



**RCBS Zoom Meeting Minutes- August 24, 2021**

1. P. President Patrick opened the meeting with the 4-Way test.
2. P. Patrick introduced the guest speaker, Dakota Hotham with information about her group, which she founded called, "The Bali Food Project."

**Guest Speaker: Dakota Hotham- 'The Bali Food Project'**



**Dakota Hotham**

Ms. Dakota Hotham started "The Bali Food Project" with 2 volunteers and now there are approximately 14 friendly volunteers helping to provide 400-600 meals per week (weekly due to Covid protocols and donation budget).



### Volunteers

These nutritious meals (chicken, vegetables, eggs, noodles, etc.) provide local families with a free meal, enabling them to use that money on other necessities for the week (i.e. water, baby supplies, medicine). The project also provides financial assistance to struggling people of the local community who have had to close their small businesses due to the pandemic.



Produce is always purchased locally in the markets in order to support the locals. The meals are made by local small businesses and distributed to the local community. All meals are wrapped and ready to distribute, mostly in the Sanur area.



Dakota has also visited the Suwung garbage dump near Sanur in Suwung. There is a desperate need here among the people here gathering and searching through the garbage for food.



Malnutrition has long been a problem on the island, but the collapse of tourism means more are now going hungry. Over 36,000 people in Bali fell into poverty during the pandemic. A significant portion of the community are earning no more than US\$ 36 per month.

### **How success is measured ?**

- Regular weekly flow of meals continues to reach locals who would benefit.
- Identifying other necessities are being purchased with the money saved by locals.
- Business re-establishment and re-opening
- Weekly meetings with volunteers

### **Resources:**

- Donations from friends and family/ word of mouth
- Rotary Club assistance- if provided.

### **Benefits to the Rotary Clubs/ Parties Involved**

- Fulfillment of the Rotary goals and vision ( 'providing service to others, promote integrity, and promote peace')
- Providing to community in need of assistance.
- Connecting with Bali and Balinese people
- Helping establish or support a small project

- Branching effect (assisting businesses, serving people, helping a community)

**For reference: Current goal- 500 meals per week**

6,000 rupiah = 1 meal

600,000 rupiah= 100 meals

1.2 million rp. = 200 meals

3 million rp. = 500 meals

**What we need:**

- Funding for weekly/monthly meals: or
- Donations of produce/ food items (rice, vegetables, water, oil, etc.
- Help spread the word

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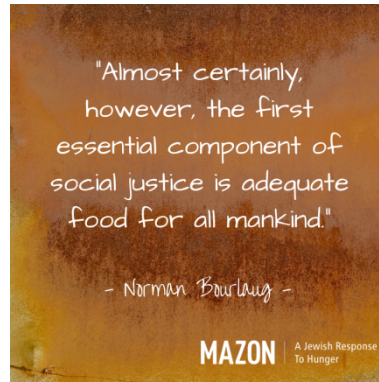
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**Or members can donate directly through the RCBS bank account , just specify, for “The Bali Food Project”**



PP Sarita immediately pledged RP. 1.2 million per month to the Bali Food Project through the RCBS club account. Other members are encouraged to support this project too.

3. The RCBS Board in response to assisting with a food drive during COVID times, Treas. Roy has volunteered to organize this event on Sept. 3, next Friday on Sunset Rd. to give out food. If any members wish to help out, please contact Treas. Roy and join in with this project. Contact Treas. Roy 081238353834 or [suer.roy@gmail.com](mailto:suer.roy@gmail.com)

## Community Food Drive

Rotary Club of Bali Seminyak is organizing a Community Food Drive on 3. September 2021. If you wish to support this or other causes or learn more about our projects, please visit or contact us.

**When:** Friday, 3. September 2021 from 8 AM

**Where:** Sunset Road, Seminyak/Kuta, Bali

**Contact:** Roy Suer | [suer.roy@gmail.com](mailto:suer.roy@gmail.com)

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[rotaryseminyak.com/covid19](http://rotaryseminyak.com/covid19)



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The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

(Minutes written by Sec. Anita)