

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire  
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**General Meeting Minutes**  
**5/16/09 1:30pm – 4:00pm**

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

Attendees: Adults – 49      Youth – 15

Wendi welcomed everyone and announced the sign-up sheet to make Cherokee Tear Skirts is available. We will also have our 50/50 Drawing.

Wendi led “The Lord’s Prayer” in Cherokee, followed by singing the Cherokee National Anthem, “Amazing Grace”, in Cherokee.

Wendi taught some words and phrases in Cherokee. Some we have learned before and some new.

The History Committee (Sandy, Eric, Theresa, Darlene & Theresa) provided a very interesting presentation about the Cherokee Clans. The seven Clans are Deer, Wolf, Bird, Long Hair, Blue, Paint and Wild Potato. The information included their structure, history and cultural significance.

The activities included youth and men making a Buckskin pouch. Theresa provided the materials to plant Job’s Tears seeds to take home and grow.

CCIE friend Lloyd gave the Blessing before the Potluck. Elders were invited to start the Potluck line.

All attendees enjoyed the many varieties of food brought by members and visitors.

#### CCIE Council Elections

There are three Council positions open for election. Candidates (members in good standing) must apply before the extended deadline, May 26th. A completed application, picture and short Bio is required.

Requests for an Absentee Ballot have been available at the General meeting and on the CCIE website. The Absentee Ballot request deadline is May 20th. Returned Absentee Ballots must be received at the CCIE P O Box by June 19th to be valid. Absentee Ballots will not be accepted at the June meeting.

Only current CCIE members in good standing can cast their vote for a candidate.

Carol, Election Committee Chairperson, introduced the Council candidates: Wendi Hardy, Darlene Dukelow-Burton, Scott Little, Kevin Thornton was not present.

#### Announcements

Many thanks and appreciation to Brenda and her daughters for organizing the Cornhusk Doll making at the Sherman Powwow, it was a great success!

UCR Powwow on May 23rd & 24th. Our CCIE booth will be there, come visit.

The PBS movie “The Trail of Tears” will be shown during our July General Meeting.

Wendi announced we are starting a Cookbook Committee. The committee will work to gather recipes, format, design and order cookbooks as a CCIE fundraising event. Any member interested in helping our CCIE Community is encouraged to sign up and participate in this fun and lucrative activity.

Our next CCIE General Meeting will be on Saturday, June 20th at 1pm.

As a member of the Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire, please arrive on time and plan to Vote for your next CCIE Council members.

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