



# San Diego Cherokee Community Newsletter

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**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



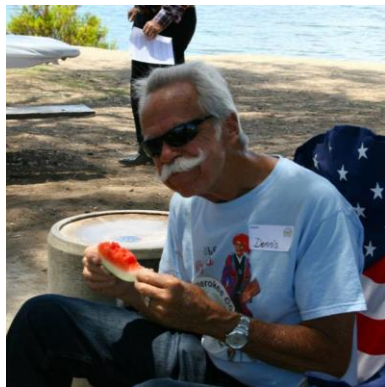
## Spring Picnic

The weather turned out to be magnificent for the 6th Annual SDCC Spring Picnic 2014 at Lake Murray. The weather was warm and sunny compared to the last few years when the wind had been bitter and cold blowing off of the lake (by San Diegans' weather expectations). The site was occupied when we got there to set up, but the geese, ducks, and cranes finally gave us room to set up. About 46 attendees came out to enjoy the sunshine, potluck lunch, blow gun practice, and to listen to our At Large Council Representative, and good friend, Dr. Julia Coates. Julia gave us an update on the recent happenings on the tribal council and other current events at Cherokee Nation headquarters in Tahlequah, and then responded to questions from the audience. Rev. Billy Falling gave a short update on his book, "My Cherokee Roots, Out of the Dog Creek Hills" which was published in 2012. He spoke at length about his book last year at a Community Meeting and donated a signed copy for the door prize drawing at the end of the picnic. The blowgun range was dominated by Ashleigh and Savannah Wagnon who demonstrated some impressive hunting skills even with a strong crosswind coming off the lake. Julia is shown enjoying dessert with Dixie Wilburn and her daughter Janet. Dixie and her late husband, Gene, were some of the original founders of our San Diego Cherokee Community seven years ago. Janet will be moving from Phoenix to San Diego soon, and we look forward to seeing them both at future SDCC events. The Spring picnic was also the official end of balloting for the annual election of Council Members. George Lynch and Phil Konstantin were re-elected to the Council for new two year terms, and the third seat was filled by write-in votes for Ron Bussey. Ron has been an active Cherokee citizen in both San Diego and around Oklahoma, as are his son and daughter. Ron was the SDCC delegate to the recent Cultural and Community Outreach week back in Tahlequah. He will be in Tahlequah again at the time up our next Community Meeting in July, but we look forward to his complete report at a future meeting and future Newsletter.

Joe Radeker could not continue on the Council due to his growing travel requirements associated with his day job. Our thanks to Joe for serving on the Council and, most recently, for his role as Treasurer. And our best wishes to him and his family. We look forward to seeing him at future picnics and events.

Below are some pictures from the picnic.







## Next Meeting – July 13, 2014

### **Craft Month with Special Invited Speaker**

At its July 13th meeting, the Tribal Council confirmed Robin McLain Smith of Laguna Beach, Calif., to serve a three-year term on the Cherokee Nation Community Association board of directors.

The San Diego Cherokee Community is pleased to announce that the newly confirmed CNCA Board member, Robin McLain Smith, has accepted our invitation to attend the July 13th Community Meeting in San Diego. Robin says "I would be honored to speak, answer questions and listen to input from your fellow council members and the community on July 13 at 1 pm. "

There was some controversy regarding that appointment, and the goal of the SDCC Council is to move forward and do what we can to help Robin be exceptionally successful in her role on that Board. We invite all Cherokees in the area who share that goal to join us on Sunday, July 13th, at The Centro de la Raza in Balboa Park, San Diego.

Check-in, set-up, and greetings begin at noon, with our traditional potluck lunch beginning at 1:00. Please bring something to share according to the initial of your last name::

### ***A-M – Side dish N-Z Dessert***

The council will provide the pizza and drinks.

Robin will speak and take questions after lunch, and then the remaining two hours will focus on Cherokee beadwork including history, materials, and an opportunity for all attendees to try their hand at beading. A summary and photographs will appear in the next SDCC Newsletter and web media.

Questions? [info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com](mailto:info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com)

We hope you will plan to join us.

### ***SDCC Council***

## CN Cultural Webcasts

The dates and times for the cultural presentations will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00p to 7:00p and will be as follows:

July 8, 2014 Collecting Oral Histories- Dawnena Mackey

Above is the schedule of the upcoming cultural presentations that you can log into online at [www.cherokee.org/cco](http://www.cherokee.org/cco) or watch on You-tube. These cultural presentations will be on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 6:00 PM Central Time (4:00 PM Pacific Time).

These presentations will be archived so if you can't log into the live presentations, feel free to go online at your convenience. There is a very short questioner after the presentation so please take a few minutes to complete that.

