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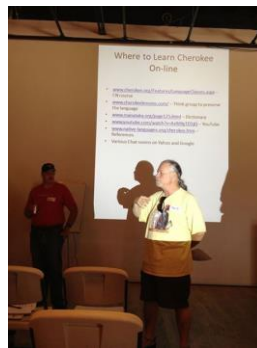


Centro Cultural de la Raza

September 8th SDC Community Meeting

The Language and Medicinal Plants in Cherokee Culture meeting was held on September 8th with attendance of 30 people. Patrick introduced the Cherokee Syllabary with both pronunciation and writing practice. He then went over some common Cherokee phrases that would be useful at the Picnic and everyday conversation. We practiced with a partner giving us a real interaction. Some of those phrases are on the next page of the newsletter.

After a brief interruption by an Aztec dancer demonstration, Patrick introduced some of the common plants that are used to cure/relieve some ailments.



Phil and Patrick

October 27th – 8th Annual Fall Picnic with CN Officials & Others

We will be having our 8th Annual get together with the Cherokee Nation officials and other from Tahlequah at the Centro this year. Some of the scheduled people will be Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin JR., and Dawni Mackey and Ryan Mackey with a culture presentation. Others are yet to be confirmed. Enrollment will also be there issuing new photo IDs.

The picnic will start at 1 pm, but come as early as 12 pm to get your Cherokee ID cards. Please bring your CDIB and blue cards along with a picture ID.

The Nation will also be honoring two (2) elders and two (2) veterans at this event.

We are looking for 2 Veterans to be honored. Please send the following information to info@sandigocherokeecommunity.com or call 858-705-0816.

Name: _____ Military Branch: _____

Years of Service: from ___ to ___ Cherokee Citizen: yes___ no___

Did you receive a certificate at the 2012 Picnic? yes___ no___

For those who will be attending please bring something to share with at least 6 other people according to the first initial of your last name.

A-H Side dishes I-P Salads and rolls Q-Z Desserts

There will be more updates on the event as they become available via EVite and Facebook. So check your email often.

SDCC Council

USEFUL CHEROKEE PHRASES

<u>English</u>	<u>Cherokee in phonetic English</u>	<u>Syllabary</u>
Hello.	O si yo	ᎠᎩᎠ
How are you?	To hi tsu?	ᎠᎩᎠ
Fine.	O s da	ᎠᎩᎠ
And you?	Ni hi na	ᎠᎩᎠ
Okay.	Ho wa	ᎠᎩᎠ
Thank you.	Wa do.	ᎠᎩᎠ
Yes.	VV.	ᎠᎩᎠ
No.	Thla.	ᎠᎩᎠ
What is your name?	Ga-do de-tsa-do-(a')	ᎠᎩᎠ ᎠᎩᎠ
My name is ____.	____ da-wa?-do-(a')	____ ᎠᎩᎠ

Practice and give it a try at the picnic.

Pow Wow Schedule

November 16, 2013

3rd Annual Traditional Cherokee Hog Fry & Inter-tribal Pow Wow

The event is sponsored by the Cherokee Community of Central California

and is a one-day event from 10 A.M to 6 P.M.

There will be traditional Cherokee arts & crafts, (clay medallions, corn husk dolls, basket weaving), games (Cherokee marbles & stickball), & storytelling.

520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Public is welcome. Free admission/free parking.

Little Deer Durvin 760-382-4096,

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: YBD

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.

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 2013-2014

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

Natali Galt -- 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

If you can't make it to our picnic on Oct. 27, CCIE will have theirs on Oct 26 at Lake Perris 11 am-4 pm with same program as ours. IDs are available.

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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Email julia-coates@cherokee.org

Phone: 918-772-0288



Julia Coates speaking at one of our meetings.

Jack D. Baker (2017)

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Oklahoma City, Ok 73116

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

jack-baker@cherokee.org

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.

Cultural Awareness Workshops 6-8:30 pm Auditorium @ Ballard Parent Center 2375 Congress St., San Diego, CA 92110

Workshops available: Powwow Dancing, Beading, Sewing, Computer Lab

	Oct. 23	Nov. 6, 13
Dec. 4, 11	Jan. 8, 22, 29	Feb. 5, 12, 26
Mar. 5, 12, 26	Apr. 23, 30	May 7, 14, 28
June 4 – Awards, 18, 25 (Last day at Ballard)		

Soaring Eagles

For more information on dancing and activities:

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

Vicki Gambala (619)266-2887

All ages are Welcome to join.

