

#### In Action in Wartime Ukraine



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa

**October 25, 2023** 

#### **Background & Introduction**

- Curt Groninga and the Lashchenko's
- Creation of Ukraine Rotary Relief Committee
- Clubs & Committee Members

# Denys Andrushchenko President, 2022-2023 RC Cherkasy-Centre



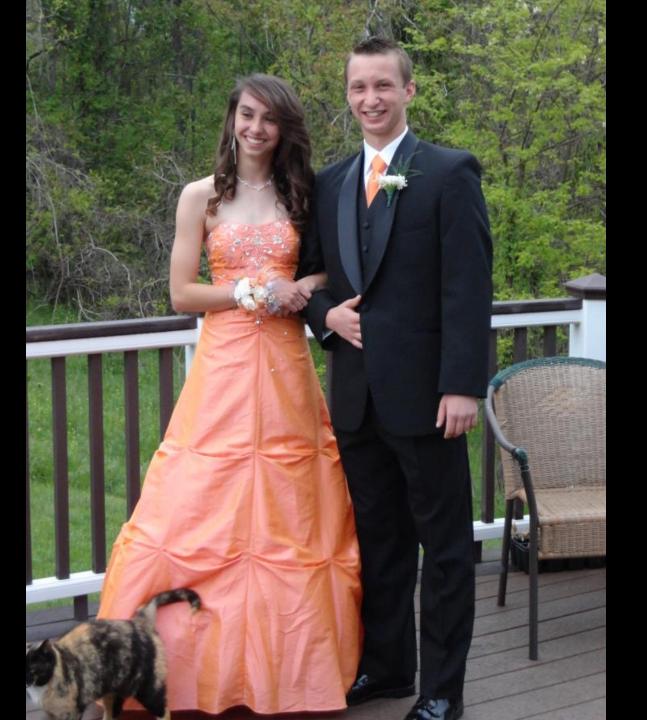


#### **Agenda**

- Denys' Story & Sister Cities
- Rotary in Cherkasy & Ukraine
- Review of Completed Projects
- Current Needs & Next Steps

























### **Growth of Rotary in Ukraine** "Service above Self"

#### <u>Urgency, Local Relevance & Personally Making a Difference:</u>

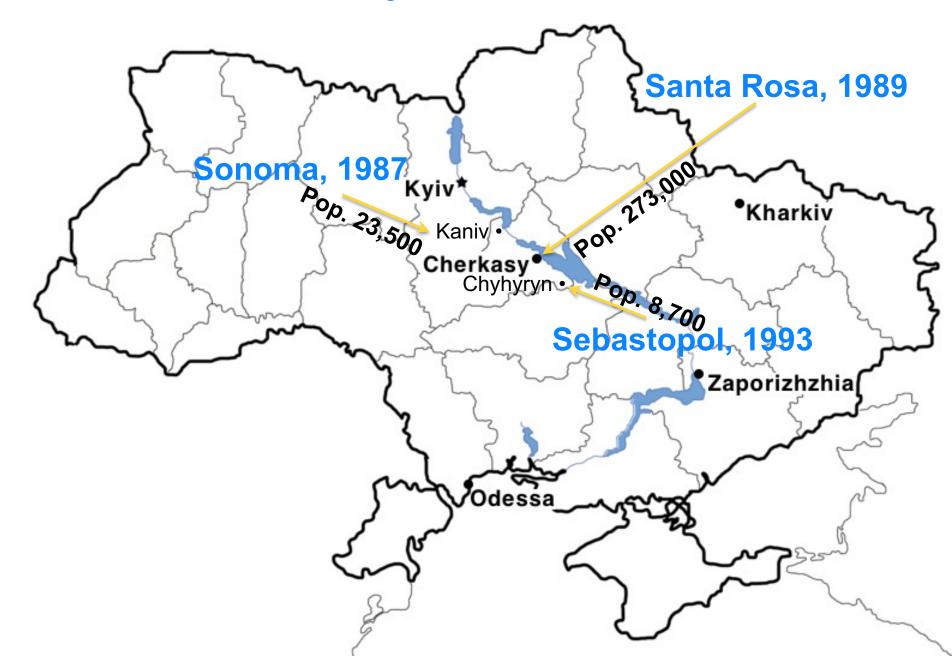
- Rotary in Cherkasy grew from 3 to 4 clubs
- Membership grew 20% from from 98 to 118 members
- Since the start of the war District 2232 grew by 543 Rotarians >52% from 1,047 to 1,590

Since Feb. 2022 Rotarians in Ukraine grew by over 50% despite 18% of the country being occupied and another 16% overseas!

