Yoga Iswara , Chairman of Suksma Bali & President Director of Global Hospitality Expert	Guest speaker: Terje Nilsen , PT Seven Stones Indonesia (Realty) - David Napoli Managing Director Quattro Investments Pty Ltd		Guest speaker: Bp Jaya Serataberana , Head of Bali Crisis Center
	Club Overview:	Club Overview		Club Overview

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



James has been away from Bali but this lucky guy was back in time to celebrate his birthday.

OOOPS

A rare happening...**Pres Erika** accidentally overlooked sharing our financial status so here are the numbers.

Bank Balance: IDR 535,229,217.75

Raffles, Happy & Sad Stories: IDR 710.000

Cash on hand: IDR 2.490.159



RAFFLE

Guest Garrett won the raffle...a spa treatment donated by **Sally**. **SAA Steinar** handed it over.

FINES

SAA Steiner made the rounds fining members sighted using phones during the meeting. Ouch!!

FOOD!



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE PRES

LET'S BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES TODAY.

Yours in Rotary,

Marilyn and Anita

P.S. If you've read this far please do let me know if you were successful in navigating the club's website.