



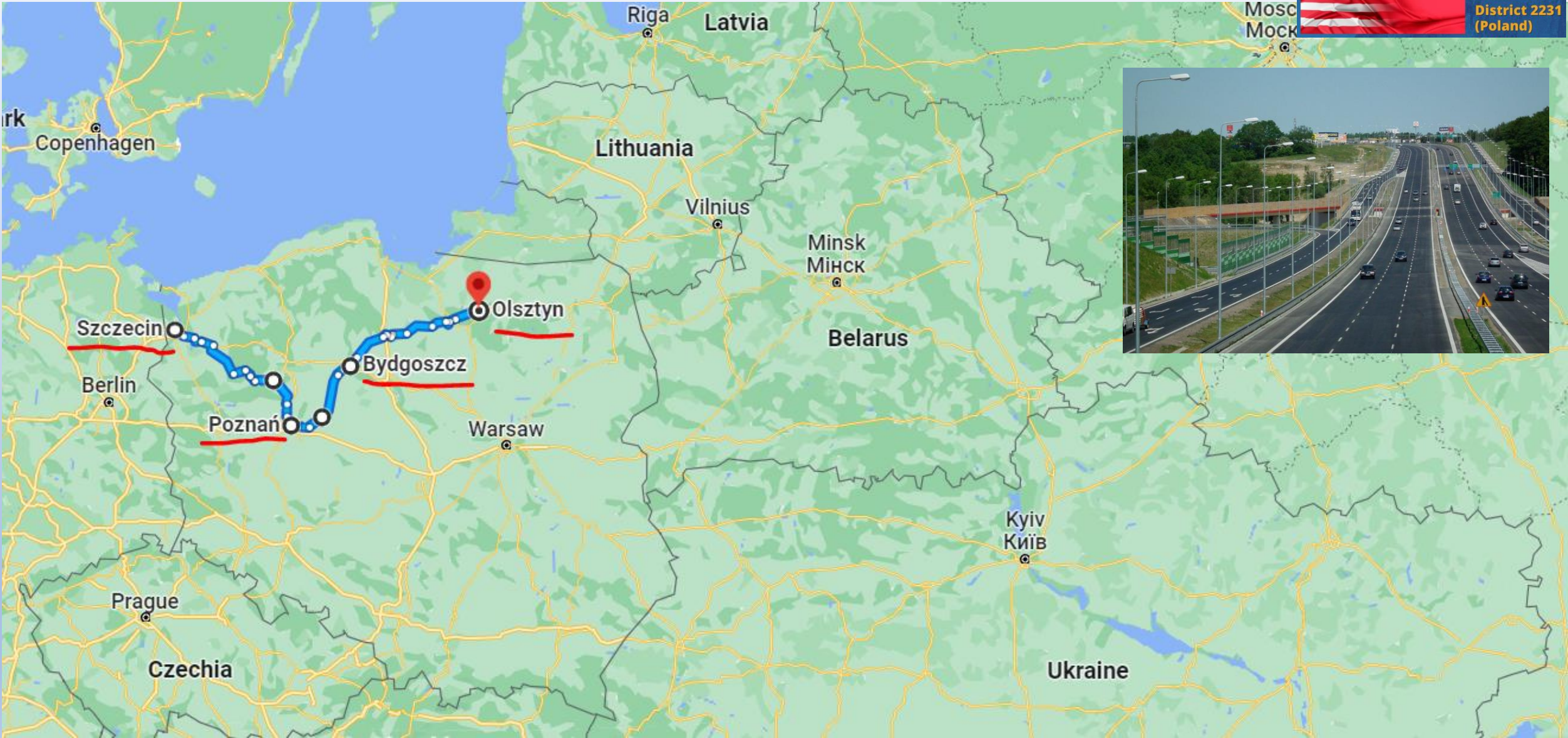
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**Rotary
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SZCZECIN, POLAND

Rotary District 6250 Friendship Exchange to Poland. We just completed a wonderful three day stay in Szczecin. Site-seeing, tours of 6250 assisted Ukrainian refugee food distribution centers and housing, discussions with refugees and front-line fighters but, most importantly, tremendous hospitality. Thank you Rotary Szczecin! Thank you President Łakomiak and family! On to our next city ... Poznan!





Thank you to President Roman Łakomiak
and his family for opening their home for
this exchange





A school has become a hub for Donations for the Ukrainian Refugees. Here they can come receive packs of food and essentials. This day all of the donations are from the Rotary Club of Szczecin





A tour of the city showed the history of Szczecin. Home to the Solidarity movement, beginning in the ship yards. As well as home to beautiful architecture dating back to the 14th century





A trip to visit a neighboring city, Stargard.
Visiting Ukrainian Refugee housing along the way.





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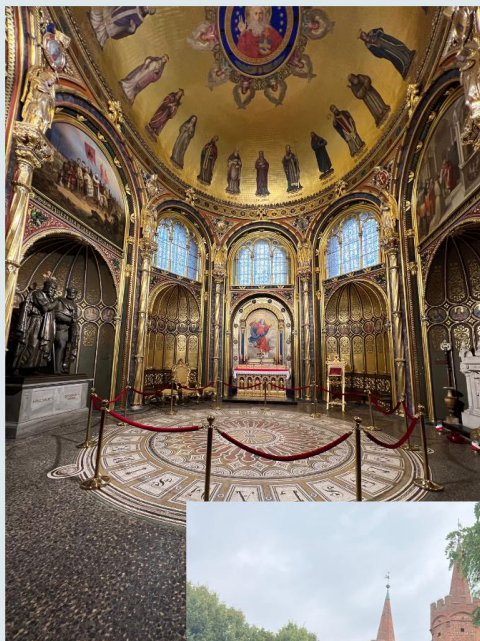


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POZNAŃ, POLAND

Rotary District 6250 Friendship Exchange to Poland. By train from Szczecin to Poznan and now two memorable days spent with the Poznan Rotary Club. A tram tour, a piano recital, the croissant museum but, most importantly, great conversation and fellowship over food and beer! Thank you Rotary Poznan ... you made it special! On to our next city ... Bydgoszcz!





