

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire  
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**General Meeting Minutes**  
**1/16/10 1:30pm – 4:00pm**

Location: Sherman Indian High School  
9010 Magnolia Ave.  
Riverside, Ca. 92503  
Bennett Hall

Attendees: Adults - 48                  Youth – 12

Wendi welcomed attendees and began the meeting with announcements:

- Second Language Class-sign up at the Welcome Table. Held at the Church of Christ in Riverside, 6-7:30pm, Tuesday nights, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> to Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, CCIE members are free and non-members will be charged a \$20.00 fee.
- CCIE Council Elections-there are four Council seats available. CCIE Members will elect three Cherokee Nation citizens and one non-citizen to the Council at our June General Meeting. Anyone interested serving on the Election Committee, contact Mary Horn.
- A 50/50 drawing will be held today.
- The Genealogy Circle will meet, contact Anne for dates and location.
- If you have older family photos to share, contact Scott Little. Please provide information of date, names and relationship to you.
- The CCIE Cookbook has been sent to the printers!
- Sign up to order the “Remedy Book” at the Welcome Table.
- Cherokee Nation Press Release-Scholarships available to qualified CN citizens to help with college expenses. Flyers available at the Welcome Table, also on the CN website.
- The CN is collecting hand made Valentine Cards for our troops. Flyers at the Welcome Table.
- CCIE’s Coat Drive sent seven boxes to Tahlequah, Oklahoma to Rainbow House, an Elder’s Community group helping those in need with free clothing. Rainbow House has announced a need for jackets for children 0 – 7 years. Bill Steinman will gather all donated clothing.

CCIE’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday - Theresa shared some of our CCIE history beginning with:

- Chief Smith’s vision of Cherokee Satellite Communities, those living outside the CN counties.
- In 2006 Julia Coates, CN History Course teacher, contacted former students living in the Southern California area to start new communities.
- Originally there were four communities started and each had their first meeting in January of 2007. Each community had their own Council and ByLaws. Chief Smith and other CN officials attended the first meetings of all the communities.
- This year, the CN will be supporting our communities with Cherokee language teachers in March, Cherokee Traditionalists in May and CCIE will be involved with organizing the Cherokee Picnic in October.

Wendi asked the Youth to come to the front and help her practice our Cherokee words and phrases with the community.

Last month CCIE was gifted a bag of Cedar Tree sawdust. Richard related Cherokee beliefs regarding the sacred Cedar Tree, which comes from Tennessee. He told the story of how the Cedar came to be considered sacred and how and why the sawdust is used. Richard also briefly taught about how and why we practice “smudging” and its importance to Cherokees.

Bill Estes gave the Blessing and our Elders were invited to begin the Potluck line.

Wendi presented Patty, Clara and Theresa with a gift of jewelry for each having submitted the most recipes for the new CCIE Cookbook.

History, Culture and Lore Committee (HCLC) is the new name for our History Committee. CCIE members wishing to become a Committee member, please contact Lisa at the General Meeting or via CCIE email. There are numerous ways in which to participate.

The presentation this month included:

Theresa-prior to the removal: Cherokee achievements, Georgia harassments, Blood Law, loss of land.

Lisa-Trail of Tears: events leading to and Party differences.

Darlene-Cherokee Civil War: situation following arrival in Indian Territory, conflicts between the different parties and groups coming from different states.

Joey-1849 to 1860: the Golden Age of the Cherokee Nation.

Wendi-U.S Civil War: alliance with the Union and the Confederacy, Cherokee leaders and actions, Cherokee losses incurred.

Darlene concluded the presentation by sharing a Civil War sword her family owns.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jacob.

Attendees fellowshipped or continued with their craft projects.

The next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM, at Sherman Indian High School.