Urban Tribal Sports

For more information contact:

Tel. (951) 719-3444

www.intertribalsports.org

Also on **Facebook**

San Diego American Indian Youth Center

Call the center for more information and other activities.

(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

October 27, 2013 -- Annual Picnic with CN Citizens and Officials

November 10, 2013 -- TBA

December 8, 2013 -- Year End Get Together

While next year schedule is not set yet, expect day trips to local Native sites and museums, CN lectures, and many other exciting things. Generally, our meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month at the Centro. All are subject to change.

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.

Historical Notes

Sept. 1, 1788 – Even after the treaty of Hopewell, whites continued to settle on Cherokee lands along the Holston and French road Rivers. Congress issued a proclamation prohibiting whites from settling on Cherokee lands.

Sept. 2, 1844 – Tonight in Wilmington, Delaware, Cherokee Principal Chief John Ross married Mary B. Stapler.

Sept. 4, 1801 – A two-day conference began at Southwest Point, located at the confluence of the Tennessee and Clinch Rivers. Representatives of the U.S. and the Cherokees discussed more roads through Cherokee lands. Because of the lack of enforcement by the U.S. of previous treaties, the Cherokees did not agree to any U.S. proposals.

Sept. 6, 1839 – A conference was held by the “old settler” and “new emigrant” Cherokees in Tahlequah. John Ross was elected as Principal Chief of the newly rejoined Cherokee Nation. David Vann was elected second chief. A new constitution was adopted. The convention lasted until Oct. 10. Many old settlers disavowed any actions taken at this convention. They believed that the old settlers’ government was still in power.

Sept, 6, 1973 –The Oklahoma Human Rights commission requested state schools to drop rules requiring Indian students to cut their long hair. They felt the rules would “promote racial friction and community divisiveness.”

Sept, 14, 1816 – A treaty (7 Stat. 48) ceded Cherokee lands in Muscle Shoals and Great Bend areas in northern Alabama for \$11,000 annual payments for ten years. It was signed at the Chickasaw Council House.

Sept, 16, 1893 – About 100,000 people participated in the run for the land in the recently purchased Cherokee Strip. The Cherokees were pressured into selling the land to the federal government.

Sept, 23, 1730 – Seven Cherokee representatives in London, England, signed Articles of Agreement that established a formal alliance with England for the next fifty years. This gave the English the exclusive trade rights the Cherokees and made the Cherokees military allies. The Cherokee were led by Chief Oukah-ulah and Attakullaculla (Little Carpenter).

Sept, 23, 1761 – According to newspaper reports, Cherokee Chief Attakullaculla (Little Carpenter) signed a peace treaty with English governor Bull. This ended fighting that had been going on for almost two years in Charleston, SC.

Sept, 23, 1839 – The Cherokee Nation’s Supreme Court was established.

Sept, 26, 1844 – The first issue of the Cherokee Advocate was publish

Sept, 30, 1730 – In a British court in London, seven Cherokee leaders signed the Article of Agreement with the Lords Commission

September 2013

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SDCC Event

Historical Event

Trail of Tears Event

Culture Notes

The Medicine Formulas Of the Cherokees Obtained by James Mooney — Part 2

This is Part 2 of the excerpts from *The Sacred Formulas of the Cherokees* (1891) on how and why James Mooney obtained information from several Cherokee doctors (shamans). Notice how he describes the secretiveness and fear of other doctors stealing their prayers. Even though the Cherokee language can be written at this time, many doctors still used verbal methods. But some has chosen to write some prayers down.

James Mooney (1861–1921) was an American ethnographer who lived for several years among the Cherokee. He did major studies of Southeastern Indians, as well as those on the Great Plains.[1] His most notable works were his ethnographic studies of the Ghost Dance after Sitting Bull's death in 1890, a widespread 19th-century religious movement among various Native American culture groups, and the Cherokee: *The Sacred Formulas of the Cherokees* (1891), and *Myths of the Cherokee* (1900), all published by the US Bureau of American Ethnology.

