

Tennessee Trail of Tears

News – April 2020 Update

Dear TNTOTA Members:

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and safe. We have had no TNTOTA activities due to the Coronavirus. We will have no meetings until it is deemed safe for us to gather as a group.

If things improve we might have a meeting in the Chattanooga area in June or July. We will participate in the usual outdoor events this summer, if they are held.

TNTOTA member Melissa Woody and I had a conference call with Will Thomas from Cleveland State Community College about a month ago. At that time we talked about having an Educational Symposium at CSCC in November. We will continue to work on that.

We will need to elect new officers in November, also.

TNTOTA member Melba Checote Eads will continue to work on the TOT signage in Woodbury, TN. Hopefully, we will be able to dedicate those signs at the annual

Woodbury Trail of Tears commemorative walk in September.

TNTOTA member Floyd Ayers is working on the third annual commemorative Trail of Tears Walk in Winchester, TN. The walk is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 24, 2020. An educational symposium will be held in conjunction with the walk. It is possible that Troy Wayne Poteete from the Cherokee Nation will be a guest speaker at the event.

TNTOTA was gifted a vintage wagon by William Haylette from Belvidere, Tennessee. This wagon has been used in the Winchester TOT walks. The TN Trail of Tears has taken possession of the wagon and we have sold it. The transaction was supervised and approved by Troy Wayne Poteete. The money will go into the general fund.

The TNTOTA Board of Directors voted to donate \$1,000 to the Brown's Tavern maintenance fund.

Please go on line to www.nationaltota.com to pay your dues. Most of your dues come back to the Tennessee Chapter to fund our projects.

We still need a Vice President and a newsletter editor.

Our sympathies are extended to the friends and family members Max Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey passed away on April 13, 2020. He was a long time board member of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and a big supporter of the Trail of Tears Association.

Be safe. I hope to see everyone soon.

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