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Tall Clubs International News



TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...

TCI family,

I mentioned last month that I moderated three workshops during the 2024 TCI convention in Dunedin, Florida. One of the topics was the future of the Miss TI program. This has been an integral part of TCI from the early years. At the convention, it was generally agreed upon that the program has run its course and needs to change to remain viable. An "Ambassador" program was discussed, and most felt that this might work better for our organization in this day and age. All the details on how this would work are up in the air and will need to be worked out and then eventually presented to the delegates.

I really want to know your thoughts on this topic. I will hold open Zoom meetings soon. I also need to print out a summary of what was discussed in the meeting. How will it work? How an ambassador would be chosen? What would the ambassador be tasked with? What else?

Think about this and send me an email with your thoughts to: TCIPresBob@gmail.com

On a personal note, Patty and I are moving from California to central New York (Syracuse) in September to be close to the grandkids. We look forward to being able to participate in club events in the northeast, meet more of our TCI family, and start many new adventures.

Thank you for your support and remember to get your club active so we can come and see you.

Highest Regards,
Bob Huggett
TCI President 2022-2026





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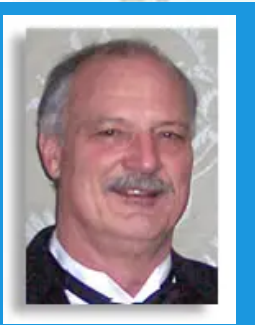
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COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

Questions, Comments, Concerns, Input or Ideas?????

Please email: jwalswe@myactv.net The email address used to SEND "Talkin' Tall" is **not** monitored for incoming emails and is only used to send the newsletter out.



To TCI Clubs:

If you want to publicize your upcoming events, please don't forget to send all your information in for the next Talkin Tall Publication. This newsletter is where members across the country, can read firsthand of all the upcoming happenings in your clubs! Just last week I had some long-time members visit the area. we met up and had a couple of awesome days together.

Traveling members are an important part of this organization as well. Advertise your happy hours, picnics, tours etc. You'll never know who will pop in unless you put it out there.

TALL TOPIX EDITORS REQUEST

What is Tall Topix? It's a recap of convention that includes photos and stories submitted by members who were in attendance. Every full-time attendee receives one as part of the package price paid. Your pictures and stories are needed from BOTH the 2023 Convention at Sea and the 2024 Tall'phins Convention. Sharing your memories will create a magazine of memories that we all cherish for life. When you send photos, please keep the submissions for 2023 & 2024 separate.

Lastly if you have changed addresses since registering for either convention, please be sure to forward your current address to me.

Questions??? Contact me directly, at nancyjacoby@comcast.net. Submission Deadline: The sooner the better, or September 1st...

Tall Regards,
Nancy Jacoby





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2024 EVENTS



Is your club hosting an event or does it have a regular occurring event?

Advertise it in Talkin' Tall.

Please send all information or a flyer to John Waltman at jwalswe@myactv.net

Sacramento Tall Club Weekend Event

September 6, 7, & 8, 2024



Friday we will attend **The International Camel & Ostrich Races in Historic Virginia City NV**. The camels, ostriches, zebras and good old-fashioned family fun returns this year. This hilarious and family-favorite tradition started as a prank between two newspaper editors more than 60 years ago and remains as silly and fun as its origin.

The Races bring the laughs for all as jockeys, both professional and amateur, race their camels, ostrich, and zebras around the horseshoe track to the roars of the crowd. You never know what might happen! It's a comical racing spectacle guaranteed to leave the entire group laughing.

We will be attending Friday Night, while the actual events last all weekend. Friday night, Sept. 8, enjoy Hot Camel Nights, an evening show with discounted rates. Go up early and enjoy site seeing in this historic mining town.

Here is the link for more information. <https://visitvirginiacitynv.com/events/international-camel-ostrich-races-virginia-city/>

Our Home Base will be The J Resort, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno, NV, 89501

Please check with your favorite travel booking site or The J Resort directly for the lowest rates. This weekend will sell out. Please book your rooms as early as possible for the best possible rate.

Saturday & Sunday we will be participating in **The Great Reno Balloon Races**. The Great Reno Balloon Race is **FREE** to spectators thanks to the support of event sponsors. **STC is requesting a \$75.00 pp package fee to cover costs.** (Includes Camel Race entry, Pasta Dinner Saturday Evening, Sunday Brunch & Transportation/ parking for Saturday & Sunday). Partial Packages can be arranged, Contact Patty Huggett.

