



Northern Cherokee Nation Of the Old Louisiana Territory November 2015 Newsletter

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Time passes so quickly. Another year is almost past and Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are nearly upon us. What have we accomplished this past year? Not nearly enough. We are a group of Cherokees who get nothing handed to us and therefore we continue to stay on the sidelines while we continue in our struggle for our rightful recognition and place in the Indian community.

How do we solve this problem? We can solve this problem by everyone getting involved and being a part of the success.

How does one do this? First of all, it seems the whole world is in turmoil, but we, working together can overcome this. If we would all get on the same path, going in the same direction, I believe many changes could take place. Here is one way we can start out.

A few years ago, our elders were deeply involved in our tribe and things got done. Now, many of these have walked on. This and due to changes in our everyday lives, our tribe is neglected and suffers.

Due to troublemakers coming in among us, a few years ago, the present tribal government decided it best to leave our tribal council with the few we have at this time. However, I can see that is no longer acceptable and we need to get council representation into each of our districts, which today, have none. If anyone wishes to consider this, please contact us and let us know. What this will require is for that person to be willing to hold meetings, and to be available to work with those in the district. First of all, that person will need to be considered by the current council and if approved, that person will be put on probation for one year. After that if they prove to be loyal to our tribe, they will be placed as permanent until an election is

held by those in the district they serve. You can be assured that the tribal government and I will help get you started and be there at all times when and where we are needed.

This is strictly a volunteer service for now until we can find a way to get money flowing into our government.

As I informed you in our last newsletter, I once again tried for a federal grant through the Administration for Native Americans. This was the third attempt. In past times, we were able to acquire such grants, but for whatever reason, today for the third time, we have been turned down. These grant proposals are read and graded by different individuals and each proposal is determined by these individuals whether a project gets funded or not. From past experience, I have to question this process. Also, I question just how much these individuals really understand about the process of a tribe such as ours and the obstacles we face in getting recognition. Nevertheless, we don't give up and if I have the ambition it takes to do another proposal, it is my intention to re-send this latest proposal with changed dates and I intend to address each negative remark about our last proposal. It will be interesting to see what they come up with next time after doing this. It seems that each time there are different reasons why we get turned down. One of the things that would help and strengthen our proposal would be for our members to show we are all in this together and we are all on the same path wanting to strengthen our government which will eventually lead to recognition. I am sending a form in this letter for each of you to sign and send back. This will be used with our next grant proposal.

Our annual NCNOLT picnic was held this year in Kansas by our Awi Akta District. Unfortunately, due to car problems I was not able to attend. I understand that I missed out on a great gathering as all of those who did not attend. They are thinking about holding the next event next year, so as soon as a date and information comes out on this, let's all mark our calendar. I don't think many of you realize the importance of this event. Therefore I wish to explain that it is extremely important to show that we all come together on a regular basis as one people. This will go a long way toward federal recognition. Not only that, it helps us stay in touch, meet relatives we didn't know we had and learn more about our heritage.

A piece of our history- Let's keep in mind that our ancestors did not have it any easier than any other Native American groups. And, our people have been covered up for years and I have little doubt that it was hoped to never be revealed that we exist. The early writers have stated that those Cherokees who came west of the Mississippi all went to the reservation area and they were recognized. The ones who refused to go to a reservation were simply ignored. Those who stayed in the east managed to get recognition because some caring people gave them land to live on. They are actually no different than us. The only difference is, they had help and got recognition. We on the other hand had to disperse in different locations in order to survive. We continue to be that way today and therefore we are a Confederate Nation with relatives living in every district and who maintain their existence as a tribe by staying in touch with each other and by having their district Council person sitting on the Grand Tribal Council

As I've stated before, one of my pet peeves is that whenever there is talk of minorities being overlooked, there is no mention of the Native American. This is one reason why it is so very important to state you are Native American every time you have the opportunity. The white man is the one who automatically put down "white "on the census. It is up to us to correct this. Then eventually when our numbers have grown, just maybe others will start to look at us as a people who need to be recognized in the communities. I do not hesitate to claim my American Indian heritage every time I get the opportunity. You should never feel inferior because you may not look like what others think Native Americans look like. Just look at many of those who are federally recognized and those pictures that were taken many years ago. Many pass for white and that is one of the reasons we have been able to live among the whites when there was so much prejudice against Native Americans.

Cherokee Promoters to date:

Juanita Barnes
Southworth
Martha Say
Karma Christiansen
Marilyn Galloway
Kennith Moore

James Tate
Raymond Choate
Victoria Heavrin
James Moody

Rosemary
Donald Choate
Kay Say
Barbara Weaver

Thanks to each of you.

If anyone wishes to join these Promoters, please let us know by submitting your commitment by filling out the information below:

I wish to be a Cherokee Promoter:

Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip

E-mail Address _____

What does it mean to be a Cherokee Promoter? Please send me more information about being a Cherokee Promoter. (send to address at top of this newsletter)

To be included with our next Grant Proposal

I am a member of the Northern Cherokee Nation of the Old Louisiana Territory, and I fully support getting grant funding to aid in our goal of receiving funds to strengthen our government to go on to federal recognition. I will be part of the project to work with the tribal government to assure that our goal is met. (send to address at top of this newsletter)

Name _____ Roll No. _____

Address, State, Zip
