



San Diego Cherokee Community Newsletter

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"We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others."

Will Rogers

February 10th SDC Community Meeting

We held a SIG meeting on February 10th. We had 7 people in attendance. We discussed what the four groups were – language, cooking, genealogy, and clothing.

Only the language SIG came up with its time of meeting and what material will be used. They will meet every Saturday at 10 am and repeat on Wednesday at 8 pm online. There will also be in-person meetings before each regular meeting at 12:30 pm. The book they will use is the **See, Say, and Write** book (available online). The group will also supplement with the CN language course starting in April.

We encourage the other SIGs to come at 12:30 pm at the next regular meeting to get help in getting started.

March 10th SDC Community Meeting – Introduction of Will Rogers

We are planning on a field trip on April 13, 2013 to Will Rogers' ranch in Malibu. He was a famous Cherokee Entertainer of the early 20th century. So our meeting on March 10th 1-4 pm at the Centro will be dedicated in getting to know this famous Cherokee. Some facts about him are in the **Cherokee Culture Notes**.

SIGs will also be meeting before the regular meeting at 12:30.

All are encouraged to bring a snack or dessert to share. The Council will provide the drinks.

Come and join in.

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

Special Interest Groups Corner



A group of people with similar interests in a particular cultural topic...

Cooking

Meeting Place: TBD
Meeting Time: TBD

Genealogy

Meeting Place: TBD
Meeting Time: TBD

Clothing

Meeting Place: TBD
Meeting Time: TBD

Language

Meeting Place: Online and at the Centro
Meeting Time: Saturday 10 am
Wednesday 8 pm

All groups and interested parties will be meeting in groups before each regular meeting: Next regular meeting is on March 10th at 12:30.

SIG FAQs

What is a SIG?

It's a group of people with similar interests in a particular cultural topic like language and meets more often than the regular meetings.

When does a SIG meet?

Each SIG is different and it depends on what the group decides - preferably at least twice a month.

Where does a SIG meet?

*Each SIG can meet anywhere they want. With the Language SIG, many of the meetings will be online and in-person. The facility at the Centro Cultural de la Raza is reserved each month for meetings. Also a SIG can meet before the regular meetings at 12:30 pm. (See **Upcoming Meetings** for schedule.)*

What help will we get from the Nation?

Hopefully, we will be able to connect to other citizens who are knowledgeable about each SIG topic and perhaps, Skype with them.

Are these SIGS included in my membership fee?

Yes. As with any hobby there might be additional costs for each group.

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

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

This is a 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

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.



At-Large Representatives

Julie Coates (2015):

<http://juliacoates.com/index.html>

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jack-baker@cherokee.org



Julia Coates speaking at one of our meetings.

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

The Summer Abroad Program -- Part 4

By Lisa Ronning

It was the third day of the program and we were starting to settle into our dorm room. It was nice being paired up with others in the four man dorm rooms. Each person had their own room and refrigerator and a bathroom was shared with two members, with a living room and kitchenette between the rooms. It was a nice set-up. I couldn't stop thinking about how lucky we were to be able to have been chosen for this program and how blessed to have received a full scholarship from the Cherokee Foundation.



Tahlequah

As always, the morning came fast, but we were able to sleep in this Sunday morning. It was a good thing too, because we had arrived back to campus and our dorm rooms rather late, last night, from the Echota Stomp Grounds. Having Sunday morning free from the program's rigorous schedule gave us a chance to rest and to go into town for a leisurely breakfast. I always love driving around Tahlequah, the town was so quiet and sleepy this Sunday morning and it was a beautiful and increasingly warm summer's day.

We headed down into town and grabbed a bite to eat. Julia's class was going to start at 1p.m. so we wanted to finish breakfast and run by Wal-Mart to grab a couple of items for the dorm room. We made it back to the University just in time to drop our items off at our room, grab our school books, and head off to the class! It is amazing how time flies when you are having fun!

