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Will Rogers' Home

March 10th SDC Community Meeting

We held our regular meeting on March 10th. We had 30 people in attendance. The topic of the month was Will Rogers.

Phil K. told a little story how he was related to Will Rogers. He then introduced the biography video we watched about Will Rogers. Afterwards, there was a little discussion on our trip next month to the Will Rogers' ranch in Pacific Palisades.

George Lynch, our Cherokee basketmaker master announced to have a Basketry SIG. So anyone who is interested, please contact him.

Our local elections are being held in May. If you are interested in running for a position, please send a statement why you should be elected by next week to info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

April 13th SDC Community Meeting – Trip to Will Rogers' Ranch in Pacific Palisades

The San Diego Cherokee Community will be visiting the [Will Rogers Home Museum](#) in Pacific Palisades on Saturday, April 13th. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a tour of the California home of the "Cherokee Kid".

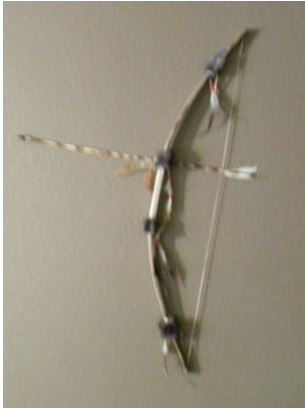
Our plan is organize into carpools and drive up on that Saturday morning. We will rendezvous at 1:00 at the museum entrance and ticket booth, look for a cluster of people in their blue San Diego Cherokee Community T-shirts. We will create a roster of attendees based on eVite responses in the week before the trip and can assist in the formation of carpools, and we will wait for you at the entrance. We hope to collect at least one cellphone number per vehicle making the trip so we can coordinate late arrivals. The museum closes at sunset, but we can depart early enough to be home by sunset that day if desired.

The eVite will go out next week, and additional coordination messages to those who respond to the eVite that they will be going. Our goal is to arrange the simplest, most comfortable and cost-effective transportation to the Home, and a great experience for all who make the trip.

We hope you will plan to join us.

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

Basketry *NEW*

Meeting Place: TBD
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;

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.

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

Mike Ledger -- 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>

P.O. Box 1968, Tahlequah, Ok 74465

Email julia-coates@cherokee.org

Phone: 918-772-0288

Jack D. Baker (2013)

1102 Marlboro Lane

Oklahoma City, Ok 73116

(H) 405-840-1377 or (C) 918-457-9382

jack-baker@cherokee.org



Julia Coates speaking at one of our meetings.

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

The Summer Abroad Program -- Part 5

By Lisa Ronning

To Be Continued after Spring Break

CN Update

CN Voters will be voting in the June 22, 2013 midterm election for the following Districts:

District 2:

1. Tamsye Dreadfulwater1.
2. Joe Byrd2.

District 7:

1. Joe Adair
2. Frankie Hargis

District 10:

1. Melvina Shotpouch
2. Harley Buzzard
3. Nettie Detherage

District 4:

1. Don Garvin
2. Mike Dobbins
3. Justin Carlton

District 9:

1. Lonus Mitchell
2. Curtis Snell

District 15:

1. Meredith Frailey
2. Marilyn Cooper
3. Janees Taylor

At-Large:

1. [Robin Mayes](#)
2. [Ken Luttrell](#)
3. Carole Richmond
4. Curtis West
5. [Jack Baker](#)
6. Curtis Bruehl

Click on the hyperlinked names for more information on the candidates. Additional information will be added in the next two newsletters when it comes available.

Voter registration ends on April 1st. The voter registration form must be received by Election Services in Tahlequah by 5 pm on Monday, April 1.

If you wish to vote absentee instead of in-person, you must request it personally. The absentee ballot request form must be received by Election Services in Tahlequah by 5 pm on Friday, May 10. The form is attached.

Powwow Schedule

April 6 Sat -- San Diego State Univ. Powwow, San Diego
 -- USD & All Nations Institute for Community Achievement (ANICA)
College Connections Conference
 -- DQ University - Big Time PowWow
 33250 Co. Rd 31, Davis, CA 95616
 11 am to Midnight -- All Drums Welcome, Free Admission

April 7 Sun -- San Diego State Univ. BIRD SINGING GATHERING

April 13/14 -- Chumash Inter-Tribal Powwow at Malibu

April 13 -- UC Davis Powwow

April 20 -- Sherman Indian School Powwow, Riverside

April 26/27/28 -- Ohlone Big Time Powwow, Cerda Park, Pomona

May 4/5 -- UCSD La Jolla Powwow

May 4/5 -- Mother Earth Powwow, Victorville, Mojave Narrows Park

May 4/5 -- UCLA Powwow

May 3/4/5 --THA POW WOW, San Bernardino, San Manuel Ballpark



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
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
sdaihc619@gmail.com

www.sdaihc.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

- 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 20, 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

Apr. 3, 1730 – In the Cherokee village (Franklin, NC) Sir Alexander Cuming oversaw a ceremony making Chief Moytoy the “Emperor of the Cherokees.” This was his final step in having the Cherokees acknowledge the sovereignty of King George IV of England.

