



ÖREBRO IWC D 234

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Warm greetings to all the ladies of Pakenham IWC.

Many thanks for sending us your Friendship bouquet with many interesting glimpses from your club.

This is my first letter to you as new ISO for my IW club in Örebro. Having received this pleasant assignment is however a challenge as former ISO our dear Mrs Janice Karlsson was born with English as her native language – however I will try my best 😊 and I am looking forward to having contact with you again.

Autumn is a wonderfully colorful season, and we have many highlights in our IW club. As a start, some of our members visited our new IW friends club in Simrishamn, a charming seaside village located in southern Sweden. Members of IWC Simrishamn had arranged a “Swedish fika” (coffee with cake), followed by a nice and interesting walking tour in the old town. In the evening, we attended the club’s monthly meeting. Sorry that Australia is so far away – but fortunately, our digital contact is possible and pleasant 😊. This week we will enjoy a visit from Ms Jeanette Olsson, a Romani author who tells the story of women in 4 generations. The Roma culture told from a women’s perspective will be very interesting to hear. The 7 clubs within District 234 will also have a District meeting the following weekend.



Members from IWC Simrishamn and IWC Örebro

The important projects our club is supporting this IW year are: Majblomman – a national organisation also very active in our town with the task of working against child poverty by supporting families locally. Families from our town and surroundings can apply. Each application is needs-tested. It could be a pair of football boots or a Christmas present for example. As our international project, we support the important work made by Rotary Doctors and IW Doctor in Kenya “Change project”, focusing on preventive healthcare such as maternity care, contraceptive counselling and family planning also providing education for men. As our national project we support Swedish Customs by providing funding for the training of drug detection dogs. Some of our members visited Arlanda Airport and were given

the opportunity to test the dog's skills by carrying drugs through customs among "ordinary" passengers. It probably looked a little strange with some mature ladies being taken aside...



Together with drug detection dogs – after “completed mission”

Let me say how glad we are to have you as a club in friendship and to share with you some of our activities and to hear about what's happening in your club.

Our best wishes to you all.

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