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December 9th SDC Community Meeting

We had a very successful meeting on Dec 9, 2012 with about 30 people attending. Etta Miller talked about her COTTA trip to Tahlequah with pictures this past summer. This was followed by Billy Falling, author of *My Cherokee Roots*, talking about his experiences with being an abused Native child while living in Oklahoma. After a short break, we continued our basket weaving from our September meeting.





January 20, 2013 SDC Community Meeting Plan to join us.

We will be meeting on January 20, 2013 to form Cultural Interest Groups such as language, cooking, basketry, beading, genealogy, and other interests. There has been an increased interest in getting more culturally involved. While going to our meetings can only give you a taste of the culture, these groups can get you more involved with meeting a couple of times a month. Also perhaps at the group meetings, we can get someone from Oklahoma to Skype or over the net conferencing. This will give us At-Large citizens a better connection to those living in the Nation.

Come and join in making 2013 a very exciting year.

If you wish to have more information about this event or any other information, please contact us at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com .

Cherokee Youth Section

Announcements:

- There is a Youth Council initiative being led by Kathryn Bussey. She is asking anyone that is interested to fill out a survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6FYL7HT> to see what people are interested in doing. There is a big backing from Tahlequah for this. We will have a gathering of the youths at our October meeting at Crown Point.

Native Dancing

Anyone who is interested can attend the workshops. These workshops do not only include dance instruction, but also include the making of traditional clothes to be worn at the powwows.

Soaring Eagles

POWWOW WORKSHOPS (6-830 pm in Auditorium)

2013

January 9, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 27

March 6, 13, 27

April 10, 24

May 1, 8, 22, 29

June 5*

*(Last day at Ballard. SE meets at community parks from June to August.)

Ballard Parent Center
2375 Congress Street
San Diego, CA 92110

For more information on dancing and activities:

http://www.scair.org/soaring_eagles/

Urban Tribal Sports

For more information contact:

Inter Tribal Sports, Inc.
41892 Enterprise Circle South, Ste. B
Temecula, CA 92590
Tel. (951) 719-3444
Fax: (951) 719-3466
www.intertribalsports.org
Also on **Facebook**

San Diego American Indian Youth Center

Teen Day 13 and up – Every Friday 2-6pm
Call the center for more information and other activities.

For more information:
San Diego American Indian Youth Center
2560 First Avenue, Suite 103
San Diego, CA 92103
(619)531-1938
sdaihyc619@gmail.com
www.sdaihyc.blogspot.com

Youth Employment

Employment Services for American Indian and Native Hawaiians
- 15-19 yrs. old at date of application
- 2.0 GPA requires
- Placements are limited – First come, first serve basis.

For more information:
Indian Human Resource Center
www.indianhrcenter.org
(619)281-5964
4265 Fairmont Ave., Ste. 140
San Diego, CA 92105

This is a new section of our newsletter to have our Cherokee youth to share their activities, thoughts, pictures, etc. about being Cherokee and culture.

If you wish to share, please submit your material to sdcc_newsletter@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Education

For those who are interested in Native Studies, please go to this website for [*A Guide to Native American Studies Programs in the United States and Canada*](#) by Robert M. Nelson, Editor.

Upcoming Meetings

January 20, 2013 -- Formation of Cultural Interest Groups Meeting
February 10, 2013
March 10, 2013
April 14, 2013
May 19, 2013 -- Lake Murray Picnic
June 9, 2013
July 14, 2013
August 11, 2013
September 8, 2013
October 27, 2013 -- Annual Picnic with CN Citizens and Officials
November 10, 2013
December 8, 2013 -- Year End Get Together

All meetings will be held at Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park unless otherwise stated. Click [here](#) for a map.

All events are subject to change. Please check our web site www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.com or write to us at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

The Summer Abroad Program Part 3 By Lisa Ronning

This will be continued in the next newsletter. Lisa is recovery from foot surgery.

