

Pauline's Report March 2022

I have been looking online at multiple maps of Ukraine. We Australians are so far from other countries and looking at maps of Ukraine is a shock really. This is a list of SEVEN countries who have a border with Ukraine. **Russia, Belarus, Crimea, Poland, Czech, Romania and Moldova!!** **Crimea also has a southern border to the Black Sea.**

Here is another list of SIX countries bordering Poland which as you know is the country to which many Ukrainian people are looking for refuge to get away from the Russian military - **Germany, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Czech, Slovakia and Poland also has a northern border to the Baltic Sea.**

I found the names of 4 Ukraine Soroptimist clubs –

SI Lviv

SI Chernihiv

SI Denropetrovsk

SI Kiev

I haven't been able to get much information, but the Ukraine Soroptimists are of course giving assistance to all Ukrainians who are trying to escape.

On the **SI Europe Facebook** there are posts from **SI Gdańsk in Poland.**

They have been packaging and delivering supplies of essentials such as soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, sanitary products for women and children who are in shelters and accommodation. The Club has also rented an apartment to provide a home for 2 mothers and 3 children, and their kitten! who have escaped from Kiev.

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I found mention of only 2 clubs in Russia:

SI St. Petersburg

SI Moscow

When I clicked on to SI Moscow I saw 'Safari cannot open this page'.

SI St. Petersburg was a little more helpful with a website and also Facebook, but the latest date mentioned is 2 years ago - 2020.

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SI Switzerland has raised funds and filled trucks with relief goods for Ukraine people.

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SI Europe has sent donations to Moldova, Slovakia, and Hungary and are looking for more donations for water, food, and crucial medical supplies.

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SI Sequim, Washington, USA. This is Washington State, not Washington DC. I found an interesting item saying that SI Sequim has wired \$10,000 to SI Europe to help refugees from Ukraine to escape through to Poland.

SI Sequim was chartered in 1947 and Sequim looks like a very pretty country town of approximately 7,000 people situated on the River Dungeness near the Olympic Mountains.



**Bye for now
Stay well and keep on being amazing
Pauline Nutt SI Adelaide**