

# Myravisen



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Myrmarken Lodge 5-609  
Marshfield, WI 54449



Kjære Venner;

It's picnic time! The weatherman predicts the temperature to be about 75° and "mostly" sunny.

Come to Anne Grethe Cook's home at **1219 E. 14th St., Marshfield at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10th**, and we will have a picnic in her beautiful backyard filled with flowers and good company. Anne Grethe is providing meatballs, BBQ, buns, coffee, juice and water, so please bring a dish to pass. Salads would be great, but please, she requests **nothing with tuna**.

See you there!

Sherrie, Editor

## Fun Fact

Kirkenes, Norway is farther east than Finland. In fact, the small Arctic town is as far east as Cairo, and only 9 miles from the Russian border. As it's so close to the border, there is a big Russian influence.

Most international visitors have heard of the name because Kirkenes is the point at which the Hurtigruten coastal ferry "turns around" to continue its epic multi-day voyage back to Bergen. Most international visitors continuing their journey on board have around three hours to explore the city.

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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## GRATULERER MED AGEN !

Shannon Tollefson, 6-7    Erik Tollefson, 6-12  
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## MIDSOMMER MAGIC

On June 23, or the Saturday closest to it, Norway celebrates Midsummer's Eve with boating, picnics, bonfires and the beauty of summer.

The ancient sun festival is celebrated throughout Europe with traditions that vary from country to country. Common to most of these traditions is happiness and gratitude for the warmer and brighter days. There's a Norwegian saying that "a beloved child has many nicknames," and this major holiday is referred to as midtsommerfest, Jonsok or Sankthansaften (St. John's wake/eve).

In folk belief, good forces were believed to be particularly strong at midsummer. Herbs and hay harvested on the solstice were said to have potent magical properties. Putting a red Jonsok flower under your pillow would make you dream of the one you'd marry. A bonfire was to strengthen people going into the darker part of the year, and protect against trolls and evil spirits.

Today midtsommer is a secular festival that signals that summer vacation is imminent! Beachfront bonfires, music, dance, friends and good food are typical. Grilled meats and seafood are popular, along with potato salad, pancakes, strawberries, homemade juice, as well as beer and aquavit.



Roberta Johansson passed away May 30th, one day short of her 88th birthday. She was a member of Myrmarken Lodge since 1992, and served the lodge as secretary for many years. A humble, quiet, and unassuming woman, she will be missed by Myrmarken Lodge and the Sons of Norway.