Change in the Cherokee Constitution Concerning At-Large Representatives

If you haven't heard or read yet, the Tribal Council at its Dec.10, 2012 meeting amended parts of the Cherokee Nation election code, including adding a residency requirement for At-Large council candidates. In Chapter 4, under Special Qualifications for Tribal Council, the code now calls for At-Large candidates to establish a bona fide residence "located outside the jurisdictional boundaries" no less than 270 days before the general election.

For more information on this, you can read the Cherokee Phoenix article [here](#).

At-Large Representatives

To contact Julie Coates (2015):

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Oklahoma City, Ok 73116

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jack-baker@cherokee.org

Other Council Members can be located [here](#).

Cherokee Culture Notes

Cherokee Prayer

A Cherokee (before Christianity) was a polytheist and that the spirit world was to him only a shadowy counterpart of this. All his prayers were for temporal and tangible blessings--for health, for long life, for success in the chase, in fishing, in war and in love, for good crops, for protection and for revenge. He had no Great Spirit, no happy hunting ground, no heaven, no hell, and consequently death had for him no terrors and he awaited the inevitable end with no anxiety as to the future. He was careful not to violate the rights of his tribesman or to do injury to his feelings, but there is nothing to show that he had any idea whatever of what is called morality in the abstract.

While prayer is usually given to one who needs or want one by the Cherokee Doctor, one can make a prayer with the following characteristics:

1. Name of the Disease or want – This is so the proper spirit can be used and be described to the spirit.

2. Name of the spirit – Each spirit has its purpose. For example, the black widow for things involving love, Blue Cat for catching large fish, the Red Spider for toothaches, etc.,
3. Name and clan of his client, of the intended victim, or of the girl whose affections it is desired to win -- The Cherokee regards his name, not as a mere label, but as a distinct part of his personality, just as much as are his eyes or his teeth, and believes that injury will result as surely from the malicious handling of his name as from a wound inflicted on any part of his physical organism.
4. Purpose of the prayer – As with any prayer, you have to say what you wish to get from the spirit, such as, relief from pain, the disease to be gone, finding a lost item, making yourself more handsome to the girl you desire.

Once you have the above (more may be needed, but check with a Cherokee Doctor), you can now write your prayer. There is no general order how to put the prayer together. It is usually started with the phrase “*Sge!*” followed the spirit’s name. “*Sge!*” is translated as *Listen!* /*Harken!* to awaken the spirit. The prayer is ended with spirit’s name followed by “*Sge!*” One key note about writing a prayer is that this must be done in Cherokee only. Praying in English will have no effect.

Most prayers are done with tobacco. While praying, the tobacco is rolled in the palm of your hand clockwise. After the praying, the tobacco is then lit and smoked to send your prayer to the spirit. The prayer is generally said in all four directions (north, east, south, west) each time, four times a day, and for a length of seven straight days. For best results, these prayers should be done on a clear day.



Blessed tobacco given to me by Robert Mackey from Kenwood Stomping Grounds.

I compiled this from several sources (including Cherokees who still practice) what I feel is a general idea of a Cherokee religious practice. If you have any questions, please consult your Cherokee doctor.

Patrick Bea

Language

The Nation offers a variety of levels from beginner to advanced, and you can choose to participate in live or recorded sessions. For instructions to register for these free online classes go to <http://www.cherokee.org/AboutTheNation/Culture/Language/31863/Information.aspx>.

Also there will be a group forming at our next meetings on learning Cherokee. If you can't make to the January meeting and want to join the group, contact me at tla_i_ga@yahoo.com.

Community News and Announcements

SDCC Committee Members and Duties for 2012-2013

Phillip Powers -- Council Leader, Meeting Facilitator & Community Outreach

Phil Konstantin -- Meeting Facilitator & SDCC Spokesperson

Joe Radeker -- Treasurer

Mona Oge -- Membership Coordinator

George Lynch -- Record-keeper

Patrick Bea -- Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Etta Miller -- Telephone Membership Outreach

Pamela Hightower -- TBA

Jennifer Parramore -- Program Coordinator

Mike Ledger -- Alt - TBA

All council members can be reached at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

This is a new section for anyone who likes to share something about your family such as births, engagements, graduation, etc. All announcements must be sent in before the last day of each month. I will try to put out this Newsletter monthly. Send your information to sdcc_newsletter@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Other Local Cherokee Communities News

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire (CCIE)

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Monthly General Meetings are held at:

Sherman Indian High School

Bennett Hall

9010 Magnolia Ave.

Riverside, CA. 92503

For more information, check the website at: www.cherokeecommunityie.org.

