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Tall Clubs International News



TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WWW.TALL.ORG

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THE PREZ SEZ...



Greetings Tall Friends,

I hope everyone made it through the holidays unscathed. This year is expected to be promising for TCI if my hopes for it come to fruition.

I continuously encourage each of you to invite new people to your clubs or consider becoming a Member-at-Large (MAL). Our organization thrives because YOU are willing to step outside your comfort zones and welcome new faces.

As we step into the new year, TCI will also begin preparations for the 2025 convention. This is the perfect opportunity for each club to reflect and determine if this will be the year to boost membership. PLEASE, take action and consult your club officers on how you can assist. Then, make it happen!

Be sure to read up on the TCI Convention this year in Grand Rapids and get excited! The committee is diligently working to ensure it's a memorable event. You can find all the details for the 2025 TCI Convention in this edition of Talkin' Tall or visit our website at www.tall.org/events. Join the conversation about the convention on Facebook at the 2025 TCI Convention page.

Club officers and MALs:

Now is the time to submit your dues and send in your club rosters. Club rosters should reflect your membership as of January 1. Please ensure payment is made by March 1 to avoid any late fees.

One final note – if you have a contestant for Miss TI for the upcoming year, please reach out to Sheryl Lutz (TCIMissTICoordinator@tall.org) as soon as possible. We need to confirm if a pageant will take place by March 1.

Next month, I will initiate discussions regarding this year's delegate meeting in Grand Rapids, MI. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or topics that need addressing at the TCI level.

Warmest Regards,

Bob Huggett

TCI President 2022-2026

TCIPresident@tall.org



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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.

Until next month...

John Waltman

TCI Communications Officer

TCICommunications@tall.org





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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)

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

Afterhours Food
& Beverages

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.

\$\$ 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 Töpfersee
- Bike tour
- Brewery (Pilsener beer)
- Sports centre Wedau





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2025 CONVENTION

Tall Grand Adventure



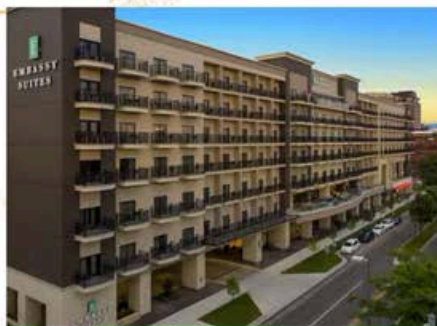
2025 TCI Convention
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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





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Tall Grand Adventure



June 30, 2025 - July 6, 2025

This year's Tall Clubs International Convention will be a Tall Grand Adventure. The Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown is a perfect fit for our needs. Check out their website at, [Embassy Suites Hotel](#), to see all of the amenities. For those of you that chose to drive in, parking is free. The pool and hot tub are available daily from 7:00AM to 11:30PM. All registered guests will receive a full hot served breakfast every morning and a Manager's Reception every evening that is included with your suite rate. There will be an informal Afterhours Gathering every night for your enjoyment. Snacks and games will supplement your conversations. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages to be consumed in the afterhours area.

Monday June 30

- 3:30PM-5:30PM: Registration. See Coral in the main lobby. Catch up with Coral to register at the reception after 5:30PM.
- 5:30PM-7PM: FREE Evening Reception: Meet & Greet at Whitewater Lounge on 2nd floor. Snacks & 2 soft or alcoholic drinks provided.
- 7PM: Dinner will be provided at a nearby restaurant TBD.
- 10:00PM to Midnight: Afterhours in the first-floor breakfast area. Snacks will be provided. Cards and table games will be available. Bring your own beverages.

Tuesday July 1

- Late Check In: Catch up with Coral to register.
- 6:30AM-10AM: FREE Breakfast in first floor breakfast area.
- 9:00AM-2:00PM: Delegates Meeting. If you are a delegate representing your Club or hold a proxy for another Club, you will need to attend until business is completed. Delegates will have a 1-hour lunch break.
- 9:00AM-2:30PM: Free time for non-Delegates to explore Grand Rapids.
- 3:00PM: Motorcoach leaves for Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.
- 4:00PM-4:45PM or 4:30PM-5:15PM: 45-minute group Trolley Rides around the huge park.
- 6:30PM: Picnic in the Park.
- 7:00PM-9:00PM: Concert in the Amphitheatre.
- 9:15pm: Coach leaves for the hotel.
- 10:00PM to Midnight: Afterhours.

