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TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...

TCI Elections: Get Involved and Help Shape the Future

Hello everyone,

In this edition, I'd like to share some important information about the upcoming elections for TCI offices.

Each year, TCI holds elections for half of the positions on our Executive Board, as outlined in our bylaws (Section 6.1). All officers serve two-year terms. In 2025—an odd-numbered year—the following positions will be up for election:

- Vice President/Membership
- Finance Officer
- Secretary
- Miss TI Coordinator
- Alternate Treasurer

Let's take a moment to walk through what each role involves:

Vice President/Membership

This person maintains our membership records, works with clubs to gather membership and officer rosters, and partners with the Treasurer to track dues from clubs and Members-at-Large. They also review and process applications for Member-at-Large membership.

Finance Officer

The Finance Officer oversees TCI's budget—creating, monitoring, and ensuring our financial activity aligns with organizational goals. This role works closely with the Treasurer to maintain accurate and up-to-date records and evaluate necessary expenses and income.

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Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for documenting Executive Board and Delegate meetings, posting approved minutes to the website, and updating the bylaws as needed. Clear communication and attention to detail are key in this role.



Miss TI Coordinator

While we won't have a Miss TI this year, this role presents a meaningful opportunity to reimagine the program. I'd love for the new Coordinator to explore fresh ideas or revisit past approaches to create a version of Miss TI that resonates with today's members and carries us forward.

Alternate Treasurer

This person should have financial experience and be prepared to step in for the Treasurer if needed. They also conduct audits of convention financial records, which means they may serve on a convention committee and audit their own committee's books.

These are the offices that will officially be on the ballot at this year's convention. However, if any current board members choose to step down, additional positions may open up—so stay tuned.

Interested in getting more involved? This is a great opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to TCI. If you're curious about any of these positions or thinking about running, I'd love to talk with you. Just send me an email.

Club Delegates – We Need Your Forms

I also need your club's Delegate designation forms. You can find the form on tall.org and submit it to me no later than June 10, 2025. I'll be sending out reminders soon.

In the meantime, I encourage you to stay active with your club—plan events, connect with fellow members, and enjoy being tall! Looking forward to seeing you all in Grand Rapids!

Highest Regards!

Bob Huggett

TCI President 2022-26

TCIpresBob@gmail.com



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YOUR TCI EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICERS



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NY Central Tall Society (TCI Prospect Club)
Sacramento Tall Club



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High Cincinnatians



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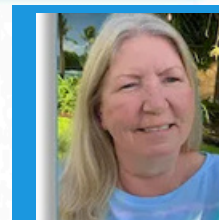
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MESSAGE FROM TCI ALT EXEC OFFICER

To: All TCI Clubs and Affiliates



Nominations are now open for TCI Merit Awards for 2024/2025. The purpose of the Merit Award is to acknowledge members of your club who have gone the extra mile to support your club and/or TCI. Nominations must be submitted by 6/15/25.

As defined in the TCI Bylaws, Section 8.1H, "Up to twelve (12) Merit Awards shall be presented annually to individuals in TCI. Each Club can submit two (2) nominees from its membership, and the Executive Board may nominate two (2) additional candidates from throughout TCI, including MALs. Nomination forms and instructions should be available for download from the Members section of Tall.org at least four (4) months prior to the annual Convention. A Merit Award recipient can receive additional Merit Awards. However, they shall not be given to the same recipient in consecutive years. The Alternate Executive Officer shall be responsible to purchase the awards.

A fillable copy of the nomination form is included on the next page. Complete the form, either on-line or by hard copy, and include detailed information about the candidate. In order to give fair assessment to each individual, it is essential to include dates and a descriptions of leadership positions held and events credited to the member. In addition, do not reveal the identity of your nominee on this form— as recipients are selected anonymously! Place the name in a separate, sealed envelope with the name of your club on the outside, and staple it to the nomination sheet.

Nominations must be submitted, via e-mail or mailed to the address below, no later than June 15, 2025:

Shirleen Murphy
TCI Alternative Executive Officer
8700 Hummingbird Ave.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
e-mail: smmcnamee@earthlink.net

If you have any questions, please not hesitate to contact me at 714-608-7780.

