*Sent to all Members*

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Dear {%FName%},

Rotary Minutes are provided by District 6220 Governor Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er). Please read at club meetings and post in newsletters and social media.

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“Conditions in Ukraine are bad and getting worse.

The United Nations estimates more than 100,000 civilian casualties and more than five million people displaced from their homes since the outbreak of war.

Schools and hospitals have been destroyed. Anxiety and depression plague not only police, fire-fighters, teachers, law enforcement, EMTs but also the thousands of over-extended troops and their immediate families. And children’s mental health challenges are going unmet.

Food supplies are disrupted. Electricity is sporadic. Unemployment is rising. Homes are not heated as winter descends. Temporary shelters are overcrowded.  Lack of clean water and sanitation is spreading water-born disease. Land mines are killing children who walk to school or play outside.

Our District Ukraine Relief Co-chair Sanford DeWitt asks for immediate action.

Please invite him to speak about his extensive experience in Ukraine, in person or by Zoom at a club meeting soon.  One of Rotary’s greatest educational resources is the weekly club meeting program and Sanford can provide one now on Ukraine.

Consider donating $250 to buy a CURE kit. Each kit contains more than $2,500 of desperately needed medical supplies.

Have your club raise personal care items, basic medical and school supplies and small household items for shipment to Ukraine. Volunteer to warehouse and pack items in each community where Rotary is active.

Money is also needed to cover the approximate $30,000 cost of shipping a container to Ukraine.

Sincere thanks to the generous individual Rotarians and clubs throughout District 6220 who have already contributed. It is appreciated, but more is needed.

Let us remember how we, in the United States of America, are among the luckiest people in the world because of where we live. May we share our plenty with those in such dramatic and urgent need today in Ukraine.

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