The class started out with a guest speaker, Gene Horris, the senior genealogist at the Heritage Center in the genealogy research center. The Cherokee Heritage Center is a non-profit historical society and museum campus that seeks to preserve the historical and cultural artifacts, language, and traditional crafts of Cherokee. The Heritage center also hosts the central genealogy database and genealogy research center for the Cherokee People and Gene Horris helps people who come into the center wanting to learn and gather information about their family genealogy. He was really friendly and invited all of us to visit him in his department if we wanted to research our family histories.

Gene Horris talked to us about how the Dawes Severalty Act of 1887 which was brought about by a senator, Henry L. Dawes, 1816-1903, who wrote a report that called for an allotment of land for Indians. The stated objective of the Dawes Act was to stimulate assimilation of Indians into American society. Individual ownership of land was seen as an essential step. The act also provided that the government would purchase Indian land "excess" to that needed for allotment and open it up for settlement by non-Indians. Congress bought his idea and The Dawes Act of 1887 was passed. His driving force behind the allotment of lands forever changed native lives. After Gene's wonderful presentation we took a little break and came back for the rest of Julia's class.

Julia talked to us about ethnicity being fluid, dynamic and that it is external and evolving. We construct our ethnicity, we build it. She showed us that we have a choice to "to immerse ourselves" in our Cherokee heritage and "to engage ourselves" in cultural knowledge and that "language is truly the bridge that binds" or the lifeline to helping someone see how those who use it think about life. Reintegrating that cultural consciousness into our identity is very important.

The Echota New Corn Stomp Dance is an example of a practice that shows Cherokee cultural values. The rules: only the women can shake the shells; only the men can sing. These rules ensure that men and women can be equal and are both required. The dance keeps the world in balance.

Julia also talked to us about tribal diaspora, and how the manifestation (expression of) ethnic identity in the homeland is very different than it is for Cherokee in diaspora (a dispersal of people out of the homeland). The statistics now are that 2/3 of all Indians live away from the tribal core. Ethnicity is affected by the interaction with the institution of society and can be shaped by it.

The big lesson I learned is that transitioning into my heritage will take time and effort but that it is worth everything that I put into it because, after all, I am Cherokee



The Seminary Hall is where the class met.



Sequoia and the Syllabary



Near Tahlequah

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/6FYL7HI> to see what people are interested in doing. There is a big backing from Tahlequah for this.

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
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/

All ages are Welcome to join.



Soaring Eagles dancing the Shawl Dance.

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.

2560 First Avenue, Suite 103
San Diego, CA 92103
(619)531-1938
sdaihyc619@gmail.com

www.sdaihyc.blogspot.com



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.

Upcoming Events

- March 10, 2013 -- Intro to Will Rogers**
- April 13, 2013 -- Trip to Will Rogers's House**
- May 19, 2013 -- Lake Murray Picnic**
- June 9, 2013 – History Day**
- July 14, 2013 – SIG Meetings**
- August 11, 2013 – SIG Meetings**
- September 8, 2013 -- SIG Meetings**
- October 27, 2013 -- Annual Picnic with CN Citizens and Officials**
- November 10, 2013 -- SIG Meetings**
- December 8, 2013 -- Year End Get Together**

All meetings will be held at Centro Cultural de la 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.

Historical Events

Mar. 2, 1839 – Moses Daniels and 924 fellow Cherokees arrived in Indian Territory. Forty-eight members of the group died in this march.

Mar 3, 1837 – Dr. John Young loaded 466 Cherokees (1/2 of the group were children) and 5 Creek onto 11 boats at Chattanooga, TN. These were the first Cherokees to the Indian Territory under the New Echota treaty. Chief Ridge was in this group.

Mar. 5, 1831 – The U.S. Supreme Court decided the case *Cherokee Nation vs. Georgia*. The court decided that the Cherokees were not “a foreign state,” and the court had no jurisdiction in the dispute. However, they were a distinct political society capable of governing itself and managing its own affairs.

