

**September 20, 2021- RCBS Zoom Meeting Minutes**

1. President Patrick opened the meeting with the 4-Way test.
2. Treas. Roy announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> **RCBS Community Food Drive** to be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at 7 am at a location on Sunset Rd. Members are welcomed and encouraged to transfer direct donations towards this club project through the RCBS bank account. The location will be announced next week.

Rotary   
Club of Bali Seminyak

## Community Food Drive

Rotary Club of Bali Seminyak will be on Sunset Road for a Community Food Drive on 29. September 2021. If you wish to support this or other causes or learn more about our projects, please visit or contact us.

**When:** Wednesday, 29. September 2021 from 7 AM  
**Where:** Sunset Road, Seminyak/Kuta, Bali  
**Contact:** Roy Suer | [suer.roy@gmail.com](mailto:suer.roy@gmail.com)

Help us by donating Food Packages / Sembako or visit our website to find out more:  
[rotaryseminyak.org/covid19](http://rotaryseminyak.org/covid19)

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3.**PP Alex** informed club members that it is now challenging to find space at the **Trans Resort** for our usual lunch meetings. He suggested that perhaps we meet for tea in the afternoon. This topic will require further discussion.

4.P. Patrick introduced the Guest Speaker, Rtn. Joe Curtin, who is now a new member of RCBS as the 28<sup>th</sup> member.

**Guest Speaker: Rotarian Joe Curtin, U.S. Consular Agent, Bali**  
Topic: Difficulties providing consular emergency services and medical evacuations during COVID 19



Rtn. Joe spoke about having been a previous Rotarian and the organization's good reputation among government representatives. He has represented the USA for the past 20 years as the Consular Agent in Bali, as the 5<sup>th</sup> agent for the USA. The Consular Core of Bali represents 35 countries, which receive representation when the population of expats exceeds those of the capital. The service issues that Rtn. Joe faces are US citizens' legal rights, natural catastrophe, medical evacuation, crisis situations and an assortment of American expat concerns while visiting or living in Bali. Recently the greatest issue has been Medevac services during COVID-19. Due to present rules, Rtn. Joe is not able to personally visit hospitals or prisons. If an American in Bali needs to use the services of Medevac for medical evacuation, it is now very complicated with requirements of COVID tests, and an overload of paperwork, arrangements through airport assistance, medical insurance, caretaker (if needed), landing permit and visas. Prior to COVID, the process would take 3 weeks for the service to be employed, but now it takes from 3-6 months. There is sometimes interaction with the US Embassy, Surabaya,

on a larger level regarding grants and direct service to nationals.

Rtn. Joe has a very interesting background and service in war zones such as Cambodia working with refugees, the war in Lebanon, famine relief, witnessing insurgent shootings in Somalia, , resupplying hospitals in Baghdad, and as a member of the Rotary Club Kyrgyzstan working as a relief worker during the bombings in Afghanistan. Our members would certainly like to hear his stories about these experiences !

Rtn. Joe was then inducted as a RCBS club member by P. Patrick. His classification is with the Diplomatic Corps. His interests as a member will be in the areas of fundraising and public relations. He will also pursue project development as well as financial backing.

**WELCOME RTN. JOE CURTIN TO RCBS.**

5.P. Patrick announce that Rp. 950,000 was raised at the lunch, in honor of the deceased PP Doris at a Sunday gathering last week. P. Patrick will check with Detlev about where he wishes to donate these funds, which could perhaps be to the SMILE Foundation or the RCBS Food Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

(Minutes written by Sec. Anita)