

Rotary Opens Opportunities

**#25. RCBS Meeting Minutes- June 2, 2021**

- President Sarita opened the meeting with the 4-Way Test.
- The guests introduced themselves.

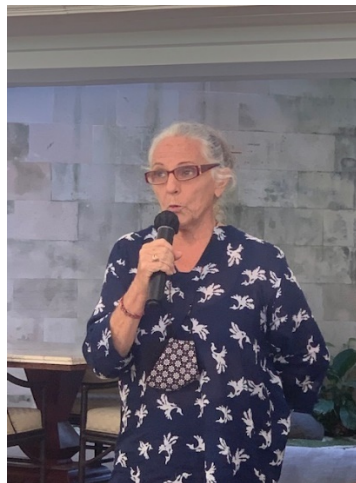


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Peter Erni

Congratulations Rtn. Forian and Ximenes



## Guest Speaker- Rucina Ballinger

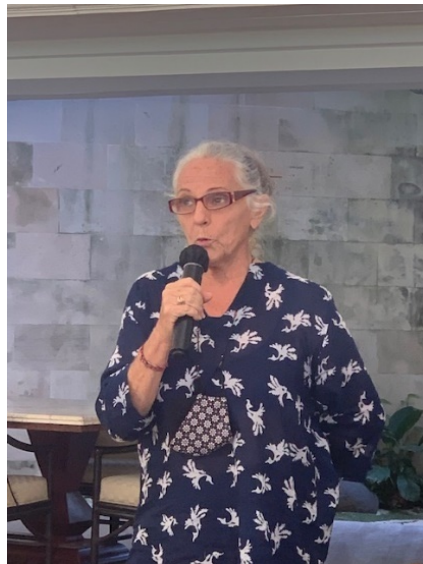
- Since Rtn. Shawna Spencer's return to Bali from an extended trip to the USA, she returned with 3 Rotary banners from her visits to RC Las Vegas, RC Laguna Beach, Ca., RC Huntington Beach, Ca. Good job, Shawna.



Rtn. Shawna Spencer

**Guest Speaker: Rucina Ballinger/ former Rotarian**

**Topic: How to Make A Positive Impact**



Rucina has lived in Bali since 1974, worked as a cultural guide since 1985 (guiding Obama family in 2017), and in the NGO sector since 2002. In 2014 she moved to Desa Les in North Bali to direct the CSR projects of the Amicorp Group. She authored the *Balinese Dance, Drama and Music: Performing Arts of Bali* with Wayan Dibia. She spearheaded the formation of a comedy group Gedepong Goyang, a group of Western women of a certain age and size who do skits and parody songs in Balinese. She is a doting grandmother of three and lives in Ubud.

Rucina visited RCBS as a guest speaker about 2 years ago to introduce this tremendous project and now she updates our club as to the outstanding progress which has been accomplished with Amisewaka Desa Les Community Center, a vocational training center in North Bali that will teach culinary arts, permaculture, living values, education, cultural preservation (via gamelan and dance), English, computer basics, life skills and basic accounting.

**Amicorp Community Foundation:**

**Our Goal:** Create opportunities for people to realize their full potential, to be self-sustainable and environmentally conscious.

**How we can achieve this:** We established the Amicorp Community Foundation (ACF) I 2001 with the initial purpose of driving Amicorp Group's CSR actions in raising environmental consciousness with our employees and clients and creating economic empowerment. Amicorp Group contributes up to 1% of its revenue to ACF. Public donations.

**Our Focus:** To work with all stakeholders to make a sustainable difference by creating opportunities for disadvantaged people to life themselves out of hunger and poverty, to become self-empowered, more confident and dignified.





The architect for this project is our own former Rotarian, Oliver Gehlen. Rucina's detailed presentation included photos of the progress.





With these minutes the complete, comprehensive Power Point Presentation which Rucina displayed at the meeting, is included. The budget, photos of the designs, progress, info about the partners, explanation of the project, programs, and donation information is included.

Rucina is seeking a Global Grant for this project, hopefully with RCBS.

- PP Alex reminded the members that next week, **June 9, there is a Vocational Tour to Jiwa Community Garden at 10:30 am.** If you recall our guest speakers from a recent meeting explained their project of a garden in Canggu, which is providing compost, permaculture, waste management and more. PP Alex will post the location on

our club's what's app. soon. This is a project worth seeing.  
Afterwards the club will have lunch at a restaurant nearby.

- Raffle: Bottle of Ice Vodka made in Bali from Sec. Anita and won by Rtn. Sally

(Minutes written by Sec. Anita)

**Appendix to June 2, 2021 RCBS Meeting Minutes**

- Apologies for leaving out a part of the RCBS Meeting with the check presentation to Honorary Member, Mary Northmore from Smile Foundation. Mary informed us that a good portion of her revenue for the operation of the Smile Foundation, which performs cleft palate operations for cranial facial disorders, is due to the Smile House, which accepts items that you may want to discard, secondhand . RCBS also presented to Mary a check for Rp. 5,000,000 donated by Sec. Anita for SMILE.