Apr. 7, 1984 - The first meeting between the Eastern and Western Cherokees since the 1800's was held.

Apr. 13, 1846 – The two Cherokee factions (old settlers and new emigrants) continued to feud over who had legal control over the Cherokee Nation. Based on appeals from the old settlers and the agreement of the BIA, President Polk asked Congress to approve two separate reservations. The new emigrants rejected the proposal. An agreement was reached by both sides on Aug. 6, 1846.

Apr. 15, 1834 -- Lt. Joseph Harris led 500-600 Cherokees to Indian Territory. After reaching the Arkansas and Cadron Rivers, the river was too low to go further The Cherokees waited for the river to rise. During the wait, a violent form of cholera stuck killing about 12 Cherokees a day. They decided to go overland and reached Indian Territory on May 8th.

1846 – Traditional full-blood and mixed-blood organized the Keetoowah Society.

April 2013

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SDCC Event

Historical Event

Trail of Tears Event

April 2013

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Apr. 17, 1766 – The Proclamation of 1763, which set aside lands west of the Appalachian Mountains for Indians, was overturned.

Apr. 18, 1892 – The last formal Ghost Dance was held in Oklahoma.

Apr. 19, 1949 – A resolution was passed that established a roll of the members of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Apr. 22, 1889 – The Oklahoma land rush began

Apr. 26, 1897 – An act of Congress (34 Stat. 370) established a deadline for enrolling in the Dawes Commission official tribal membership rolls for the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole Tribes

Apr. 27, 1868 – The Cherokees signed a treaty (16 Stat. 727) covering 800,000 acres of land.

Cherokee Culture Notes

River cane: Important Cherokee Cultural Staple

May 22, 2012

Resource discussed at State of Cane Symposium

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

ONE FEATHER STAFF

River cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*) once covered around 10 million acres in the southern United States in the 1700s and 1800s. It now covers an area less than 1 percent of that total according to David Cozzo of RTCAR (Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources).

Cozzo related that fact and many more about the intriguing plant at the State of Cane Symposium held on Tuesday, May 22 at the Birdtown Community Building. Several presentations were given during the Symposium on the current state of river cane in the mountains. A panel discussion, moderated by Beth Johnson of RTCAR, was held on cane restoration and preservation. Other panelists included: Davy Arch, Oconaluftee Indian Village manager; Callie Moore, Hiwassee River Watershed Association executive director; Adam Griffith, Beachcare.org director; Roger Clapp, Watershed Association for the Tuckasegee River (WATR) executive director; and Buzz Williams, Chatooga Conservancy executive director.

"It is a southeastern plant," said Cozzo. "It's where it does well."

He related that river cane is the only North American species of bamboo. In 2006, a second version of river cane (*Arundinaria appachiana*) was acknowledged by scientists, but was commonly known to mountain inhabitants as hill cane, arrow cane or switch cane.



David Cozzo, RTCAR
(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Davy Arch (standing) discusses the cultural importance of river cane as Callie Moore (left) and Adam Griffith look on.

River Cane Baskets



Cozzo said that RTCAR came out of a need for river cane for traditional Cherokee artists. "The Cherokee tribe was down to two double-weave basketmakers. There was a concern about resources." He said other traditional uses for river cane include: cane shields, arrow shafts, blowguns, woven mats and more.

Arch said that he believes there are currently around 10 Eastern Band Cherokee basketmakers who frequently make double-weave river cane baskets and about 40 more that know-how and make them occasionally. "I am very optimistic that we have saved the art."

Arch said that 10,000 year old impressions of river cane mats were found in clay in the area where the new Cherokee Central Schools now sits. "Cane basketry is one of our oldest traditions."

He did say that having resources of river cane is very important to the future of the art. "At the Village, we use a lot of cane. It's amazing the amount of cane it takes to **make a basket.**"

Moore said the Hiwassee River Watershed Association has been working to identify river cane canebrakes in Cherokee and Clay counties. So far, 15 has been identified and the landowners for six of the canebrakes have signed agreements to preserve them and allow sustainable harvesting.

Language

On April 8th, the Nation will offer a variety of levels from beginner to advanced, and you can choose to participate in live or recorded sessions. **CN classes will start April 22, 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 formed on learning Cherokee. If you want to join the group, contact me at flaiga@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, et al		1
See Say Write with CD	Compiled by Victor Vance <i>*Lessons 1-40 (41-84 will be available after April 7)</i>	Book Flash Cards* 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) 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	
<i>Check back for other CDs and books available for downloads.</i>	*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.**