



Talkin' Tall

Tall Clubs International News



TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...

Welcome to Fall!

As many of you are aware, we recently made the move from Sacramento, California to the Syracuse area of New York. Relocating across the country is quite an experience, one I wouldn't wish on anyone unless it's for the right reasons, like spending time with grandkids.

The calendar year for Tall Clubs International has just begun, with our officer year starting back on September 1. I want to extend my gratitude to the officers who have volunteered to serve on the board this year. You can find their names by logging onto tall.org.

In previous letters, I've highlighted the ongoing decline in TCI's overall membership. My goal is to not only halt this trend but also to reverse it. I encourage our clubs to become active and work on growing their membership. How can we achieve this? Your club needs to have events planned; this way, when you encounter a tall prospect, you can personally invite them to an upcoming gathering.

Whenever I spot someone tall, my go-to line is, "It's good to be tall." I can't recall who initially suggested that phrase, but it has proven effective. I aim to compliment the prospect on their height, as it often reveals their feelings about being tall and provides insight into what to say next.

I anticipate sharing some exciting details about a TCI 2025 convention in the October edition of Talkin' Tall. A proposal is in the works for delegate review by mid-October. While I won't disclose the location just yet, the proposed dates are July 1-6, 2025, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Please continue reading this edition of Talkin' Tall for more updates on what's happening within Tall Clubs International.

Warmest regards,
Bob Huggett
TCI President 2022-2026



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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.

I can't stress enough how vital information is to TCI's success! So, if you're planning a shindig, event, or reunion that folks might want to join, PLEASE shoot me an email at jwalswe@myactv.net so we can spread the word! If everyone's relying on the grapevine for updates, you're missing out on the secret sauce for your event's success.

Sure, posting on the TCI Facebook page helps, but why settle for that when you've got the powerhouse duo of TALKIN TALL and tall.org at your fingertips? That's the crème de la crème of communication!

Just a heads up, the deadline for event submissions to be included in Talkin' Tall is the third Friday of each month so, mark your calendars. That's our deadline, folks!

We're here to roll up our sleeves and help you shine a spotlight on any upcoming TCI-related happenings. So, don't be shy—let's make it happen! Act now!

TCI Communications Officer, John Waltman

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.

Important Message for those that were on the Convention at Sea (2023 Convention): The registration information was lost in a computer crash. If you were on the cruise as a full-time attendee, please send your mailing address to Nancy. This is the only way to ensure you receive the Tall Topix for that convention.

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

Tall Regards, Nancy Jacoby





2024 EVENTS



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.



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Houston

2024 EVENTS

Towering Te★ans
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, ttohrefunion@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



September 2024

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2024 EVENTS

POP UP GATHERING

Denver



80th Anniversary Gathering 1944-2024

Dates: October 25-27, 2024

Location: Hampton Inn, 7079 S. Kenton Street, Centennial CO

Room Rate: \$99 (plus tax) King or Queen

Airport: Denver (DEN)



Call to Reserve your room: 1 303-790-8800

tell them you're with the "Tall Club"

Booking Link: [Tall Club Booking Link](#)

Your stay includes:

Free hot breakfast, parking & WiFi

Indoor heated saltwater pool

Fitness center and more

Day trip options from Denver include:

- Red Rocks Amphitheater
- Colorado Springs/Pikes Peak
- Garden of the Gods
- Manitou Springs
- Estes Park
- Casino Trip
- Saturday evening casual gathering to celebrate Timberline's 80th Anniversary

Transportation to/from the airport is "on your own".

There is a light rail train from the airport, with one transfer, that gets you within a mile of the hotel.

UBER/Lyft's are always an option as well.

This is a gathering so there are no official planned events outside of the Saturday evening celebration.

To register please reach out to Mary or Dave ASAP.

Contacts:

Mary Kershner tllskr@yahoo.com

Dave Olson dlolson@ix.netcom.com





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CHICAGO

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

Thursday Night
Activity to be Advised

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

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

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

Saturday Night:
Semi-Formal
(Dress to Impress)

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.

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

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".

Full Pkg Dep. \$70

Thurs. Nite Dep. \$30

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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

Club Name: _____





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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





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.

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



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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!