A tour of the first Cathedral in Poland and a lovely dinner meeting on the first day! With a presentation on their efforts in support of Ukrainian Refugee.





A tram tour through the city followed by a walking tour in old town, getting to see the goats butt heads on the hour! This was a special treat!





Visiting and making the famous St. Martins Croissants at the Museum! Followed by a wonderful concert and dinner.





A very big thank you to President Wojciech Majchrzycki! Not only for being a wonderful host but, for introducing us to a very special project for the Poznań Club. The brilliant Filip Kauch, who at 13 has talents playing the piano that are sure to produce a successful Piano career in his future with many thanks to the support from the club.





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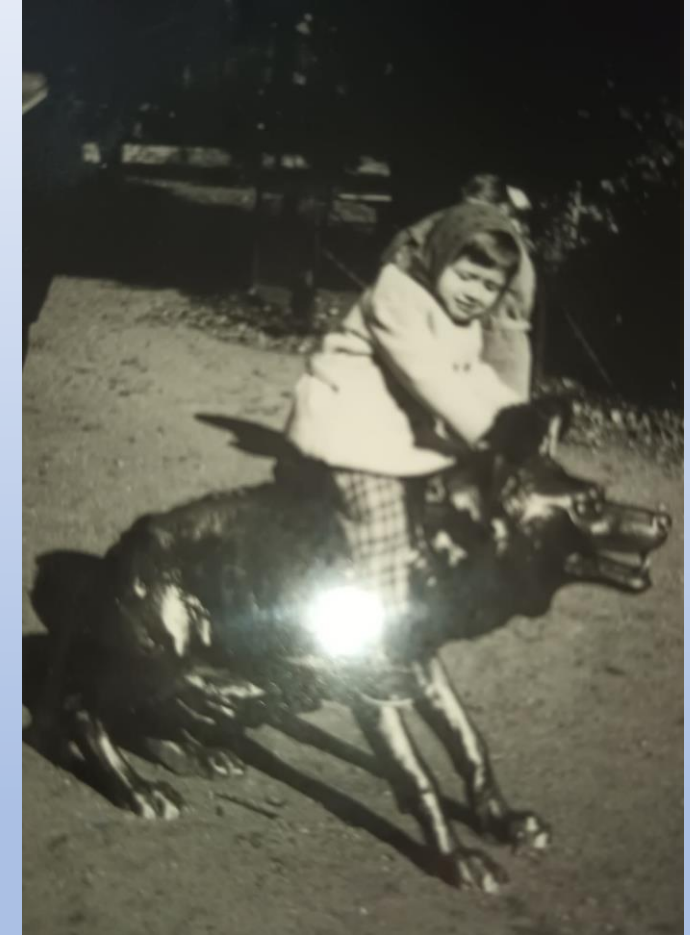
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BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND

Rotary District 6250 Friendship Exchange to Poland. Bydgoszcz Stare Miasto Rotary greeted us and thanked us for our direct funding of some of their various refugee projects. Heard from Justyna, a Polish woman who has been to the Ukraine twelve times transporting needed supplies, most recently returning to Bydgoszcz with a birthday cake made by a grandmother for her refugee granddaughter and with the ashes of a Ukrainian soldier which she presented to his refugee mother



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A tour of the facility providing resources for Ukrainians in the area and in Ukraine. They provide clothing, food, Polish lessons, job opportunities, and toys and books for children. The Rotary club has a shelf within the pantry that is stocked solely by the club





Visiting a members House boat company
 with job opportunities for Ukrainian men. As
 well as a visit to a care facility where the
 Club purchased necessary equipment to
 help patients many of which are refugees.





Thank you to the members for your hospitality for our Exchange. Most importantly we thank you for your tireless work to assist the Ukrainians who come to Bydgoszcz and who stay in Ukraine.





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OLSZTYN, POLAND

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Olsztyn Varmia Rotary greeted us in their gem of a city in the Polish lake country. Met Rotary Club President Nila and 14 year old daughter Masha, refugees from Zaporizhzhia in eastern Ukraine, who the Rotarians in Olsztyn have adopted as their own.

Nila's husband is leading civil defense efforts in their city. The Olsztyn Varmia Rotary Club and Nila worked together to pack high-end first aid kits for use by first responders in Nila's city. Masha is an extremely talented vocalist and treated us to short concert in the very Social Training Kitchen that The Rotary Clubs of Mayville, Columbus, Waupun and Beaver Dam helped establish via a Global Grant in 2019! Then we cooked dinner together and drank a toast to our on-going cooperation.





A tour of a care facility and education center in a neighboring city, the club helps to support. This center focuses on children. With mental and physical disabilities, they work with some children their whole lives.





A bit of relaxation at an old world fair!



Nila and Masha joined in!



Both clubs joined together to prepare dinner in the Social Kitchen! This facility also provides accommodations to refugees as well as a food bank.





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This will be our Rotary Friendship Exchange group's final post from Poland. It's been an eye-opening experience for all of us. We've traveled from west to east, through a country whose next door neighbor is at war. For ten days we've felt the tremendous spirit of two nations, standing arm in arm against a common aggressor. We've felt it among the people we've met. We've heard it in the stories we've been told and we've seen it in the actions being taken. We've learned that you need to be able to cry and laugh at the same time because, sometimes, the absurdity of the situation requires it.



Back to Poznan!



Behind the Scenes

