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TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...

Happy New Year... in TCI terms anyway. September means an officer and fiscal new year for TCI. A new budget will be in place soon, officers will be seated, and we look forward to another 12 months of Tall Doins's.

I'm looking forward to this coming year. I'm hoping that each club is preparing their calendars with plenty of events and activities to get their clubs active.

I was recently given a 2005 weekend t-shirt that lists 61 TCI clubs. We are now at 33 clubs. That is loss of 28 clubs in 25 years. This is unsustainable for us to be a viable organization.

- I am hoping that we get a few more weekends/gatherings this year.
- I am hoping that the people that have expressed new club interest will move forward with their intentions.
- I am hoping that a 2026 convention will come together.
- I am hoping that your club will grow and be super active.
- I am hoping that the prospect club that Patty and I are organizing (Central New York Tall Society) will come together.
- I am hoping that I will see and meet many new Tall People at the TCI and club events that I am able to attend.

That's a lot of hoping, don't you think?



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- Will you help make these things happen?
- What will be your part?
- How many tall people have you met lately?

Have you talked to them about your excitement for Tall Clubs?

- Have you invited them to a tall event?
- Do you even have a tall event on the calendar?



The future of TCI belongs to each of us. Kae started this great organization 87 years ago and I want to see the membership start to grow again.

I want to hear from you. My email is open 24 hours a day.

Highest Regards

Bob Huggett

TCI President 2022-2026

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COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

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

Please email: TCICommunications@tall.org

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Reflections on the TCI 2025 Convention

Our TCI 2025 Convention has come to a close, and I must commend the Convention team for transforming a simple concept into a truly enjoyable experience for everyone involved. The essence of small-town USA blossomed as we arrived in Grand Haven, Michigan. A welcoming atmosphere greeted us as we disembarked from the bus, with a portion of the town set aside and closed off to traffic for the enjoyment of both shoppers and locals. We even had the choice to unwind or partake in a friendly game of cornhole, with several boards conveniently placed right in the middle of the street.

Charming boutiques and delightful eateries adorned both sides of this picturesque town, and I must mention the ice cream shop—it was absolutely fantastic! A few of us even discovered one of the finest bourbon bars in the area, where they craft their own bourbon and other spirits, specializing in innovative blends. After a few inquiries about their offerings, we eagerly dove into a tasting session. I can confidently say this place was a hit for mixed drinks and exceptional service.

This experience serves as a testament that with just a single idea and a group of committed individuals, anything is achievable—whether it's a day out, a weekend adventure, or a convention. So, don't let uncertainty hold you back. If you seek guidance, those who previously led the TCI events calendar are more than willing to provide advice and support to ensure your endeavors are successful.

Let's remember that TCI is your club. It flourishes based on your contributions. Someone is waiting for you to reach out for their help, ideas, or guidance. Let's not hesitate to propel this organization forward, as there are still countless experiences to relish and places to explore.

Your communications team is always here to share your ideas, events, and any thoughts you may have regarding TCI. After all, WE ALL ARE THE TALL CLUB INTERNATIONAL! So, let's unleash those ideas. Connect with fellow club members or others; together, let's see where 2026 and beyond will lead us on this wonderful journey with our extended family.

Until next month,
John L. Waltman
Communications Officer





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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE VP / PUBLICITY

Publicity is essential for any organization and crucial for our growth. We recently had two publicity opportunities in Grand Rapids, MI, which generated a lot of excitement. If you missed them, you can find the links below. They are also available on tall.org in the "Tall Clubs in the News" section.

There's a Tall Club? Yes, and it's in West Michigan this week by WOOD TV in Grand Rapids. See the complete story and watch the video taken at Convention 2025.

[Some of the world's tallest people gather in West Michigan for convention](#)

Ellen Bayer speaks with News 8's Brittany Flowers while visiting Grand Haven with The Tall Clubs International convention on July 2, 2025.



[From WGVU is a radio interview](#)

with talk with those President Bob Huggett, Kristen Gallagher, and Patricia Radloff.



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Tall Topix 2025

Were you present at the 2025 TCI Convention?

Did you capture any photos?

Do you have an interesting story to share?

Would you be open to writing about your convention experience?



If you answered YES to any of these questions, please send your photos, stories, or memories for potential inclusion in the 2025 Tall Topix.

All images & write ups should be directed to Anna Rowen at **anna.rowen@live.com**

By submitting your photos and write-ups, you grant permission for their use in the publication.

What is Tall Topix?

Tall Topix serves as a “yearbook” for the convention, capturing cherished memories, sharing stories, and much more! If you were a full-time attendee, you will automatically receive a copy in the mail once it is completed



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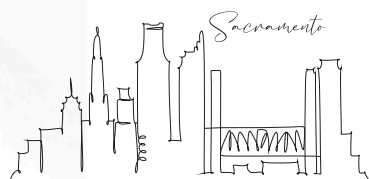
EVENTS





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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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2026
Chicago

Cheers to 80 Years!

