

# American Citizen Services

*Town Hall Meeting with*

**JOSEPH R. DONOVAN Jr.**

The New U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia

Saturday, January 21, 2017  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
American Club  
Jl. Brawijaya IV No.20,  
Pela Mampang,  
Jakarta Selatan 12160



RSVP required by Thursday, January 19, 2017. Email [JakartaACS@state.gov](mailto:JakartaACS@state.gov)

## Greetings from the New U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, Joseph Donovan

I am pleased to have recently arrived with my wife, Mei Chou, to serve as your new Ambassador to Indonesia. While I have only been here a few weeks, I am excited to be living in this beautiful and diverse country and honored to be serving you and our country by continuing to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Indonesia.

At the Embassy and our Consulates, we work hard with our counterparts in the Government of Indonesia to advance our partnership to improve the lives of Indonesians and meet the foreign policy goals of the U.S. government. Throughout my more than 40 years of government service, I have been impressed with the critical role U.S. citizens in the private sector play in strengthening relations between countries. Whether it is U.S. businesses

investing in the Indonesian economy or non-governmental organizations assisting in public health or the environment, many of you contribute in countless ways to helping Indonesians and fostering a positive image of the United States. I look forward to meeting you and hearing about your lives in this exciting country. Please join me during a series of town hall meetings that we are planning in the next couple of months.

Our entire Embassy Mission team, especially our consular teams in Jakarta, Surabaya, and Bali, join me in wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe 2017.

Please take a moment to view Ambassador Donovan's message on the U.S. Embassy website:

<https://id.usembassy.gov/joseph-donovan-incoming-u-s-ambassador-indonesia/>

# AMERICAN HERO IN BALI



Robin Lim is an American citizen, long-term resident in Bali, and North American Registered Midwife (NARM). Robin, a mother herself, is known locally simply as “Ibu” (mother). Fifteen years ago, she opened -*Bumi Sehat* (Healthy Mother Earth Foundation), a free birth and community health clinic in Ubud, Bali where she provides health care to those who have no means to access a doctor, midwife, or nurse. She considers this a “basic human right,” she says, and today she is deservedly recognized as a CNN Hero for her work that will soon extend beyond Bali.

When the tsunami hit Aceh, Ibu Robin volunteered and opened up an emergency medical and childbirth clinic, which is still open and operational 24 hours a day. When the earthquake hit Yogyakarta and Padang she went to do the same. Her reputation has spread and she is now sought out by pregnant Indonesian women from as far away as Papua and Sumatra, with over 200,000 instances of patient, student, and human services rendered by the Bumi Sehat Foundation each year. Many foreign couples also come to the clinic to give birth. The services are free, but donations are accepted from those who can afford it, and this keeps the clinic running for the poor. Visitors and donations are welcome, and they are set up to give tours.

Two years ago, Robin received the CNN Hero award, which included enough money to build a new birthing clinic that has more than doubled Bumi Sehat Foundation’s capacity for patient care. The clinic employs two doctors, two nurses, has a new laboratory, and offers full natal care and training, Chinese acupuncture and traditional medical treatments. Last year, 358 babies were born, 4,169 prenatal checkups given, 342 ultrasounds, 582 baby layettes distributed, 505 postpartum care appointments given, 17,000 midwives received educational seminars, 319 community medical outreach events held, 270 ambulance transports, 11 midwife education scholarships, 511 free haircuts, and 1,592 lab tests - including HIV!

What’s next? Ibu Robin is opening two new birthing clinics in Papua, Indonesia and the Philippines and would like to get her MA and PhD.

Congratulations to Ibu Robin on her CNN Hero award and thank you for your great work!

*Joseph Curtin, U.S. Consular Agent*

*Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia*

*For more information, including how you can help the Bumi Sehat Foundation, check out their website:  
[bumisehatfoundation.org](http://bumisehatfoundation.org)*



# Ask Miss Liberty

Who is Miss Liberty? She's an actual Consular Officer in the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta. She cares about your concerns, so please feel free to write directly to her at [jakartaacs@state.gov](mailto:jakartaacs@state.gov). She'll be happy to respond and possibly publish your question in the next newsletter.

*Dear Miss Liberty,  
I've met the love of my life and I want to bring her to the United States with me to meet my parents before we get married. She's perfect in every way, but how do I get the Consular Officer to see that so that she can get a visa?  
Sincerely,  
Loverboy*

Dear Loverboy,

Congratulations on meeting the love of your life! The consular officer doesn't have to be as enamored with your fiancée as you are; they just evaluate her situation for the right visa class.