Be prepared for early mornings and bring your picnic blanket & basket, lawn chairs, and warm clothing, etc. Food vendors are available. For more information, check out their website - <https://renoballoon.com>

Look for us on the edge of the balloon launch area in front of the Peppermill tent.

Saturday, & Sunday Schedule of events 3:30 a.m. - Gates open to Rancho San Rafael Regional Park
5:00 a.m. - Super Glow Show
5:30 a.m. - Dawn Patrol
6:50 a.m. National Anthem
7:00 a.m. - Mass Ascension Launch
4:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Shopping along Balloon Boulevard

EVENT LOCATION
Rancho San Rafael Regional Park
1595 N. Sierra St.
Reno, Nevada



BBTC ANNIVERSARY DINNER, HALLOWEEN PARTY & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Saturday, October 19, 2024

6 PM at Donahue's Bar & Grill
87 Bigelow Ave, Watertown, MA

RSVP by Sunday, October 6th to Jon Bjornson by emailing: bjornsonj@yahoo.com

6 pm: Cocktails

6:15: Dinner (order from menu at own expense)

7 pm: Auction

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please send the details of your donated item or service to Jon at the email address listed above.

Donation ideas include:

- Hosting a backyard BBQ
 - Hosting a chocolate party
 - Donating an item such as wine or scotch
 - Tech assistance
 - Handyman services
- The ideas are endless

Parking is only on the street. However, a short block away from Donahue's is angled parking on Nicols Avenue. Across the street is also a bank parking lot.





UPCOMING
EVENTS

2024 EVENTS

*Towering Texans
of Houston*

Hi Tall Friends!

Hope everyone is doing well and is staying cool somewhere.

Rebecca and I are putting our heads together to plan our third TToH + Other Talls' reunion. Since we have so many tall friends wanting to come in from out of town and an overwhelming interest from all for more time to catch up with our tall friends, we're expanding to include some plans for the entire weekend.

SAVE THE DATE - 2024 TToH + Other Talls' Reunion - October 18-20, 2024

We've had someone volunteer their home in the Humble/Atascocita area (northeast of Houston itself, close to IAH airport) for the Saturday afternoon/evening event. She's quite the party host with a great party house too so that will be the highlight of the weekend! We are working on getting plans in place and specifically for Friday night and Sunday brunch and will provide all of those details as soon as we know more. (If anyone local has any suggestions for venues or activities that would appeal to our tall family, please respond back to this email with your thoughts.)

If you're contemplating coming in and will need hotel accommodations, ttohreunion@yahoo.com to let us know. If there's enough interest, we'll work on locating some reasonable options for you close to the Saturday event location.

There's no need, at this point, to respond whether you're attending or not, only if you'll need accommodations or you have ideas for activities or venues. We'll be looking for a headcount closer to the actual date.

Stay tuned for more information! We look forward to seeing you all in the fall!!!!

Carol Hudson & Rebecca McMahan





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CHICAGO

2025 EVENTS

Paramount
Tall Club
of Chicago

1960's Sitcoms:
Laughter
Guaranteed
Feb 20-23, 2025

79th
Anniversary
Weekend

Hotel Information
Marriott SpringHill Suites,
Chicago O'Hare
8101 W Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631
Tel: 773-867-0000

\$120 Postmarked by Dec 20, 2024
\$130 Postmarked by Jan 20, 2025
\$140 Postmarked after
Jan 20, 2025

Non-refundable deposit of \$70
will hold your package.

Pay before Dec 20, 2024 to
be eligible to win a FREE
weekend package.

Thursday Night
Activity to be Advised

\$119++ per room per night
Rate: 1-4 people
Includes breakfast

Room block available until Jan 30
www.marriott.com/chico
PTCPTCA for a King Room
PTCPTCB for 2 Queen Room

Free O'Hare Airport Shuttle
Free Parking.

Friday Night:
Costume Party
Open Bar
DJ and Dancing
Afterhours Food &
Beverages

Saturday Night:
Semi-Formal
(Dress to Impress)

Cocktail hour, Photos,
Buffet Dinner, Open Bar,
DJ and Dancing

Afterhours Food
& Beverages

\$\$ Bring Money \$\$

Raffles to be held for
both Marfan & Club
Scholarship.