1946 - 2026

Celebrate Paramount Tall Club of Chicago

January 29 - February 1, 2026

Hotel Information:
Marriott SpringHill Suites
Chicago O'Hare
8101 W Higgins Rd.
Chicago, IL
773-867-0000

\$122 per room per night
Rate: 1-4 people
Includes Breakfast
Free O'Hare Shuttle
Free Parking
Pool

Room Block Available
until Jan. 15, 2026
[SpringHill Marriott](#)
Reference
Paramount Tall Club

**Celebrating Paramount Tall Club
Weekend Themes**
Choose your costume from
weekends past!

Weekend Package Pricing:
\$120 postmarked by Dec 8, 2025
\$130 postmarked by Jan 8, 2026
\$140 postmarked after Jan 8, 2026

****Pay before Dec 8, 2025
to be eligible to win a
FREE weekend package****

Thursday Night:
Activity to be Decided

Friday Night: Costume Party
Open Bar
Music & Dancing
Afterhours Food & Drinks

Saturday Night:
Semi-Formal
Cocktail Hour, Photos
Buffet Dinner, Open Bar
Music & Dancing
Afterhours Food & Drinks

Bring CASH for Raffle

2026 Weekend Chair: Barbara Smith – Chicagotallweekend@gmail.com

www.tallclubchicago.org

Registration Chair: Jim Nelson – jnelson1225@cs.com 847-421-2049

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. Please make checks payable to *Paramount Tall Club of Chicago*.

Name(s): _____

O Full Pkg Deposit: \$70

O Thurs. Night Dep. \$30

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Do you require a Vegetarian Dinner? Y or N _____

Club Name: _____





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2026
Chicago

PARAMOUNT TALL CLUB of CHICAGO

PAST WEEKENDS

Choose from one of our many past
weekends for
your Friday Night Costume!!

YEAR	THEME
1958	Annual Birthday Ball Weekend
1959	Happy Holiday Weekend
1960	Weekend in Chicago
1961	Key Club Weekend
1962	The Chicago Splash
1963	Roman Holiday
1964	Mardi Gras
1965	Valentine's Weekend
1966	Big Top Weekend
1967	The Pajamas Game
1968	South Pacific Weekend
1969	Psychedelic '69 or (LSD I Love You)
1970	Spirited 70's
1971	Paramount Second Roman Orgy Weekend
1972	Weekend Funnies
1973	Nifty Fifties
1974	Wild World of Waffles
1975	Tall Fantasies
1976	Play It Again Sam ' 76
1977	Plant Your Toes in Chicago
1978	Down on the Funny Farm
1979	Weathering Height's
1980	Mardi Gras
1981	Being Tall is All Part of Growing Up
1982	Eskimo Rendezvous
1983	Treasure Chest Island
1984	Paramount's Gangster Getaway
1985	How the West was Fun
1986	Forty Years of Funnies
1987	Safari; Weekend in the Wild
1988	Animal House
1989	M*A*S*H

YEAR	THEME
1990	Paramount Strikes Back
1991	S.S. Paramount
1992	Frontier Days in the Wild, Wild Midwest
1993	Paramount Athletic Club Playoff
1994	20,000 Leagues Under the Lake
1995	High Jinks with the Sphinx
1996	50 Years of Tallevision
1997	M*A*S*H Reunion
1998	Paramount Paradise
1999	Chicago Tall Toon
2000	Blast From the Past
2001	Paramount Goes Hollywood
2002	Black & White
2003	Signs of the Times
2004	Super Commercial Weekend
2005	Fantasy on an Island
2006	60 Years Diamond Anniversary Weekend
2007	Get Your Kicks on Route 66
2008	Live from Chicago it's Saturday Night
2010	TALL-zan of the Jungle
2011	Tall Times at Paramount High
2012	Club Paramount Casino Weekend
2013	Games People Play
2014	Crazy in Chicago Head to Toe
2016	Mardi Gras DeLuXX
2017	Super Hero & Villains
2018	I Wanna Be in the Movies Paramount
2019	Camp Paramount
2020	Roaring 20's
2022	Celebration Holiday Weekend
2023	Mermaids and Other Tall Tales
2025	1960's Sitcoms - Laughter Guaranteed



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Central Arizona Tall Society Presents...



FLIP FLOPS & TALL TOPS

ARIZONA CHILL FEST

Where the shorts are short
and the legs are long!



April 30, 2026 - May 3, 2026

CATS invites you to a "chill fest" gathering where you can do as little as you want or as much as you can handle.

OUR HOTEL

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Phoenix - Glendale Sports District.
9310 W Cabela Drive, Glendale, Arizona, United States

\$139 for two doubles or a king

\$149 for a king suite (limited number available)

includes breakfast & free parking

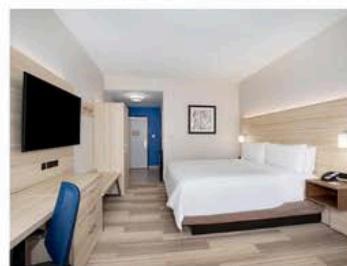
Room rate valid for two days before and two days after!

24-hour cancellation policy

Block held until March 30, 2026.

[CLICK HERE >](#)

[Phoenix Hotel Booking Link](#)



TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday Group Event @ PopStroke Glendale | Eat. Putt. Drink.

Mini Golf, Full-Service Restaurant, Ice Cream Parlor, Rooftop Bar and more!

Saturday Afternoon we'll head to [Glendale - Chicken N Pickle](#)

An indoor/outdoor entertainment complex that includes a casual, chef-driven restaurant and sports bar that boasts pickleball courts, a variety of yard games (think cornhole, ping pong and more) and enough space to kick back and relax with your favorite peeps.

Saturday Night: BBQ / location TBD

THINGS TO DO

[Desert Diamond Casinos - West Valley](#)

[Westgate Entertainment District - Where Fun Happens](#)

YOUR HOSTS

Ellen Bayer: ebratpack3@gmail.com

Mary Elemen: elemen5555@sbcglobal.com



Please email your hosts if you intend to go.
Headcounts are needed for planning purposes





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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!