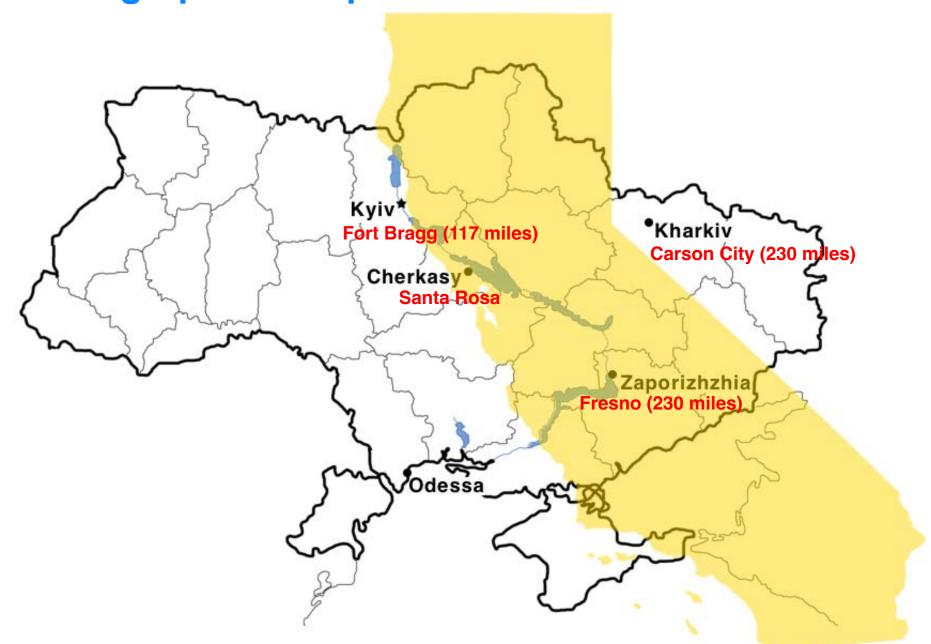




#### **Sonoma County Sister Cities in Ukraine**



#### A Geographic Perspective of Ukraine & California



#### Going into De-Occupied Territory near Kyiv



A Video by Tetyana Ocheretyana, RC Cherkasy-Centre

#### GOAL #1 = Build 6,000 Life-Saving Emergency First-Aid Kits





## Funds Sent to Cherkasy Rotary/Suppliers \$185K+ for 6,000 Kits & Medical Supplies

#### **Local Sources of Funds:**

- > \$95,000 Santa Rosa & SR East/West Clubs
- > \$21,000 Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club
- > \$37,500 District 5130 Disaster Relief Grant
- > \$27,000 Montgomery Village Art Fundraiser
- \$5,000 Eureka, Willits & Valley Moon Clubs

\$185,500 in first 9 months thru Nov. 2022 to complete emergency first-aid kit project

