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District 6930



17-year-old refugee finds a home with Rotarians

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Artem Ziablov looks over his new clothes, courtesy of a merchant in Denmark

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From Ukraine to Denmark 17-year-old refugee finds a home with Rotarians

I am a student of Karazin Kharkiv National University where I am in the first year of my studies for a bachelor's degree in math and computer science. One week before the war started, my mother took me from Kharkiv to Irpin, a city in the Kyiv region, where I lived before my studies. On the morning of 24 February at five in the morning my mother woke me up to tell me that the war had started and that the country was under attack. I looked out the window and heard the bombs being dropped on Gostomel airport, 10 kilometers from our house. Ukrainian fighters were in the sky very close to us and Ukrainian missiles were firing at Russian troops, so it was very scary to stay there.



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We gathered up clothes, and the first night we went to a bomb shelter. But it was very crowded with many people complaining so we stayed at another house instead. We each had a backpack, our passports, and laptops. We had booked tickets for a train, but the trains were all so packed that we decided to leave by car. Since we don't have a car, I phoned my best friend to ask him if he could take my mother and me to somewhere in western Ukraine. But he said that he had a problem, as he was already transporting seven other people. Nevertheless, we all packed into the one car, and we left our dog and cat in our neighbor's care.

We went to Khmilnyk, a city in the Vinnytsia region of western Ukraine, and stayed there for one day before moving on to Lviv. There, we had a friend, Lars, who is a Danish Rotarian. We stayed in his flat for a week, and then I went with my mother, a friend, and his mother to Poland, where we spent a few days. From there, my mother and I went separate ways. Because she could keep working in Bulgaria, she went there to stay with friends, while I went with my friend and his mother to Germany. It was there that the Høyens came to get me.

The trip from Ukraine to Europe was difficult. It is hard to leave your home and it is hard to see images of places where you have spent lots of time and realize some of those places no longer exist. It is very emotional. At the same time, you understand that your life is much more important than all the stuff you are leaving behind.

In a sense, there is less uncertainty now that the invasion has happened. Before, everyone at the university was speculating on what would happen if Russia invaded. Many were thinking it would be like in 2014, and that there would be sanctions but nothing else. Seeing how the rest of the world has responded has been amazing. When we were crossing over into Poland, all the volunteers were extremely friendly and there were so many people helping.

I am still in touch with many of my friends,

some are in France, Germany, or Poland. We have been talking through social media and chatting asking, "How are you" and "what are you doing" in this and that country. I also have a friend who is in the Ukrainian army and we are in touch trying to help each other.

At first, I couldn't think of doing anything. I just sat around watching the news. Recently, I've begun to have time to think about and reflect on all that has happened. A few weeks ago, I was able to get in contact with one of my teachers who stayed behind at the University to make the best of it. The teachers are providing many of us with lessons remotely so we can carry on our studies.

I am starting to be able to resume some kind of daily life. I had actually been to Denmark a few times before the war, and it is very nice. The Høyens have been gracious hosts. I'm grateful of all the Rotarians and other organizations who have been helping.

By Artem Ziablov | Rotary International

The war in Ukraine is having devastating consequences on civilians as families flee their homes. According to the United Nations, more than 5 million people, most of them women and children, have sought refuge in neighboring countries and across Europe, while about 7 million more people have been displaced within Ukraine.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Europe and around the world have taken swift action and are working with members nearby to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for refugees.





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OUR PROJECT



REFORESTING BRAZIL PROJECT

This project is so amazing!

We had 111 registrations made by various organizations throughout Brazil, the race against time begins to plant as many trees as possible and preserve the forests in Brazil.

We have an impressive donation from the Governor of District 4571, Luís Carlos Fávaro, donating 1,000 seeds of Ipê and Urucum trees, directing 400 of them exclusively to the city of Aparecida do Norte, in the state of São Paulo.





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OUR SHOW



Lígia Cabral Assunção

- MONDAYS:
 - MIAMI: 1:00 PM
 - BRASILIA: 2:00 PM



TAKE NOTE 1

DISTRICT TRAINING SEMINAR

*5 de Novembro 2022
9 am - 4 pm*

- Foundation Grant Seminar (Mandatory para usar grants)
- Membership Seminar
- Public Image Seminar
- Pre PETS (Mandatory para Presidentes 23/24)
- House of Friendship
- Palestra e Work Shop
- Almoço incluído

TAKE NOTE 2

New Date

GOVERNOR

23/24

**INSTALLATION
DINNER**

24/ June/ 2023



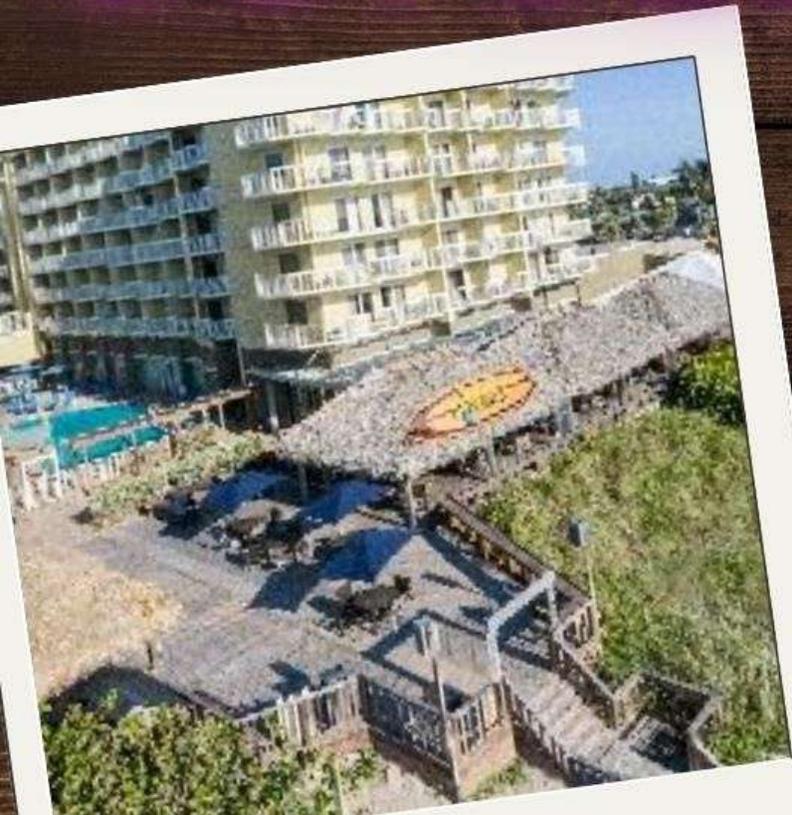
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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21-23



**CROWNE PLAZA
OCEANFRONT
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY/ 30

BIRTHDAY

LIGIA ASSUNÇÃO



JULHO/ 25

MEMBER ANNIVERSARY

ALOYSIO VASCONCELLOS



AGENDA

JULHO

New Leadership Month

07 - No Meeting

14 - No Meeting

21 - Regular Meeting

28 - Regular Meeting

MEETING PLACE

Chloe's Bistro
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 Boca Raton, FL 33433

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