Wednesday July 2

- 6:30AM-10AM: FREE Breakfast in first floor breakfast area.
- 1PM: Motorcoach leaves for Grand Haven on the shore of Lake Michigan.
- 1:30PM-4:45pm: Explore this unique beach town. Shopping and lunch on your own.
- 5:00PM: Motorcoach leaves for the hotel.
- 5:30PM to 6:30PM: FREE Evening Reception
- 6:45PM: Motorcoach leaves for the Score Restaurant & Sports Bar.
- 7:00PM-9:30PM: Dinner, band music and dancing on the shore of the Grand River in a tropical setting. Buffet dinner provided.
- 9:30PM: Motorcoach leaves for the hotel.
- 10:00PM to Midnight: Afterhours.





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Tall Grand Adventure



Thursday July 3

- 6:30AM-10AM: FREE Breakfast in first floor breakfast area.
- 9:00AM-2:30PM: Free time to explore Grand Rapids on your own.
- 5:00PM-6:30PM: Scheduled Club pictures. Dress for success, formal or informal
- 5:30PM-6:30PM: FREE Evening Reception.
- 6:45PM-9:00PM: Awards Banquet with Plated Dinner and presentations.
- 9:00PM-11:00PM: Dancing to DJ music.
- 11:00PM to Midnight: Afterhours

Friday July 4

- 6:30AM-10AM: FREE Breakfast in first floor breakfast area.
- 10:30AM: Motorcoach leaves for Great Lakes Glow Golf,
- 10:45AM-2:15PM: Indoor Glow Mini-Golf, Aurora Mini-Bowling, Foosball, Pool & Arcade Games.
- 12:00PM-2PM: Party Room available, Pizza & soft drinks/water will be provided.
- 2:30PM: Motorcoach leaves for the Grand Lady Riverboat
- 3:00PM to 5:00PM: Scenic Riverboat tour on the Grand River
- 5:15 PM: Motorcoach leaves for the hotel.
- 5:30PM-7:00PM: FREE Evening Reception
- 7:00PM-10:00PM: Dinner and dancing on your own.
- 10:00PM to Midnight: Afterhours.

Saturday July 5

- 6:30AM-10:30AM: FREE Breakfast in first floor breakfast area.
- 10:30AM-5:00PM: Free time to enjoy the Downtown 4th of July festivities
- 5:30PM-7PM: FREE Evening Reception.
- 8PM-8:30PM: Picnic food provided for dinner TBD.
- 8:30PM-10:15PM: Downtown area for 4th of July festivities.
- 10:15PM-10:45PM: Downtown area for Gigantic Fireworks Show
- 10:45PM-1:00AM: Afterhours.

Sunday July 6

- 6:30AM-10:30AM: FREE Breakfast in first floor breakfast area.
- 10:30AM-Noon: Fond farewells until we meet again



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EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

BOSTON BEANSTALKS TALL CLUB (BBTC)

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.



TALL CLUB OF LONG ISLAND

This is a reminder that our first luncheon for 2025 is on January 25th aka 1-25-25. I always say, it is never too early to RSVP to an event. If you think you will be joining us, Contact Brian.

SAT JAN 25 LUNCH @ MANGOES-BETHPAGE 1:00 PM

Per tradition, TCLI has its first lunch of the new year at Mangoes Mexican Grill & Bar, 401 Central Avenue, Bethpage (tel 516-935-0882).

Great food, drinks, and service. We always have a great time here. Call/text 516-474-6405 to RSVP with Brian. This is an open event.



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EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

CENTRAL ARIZONA TALL SOCIETY (CATS)

2025 Phoenix Marfan Foundation Walk for Victory

Sunday, March 2. 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

Location: Chaparral Park

5401 N Hayden Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Event Details:

We will be at the Central Ramada, which is near the Jackrabbit Road entrance to the park – look for the balloons! If the Jackrabbit Road lot is full, there is a parking lot that can be entered from the Chaparral Road side of the park. Event starts at Noon. Lunch and water will be provided.

Program will begin around 12:45pm, followed by a one-mile, optional walk around the lake. There will be a DJ, photo booth, face painter, balloon artist, lawn games, an ice cream truck, and more!

Visit the sponsor tents and get ready for a fun raffle.

CATS along with TCI is proud to support this foundation that saves lives and improves the quality of life for people affected by this syndrome and related conditions. If you are interested in participating in this event, please call Mary Elemen @ 929-795-6555 or email @ elemen5555@sbcglobal.net.

CATS Prospect Picnic Event

Saturday, April 5, 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Paiute Park Ramada – Scottsdale

CATS will be hosting the annual Prospect Picnic event in Scottsdale. Watch for more info. Directions: Enter the park from 66 St, just south of Osborn Road. Osborn Road is south of Indian School Road. Follow blue signs to the parking lot area.

