

# Inner Wheel Denmark



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Dear Madam World President

Hereby I will give you a brief summary of the activities in the 101 (app. 2651 members) Inner Wheel clubs in Denmark during the Inner Wheel year 2018-2019.

## **Activities**

According to tradition this Inner Wheel year has been quite busy all over the country. Under the subtitle, "Caring for Women and Girls, which was introduced after the Convention in Melbourne in April 2018, Inner Wheel Denmark has set up a joint scheme with the association, Moedrehjaelpen, Denmark.

Moedrehjaelpen aim to support and strengthen challenged families through professional advice and voluntary activities. They provide support and guidance to abused children and women and to young families. They have local representation all over Denmark. This provides us with good opportunities to make sure that our support fulfills its purpose countrywide. During the relative short period of time this project has been going on the Moedrehjaelpen has received the amount of Dkk. 47.378 (UK£ 5.815). The collected means mainly represents the income from sale of wicker bags, produced by a Women's project in Madagascar.

Many other initiatives take place all over the country. The summary of reports from the Five Districts describe great ingenuity, energy and unity all over the country. Many splendid activities has been going on during the year. In general, the purpose of the efforts performed has been to help and support persons, who somehow has appreciated a helping hand. Cakes has been baked to social arrangements at nursery homes, Heart shaped pillows has been manufactured and donated to Breast Cancer operated women, little Teddy Bears has been knitted to hospitalized children, blankets has been knitted to children at Julemaerkehjem \*) etc. etc.

\*) A Julemaerkehjem is an institution where children at the age of 7-14 years old, who for some reason don't thrive in their usual surroundings can stay for a period of 10 weeks in order to get over the crises and to obtain their normal daily life again. The stay at the Julemaerkehjem is free of charge for the parents. It is funded by donations.

## **The children of the world**

The welfare of children is a major subject of the members of Inner Wheel Denmark. About 96 children around the world benefits from sponsorships by our members. The purpose of these sponsorships is to contribute to the education and safe upbringing of children whose parents are dead, or for other reasons are unable to take care of their upbringing. The administration of these sponsorships are carried out by different international organizations with representation in Denmark. The cost of the sponsorships amounts to approximately DKKr. 182.800 (UK £ 22.430.)

## **Donations**

Quite a few of our clubs have celebrated Inner Wheel's day, January 10<sup>th</sup> with a variety of activities, and donations has been given on that occasion. During the year an amount of about DKKr. 823.000 (UK£ 100.980) has been collected by the clubs for donations. This amount has been donated to a wide range of organizations in Denmark and abroad. - As always the focus has been on Women and Children and other



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purposes of humanitarian character. When assets for all these good purposes are collected, the members around the country perform great ingenuity.

### **The Annual collection**

A share of the annual membership contribution to Inner Wheel Denmark is each year earmarked a common donation to a charitable organization in Denmark. In the current Inner Wheel Year the annual collection at the amount of DKkr 183.333 (UK£ 22.495) will be donated to the Lukas Huset, which is Denmark's only Children's Hospice. In addition to this, District 47, who nominated Lukas Huset to receive the Annual Collection, has collected an amount of further DKkr 193.139 (UK£ 23.700). This amount is to be donated at the annual meeting this October. This donation, certainly will be a warmly welcomed contribution to a project, where an invaluable performance to help families, where children suffer from serious and potentially lethal diseases is carried out.

In Inner Wheel Denmark, the five Districts in turn, select the receiver of the Annual collection the upcoming year. This method of selection has proved that the members in the actual District often make extraordinary efforts to raise supplementary funds to the benefit of "Their project".

### **Other collections**

#### **Can rings**

There is increasing activity of collecting Can rings. Project Canrings is a Danish charity project, which works in Scandinavia for the purpose of helping people with injuries after Mine explosion or other disabling illness. Since the year 2012 the project has supported economic assistance to the project, Prothesis Foundation in Thailand. This support contributes to the services of mobile clinics that provide leg and arm prothesis to poor people in China, Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand.

The project has recently sold 13,3 tons of the little can rings, and it is the project's aim to raise funds to enable them to travel to Thailand early in 2020 to donate an amount of 1 million Bath (UK£ 27.600) to The Prothesis Foundation. Since 2012 the project has donated 2.148.298 Bath (UK£ 51.900)

#### **Stamps**

The members still collect stamps from mail. These are sent to the organization, Children of the World, and the collected stamps still provide to their income.

#### **Capsules from water bottles and Spectacles**

Capsules from water- and soda bottles are also collected. The income from this collection is donated to a children's hospital in Argentina, and the collected spectacles are primarily sent to Africa.

#### **Friendship/Friendship clubs**

As we all know, one of Inner Wheel's main purposes is "to promote and strengthen friendships". When members gather in common arrangements, it is obvious that warm friendships arise both within and between the clubs. The members always find great joy to meet again and chattering and cheerful laughter sounds.

Most of the clubs in Denmark have friendship clubs both in Denmark and abroad. The main activities are exchange of monthly letters and Christmas greetings. However, exchange visits occur now and then, and new friendships are established.



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### **The Club meetings**

In Denmark most club meetings are held at a permanent place. A typical club meeting starts with a common meal followed by a lecture/speech about a relevant subject, the members 3 minutes, ISO orientation about her activities and club news. At the end of the formal club meeting there is time for private conversation, and during this part of the club meeting many friendships arise.

### **Conclusion**

As it appears from this summary, many activities involving many of the enthusiastic Inner Wheel members in Denmark take place. I hope to having given you a view of, what we in Inner Wheel Denmark has dealt with during the past year, and I hereby wish you good luck with your work in the current Inner Wheel year.

With kind regards

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