THE GAHUNI MANUSCRIPT

The next book procured was obtained from a woman named Ayāsta, "The Spoiler," and had been written by her husband, Gahuni, who died about 30 years ago. The matter was not difficult to arrange, as she had already been employed on several occasions, so that she understood the purpose of the work, besides which her son had been regularly engaged to copy and classify the manuscripts already procured. The book was claimed as common property by Ayāsta and her three sons, and negotiations had to be carried on with each one, although in this instance the cash amount involved was only half a dollar, in addition to another book into which to copy some family records and personal memoranda. The book contains only eight formulas, but these are of a character altogether unique, the directions especially throwing a curious light on Indian beliefs. There had been several other formulas of the class called Y'ū'nwēhī, to cause hatred between man and wife, but these had been torn out and destroyed by Ayāsta on the advice of an old shaman, in order that her sons might never learn them. In referring to the matter she spoke in a whisper, and it was evident enough that she had full faith in the deadly power of these spells.

In addition to the formulas the book contains about twenty pages of Scripture extracts in the same handwriting, for Gahuni, like several others of their shamans, combined the professions of Indian conjurer and Methodist preacher. After his death the book fell into the hands of the younger members of the family, who filled it with miscellaneous writings and scribbling's. Among other things there are about seventy pages of what was intended to be a Cherokee-English pronouncing dictionary, probably written by the youngest son, already mentioned, who has attended school, and who served for some time as copyist on the formulas. This curious Indian production, of which only a few columns are filled out, consists of a list of simple English words and phrases, written in ordinary English script, followed by Cherokee characters intended to give the approximate pronunciation, together with the corresponding word in the Cherokee language and characters. As the language lacks a number of sounds which are of frequent occurrence in English, the attempts to indicate the pronunciation sometimes give amusing results. Thus we find: Fox (English script); kwāgisī' (Cherokee characters); tsú'lú' (Cherokee characters). As the Cherokee language lacks the labial f and has no compound sound equivalent to our x, kwāgisī' is as near as the Cherokee speaker can come to pronouncing our word fox. In the same way "bet" becomes wēfi, and "sheep" is síkwī, while "if he has no dog" appears in the disguise of ikwī hāsī nā dā'ga.

THE INĀLI MANUSCRIPT

In the course of further inquiries in regard to the whereabouts of other manuscripts of this kind we heard a great deal about Inā'li, or "Black Fox," who had died a few years before at an advanced age, and who was universally admitted to have been one of their most able men and the most prominent literary character among them, for from what has been said it must be sufficiently evident that the Cherokees have their native literature and literary men. Like those already mentioned, he was a full-blood Cherokee, speaking no English, and in the course of a long lifetime he had filled almost every position of honor among his people, including those of councilor, keeper of the townhouse records, Sunday-school leader, conjurer, officer in the Confederate service, and Methodist preacher, at last dying, as he was born, in the ancient faith of his forefathers.

On inquiring of his daughter she stated that her father had left a great many papers, most of which were still in her possession and on receiving from the interpreter an explanation of our purpose she readily gave permission to examine and make selections from them on condition that the matter should be kept secret from outsiders. A day was appointed for visiting her, and on arriving we found her living in a comfortable log house, built by Inā'li himself, with her children and an ancient female relative, a decrepit old woman, with snow-white hair and vacant countenance. This was the oldest woman of the tribe, and though now so feeble and childish, she had been a veritable savage in her young days, having carried a scalp in the scalp dance in the Creek war 75 years before.

Having placed chairs for us in the shade Inā'li's daughter brought out a small box filled with papers of various kinds, both Cherokee and English. The work of examining these was a tedious business, as each paper had to be opened out and enough of it read to get the general drift of the contents, after which the several classes were arranged in separate piles. While in the midst of this work she brought out another box nearly as large as a small trunk, and on setting it down there was revealed to the astonished gaze such a mass of material as it had not seemed possible could exist in the entire tribe.

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 Sept 2013. For instructions to register for these free online classes go to <http://www.cherokee.org/AboutTheNation/Culture/Language/31863/Information.aspx>.

A group was formed to learn 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*

The list of what is currently available is online at <http://sandiegocherokeecommunity.com/Library.htm>.

Gendalle Cooper has kindly donated several books concerning the Cherokees including *Mankiller – A Chief and Her People*, *Medicine of the herokees*, videos, audio tapes, flash cards, etc. Once they are sorted out, I will have the list online updated. So check back often.

Billy Falling has also donated copy of his book, *My Cherokee Roots*.

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 – has moved.

www.indianhrcenter.org

(619)281-5964

IHRC is also available for Adult employment.

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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? _____