

The following people attended the Inland Valley Storytelling meeting held on June 14.

Virginia Stark, Ron Evans, Penelope and David Mann, Kathy Parker, Bridgette Hussy, Brenna Kelly, Mark Morales, Nick Smith, Jayne Sjodin (aka Hayes), Glenn Gary, Charley Young, Ron Chick, Andrew Bakhit, Sara Truit, Adrien Lowery.

We were blessed with seven tales:

1. Ron Chick reconstructed a tale that he has not told in a very long time about two men representing different tribes who attempt to communicate at "the top of the sand hill" but, believing they have understood each other, have come away with very different perspectives.
2. Brenna Kelly shared some of the history with her friend Bridgette Hussy in her tale entitled, "Hussy's Under Fire"
3. Kathy Parker told about dinner one evening with a friend named Frank and his amazing mother, Grace. Kathy recollected a wonderful memory that Grace shared about a dance that took place at the turn of the century during an employee party.
4. Nick Smith Told a tragic tale of rats and birds that became more familiar toward the end when we realized it was the tale of the Pied Piper of Hamlet.
5. Bridgette Hussy shared some funny nuances about when she moved from NYC to a very small town of Fayette, Missouri when she was a little girl.
6. Ron Evans moved our hearts deeply with a story about the day the Twin Towers tumbled from the vantage point of an employee who was caught in midst of the mayhem. "Those of us who were close enough to see the fire and smell the smoke - for days, will remember it differently than those who witnessed it through the news."
7. Adrien was gracious enough to lighten the evening with a light-hearted western tale by Stephen Crane, "The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky". She animated the adventures of Jack Potter and his rival Scratchy Wilson who gets drunk and is "fix'in to settle the score with Jack Potter".

Two events were announced before Ron Chick's gooey cookies were devoured and we did not have a business meeting.

Ron Chick and Nick Smith have more information about the two events: Michael McCarty "Stories for Sons and Daughters" 6 pm next Saturday night at the Grio in LA and Ann Buxy's Tales by the Sea in Malibu.