



## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SWITZERLAND

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### **Dear Soroptimists – dear interested friends!**

Winter is here. We leave our rooms only wrapped up in warm coats, with hats, scarves and gloves. There is often a cold north-east wind blowing. It can be refreshing but can also go through the marrow and leg. Then we are glad we can return to well-heated apartments. It is also winter in war-torn Ukraine. The infrastructures are damaged. It is cold in the houses. Emergency power aggregates, warm clothes, gloves, blankets are in demand.

Once again, we have succeeded in organizing help thanks to generous donations and actions by students. Read the report of the actions.

Catherine Schuppli, President SI Union Switzerland 2023 - 2024



Foto: Board of SI Union with Jörg Stocker

**Many people are involved in Switzerland** until a transport arrives at our club sisters in Lviv. Upstream of the supply chain is the question at Club SI Lviv about the most necessary goods in Ukraine. We knew since December that electricity generators were urgently needed. On loan we were able to use two of them from Jürg Streuli for the orphanage. We have now purchased 16 generators of type T3300 IE.

Jörg Stocker, “man for everything” at Jürg Streuli, has also organized various things for us. Both men have hectic situations under control, say "it's going to be good" or borrow generators for the SI Club Lviv.

Stocker is responsible for ensuring that the generators are ready for the company Heusser at the right time and that all customs documents are filled out. Cargo and departure point towards the German border is Bilten GL in the Linth plain. Soroptimists from Club SI Glarus will also be there. We will load 16 generators, as well as 150 solar flashlights with cranks and 50 sleeping bags. Unfortunately, however, the transport has to be postponed to mid-February, because snowstorms are currently raging in Poland.

### **Finances & Support**

How is our generous donation possible?

On the one hand, rapid action by the ad hoc Commission was necessary. Often we take unconventional ways to make this possible, find contacts with acquaintances who help us.

Foundations decide on generous amounts in emergency meetings. In order to make the financing of our Ukraine aid transparent, we have this news from Ukraine for our club members but also for a circle of interested people.

We also want to organize a Charity-Golf Tournament in the St. Gallen Rhine Valley in 2024.

We are already looking for a team of two to three people. Please contact [ukraine@swiss-soroptimist.ch](mailto:ukraine@swiss-soroptimist.ch) We look forward to active support and your initiative!

### **Our Ad-hoc Commission**

Has been at work since the beginning of March 2022. In 34 meetings we discussed, decided, among other things, the money transfers and transports – always on Wednesdays at eight o'clock via Zoom. On the other hand, we had our first live session in Bern on 25 January. What a pleasure it was to exchange directly!

**Members of the Ad-hoc Commission Ukraine are:**



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from left: Franziska Brändli (Events), Catherine Schuppli President SI Union Switzerland, Sina Stiffler (Ukraine Commissioner), Ursula Jutzi (Coordination), Renata Trottmann (Legal), Annelies Debrunner (Communication, News from Ukraine), Irene Muggler (Communication, Blog), Iris Burkhalter (Finance, Contact SIE), Martine Rossier (Translations).

Not in the picture: Claudia Meister (Finance & Communication).

On our website

[www.swiss-soroptimist.ch/solidaritaet-ukraine](http://www.swiss-soroptimist.ch/solidaritaet-ukraine) you will find the blog about the Ukraine war and short news!

Contacts to the Ad-hoc Commission:

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We are looking forward to echoes of the news from Ukraine 11!

In March we will report on further activities in the News from Ukraine 12.



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