

Dear Inner Wheel friends from IWC Göteborg,  
Dear Kerstin,

Thank you first of all, Kerstin, for your news. How lucky you are that you can spend some time for relaxing in your country house. But work is waiting everywhere. The only thing is that we have to put up with "bad weather days" very often now. We also had a terrible stormy weekend along the whole coast of all the harbors at the Baltic side of the country. The storm was directly coming from the East, pushing all the water against the Eastern coasts, whereas at the Western coasts of the country at the North Sea the ferries had no water to go to the islands. Many big yachts have been thrown across the harbor onto the pavement and some even into the garden of people's houses living quite near to the harbor. Now people from the fire brigade are busy helping to get the water out of the cellars and trying to clear up the damage.

I was lucky, as I live about 6 km away from the seaside. So no water damage but a lot of tree branches and leaves cover my lawn. It will take me some time to get it tidy again as soon as there will be a little sunshine.

I am sending our October Letter of 10<sup>th</sup> October rather late, sorry, but we had to prepare for our movie event on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Since quite some years we once a year present a movie at a cinema. We have an agreement with the owner that we may invite friends with family and guests and have a finger food buffet in an entrance room of the cinema, where we may arrange our buffet, as well as one drink. Further drinks will have to be bought from the bar of the cinema owners. The film is one we have bought some years ago. So the cinema owners asked us to pay about 350 euros for 4 hours performance and using their rooms. We sell our tickets at a price of 20 euros, and with a great audience following our invitation we most of the time end up with about 2000 euros for our social projects in the club. This needs hard work for us in advance. But we always were on the winning side.

On Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of October (every fourth Tuesday of a month) we are having a friendship or social meeting with members, who want to chat, as it is very often not possible during the normal meeting. This is equivalent to your social meeting, as you described it, Kerstin. In Kiel we are very lucky to have a big "Biergarten"-café, a little smaller than the ones in Bavaria. But they have also indoor facilities or outdoor terraces with heaters. This is a possibility for all those members who would like to talk and have a little snack, a drink or coffee or in wintertime a hot chocolate. Most of the time we are about 10, sometimes more, who enjoy this. This I think is a very good idea. And of course, we offer to fetch people if they ask for it, who would be afraid using a bus during the dark time of the year, or who just need walking aids.

On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of October we have our district conference in Hamburg, and we have decided to go by car as there is still much trouble on the railway track. The train might not be in time for our trip to Hamburg, late for some reason or other because of all the damage on the way.

In our November meeting I am asked to report about our Göteborg trip. Many of our members have already seen photos on WhatsApp, and they are very curious about

our time we spent together with you. It was a lovely time for us. Thank you once again.

We are working on a visit for you coming to Kiel next September ( 26<sup>th</sup>?), and we will arrange to see the new Art Exhibition in Büdelsdorf, which is every time of great interest. For an English speaking guide, we need good time ahead a number of people interested. But I think most people come during summer holidays, and then it would nearly be impossible to get a guide. We will do our best if you would like to visit us on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Now we are already preparing for our Christmas-Benefit-Market around the church of St. Paul's in the center of Kiel. This is since more than 20 years a challenge. We are about 20 Service Clubs (4 Rotary Clubs, Round Table, Rotaract, Lions, Zonta, Kiwanis, Soroptimist, Ladies Circle, Johanniter, Inner Wheel, and several others) aiming for a big project to be helped with a little more than two thousand Euros. Nearly every year we managed to receive about 20.000 Euros during the time beginning at 12 o'clock until 18 hrs. This is quite a result, and it only works, when every participating group shows „power”.

Every year a group of representatives from every club participating is choosing a project which needs immediate help. This year the benefit will go to people who need medical care but who are without insurance care. Meanwhile there are so many of them, also refugees. There is a group of doctors (also from Rotary) with mobile field service stations, but they have a lack of capacity now. What can we do when you see so many homeless in the street?

Well, this was a lot I was thinking of to tell you.

By the way, Anna, do you remember, what you were thinking about the election in Poland, when I was in Göteborg? I was right: the Polish women made the change possible. Congratulation. I hope, it makes you happy, too.

The four Rotary Clubs in Kiel have for many years supported every year four young Polish students to study German language at the end of their time at University. My husband Norbert and I had a very good time together with them as they were always invited to all our Meetings and parties and tours we made. The last years became difficult as the students had to choose different subjects than German language. So this Rotary Program ended.

I wish you some very agreeable days without storm and rain.

Regards to you all,

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