

## **Annetove: a dear and sweet friend**

*by Pia*

I have more memories of AnneTove. I met her first time eighteen years ago and during these years we reinforced our friendship working together in Kidlink. We have meet several times, in Arendal and in Italy at my home, to plan Kidlink activities or simply for tourism like this summer. I love this place, this house, this fjord, they are an important part of my last years.



My first time in Arendal with Lara, Mihai and my son Andy



But what I will never forget is when I met AnneTove the second time in Arendal. It was the first time I attended an International Conference, I was the only Italian and I understood little or nothing English.



with Beverly, Stellan, Bonnie, Adriana and Tor Arne

**August 2001**

with Lely, Patti Marisa and Eyglo



So after two days of this total immersion of speeches largely unintelligible to me (thankfully there were many PP presentations), I felt tired, stressed, and depressed. I just wanted to cry and go home. Kidlink was not for me.

Annetove was the only person who noticed that something was wrong, that I was uneasy and uncomfortable.

She sat down next to me and without having to use many words, she gave me courage and energy to overcome that moment; and once back home, we continued to communicate and Annetove to support me with her loving advices.

Little by little Kidlink has become a more and more demanding activity for me and Annetove and Odd of course, have become dear friends despite the distance and the linguistic difficulties.

**August 2002**, again in Arendal with my family



Working together with KidArt



**May 2005** International Meeting in Arendal with Beverly, Patti and Jayshree



**November 2005** - Monza (Italy)



with Nicolò, young Kidhelper, and Domenico

**June 2006** Arendal International Children's Cultural Week



**September 2011- Arendal**  
Kidlink Society becomes Kidlink  
Association. From Norway to Sweden



Bent, Stellan, Claus, Odd

**June 2017 – Arendal,**  
on my last visit to Annetove and Odd



*You will miss me a lot!*