

## Inland Valley Storytellers Tales told on 9/10/19

We were 12 storytellers and listeners gathered to hear and tell stories on September 10, 2019: John and Chris St. Clair, Elisabeth Anghel, Ron Evans, Tom and Aynn Freeman, Paul Bublin, Barbara Rugeley, Glenn Grant with friend Jessica, Virginia Stark, and Suzanne Douglas.

Paul Bublin hosted the meeting with Tom and Aynn Freeman adding to the refreshments that Paul brought.

Nobody volunteered to bring refreshments for the October meeting because I forgot to ask. Please let me know if you want to host the October meeting.

### **There were 6 storytellers:**

**Elisabeth Anghel** told a folk tale about a poor old couple and a magical person who kept trying to help them by giving the old man a bag of gold. The old man kept hiding the gold from his wife and she kept accidentally giving the gold away. Finally the old man was given a bag of frogs and told to buy the largest fish in the market using the money from selling the frogs. Amazingly the fish ended up saving some fishermen's lives and the old man and woman always had plenty of fish to eat.

**Virginia Stark** told personal stories about her family and sports. Virginia was a big Lakers fan in the 1980s when Magic Johnson, James Worthy, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and Derek Fisher played.

**John St. Clair** told a personal family story about Mumbo the dog and Snitchy the bird.

**Aynn Freeman** started out her story telling us about Qilin, a Chinese mythical character, who could only be seen by people with pure hearts. A pure of heart woman saw Qilin, who gave her a jade prophesy, predicting that she would give birth to a king with no crown. That child turned out to be Confucius, a famous Chinese teacher and philosopher.

**Ron Evans** told a true story about Dee Dee Davis, a very dedicated nurse in New Haven, Connecticut. He could have told us a hundred stories about Dee Dee but only told us several stories that time would permit. The last story about Dee Dee was about her response to the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City and how the community of New Haven was affected by the tragedy and came together to support the families of victims and survivors.

**Barbara Rugeley** told a folk tale about a very angry king and his 3 sons. The king didn't want his youngest son to leave and marry a princess from a neighboring kingdom because the king's first 2 sons drove him crazy and were the main source of his anger.