Thanks to Jayne Sjodin for taking notes of the August 13 meeting and sending me her descriptions of the stories told that night (see below). Thanks also to Paul Bublin for volunteering to host the September 10 meeting. I was gone hiking for 7 days in the Big Pine Lakes region of the Sierra Nevada mountains. If you are interested in seeing some of my photos, let me know and I would be glad to share them.

John St. Clair

## Inland Valley Storytellers Tales told on 8/13/19

Seventeen and a half people attended the Inland Valley Storytelling meeting August 13 at the packing house. (The half is a young lady who stayed for half of the stories. We had some new folks join us, including Haidee Craner. Hosting was shared by Jayne, Suzanne, Chris, and Tom & Ann Freeman. Thanks to ya'll for the great snacks.

We enjoyed seven stories:

- 1. Jayne told a story from storyteller/author Bailey White about the "One-eared Intellectual".
- 2. Adrien shared a folktale of Howth, Ireland titled "The Rival Professors". The reputation and honor of the local college in Howth was defended from French rivals by means of trickery.
- 3. Tom and Ann Freeman shared a story together about the hilarious correspondence that incurred due to a miscommunication in a letter to the Skylake Community Camp Ground.
- 4. Ken told a story about a trip he took on an Amtrak train heading to Oregon and the close encounter he had with some Amish folks.
- 5. Ron shared the delights of an evening when he escorted 'Anna' to the opera in Manhattan to see the opera "Marriage of Figaro".

- 6. Glen told the tale of "Old Joe and the Young Carpenter" about two life-long friends and the lesson they learned.
- 7. Mark told a story of a man who, after a long successful life, goes out to seek truth.

Paul Bublin offered to host next month's (September) meeting.