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WE STAND UP!

Dear Soroptimists

Our long-time friend Nataliya, who coordinates the actions of the **Club S.I. Lviv / Lemberg** together with her son and more than 20 helpers, is our guarantor. Weekly, sometimes daily, we are in contact with her.

Nataliya, *Founding President S.I. Club Lviv, 4th May 2022*

It is the 68th day of the war. We are 68 days closer to victory. We know it and we believe in it. We are all fully aware of the fact that we are waging war for our independence, for our lives and for our dignity, and no one in the world will do it for us ...

[E-Mail from 4th May 2022 as PDF](#)

Ideas for the Clubs

Shortly after February 24th and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the S.I. Soroptimist International Clubs in Switzerland began to advocate for aid to Ukraine. This rapid reaction was particularly possible because the Clubs Chur, Kreuzlingen and Rapperswil have maintained intensive friendship and support contacts for more than 20 years.

Most local clubs are now involved in providing direct assistance to Ukrainian women in Switzerland. Among other things, they work together with the authorities and the transit centers. So the **Club la Broye** equipped a house of the municipality and bought heating oil. Three women with their children have now been accommodated (see below). The **Club Jura-**

Région accompanies an extended family with seven children, advises and supports them so that they can find their way around. In addition, considerable amounts flow into the donation account for Ukraine again and again (see below).

What happens next with the many ideas, projects but also experiences? Soon these will be available on a platform of the clubs. This gives the clubs the opportunity to network directly.

Reports from the Clubs



Picture: Boxes ready for collection in Le Locle, for transport via Romania to Ukraine

The Club S.I. Le Locle with exceptional commitment of a member!

Soroptimist Corinne Farine, who has been responsible for a watch company in Ukraine and Russia for almost 30 years, reacted quickly and unbureaucratically with aid deliveries immediately after the outbreak of the war together with her club. Three Camions with relief supplies have already been delivered to Ukraine via Romania.

Corinne Farine, Club Le Locle / [to report \(PDF\)](#)



Picture: Playing children and adult interest in the event

The Club Chur S.I. invited to a meeting

The refugees living in the canton of Graubünden are cared for by the Chur Soroptimists in various respects. An opportunity to meet Ukrainian families has already taken place. Sina Stiffler, Club Chur, Ukraine Representative of union S.I. Union Switzerland.

[to report \(PDF\)](#)



Picture: The diligent bakers: Béatrice Willa, Lilian Walthard, Susi Linder, Karin von Zimmermann, Karin Sommerhalder, Elisabeth Bütikofer and Rösli Mohler (from left to right)

Incredible rabbit story from Interlaken!

Before Easter, confectioner Rösli Mohler baked rabbits with a team of Soroptimists from the Interlaken Club for six days in more than 150 hours of work. The proceeds of 17'150 SFr. from the rabbit sale including a generous donation. of 4000 SFr. of the Club Kiwanis has already arrived at Trésorière Iris Burkhalter! Of course, the Soroptimists from Interlaken have also mobilized the local press.

[Article in the "Jungfrauzeitung" → to the report \(PDF\)](#)

Club Bremgarten is once again active! – Reception of refugees and endowment of the rooms. A club member of **Club Bremgarten** also took in refugees from Ukraine. Soroptimist Anita provided premises, and within a few days the club members put together the equipment of the rooms. Already the three boys of this family go to school, and all club members contribute to the success of the integration.

Iris Küng, Club Bremgarten

The **Club La Broye** is asked by the municipality for help The community leaders of La Broye contacted the local Club S.I. La Broye with the request for help. Now the Club supports three women with their children in the house provided by the municipality, was responsible for the equipment and furnishings and procured heating oil.

Club Basel - the war in Ukraine concerns us all! The solidarity is huge. Almost everyone wants to help somehow. Collections, monetary donations, accompaniment, accommodation, everything is welcome. Within hours and via Whatsapp, the Soroptimists of the Club S.I. Basel organized the household goods for a Ukrainian family and set up a house over a weekend!
Christl Hösch, Club Basel.

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The international platform Campax (ukraine.campax.org) is the link to the apartment seekers, if you have got a taste for it, dear Soroptimists. There are still many seekers.

Finances

The great commitment of the clubs to Ukrainian Soroptimists and to the Ukrainian population is also reflected in figures. By the beginning of May, around CHF 120,000 had been paid into the Union's Ukraine account by the Swiss Clubs S.I. In total, donations totalling CHF 332,000 and almost EUR 30,000 were recorded in the Ukraine account. 138,000 SFr. and 30,000 euros were spent on various aid campaigns

We are grateful if you ask your contacts for donations. A **letter template for a donation request** can be ordered under the **e-mail address** ukraine@swiss-soroptimist.ch.

Miscellaneous

Corrigenda and short report on Easter Bunny Picture

In the news from Ukraine 3 a rabbit picture was shown without comment. We apologize for this oversight. At the same time, we can now also report from Club Interlaken on the financial success of this Club (see above).

The **blog on Ukraine aid** is launched!

swiss-soroptimist.ch/blog-solidaritaet-ukraine

Further Information

In the blog of the Union President you can constantly find news!

swiss-soroptimist.ch/blog-der-praesidentin

Television

Bodensee TV reported on the Club Kreuzlingen and the Union's work on Ukraine. This can be viewed on the following website bodenseetv.ch from 13 April

Transports

We will report on further transports to Ukraine in NadU 5.

Please **report your actions to the Union!** Please address any questions to the following E-mail address, which has been activated for the promotions:

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