Mar 5, 1839 – James Brown and 717 fellow Cherokees arrived in Indian Territory with 34 deaths.

Mar. 10. 1808 – President Jefferson wrote to the U.S Senate, recommending that it ratify a treaty for land with the Cherokees. The 4000 acres was on the Tennessee and had iron-ore deposits. The Cherokees received \$1.30/acre.

March 2013

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- SDCC Event**
- Historical Event**
- Trail of Tears Event**

March 2013

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Mar 12, 1848 – Chief Tahchee (Captain William Dutch) died in Indian Territory. He was one of the original groups of Cherokees to move west of the Mississippi. He became a major political force in the "old settlers' party."

Mar. 14, 1834 – The first boats left the Cherokee Agency in eastern Tennessee on the Hiwassee River to the Indian Territory.

Mar 14, 1839 – George Hicks and 1039 of his fellow Cherokees arrived in Indian Territory with 79 deaths.

Mar. 18, 1839 -- John Drew and 219 of his original 231 fellow Cherokees arrived in Indian Territory.

Mar 20, 1760 – The Cherokees opened fire on the British at Fort Loudoun after rising tensions. This also marked the beginning of the siege of the fort.

Mar, 22, 1816 – The Cherokees ceded the last of their lands in South Carolina. The treaty (7 Stat. 139) was signed by Chief John Ross.

Mar. 25, 1839 – Peter Hilderbrand and 1,312 of his original group of 1,776 forced Cherokee emigrants arrived in Indian Territory. This was the last of the major groups of Cherokees arriving in Indian Territory. The migration was called The Trail of Tears.

Cherokee Culture Notes

William Penn Adair Rogers

OCCUPATION: Film Actor, Cowboy, Entertainer

BIRTH DATE: November 04, 1879

DEATH DATE: August 15, 1935

PLACE OF BIRTH: Claremore, Oklahoma

PLACE OF DEATH: Point Barrow, Alaska

Will Rogers was an entertainer known for his folksy charm and witty one-liners. He started out in Wild West shows and eventually made his way to Broadway and films.

Known as "Oklahoma's Favorite Son," Rogers was born to a prominent Cherokee Nation family in Indian Territory (now part of Oklahoma). He traveled around the world three times, made 71 movies (50 silent films and 21 "talkies"), wrote more than 4,000 nationally-syndicated newspaper columns, and became a world-famous figure. By the mid-1930s, Rogers was adored by the American people. He was the leading political wit of the Progressive Era, and was the top-paid Hollywood movie star at the time. Rogers died in 1935 with aviator Wiley Post, when their small airplane crashed in Alaska.



My ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat."

A couple of his famous quotes:

“We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others.”

“I never met a man I didn’t like.”

“Remember, write to your Congressman. Even if he can’t read, write to him.”

“What constitutes a life well spent, anyway? Love and admiration from your fellow men is all that anyone can ask.”

Language

The Nation offers a variety of levels from beginner to advanced, and you can choose to participate in live or recorded sessions. CN classes will start April 2013. For instructions to register for these free online classes go to <http://www.cherokee.org/AboutTheNation/Culture/Language/31863/Information.aspx>.

A local group was forming at our last meetings on learning Cherokee. If you want to join the group, contact me at tla_i_ga@yahoo.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:

| TITLE | AUTHOR | ONLINE | COPIES |
|---|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| 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 |

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| 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) Dawes Freedman Roll # App. Certified Degree of Indian Blood App. CA Birth Certificate (State Issued) Death Affidavit Replacement Card Voter Registration | HERE HERE HERE HERE HERE HERE | |
| | *soon be available online | | |

Misc. Notes

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

IHRC is also available for Adult employment.

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.

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Patrick Bea, Newsletter Editor

Membership Registration for 2014

If you have not joined the Community for 2014, 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, 2014.

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? _____

***NOTE: If you are joining for the 1st time or have missed a year or more, your dues above for 2014 will cover your remaining dues for 2013.**