

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire  
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**July General Meeting Minutes**  
**7/18/09 1:30 pm – 5 pm**

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

Attendees: Adults – 56      Youth – 12

Wendi welcomed everyone and made the following announcements during the meeting:

Cherokee Tear Skirt craft

50/50 drawing

The PBS movie “The Trail of Tears” will be shown following the meeting today

Cherokee Language Class – sign up sheet still available

Youth water play outside after lunch until before the movie

Youth bead making craft after lunch

Wendi led reading The Lord’s Prayer and singing the Cherokee National Anthem, both in Cherokee.

Wendi began teaching the Cherokee words and Phrases by inviting our Youth up to the front to practice speaking the Cherokee words along with her. The Youth, of all ages, did outstanding speaking Cherokee!

Our newly elected Council members Wendi Hardy, Bill Steinman and Scott Little were introduced and welcomed by the community. Also introduced were Council members Theresa Payne, Bill Estes, Yvonne Horn and Mary Horn.

John W. offered the prayer before our Elders were invited to start the Potluck meal. All shared in wonderful and varying edible delights as they enjoyed their meal and community fellowship.

Heirloom Seeds project – Theresa shared pictures on the overhead of some of our members plants grown from seeds provided by CCIE and the Cherokee Nation.

The next Genealogy Circle meeting will be held in September. Place and time to be announced.

Gina shared about an outing to the Redlands Bowl featuring the San Bernardino Orchestra and singer Rita Coolidge. Ms. Coolidge is of Cherokee heritage and sang many songs from her past albums. The evening was concluded with her singing Amazing Grace in Cherokee and English.

Renew your Membership dues in July. Your Membership will be good until July 2010. The fee is \$25.00 per household. All adults over 18 yrs. living in your household will become CCIE members. Children under 18 years should be listed on your application for the purpose of planning for them.

The CCIE Website Master would like to compile a Photo Gallery of “old pictures” of relatives/families of CCIE members. Please include information about who is in the photo and their relationship to you. Include names, ages, dates and any other pertinent or historical information that you are willing to share. Send your scanned photos via email to the CCIE website: [ccie@cherokeecommunityie.org](mailto:ccie@cherokeecommunityie.org)

Any questions can be directed to Jane at the above email address.

History Committee members Sandy, Wendi, Theresa, Joey, Lisa and Darlene shared their research of Cherokee living, ways and practices. Each member shared their part of the information giving a good overall understanding of some of the Cherokee ways of life and beliefs. Some of those included:

GaDuGi – community working together

Going to water – cleansing and ceremonial

All things considered sacred

Honoring life

Head of household and the roles of men and women

Communal living

The Cherokee Matrilineal system/heritage traced through the women

Clans, marriage and divorce

The committee gave an excellent presentation with many easily understood examples.

The CCIE 50/50 Drawing was shared with attendee Debra.

The “Trail of Tears” movie was viewed with most people staying until it was over.

The Cherokee Language Class will begin on August 20th through October, 6-7 pm, at the Arlington Church of Christ, 3870 Castleman St. Riverside, Ca. 92503

All adults are welcome. The class is free to CCIE members. Small fee for non-members.

The next CCIE General Meeting will be held on August 15th at Sherman Indian High School at 1pm.

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