



Inner Wheel Danmark — District 44

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In brief: Friendship and helpfulness!



When you deliver your collection of pull tabs, we ask you **URGENTLY** to clean and sort them, as only the non-magnetic pull tabs are usable.

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Pull Tabs



From
Inner Wheel Denmark
to

Protheses Foundation
Thailand

Supported by:



The Order of Malta in Denmark
The Knights Hospitaller in Norway

and



The National Scout and
Guide Fellowship in Den-
mark (i.a. Skanderborg and
Odense)

as well as many private
collectors,



we collect pull tabs for
prostheses for lost
arms and legs in Thai-
land.

Pull Tabs – how it all started

Kirsten Egelund Andersen started the project in Denmark in 2002 after a visit to Thailand, where she found out that they collected pull tabs - and they used them for a good cause: for screws, bolts and other parts for artificial limbs.

She realised that this could be an exiting project for her to start as she then had just been chosen as DISO (District International Service Organiser) in District 44 of Inner Wheel Denmark. And it would also be a perfect follow-up to "The Prostheses Foundation", which had been initiated in Thailand in August 1992 with H.R.H. The Princess Mother as protector.

The Foundation states among other things that it is primarily intended for poor people. And there are many poor people in Thailand. In the northern part of the country, many people loose one or both legs due to land mines, and in the southern part people more often loose a leg from snake bites. It is disastrous to a family if a father/ provider looses a limb as it will then be impossible for him to work in e.g. the rice fields.

Only pull tabs from soft drinks, mineral water and beer are usable, as the pull tab is manufactured of a harder and purer aluminium type, which is also rustproof and non-magnetic.

In November 2004 Kirsten visited Thailand again, and then she brought the first 17 kg of pull tabs. On that occasion Kirsten visited the hospital in Bangkok and talked to one of the senior professors, Dr. Therdchai Jivacate, who worked on the project and was one of the managers. In February 2005 the total amount of collected pull tabs was approx. 165 kg. At that time the pull tabs were transported to Thailand in a container, which was shipped to Thailand in connection with the family's business.

Please note that 72 pull tabs weigh 10 g, so at that time the number of tabs collected and shipped to Thailand amounted to approx. 1.200.000.

When Svend and Kirsten Egelund Andersen sold their business in the summer of 2007 and Kirsten stopped acting as DISO, I took over the job and the "stock" of pull tabs—at that time approx. 1500 kg!!!!

We will continue to sell the pull tabs at the best price, and in the spring of 2008 we have sold more than 2000 kg of cleaned pull tabs - the proceeds will be handed over directly to the hospital in Thailand in the autumn of 2008. In this way we ensure that the hospital will receive the whole amount. In the spring of 2008 representatives of the Order of Malta visited Thailand, including the hospital, and they acquired a personal knowledge of a well-functioning project. In March 2008, approx. 21.000 people had been provided with a new leg!

We have received excellent press coverage for the pull tab project in Denmark and in general much attention. The National Scout and Fellowship Guide in Denmark, the Order of Malta in Denmark and Norway support us, and we have also received excellent wide support from private people in Norway, Sweden and all over Denmark. - We want to express our gratitude to all sponsors.

This project was born as an Inner Wheel Project - and it shall continue as such! We want to continue the collection because we know that this small pull tab can make a difference!!

Finally, I want to add that it is always possible for you to deliver your collections to my private address: Hadstensevej 27, Lerbjerg, DK-8370 Hadsten.

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