2025 Weekend Chair: Barbara Smith - chicagotallweekend@gmail.com
 Registration Chair: Jim Nelson - jnelson1225@cs.com - 847-421-2049

www.tallclubchicago.org

Registration Details: A non-refundable deposit of \$70 (US funds) is due with each registration to save your package rate. Send this form and the deposit (for each registration) to Jim Nelson at 6959 W Hobart, Chicago, IL 60631. Checks to be made payable to "Paramount Tall Club of Chicago".

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Do you require a Vegetarian Dinner (y/n)? _____

Full Pkg Dep. \$70

Thurs. Nite Dep. \$30

Cell Phone: _____

Club Name: _____

ON GOING EVENTS

Boston Beanstalks Tall Club

When: First Friday of every month 6 pm to 8 pm

Where: Boston Newton Marriott 's Riverbend Lounge.

Join fellow Talls to kick off your weekend! This the perfect place to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends.

Details can be found on the BBTC Facebook Page under events.





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GERMANY

2025 EVENTS

Europatreffen: May 2025

European Meeting in Duisburg/Germany from
25th of May to 1st of June 2025

As part of the European Meeting 2025, we invite you to "experience" Duisburg and the Ruhr area on foot, by bike, by bus and, of course, the largest inland port in the world from a ship. Get an insight with us into past times, into the lifestyle of the upper bourgeoisie and into structural change. Enjoy the many green sides of the "Pott".



Former slag heaps have become artificial mountains, which today offer a view not only of the Rhine, but also of the entire Ruhr area with interesting works of art. Despite the big city flair, a week together with short distances, many joint leisure activities with a wide variety of gastronomy and hotels within walking distance in the centre await you.

The daily get-together in the evening will not be neglected either.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

European meeting Duisburg from 25th of Mai to 1st of June 2025

In addition to the traditional welcome evenings on Sunday and Thursday as well as the ball evening on Saturday, we have put together an extensive and varied sightseeing and action programme for you. On Thursday, there will be a family day in the countryside with an all-day program. On Friday, we will travel by bus along the Route of Industrial Heritage and offer you several different exploration tours.

25-05-2024

Planned programme

The following programme items are currently planned (changes are of course still possible):

Duisburg

- Port of Duisburg (largest inland port in the world)
- North landscape park Duisburg (natural and cultural landscape)
- Downtown Duisburg - Old Town monuments from the 10th-16th centuries

Coal, iron and steel

- Steel production plant
- Former ironworks with blast furnace
- Mining Museum
- Former coal mine Zeche Zollverein (UNESCO World heritage)

Art, architecture and culture

- Küppersmühle museum (Exhibitions of art)
- Landmark Tiger & Turtle (Magic Mountain)
- Gasometer, city of Oberhausen (Exhibitions)
- Margarethenhöhe, city of Essen (Working-class district and Garden city)
- Villa Hügel, city of Essen (Industrial culture and history)

Nature and animals

- Botanical Garden
- The Six lake district
- Duisburg zoological garden

Leisure, sports and food

- Leisure and sports facility Töppersee
- Bike tour
- Brewery (Pilsener beer)
- Sports centre Wedau





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**Volunteers
needed**

**Calling all potential TCI SCHOLARSHIP
COORDINATORS
(TCI Club Members and Members-At-Large):**

**Volunteers
needed**

As most of you know, the TCI Foundation gives out multiple ANNUAL scholarships of \$1000 each to very bright high school seniors - so that they can continue their education in a college/university.

Currently, we have all clubs and states covered in the United States - and all 3 clubs covered in Canada. But this year - sitewide - we got 303 applications for all the various locations (excluding Paramount Tall Club of Chicago)! We expect that number to GROW next year. With that being said, WE NEED YOUR HELP NEXT YEAR! Are there any existing TCI Tall Club Members - or - TCI Members-At-Large who would be interested in reviewing scholarship in 2025?

The scholarship process is well documented. In addition, in November or December of 2024 - we will hold scholarship process training classes for those interested.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be an active member or member-at-large in TCI.
2. Have access to an email account.
3. Be willing to learn the 3 steps of the Scholarship Process. (For Initial Scholarship Requirements - please feel free to go to: <https://tallclubfoundation.org/scholarship/scholarship/>).
4. Be able to review multiple scholarships and references between January 1st and April 1st, 2025.
5. Be able to choose a 'finalist' to submit to TCI Foundation for consideration!
6. Have FUN helping some really brilliant seniors move their education forward.

If you have any interest in helping us - or - if you have questions prior to signing up - please email us at tcifoundationsscholarships@gmail.com.

This is DEFINITELY one of our FAVORITE volunteer tasks we perform in TCI. Hope you will join us in the FUN!

