

Inland Valley Storytellers Tales told on 3/12/19

We were 15 storytellers and listeners gathered to hear and tell stories on March 12, 2019: Barbara Rugeley, Chris St. Clair, Elisabeth Anghel, Glen Grant, Jan Baskin, Jayne Sjodin, Lillian & Louis Sergio, Ron Evans, Ron Chick, Flip & Claudia Banando, and Tom and Aynn Freeman.

Louie Sergio shared a story during a time when “the sun never sat on the British flag”. The statue of George Gordon stood tall on his horse and the local civil servant paid his respects, saying to his young son, “This is Gordon.” Later, the boy asked, “But who is that silly man who sits on Gordon?”

Aynn Freeman, brought a lovely piece of China and told the story, “The Blue Willow Plate.” In ancient China, a widower sought to preserve his daughter’s purity. “Never look at a man.” He kept her isolated, until one day she heard the gardener singing. They fell in love. Her father chose another. She escaped and found her singing love. (Lots more details!)

Ron Chick shared a leprechaun tale. Rory knew the ways of leprechauns, so when he found one, he caught it fast. “Let me go. Let me go.” The leprechaun promised that he would reap health and wealth and happiness only if he gave to others. When he saw a single mom, he tossed her a coin. “She needs it more than I.” Lo and behold, another coin appeared in his pocket! His business began to grow. He married and prospered. Ah, the ways of leprechauns. Ron promised to share the story about the 51st dragon next time.

Flip Banando told of a trip to Big Bear when he was young, taking their favorite golden retriever, Tammy. But, when dark fell, Tammy could not be found. After much calling and searching, they sadly left for home without Tammy. At home, there was Tammy in the back yard!

Ron Evans told a tale from his childhood about a “Bug-Eyed Monster” or “White Eyes.” The children could not go to sleep, because every time the light went out, they saw white eyes outside the window. The parents could not find anything outside, until....