

## Inland Valley Storytellers February 12, 2019

**Hosts: Louis and Lillian Sergio**

We had 17 listeners and 7 tellers. Those present were: John St. Clair, Jayne Sjodin, Tom and Ann Freeman, Flip and Claudia Banando, Louis and Lillian Sergio, Ron and Robin Chick, Elisabeth Anghel, Paul Bublin, Josh Bublin, Nick Smith, Glenn Grant, Jan Baskin, and Ron Evans.

Louis Sergio was the MC. In addition to introductions, which included some new attendees, people shared personal experiences with Valentine's Day and lies (because George Washington famously couldn't tell a lie).

### STORIES TOLD

1. **Louis Sergio** told another one of his humorous short stories, this time dealing with a President's Day speech.
2. **Jan Baskin** told a story about a 17 year old boy who wanted to get married but his father kept pointing out reasons he couldn't marry each girl he would court. The boy finally was able to get married when his mother cancelled out the father's objections.
3. **Nick Smith** told a folk tale about a tragic consequence of the 7th Crusade to the Holy Land led by King Louis IV. It had a happy ending for the young lovers but an unknown bad ending for the mean mother in law.
4. **Ron Chick** told a very inspirational personal story about his struggles to learn how to read in school. It also had a happy ending.
5. **Ann Freeman** told 2 short stories about the flower called Forget Me Nots.
6. **Ron Evans** told the beginning of a 45 minute story set in Rock Harbor, Maine. He will be telling the whole 45 minute story at Pilgrim Place if you want to hear the rest of the story.
7. **Flip Banando** told a personal story about a frightening trip to eastern Russia, just south of Siberia, while he was employed by Honda Corporation. He vowed never again to fly on old airplanes in Russia.

We need someone to volunteer to host the March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

John St. Clair