- Now through 30 June 2022, designated Rotary districts that border Ukraine and the Rotary district in Ukraine may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 each from the Disaster Response Fund. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine and clothing.
- During this same period, other impacted Rotary districts that wish to offer support to refugees or other victims of the crisis in their district can apply for \$25,000 grants from the Disaster Response Fund.
- Now through 30 April 2022, Rotary districts can transfer unallocated District Designated Funds (DDF) to support the Disaster Response Fund, directly supporting these Ukrainespecific humanitarian grants.
- Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine can be made <u>here</u>. All funds need to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by 30 April 2022 in order to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.
- Although the Disaster Response Fund will be the main avenue for Rotary Foundation support, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are also encouraged to create their own responses to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

In addition to support provided through the Disaster Response Fund, the Foundation is coordinating with partners and regional leaders, exploring effective solutions to the increased humanitarian needs.

- We are in contact with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees USA to prepare for and respond to the needs of those being displaced in Ukraine and to neighboring countries.
- ShelterBox, our project partner for disaster response, is in communication with Rotary members in Eastern Europe to explore how it may offer support with temporary transitional housing and other essential supplies.
- The Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration is also mobilizing its resources to assist in this crisis.

More than 2 million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

We will continue to monitor the situation in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Visit My Rotary and follow Rotary on social media to stay updated on how clubs can get involved and what actions Rotary members have taken and the impact it has had for people in the region.

THE EARLY RISER





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ROTARY PRAYER

Oh Lord, and giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help to serve Thee all of our days

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS NORTH



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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

April 1Mike Crocker ~ Liz Martin – An update from River Bend
April 8 Larry Gunnell
April 13 Blood Drive SAFB Theater 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
April 15 Ajay Kumar
April 15Club Social at the Fiesta Mariachi at 6:00 PM
April 22 Ann Lucas
April 29 Bill Neale
Лау 6 Rob Noble
May 13 Jeani Secord
May 20 Troy Secord
May 27Tom Sheriff
une 3Gary Southard
une 10Phil Waggoner
une 17 Tom Cale
une 24 Joe Clement

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETINGAT THE VANTAGE POINT CONDOMENIA

The invocation was led by President Clint and Larry led the club in the pledges.

The brag bucket was fed by Tom, Phil, Gary and Clint.

Mike announced that our club will have a hot dog cook during the blood drive at SAFB on April 13th. It will take place between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at the base theater. Please try to be there.

On Saturday several club members gathered at the Vantage Point and stuffed flag renewals prior to mailing. It was a good gathering.

President Clint ask the club for nominations for young people to attend RYLA.

David introduced Matt Parker, Dean of Students for MSU, as the program. Dr. Parker informed us about programs at MSU for "food insecure" students at MSU.

The raffle raised \$21.00 and Rob was the lucky winner. To a large round of applause, Rob drew the 7 of diamonds for a \$5.00 prize. If this week's winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$84.00 + $\frac{1}{2}$ of what is raised today. *GOOD LUCK!*



The club voted to Donate \$500.00 to the "Canan Food Insecurity Program" at MSU. The above picture is of the donation. From L to R: Mike Crocker, Dr. Parker, and David Collins. The Canan family will match our donation.

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

AT ROTARY, WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE ESCALATING LOSS OF LIFE AND HUMANITARIAN HARDSHIP CAUSED BY THE WAR IN UKRAINE. WE'RE USING OUR DEEP NETWORKS AND DECADES OF EXPERIENCE TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION IN THE REGION.

Find out more about what Rotary is doing and how you can support relief efforts. **How we are taking action:**

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for donors around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts and has designated its **Disaster Response Fund** as the main avenue for contributions.

TO THIS END, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION HAS APPROVED: