

## WFWP Stuttgart, Germany celebrates the day of German Unification in Schorndorf

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WFWP Germany celebrated the day of German Unification on 3 Oct 2018 – this day has been a National holiday since 1990. This year, ten women of WFWP Stuttgart took this opportunity to make a day trip to Schorndorf, a town about 26 km east of Stuttgart. Schorndorf has a very picturesque old town centre with pretty timbered houses.

Historically, Schorndorf, with its castle, mighty town walls and 18 towers played an important role as a stronghold to protect Stuttgart.

During the tour of the town, we visited the birth house of Gottlieb Daimler, who invented the light, high speed diesel engine. With this 19th century invention, he revolutionized the transport system and became famous in the field of the automobile development.

At the market place is the house where Barbara Walch-Künkelin lived and we took time to learn about her and pay respect to her life. In her position as the mayor's wife, she mobilized the women of Schorndorf in 1688 to protest against the surrender of their town to the French army.

The resistance succeeded and saved the town from destruction. These women went down in history as 'The Women of Schorndorf'.

After a lunch-break, we continued our tour, past the castle and what remains of the town wall, to the Protestant town church and the former Latin School.

The church is considered to be the 'Jewel in the Heart of Schorndorf'. We took some time at a house beside the church which once served as the official residence of the second town pastor. We remembered the unusual life of Karl Friedrich Reinhard, born in that house in 1761. He studied philosophy and theology and went to France. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the French Revolution, later gained French citizenship, served as a French diplomat, was for a while the French foreign minister and was even named as a peer under the name of Charles Frédéric comte Reinhard in 1832 in France. At the end of the tour, we enjoyed refreshments before embarking on our journey home.

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