Thanks
Shirleen Murphy
TCI Alternative Executive Officer



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Please submit this form, either by e-mail or hard copy to Shirleen Murphy, TCI Alternate Executive Officer. E-Mail: smmcnamee@earthlink.net or 8700 Hummingbird Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Merit Award Nomination Form

Complete and send to TCI Alternate Executive Officer by date indicated on Officer Contact Info & Official TCI Business Forms page of tall.org.

Each club can submit two nominees from its membership. (Use separate forms for each nomination.) A previous Merit Award recipient is eligible to receive additional Merit Awards, however, not in consecutive years. Please include detailed information about the candidate. In order to give fair assessment to each individual, it is essential to include dates and a descriptions of leadership positions held and events credited to the member. This detailed information will help the selection committee better understand and appreciate each individual's contributions to both the local club and to TCI.

Do not reveal the identity of your nominee on this form—recipients are selected anonymously! Place the name in a separate, sealed envelope with the name of your club on the outside, and staple it to the nomination sheet.

Years as a member in local club: _____ Years as a member in TCI: _____

Offices held in local club:

Accomplishments in local club within the last 2 years:

Accomplishments in previous years:

Offices held in TCI:

Accomplishments in TCI:

Please write a detailed explanation of why your club feels this member should receive a TCI Merit Award on the back of this nomination form.



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Hi All,

At this year's convention in Grand Rapids, the TCI Foundation will return to our tradition of having a scholarship fundraiser auction. There will be a live auction for higher demand items such as bottles of alcohol, club weekend packages, etc. At the same time we will have a silent auction with bidding sheets for the lower demand items such as gift cards.

Individuals or clubs wishing to donate, please provide a description of the item, the retail value, and your suggested minimum bid to Sheila Koster at bskoster@aol.com by June 1 and bring your items to convention with you. Please provide the item to me, Marie Austin, by Monday, the first day of convention. If you need to ship something please send me an email at marie.austin999@gmail.com to arrange. I highly recommend items like gift cards, club weekend packages, timeshare trades, etc. that are easily packed in a carryon bag. (Suggested retail value \$50 and up.)

Additionally, the ever popular split the pot raffle will be held once again.

See you at convention!

Marie Austin
TCI Foundation Chair





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EVENTS





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Paramount Tall Club of Chicago Membership Picnic



Saturday June 7, 2025

Noon—5:00pm

Busse Woods / Ned Brown Meadow Forest Preserve, Grove #17
enter on Higgins Road between Arlington Heights Road and Route 53
Elk Grove Village, IL

Look for the Balloons and Tall Signs



Please bring a side dish to pass!
Hot off the Grill Hours 12:30 to 2:00

**FREE to Paramount Tall Club and Probationary Members
who have paid Dues.**

Guests and Non-members:

Adults 21 years or older \$10
Teens and Young Adults 13—20 ... \$5
Children 12 and younger ... no charge

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Soda, Beer and Water will be provided.
Raffle for Scholarship Fund

To ensure we have enough food and drink,
please RSVP by Wednesday May 28th to
tallclubchicago@yahoo.com



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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.

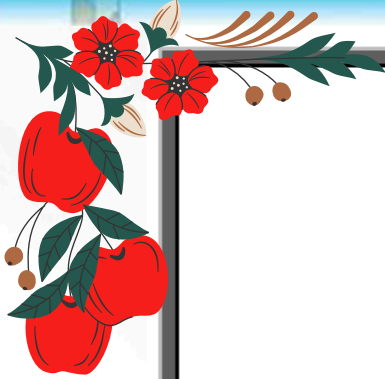
Sunday July 6

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



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Apple Picking Party & Concert



Big Bob's 43rd Annual

Saturday – August 2, 2025

Gates open 2 PM | Band starts: 3 PM

Don't miss one of Big Bob & Redwood Empire's most popular events for his Tall and "Dance Tribe" friends from throughout Northern California, and beyond!

For the fifth year in a row, we are having a live band. This year's band is the **Sonoma Shakers**. Last year we had approximately 150 guests at the event, and a great time was had by all!

THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE, BUT PLEASE BRING SOME CASH, AND BE GENEROUS IN TIPPING THE BAND.

Swimming Pool | Darts | Pool Table | Fun | Shaded/carpeted dance floor |
Music and of course if you would like to have some to take home:

Apple Picking

Bring your Swimsuit & Towel. Wear Comfortable Shoes for dancing & walking in the apple orchard.
BRING your lawn chair, blanket, umbrella, drinks, etc. for sitting in the apple orchard.

