



ÖREBRO IWC
Distrikt 234
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Dear friends of Pakenham IWC,

Here we are again at that special time of year when we send greetings to friends and family far and wide. We are always happy to receive your Friendship Bouquet which really gives us an insight into your very active club and all the fun you enjoy as well as doing much good along the way.

Our club has had a very good year again and our members have increased. We meet once a month on a Wednesday evening for a tasty meal and an interesting programme where we enjoy listening to speakers, music or demonstrations. There's something for everyone.

We continue to support the Panzi hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We have direct contact with the hospital through one of Örebro's Rotary clubs and know that our donations go directly to the most deserving projects and work at the hospital.

We also continue to contribute to the purchase and training of narcotic search dogs for the Swedish Customs Authority. A very worthy cause on all counts. In times of tight budgets and poverty for many families we also find it really rewarding to donate to a nationwide charity called the May flower, which gives needy families that little extra at Christmas.

I think that the IYW President, Mamta Gupta, chose a poignant theme for our IYW-year: Heartbeat of Humanity. Our world isn't a kindly place right now and if we can do that little extra through Inner Wheel then we have at least achieved something for the good of others.

We will be celebrating IYW day with a lunch followed by a theatrical presentation of a newly written book about a young farm boy from Örebro who was taken under the wing of Queen Hedvig Elisabet Charlotta during a state visit to Örebro in 1810. The title of the book is, The Queen's Protégé. This young farm lad went on to be brought up in the royal court with all its privileges and eventually became an artist. Local history will be at the fore. The actual book is the size of a brick, so there will be plenty to learn for our members and guests!

The ladies of the Örebro IYW Club extend to you all their very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and hope for a better and more peaceful New Year.

Yours in friendship
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