



# Talkin' Tall

Tall Clubs International News



## TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

[WWW.TALL.ORG](http://WWW.TALL.ORG)

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### THE PREZ SEZ...

Happy USA Thanksgiving, everyone!

As we transition into late fall and prepare for winter, with colder days and shorter daylight hours, I hope we all remember that we are part of a family of tall individuals, and we should support one another. Perhaps it's time to engage in some "Random Acts of Tall Kindness."

I encourage each club to organize gatherings to celebrate the seasons together.

Looking ahead to the end of 2024 and the start of 2025, I am thrilled because I believe that each TCI member club is eager to enhance their activities and encourage their members to participate in TALL events. I'm sure many of you have been sharing the wonderful experiences of your club with other tall individuals. Be sure to invite them to a Tall Club gathering!

In Central New York, we are doing our part. As many of you know, Patty and I relocated to Syracuse, New York, in September. While exploring the area, we've come across many TALL individuals. We are dedicated to establishing a club here, tentatively named the Central New York Tall Society. We plan to begin hosting activities in late December or January. By starting this club, we hope to also support the Rochester Tall Club and foster growth for both our clubs.

Highest Regards!  
Happy Thanksgiving  
Bob Huggett  
TCI President 2022-2026  
[TCIPresBob@gmail.com](mailto:TCIPresBob@gmail.com)





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## COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE



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

Please email: [TCICommunications@tall.org](mailto:TCICommunications@tall.org)

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



Dear Fellow TCI Members,

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 [walswe@myactv.net](mailto:walswe@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!

Until next month...

John Waltman

TCI Communications Officer





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## EXECUTIVE VP / PUBLICITY MESSAGE

Publicity is how we grow TCI! If people don't know about us, how can they join us? We need you, the members to help in this effort! Spread the word by "Talkin' Tall" to everyone you meet! If you see someone tall, tell them about us, hand them a business card if you have one. Do you have a contact in the media world? I'd love an introduction and reference. I can be reached by emailing me at [TCIExecutiveVP@tall.org](mailto:TCIExecutiveVP@tall.org).



Below are three Facebook pages everyone should join! Simply search in Facebook for each page. You will be asked several questions. Be sure to answer all so your request is not denied.

Wishing you t'all the best!  
Kristen Carlson Gallagher  
Executive VP/Publicity

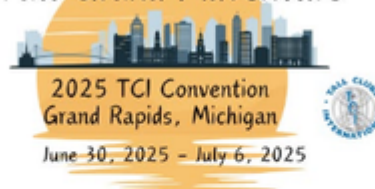


### Tall Clubs International

Tall Clubs International is a social club for men 6'2" tall and over and women 5'10" tall and over, with over 35 chapters in North America and affiliates in Europe. Make new friends that you see...

facebookapp

### Tall Grand Adventure



### TCI 2025 Convention | Tall Grand Adventure | Grand Rapids, MI

The official Facebook Group page for the 2025 TCI Convention. Here you will find information, be able to connect with others to help plan, arrange travel and more!



## WEEKENDS & GATHERINGS

### TCI Weekends & Gatherings

A Facebook page where we can promote a weekend or gathering, and members can chat and make plans together.

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## 2024 TCI HOLIDAY EVENTS

### TALL CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

Invites you to our annual Holiday Party!

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**5:30pm**

**Fred and Shirleen Murphy's Home**

8700 Hummingbird Ave.

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Turkey Dinner, games, trivia, gifts and lots of fun.

#### Things to know:

- RSVP to [smmcnamee@earthlink.net](mailto:smmcnamee@earthlink.net) or 714-608-7780 by 12/7/24
- Please let me know what you will bring; a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share
- Bring your favorite beverage
- If you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift, ornament, or something hand made (\$20 maximum value)
- There are three things that require your attention:
  1. The cost of the party is \$10 if you bring a dish, \$15 without
  2. TCOC dues are \$10 per year and are due now
  3. We will continue our 50/50 scholarship raffle. Please consider participating with us to present a TCOC scholarship to a deserving high school student in the spring

[www.CreativeCertificates.com](http://www.CreativeCertificates.com)

### TCLI 2024 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

**DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

**TIME: 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION: EMBASSY DINER  
4280 HEMPSTEAD TPKE - BETHPAGE 11714**

**COST: PRICE OF YOUR LUNCH (+ TAX + TIP)**

**BESIDES GREAT FOOD, THEY ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR FESTIVE, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS . . . FOR ALL HOLIDAYS !!**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**CALL / TEXT ARLENE 718-843-2623 or**

**EMAIL [TallClubOfLongIsland@gmail.com](mailto:TallClubOfLongIsland@gmail.com)**





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## 2025 EVENTS

# 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](http://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](mailto:chicagotallweekend@gmail.com)  
Registration Chair: Jim Nelson - [jnelson1225@cs.com](mailto:jnelson1225@cs.com)—847-421-2049

[www.tallclubchicago.org](http://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): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Pkg Dep. \$70   
Thurs. Nite Dep. \$30

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.

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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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## 2025 CONVENTION

### Tall Grand Adventure



2025 TCI Convention  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Monday, June 30, 2025 - Sunday, July 6, 2025

#### OUR CONVENTION HOTEL

Embassy Suites, Grand Rapids Downtown  
710 Monroe Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Call hotel direct to book your suite:  
616-512-5700. Group Code: CESTCI



#### Suite Rates

\$149/night +18% tax, standard view  
\$159./night +18% tax for a water-view  
room. All water-view rooms have a  
balcony

FREE Parking (normally \$20 per day)

#### Suite Rates Include:

- Two room suites
- Refrigerator / Microwave
- Wi-fi
- HOT cooked to order breakfast each morning
- Evening reception with two free drinks (alcoholic or non) & light snacks

#### Airport:

Gerald R. Ford International Airport  
(GRR)

#### FULL PACKAGE PRICE

\$150.00 non-refundable deposit to secure lowest package price due by January 31, 2025

\$450.00 with deposit postmarked by January 31, 2025

\$475.00 with deposit postmarked by March 31

\$500.00 with deposit postmarked by May 31

Final Payment due by June 10, 2025

Questions? Email: [TCIRegistration@outlook.com](mailto:TCIRegistration@outlook.com) or

Text: 952-657-9580 (include "TCI" to start text)

For updates and information be sure to join the:

[2025 Convention Facebook Page](#)

#### PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES

- 5 Dinners; including a plated dinner at Awards Banquet/DJ Dance
- 1 Lunch
- Day trip to the Shores of Lake Michigan; shopping, beach & more
- Admission to Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park and Tram Tour
- Grand Lady Riverboat Tour
- Admission to Great Lakes Glow Golf for mini-golf, mini bowling and video games
- Snacks at "after hours" gathering

Make your check for full payment

or \$150 deposit payable to:  
2025 TCI Convention

Mail to:  
Coral Rose - Registration  
11070 Cedar Hills Blvd #127  
Minnetonka, MN 55305

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership status:  Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Tall Club  
 Member at Large  Guest

Title/Awards (be specific with year included): \_\_\_\_\_  
ie: Lifetime Achievement, Miss TI, TCI President





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tcifoundationsscholarships@gmail.com).

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