POTLUCK DINNER: Bring something to share (salad, dessert, hors d'oeuvres, main dish), whatever you want to drink and anything you might want to grill. 2 BBQs available.

Bring your own everything (plates, cups, utensils).
(usually someone volunteers to help with grilling, if needed).

Everyone is welcome to hang around for bonfires on the patio in the evening for lighter music and conversation. Plenty of room for overnight guests (plan to volunteer).

Let Bob know in advance at the number below.

Bring bedding, your favorite pillow, your RV, or even a tent, if you like to camp.

LOCATION: At Bob Hirsch's Home (Big Bob's Fun Ranch)

RSVP REQUIRED: bigbobsfunranch@gmail.com

RSVP with first and last name of all in your group.

1055 Montgomery Road, Sebastopol, CA. 95472

(3 miles west of Main Street, .8 mile off Bodega Highway)

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED TO HELP WITH THE PARTY: CALL 707-483-6228 (Bob's cell/text).

Every guest must RSVP with FIRST & LAST name to bigbobsfunranch@gmail.com





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Tall Club Reunion (10th Annual)

August 23, 2025



LOCATION:

16912 North Pacific Avenue (between 9th & 10th Streets)
Sunset Beach, CA 90742

This is my family's beach cottage built in 1907 and one of the early Tip Toppers' stomping grounds including founder Kae Sumner Einfeldt. My mother, Lucile Poor (one of the original 9 Tip Toppers) met my father, John Q. Long, in the Tall Club at a Sunset Beach party and honeymooned here too. We recently had the famous artist, Melissa Murals, paint the porch furniture and gates. It's beautiful! A must-see.

Arrivals begin at 11 AM and BBQ will start at approximately 1 PM

Please bring the normal beach accoutrements (swimsuit, sunblock, hat, sunglasses, boogie board, towels, beach chair, ice chest, change of clothes). We have extras of most of these things, if you can't bring them. We will have pop-up tents set up on the green belt and in front of the house. **NOTE:** There is a 7-11 and a liquor store ½ block away.

This is an **RSVP** event since we will provide hamburgers with the fixin's for the low cost of \$5 per person. We are asking you to bring a dish to share and whatever beverage you want to drink

Parking: Don't worry about parking. If necessary, park near Peter's Landing. A volunteer shuttle will take you to and from Peter's Landing to the Beach House.

IT'S TIME TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN!!!

Please RSVP after JUNE 15th and no later than AUGUST 16th as we will be travelling.

RSVP required directly to Gail & Levi Swift

Call or Text 415-847-4775

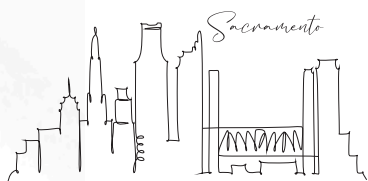
Email: gail@swifthomes.com





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Sacramento Tall Club Event

The Great Reno Balloon Races

Friday, September 5—Sunday, September 7, 2025



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 for the 66th annual International Camel & Ostrich Races. This hilarious and family-favorite tradition started as a prank between two newspaper editors, and 66 years later it remains as silly and fun as its origin.

The Races bring laughs for all as jockeys, both professional and amateur, race their camels, ostriches and zebras around the horseshoe track to the roars of the crowd. It's a comical racing spectacle guaranteed to leave the entire group laughing.

Go early or stay late and explore Virginia City, an historic mining town with shops, restaurants, saloons, and live music on Friday nights.

Here is the link for more information about tickets, transportation, parking, etc.:
<https://visitvirginiacitynv.com/events/international-camel-ostrich-races-virginia-city/>

Saturday & Sunday we will participate in The Great Reno Balloon Race, the world's largest FREE hot-air ballooning event. Be prepared for a very early morning and bring your picnic blanket & basket, lawn chairs, flashlight, and warm clothing, etc. Food vendors are available.

For more information, check out their website - <https://renoballoon.com>.

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
6:45 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



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

Rooms are currently available at a rate of \$148 a night + resort fees for either a King Room or Rooms with 2 queen beds. Check your favorite hotel booking site for the best going rate. I would advise that you book rooms ASAP to guarantee availability.

Group meals, events & transportation will be arranged on site. Contact Carla Munt if you are interested in attending at vicepresident@sacramentotallclub.org or by phone at 916-365-5601.





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OTHER 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.

Promote your event here!