Are you planning to move home to the U.S. to get married? If so, you may wish to consider filing a petition for a [K1 Fiancée Visa](#) for your significant other. This process takes a little longer than applying for a tourist visa, but will allow you to get married to your lovely bride in the United States and then puts her on the path to citizenship.

Are you just going on a short trip and plan to return to Indonesia after? If so, then she could apply for a [B1/B2 visa](#). These visas are only for short trips to the United States, so please make sure you discuss your travel and life plans before she pays for a visa application. You won't be able to enter the U.S. Embassy

with her when comes for her interview, so make sure you've talked about where you will go and how long you'll stay in the U.S. She'll also need to be able to prove that her ties to Indonesia are strong enough to compel her to return. Ties are the various aspects of an applicant's life that bind them to their home country. Strong ties vary from country to country, city to city, and person to person, but examples include:

- job;
- home; and/or
- relationships with family and friends.

While conducting visa interviews, consular officers look at each application individually and consider an applicant's circumstances, travel plans, financial resources, and ties outside of the United States that will compel the applicant's departure after a temporary visit. All consular officers are trained in Bahasa Indonesia, so don't be worried about which language to use for the interview. Want to [learn more about visas to the United States?](#)



*Dear Miss Liberty,  
I'm a U.S. citizen getting married to my Indonesian fiancée next month. Do I need to register my marriage in the U.S.?  
Sincerely,  
WeddingBells*

Dear Wedding Bells,

Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials! Indonesian authorities require all non-Indonesian citizens to obtain a Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage from their Embassy prior to marriage in Indonesia. Come to the Embassy and sign the Statement before a consular officer. Download the Statement at the following link: [form and instructions](#) (PDF 12 KB).

Make an [appointment](#) for a Notary service. Bring your valid U.S. passport, any proof of previous marriage termination (if any), and the notary fee of USD 50 (to be paid in equivalent of Indonesian Rupiah cash or credit card).

To bring your spouse to the U.S. you must first file an Immigrant Petition (I-130) for him/her as soon as possible. Please see our [Immigrant Visa](#) web page.



## Don't forget! Deadline to File Taxes is April 15th

All U.S. citizens and residents living or traveling outside the United States are generally required to file income tax returns in the same way as those residing in the United States. The deadline to file taxes is April 15th.

The U.S. Embassy does not have IRS tax forms as all forms can be printed from the [IRS](https://www.irs.gov) website. There is no U.S. Internal Revenue Service representative in Indonesia. The Consular Section is not authorized to accept any forms or filings for U.S. income taxes and will not forward completed returns to the IRS. Should you have taxpayer questions, please consult the IRS website at [Internal Revenue Service](https://www.irs.gov) or call the IRS international Hotline (Monday to Friday from 6AM to 11PM EST) at +1-267-941-1000.

The IRS has a comprehensive tax page, [U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international), which is designed to U.S. citizens who reside abroad. This page contains basic tax information that Americans overseas need to know and also includes links to more detailed topics such as the foreign earned income exclusion, foreign tax credit, reporting foreign bank accounts, Fulbright grants, state taxes, and a myriad of others.

For more information on taxes and federal benefits, visit the State Department's webpage [Federal Benefits and Federal Agency Services for American Citizens Abroad](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/american-citizen-services).

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**AMERICANS IN INDONESIA**

**Are you AFRAID** of someone in your home?  
**Is someone HURTING** you or your children?  
**Has someone SEXUALLY ASSAULTED** you?

**DON'T SUFFER ALONE.**

**SASHAA** Sexual Assault Support & Help For Americans Abroad, SASHAA  
[www.sashaa.org](http://www.sashaa.org)

**Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center, AODVC**  
[www.866uswomen.org](http://www.866uswomen.org)

**TO REACH AODVC OR SASHAA INTERNATIONALLY TOLL FREE 24/7/365:**  
 1. Dial the AT&T Direct Access Code for INDONESIA: 001-801-10  
 2. Then Dial 866-USWOMEN (866-879-6636).  
 Our services are free and confidential, and we serve people of all genders and sexualities.

This poster was produced by the American Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center, AODVC, and its program Sexual Assault Support & Help For Americans Abroad, SASHAA, under 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