

Tawodi

"Tawodi"
Pronounced "ta-whoa-dee"
our symbol the hawk

Newsletter of Cherokee Community Inland Empire

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Osiyo and Ulihelisdi

Osiyo to all our CCIE members and friends!
Welcome to our January 2015 edition of
"Tawodi"

The hawk is our day messenger and will carry our words...
The owl is our night messenger and will carry our secrets

January 17th Gathering Happy 8th Birthday CCIE!



Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Julia Coates

As part of CCIE's 8th birthday celebration, our community was honored by a reading by Dr. Julia Coates from her recently published book: Landmarks of the American Mosaic: The Trail of Tears. Julia opened our meeting by giving a beautiful traditional Cherokee blessing prior to having our delicious potluck meal. After all had a chance to sample the dishes at least once or twice, the community settled in to hear Julia weave a story from her book. The selections shared told the story of removal from the Cherokee perspectives. The community saw it through the eyes of our ancestors who lived through those turbulent times. Julia's use of letters, journal entries and historical documents a picture was developed of a vibrant people.



Unfortunately the book that was ordered from the publisher did not arrive in time for Julia to sign during our gathering. Several members placed their orders directly to Julia during the meeting at a reduced price, which she would sign prior to sending. If you would like your own copy they can be ordered directly through CCIE's website at Amazon or Abe's books



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CCIE's Community Gathering
Guest Speaker from the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Red Clay Pottery
Will Be February 21st
From 1pm-4:30pm

Second Annual Traditional Food Cook-Off

Break out those family recipes and join in the Fun and Prizes!!!

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

Potluck – see ccie's website for details

Council Meeting - Tuesday
February 10th 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

At the home of Bill & Clara Estes
**check Bill or Clara for the address and directions **

CCIE members in good standing are welcome to attend, participate in the open forum and observe the council meeting proceedings. The open forum will normally be before the beginning of the council meeting, however special events might cause schedule changes*

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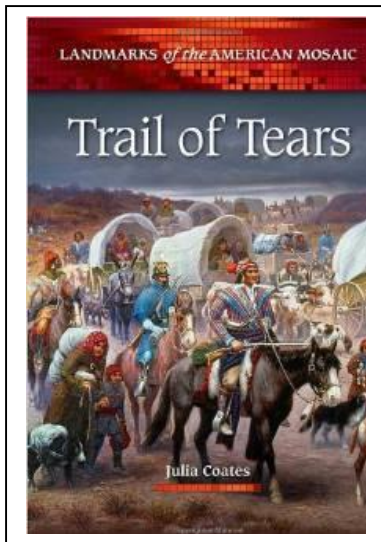
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Excerpts from the Trail of Tears

By Julia Coates

A World Unbalanced

On May 31, 1838, on a night as he awaited the soldiers who would be coming to forcibly remove him from his home, the Reverend Steven Foreman- a Cherokee citizen, a member of the Cherokee Nation Council, and one of the first ordained Cherokee Christian ministers- penned the following in a letter from his home in southeastern Tennessee:

From the date of my letter you will perceive that I am still in the Cherokee Nation East How much longer we shall be permitted [to] remain here on our own lands, to enjoy our rights and privileges, I do not know. From the present aspect of affairs, we shall very soon be without house and home.

One can imagine Reverend Foreman perhaps seated on the porch of his cabin on Candy's Creek in southeastern Tennessee, looking out at dusk on the hills surrounding him, knowing that the mountains that contained the center of the Cherokee world lay only a short distance away, and realizing that these were among the last moments he would ever rest his eyes on this adored land. Foreman's love for his homeland was unquestionably matched by every one of his country people. The Great Smoky Mountains had defined the Cherokees and their culture for countless generations. Although ancient stories told that their people had originally inhabited an island home somewhere to the south. Their presence in this Appalachian region dated from at least 1,000 years earlier, and perhaps much longer. They had integrated themselves deeply into these mountains, the rivers and streams that cut through the valleys were the people's lifeblood as well, and the animals and the flora had become part of their families. In later eras, when others came among the Cherokees and intermarried with them the Scotsmen in particular understood that the heart of the Cherokees beat in these mountains, for it had not been so very different for them in the land from which the originated. The people and the mountains, the mountains and the people they were one.



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Old Cherokee Story The Great Migration



Many generations in the past, a people inhabited an island somewhere to the south of the present day United States. This small group lived on their island, surrounded by salty, undrinkable water; yet ventured out by canoe to gain great familiarity with the waters and the other islands around them.

But after years and years of idyllic existence, their island started to tremble and shake and the day came when it began to spew forth fire. As these strange and unfamiliar events unfolded, the people collected themselves in their canoes and set out on the waters, escaping the terrifying changes that were occurring to their land. One by one the canoes left the shore, each loaded with islanders, until all were at last on the water. As they rowed further out to sea, the people in the last canoe turned to look back at their island, and in that moment, they

saw it shattered by an explosion of fire. They continued to paddle away from it and eventually the horizon was empty, as if their homeland had never existed.

Online language classes are available! Visit [Cherokee.org](http://www.cherokee.org)

[http://www.cherokee.org/AboutTheNation/Culture/Dikaneisdi\(WordList\).aspx](http://www.cherokee.org/AboutTheNation/Culture/Dikaneisdi(WordList).aspx)

a = as in ah e = as the a in ate i = as the e in easy o = as the o in open
u = as the oo's in oops v = like saying ugh

goweli	go-we-li	Book
dagoliyesgv	da-go-li-ye-s-gv	Reading
Udetiyisgv	u-de-ti- yi-s-gv	Birthday
usdiganvvnv	u-s-di--nv-nv	Trail
digasawosdi	di-ga-sa-wo-s-di	Tears
gadoamagadeyasdv	ga-do-a-ma-ga-de-ya-s-dv	Island

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CCIE Community Highlights

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Loretta was our lucky winner of the 50/50 jackpot shown her with our youth member in charge this month's ticket sales and drawing.



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The election committee is now forming for CCIE!

We are looking for volunteers who will help collect the candidate applications and run the upcoming June council elections for our community. It is time to step up in the spirit of ga-du-gi for your community, either on the election committee or as a candidate willing to serve on our council. The positions are open to all members in good standing.



CCIE now has its own You tube page!



Check it out! Videos of past presentations and happenings in our community will be posted here. The link is also on CCIE's website.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqPByQSQ7QDCRGtKFquErXg>



Mark your calendars for March 7th, Claremont Colleges will be hosting a candidate debate for the Principal Chief. We will be posting more information when it becomes available. It would be a great opportunity to get to know the different candidates that are running in the upcoming election.



VOTE! ᏍᏏᏉᏗ!

It is time once again for candidates to begin declaring their intention to run for Principal Chief in our next election. Make sure you have registered with the election commission at the Cherokee Nation to vote. You can connect to the Cherokee Nation election commission through the website link listed below.

<http://www.cherokee.org/OurGovernment/Commissions/ElectionCommission.aspx>

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