



Talkin' Tall

Tall Clubs International News



TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa, and a festive Festivus! My apologies if I overlooked your holiday.

As we wrap up the year, let's take a moment to reflect on everything that has transpired in the world of TCI. The convention in Florida was a tremendous success, especially considering the late start and last-minute planning. Our newest convention chair, Patt Miles, did an exceptional job, bringing Barry, Kristen, and Patty on board to strengthen the committee. Thank you all for your dedication in making the convention a triumph.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are thrilled about the upcoming convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I hope you share my enthusiasm! Another "new" convention chair, Pat Radloff, is hard at work to ensure this event is equally successful.

We are still waiting for your club to organize a weekend gathering or event. If you plan it, they will come!

I plan to initiate some open Zoom meetings starting in January. Potential topics include:

- New club development
- TCI: The Next Generation
- Convention organization
- The future of Miss TI
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I would love to hear your thoughts. How can TCI better support your club? What subjects would you like to explore?

Warmest regards,

Bob Huggett

TCI President 2022-2026

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MEET THE TCI EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICERS



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COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

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

Please email: TCICommunications@tall.org

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Dear Esteemed TCI Members,

I cannot emphasize enough how crucial effective communication about events and gatherings is for the future of TCI. Clubs that have relied on Talkin Tall as a key resource for disseminating their updates have consistently enjoyed impressive attendance.

Talkin Tall is available for every club within our wonderful community to leverage for their event success. Whether it's officially sponsored weekend activities, informal gatherings, or spontaneous meet-ups, we can help spread the word to all clubs and the majority of our members.

This dedicated team has put in tremendous effort to create the most effective communication platform for all TCI-related information. I encourage you to enhance your club's visibility by taking advantage of this fantastic resource at your disposal.

Wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season!

Until next month...

John Waltman

TCI Communications Officer

Happy
Holidays





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EXECUTIVE VP / PUBLICITY MESSAGE



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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.

To the right 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





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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
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.

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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 Töpfersee
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 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**