Orange County Cherokees

For more information, contact Ed Carey at ecarey@socal.rr.com.

Local Cherokee Library

The Nation has sent us some books about the Cherokee people and culture to start our own library. If anyone wishes to donate, take care of, or check out a book, please contact us at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com. Some of the books are now available online. Please check back from time to time for others such as the *Cherokee Nation History Class book*

Below is a list of what is currently available:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>ONLINE</u>	<u>COPIES</u>
Cherokee Nation History Class	Compiled by Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith <i>NOTE: Only partial of the course is available at present. Check back for additional sections added.</i>	HERE	2
Building One Fire <i>Art + World View in Cherokee Life</i>	Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith, <i>et al</i>		1
See Say Write with CD	Compiled by Victor Vance	Book CD	1*
Cherokee History and Culture Though Art	Wade Blevins		1
Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry	Thomas Mooney		1
Outline of Cherokee Grammar	William Pulte & Durbin Feeling	HERE	1
Cherokee Consortium Word List	<i>Unknown</i>	HERE	1
Cherokee Immersion Curricula & Language Learning Materials On CD	<i>Unknown</i>		1
This Day In North American Indian History	Phil Konstantin		1
How to Make Cherokee Clothing	Donald Sizemore		1
Trail of Tears – The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation	John Ehle		1
The Native Americans -- An Illustrated History	David Hurst Thomas, <i>et al</i>		1

Historic Fort Gibson	Fort Gibson Historic Preservation		1
Handy Tips to Your Genealogical Research in Southern Records	<i>Unknown</i>		1
Syllabary Chart		HERE	1
Various Color Charts including Solar system, States, Continents, and various stories in Cherokee		CHARTS STORIES	1
Comfort & Joy -- Cherokee Christmas Songbook		HERE	1
Additional Reading List		HERE	1
Cherokee Nation's Apps and Docs	Application for Citizenship (Blue Card)	HERE	
	Dawes Freedman Roll # App.	HERE	
	Certified Degree of Indian Blood App.	HERE	
	CA Birth Certificate (State Issued)	HERE	
	Death Affidavit	HERE	
	Replacement Card	HERE	
	Voter Registration	HERE	
	<i>*soon be available online</i>		

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Membership registration for 2013

If you have not joined the Community for 2013, please fill out the application below and mail your check for \$10 for Individuals or \$15 for multiple family members living at the same address to SDCC, 1098 Canyon Creek Place, Escondido, CA 92025. The Membership Year is from May 1 through April 30th. Your dues payment now will carry you through April 30th, 2013.

San Diego Cherokee Community (SDCC) Membership Form

Date: _____

NAME: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

If you are renewing and your contact information has not changed, check here and mail us the form with your check. Fill in the rest of the form only where changes have occurred.

MAILING ADDRESS; _____

Street Address & Apt. # or Post Office Box #

City

State

Zip

TELEPHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Do you want to be listed in a SDCC membership directory? Yes _____ No _____

Do you wish to share your information with the Cherokee Nation? Yes _____ No _____

How do you prefer to receive the SDCC newsletter? E-Mail _____ Postal Mail _____

Names of other household members over 18 at the same address to be added to the SDCC Roster of Members:

CHEROKEE AFFILIATION (Check One):

Cherokee Nation _____

Registration # _____

United Keetoowah Band _____

Registration # _____

Eastern Band of Cherokee _____

Registration # _____

Cherokee Descent, Unregistered _____

Other (Explain) _____

Topics you would recommend for future SDCC Community Meetings? _____