#### GOAL #2 = \$70,000

#### "Power for the People" Generator Project

#### Examples of generators and power equipment to be provided:





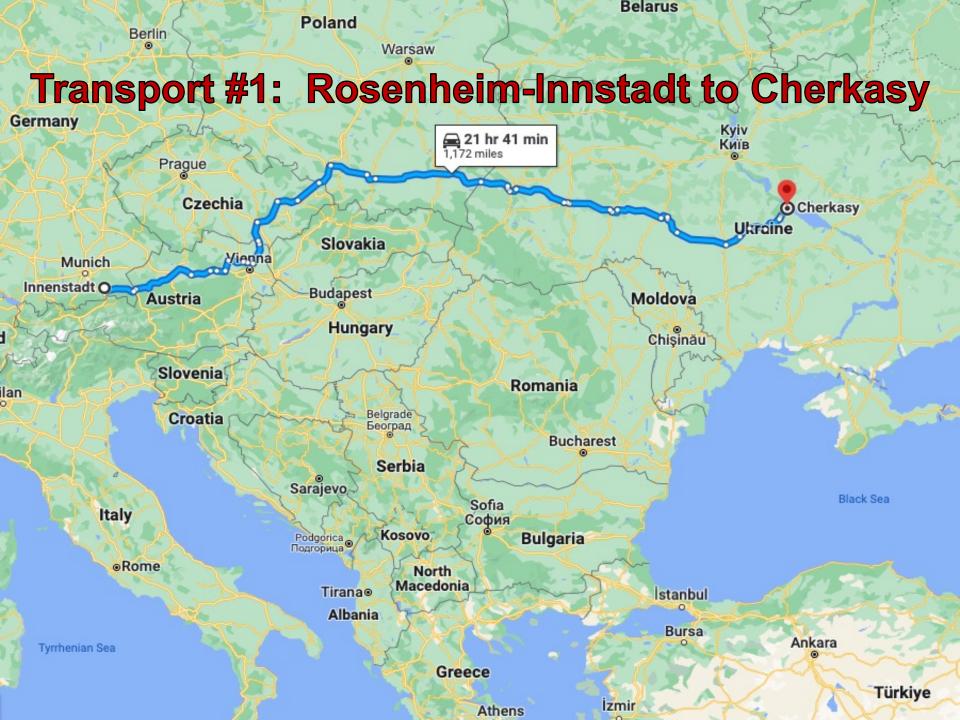


2000 - 8500 Watt Generators for heating and charging centers, hospitals, and residential buildings • \$700 - \$2,150

Battery Packs for charging phones, laptops, etc. • \$850 - \$1300

## "Power for the People" Generator Project Partnership of 5 Rotary Clubs

- Santa Rosa, SR East/West & Healdsburg Rotary Clubs
  - Fundraising
- 2. Rotary Club of Rosenheim-Innstadt (Germany)
  - Purchase, Transport & Fundraising
- 3. Rotary Club of Cherkasy-Centre (Ukraine)
  - Front-Line Transport & Distribution





#### Funds Sent to Cherkasy/Rosenheim-Innstadt Rotary Clubs

#### \$90K+ for 2 Transports of 7 Tons 140 Generators, Inverters & Batteries

#### How emergency power equipment deployed:

- Civil defense field hospitals near front lines
- Remote villages & besieged cities near northern & eastern war zones
- Medical institutions and health clinics
- Refugee assistance centers
- Essential businesses supporting refugees
- Educational sites

Completed in 4 months (Dec. '22 – Mar. '23)



GOAL #3 = \$75,000+

# TWO PRIORITIES for RC Cherkasy-Centre

### Emergency Power for Refugee & Medical Centers --- Please Help Us





As winter approaches, we urgently seek another \$50,000+ of emergency power equipment for Ukraine's local hospitals, rural outpatient clinics and refugee centers.



### Help local Rotarians provide... Children's Trauma Relief in Ukraine







Rotarians and specialists need \$25,000 to create support and rehabilitation services for refugee children, with ongoing programs offering trauma relief for 5-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds.













# Children's Trauma Relief Program:

- Create a Psychological Assistance Center
  - 5 7 year olds
  - 8 11 year olds
- Team of volunteer psychologists, educators, doctors, artists, storytellers and trainers
- Sensory rooms and various types of therapy (art, fairy tales, sand, etc.)
- Cycle of 12 classes for 3 months for 10-15 children
- Focus on 342 children from refugees, as well as socially vulnerable kids from the Cherkasy region
- Content for YouTube channel & field trips to surrounding areas, including Kaniv & Chyhyryn

### Anna Hryhorovych President, 2023-2024

RC Cherkasy-Centre





## Cherkasy-Centre Rotarians & Specialists



Oksana Khryapak



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Tetyana Ocheretyana





Lyudmila Bondarevska



Oleksandr Strelchuk



Olesya Zinchenko



### Partners of Cherkasy-Centre Rotary:

Regional Children's Sanatorium "Ruska Polyana"



Cherkasy National University "Bohdan Khmelnytskyi"



**Cherkasy Museum of Local Lore** 



**Cherkasy regional newspaper** "Nova Doba"

**Cherkasy TV channel "VIKKA"** 















# **Questions? Invite Your Friends to Donate**Help Rotarians Save Lives in Ukraine







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- > To Matthew Tarvin
- > To President Ann of Santa Rosa Rotary

### **AUCTION & PADDLE RAISE**

- First-Day Edition Stamp of MRIYA
- > \$5,000 Check Presentation to Denys
- "Fund a Need" Paddle Raise