## Cherokee Language

<b><u>English</u></b>	<b><u>Cherokee (phonetic)</u></b>	<b><u>Syllabary</u></b>
Locally	Na hna i yv	Ꭰ Ꭱ Ꭲ Ꭳ
Grown	U dv sv	Ꭴ Ꭵ Ꭶ
Home	O we nv sv	Ꮇ Ꮈ Ꮉ Ꮊ
Fresh (new)	I tse i	Ꮎ Ꮏ Ꮐ
Apple	Sv ga ta	Ꮏ Ꮑ Ꮒ
Orange	A da lo ni ge	Ꮏ Ꮓ Ꮔ Ꮕ Ꮖ
Lemon	Le ma ni	Ꮏ Ꮗ Ꮘ
Grape	Te lv la di	Ꮏ Ꮙ Ꮚ Ꮛ Ꮜ
Banana	Qua ne na	Ꮏ Ꮝ Ꮞ Ꮟ
Strawberry	A ni	Ꮏ Ꮠ
Peach	Qua nv	Ꮏ Ꮢ

## Community News and Announcements

SDCC Committee Members and Duties for 2013-2014

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

Phil Konstantin – Treasurer, Meeting Facilitator & SDCC Spokesperson

Ron Bussey -- Membership Coordinator

Mona Oge -- Membership Coordinator

George Lynch -- Record-keeper

Patrick Bea -- Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Etta Miller -- Telephone Membership Outreach

Pamela Hightower -- Librarian

Natali Galt -- Facebook

All council members can be reached at [info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com](mailto:info@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](http://www.cherokeecommunityie.org)

### Orange County Cherokees

For more information, contact Ed Carey at [ecarey@socal.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:julia-coates@cherokee.org)

Phone: 918-772-0288

### Jack D. Baker (2017)

1102 Marlboro Lane

Oklahoma City, Ok 73116

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

[jack-baker@cherokee.org](mailto:jack-baker@cherokee.org)

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

## 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

**Soaring Eagles**

For more information on dancing and activities:

[http://www.scair.org/soaring\\_eagles/](http://www.scair.org/soaring_eagles/) or

[Vicki Gambala \(619\)266-2887](mailto:Vicki.Gambala@scair.org)

All ages are Welcome to join.

**Urban Tribal Sports**

For more information contact:

Tel. (951) 719-3444

[www.intertribalsports.org](http://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](mailto:sdaihyc619@gmail.com)

[www.sdaihyc.blogspot.com](http://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](mailto:sdcc_newsletter@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com)

## Upcoming Events

**July 13 -- Sunday, available for a craft program or council meeting; beadwork?**

**Aug** – typically dark as many are out of town

**Sep 14 -- Sunday, TBA**

**Oct 26 -- Chief Visit and Fall picnic, Mission Bay, date and final location TBD**

**Nov 8 -- Saturday, Poway Ipai Kumeyaay Center**

**Dec 14 -- Centro, Holiday luncheon, theme TBD**

**Jan 15, 2015, Anza-Borrego Indian artifacts trip**

All meetings will be held at Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park unless otherwise stated and will start at 1 pm.

Click [here](#) for a map.

All events are subject to change. Please check our web site

[www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.com](http://www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.com) or

Write to us at [info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com](mailto:info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com).

## Culture Notes

### The First Fire

In the beginning there was no fire, and the world was cold, until the Thunders (Ani'-Hyûñ'tikwâlô'skî), who lived up in Gälûñ'läfi, sent their lightning and put fire into the bottom of a hollow sycamore tree which grew on an island. The animals knew it was there, because they could see the smoke coming out at the top, but they could not get to it on account of the water, so they held a council to decide what to do. This was a long time ago.

Every animal that could fly or swim was anxious to go after the fire. The Raven offered, and because he was so large and strong they thought he could surely do the work, so he was sent first. He flew high and far across the water and alighted on the sycamore tree, but while he was wondering what to do next, the heat had scorched all his feathers black and he was frightened and came back without the fire. The little Screech-owl (Wa'huhu') volunteered to go, and reached the place safely, but while he was looking down into the hollow tree a blast of hot air came up and nearly burned out his eyes. He managed to fly home as best he could, but it was a long time before he could see well, and his eyes are red to this day. Then the Hooting Owl (U'guku') and the Horned Owl (Tskîlî') went, but by the time they got to the hollow tree the fire was burning so fiercely that the smoke nearly blinded them, and the ashes carried up by the wind made white rings about their eyes. They had to come home again without the fire, but with all their rubbing they were never able to get rid of the white rings.

Now no more of the birds would venture, and so the little Uksu'hi snake, the black racer, said he would go through the water and bring back some fire. He swam across to the island and crawled through the grass to the tree, and went in by a small hole at the bottom. The heat and smoke were too much for him, too, and after dodging about blindly over the hot ashes until he was almost on fire himself he managed by good luck to get out again at the same hole, but his body had been scorched black, and he has ever since had the habit of darting and doubling on his track as if trying to escape from close quarters. He came back, and the great blacksnake, Gûle'gi, "The Climber," offered to go for fire. He swam over to the island and climbed up the tree on the outside, as the blacksnake always does, but when he put his head down into the hole the smoke choked him so that he fell into the burning stump, and before he could climb out again he was as black as the Uksu'hi.

Now they held another council, for still there was no fire, and the world was cold, but birds, snakes, and four-footed animals, all had some excuse for not going, because they were all afraid to venture near the burning sycamore, until at last Känäne'skî Amaï'yëhî (the Water Spider) said she would go. This is not the water spider that looks like a mosquito, but the other one, with black downy hair and red stripes on her body. She can run on top of the water or dive to the bottom, so there would be no trouble to get over to the island, but the question was, "How could she bring back the fire?" "I'll manage that," said the Water Spider; so she spun a thread from her body and wove it into a tusti bowl, which she fastened on her back. Then she crossed over to the island and through the grass to where the fire was still burning. She put one little coal of fire into her bowl, and came back with it, and ever since we have had fire, and the Water Spider still keeps her tusti bowl.

## 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](mailto: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>.

**Wado,**

**Patrick Bea, Newsletter Editor**



**Membership Registration for 2015**

If you have not joined the Community for 2015, 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Your dues payment now will carry you through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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?

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