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TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...



TCI Update: New Year and Exciting Developments

As we welcome the new year at TCI and transition from summer to fall, I have closed our swimming pool for the winter. The leaves are beginning to change, and the weather has been lovely here in Central NY. Additionally, we have a new board in place.

New Beginnings in Central New York

As many of you may know, Patty and I have relocated to Syracuse, NY—grandkids are the reason! We are eager to establish a new club in Central New York. I've also received interest from others wishing to start clubs in their areas. Several board members are collaborating on a presentation focused on new club development, and I aim to organize a Zoom meeting for both new and existing club development. I will announce a date for discussion in the coming weeks.

Zoom Meeting Platform Availability

Speaking of Zoom, I want to remind everyone that TCI holds a license for the online meeting platform. If your club needs access to the TCI account, please reach out to me, and I will help you set up for your event.

Upcoming Convention Plans

Many of you have inquired, "Will we have a convention in 2026?" I certainly hope so! The Timberline Tall Club of Denver is working on plans for a convention, likely moving to September to secure reasonable rates. They have an exciting array of activities in the works, so let's hope everything falls into place!

Looking Ahead to 2027

Is anyone considering plans for 2027? That year marks the 79th anniversary of Tall Clubs. Please let me know if you're interested!



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The Future of the Miss TI Program

Another important topic for the new year is defining the future of the Miss TI program. I hope you will support Mary Elemen, our new Miss TI Coordinator, as she takes on this responsibility.

As I always say, let's get our clubs active! Plan events, participate in activities, distribute business cards, and engage in conversations about tall clubs with fellow tall individuals. Together, we can attract new members, stand tall, and reignite excitement within our organization.

Warm regards,
Bob Huggett
TCI President, 2022-2026
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Email open 24/7





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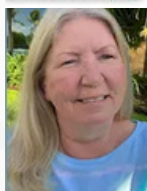
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COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE



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

Please email: TCICommunications@tall.org

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Embracing the Changing Seasons and Upcoming Gatherings

As the seasons shift, the anticipation of gatherings and weekends is gradually taking a turn for the better. While some plans remain under wraps, their outlook is undoubtedly promising. People are starting to understand that if a traditional weekend isn't feasible, a gathering can still be a wonderful alternative.

Fall Brings New Opportunities

Fall unveils a variety of delightful activities, including:

- Hayrides
- Corn mazes
- Train rides showcasing autumn colors
- Charming small-town explorations
- Visits to local wineries



If you're uncertain about how to proceed, reach out to those who have successfully organized similar events in the past. A simple call, text, or message can help guide you on the right path to planning a successful gathering. Recently, many events have required little to no planning—just securing a hotel, a venue, and compiling a list of local attractions. Don't hesitate to consult the chamber of commerce or search online for information. Consider selecting a spot for a lovely dinner one evening as well.

The Potential is Limitless

Exciting opportunities are waiting to unfold, so don't hesitate to take the plunge. With thoughtful planning and promotion, people will show up. The success of the last two years' gatherings stands as a testament to this reality. After all your hard work in organizing the event, remember to utilize ****TALKIN TALL**** for free publicity, allowing the entire club to see your efforts. It has proven to be an effective advertising method in the past, and we look forward to an exciting future for T.C.I.

Lastly, you may have noticed that this issue is themed around "October," following the previous one from "August." We've opted to align our issues with the upcoming month, so with this edition being released at the end of September, it's designed for the month ahead and beyond.

Until next time,
John Waltman
Communication Officer



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Tall Clubs International Foundation

Guiding All to Greater Heights!



Over the past several years the TCI Foundation has been working hard to expand our scholarship coverage area so all tall applicants in the U.S. and Canada have an equal opportunity to receive a scholarship. Several of the local clubs have participated in the scholarship program for years, but there have also been large areas with no coverage. To help resolve this issue, we started recruiting MALs a few years ago to help cover the unrepresented areas. Additionally, some clubs have taken on the role of proxy for clubs near them that currently don't formally participate in the scholarship program. For example Boston, in addition to covering its own area of the majority of New England states, also is the proxy for the Southern Connecticut club. There are also multiple instances of individual foundation board members picking up an unrepresented region personally. For example, I personally picked up New Jersey for 2025. At the same time we are aware that non-participating local clubs may be missing out on PR opportunities resulting from the scholarship program.

In an effort to get us all on the same page and working together instead of the Foundation just making arbitrary decisions, we are requesting that clubs without their own scholarship chair, register a proxy club or individual with the Foundation to submit scholarship candidates on their behalf. The plan is that by formalizing this better so everybody knows who is doing what for whom, there will be better communications that allow even those clubs that do NOT have a scholarship chair to be able to get the benefit of students in their area being able to apply for a tall scholarship and perhaps get some good PR as well.

If you need assistance finding an available club, or qualified individual to be your scholarship proxy, please contact Lynda Lowin at tcifscholarship@gmail.com or myself at marie.austin999@gmail.com.

Additionally, we've had some members of the Foundation board hit their term limits. If you would like to help fill some of the holes, let me know and we can discuss where you could be the most help in with your current skill set. The most crucial at the moment is Secretary, to take minutes of the board meetings. Our current secretary is moving up to Vice-Chair.

Marie Austin
TCI Foundation Chair





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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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EVENT**S**





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BBTC ANNIVERSARY DINNER, HALLOWEEN PARTY & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Saturday, October 11, 2025

6 PM at Donahue's Bar & Grill
87 Bigelow Ave, Watertown, MA

RSVP by Sunday, October 6th to Jon Bjornson by
emailing: bjornsonj@yahoo.com

6 pm: Cocktails

6:15: Dinner (order from menu at own expense)

7 pm: Auction

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please send the details of your
donated item or service to Jon at the
email address listed above.

Donation ideas include:

- Hosting a backyard BBQ
- Hosting a chocolate party

Donating an item such as wine or
scotch

- Tech assistance
- Handyman services

The ideas are endless

Parking is only on the street.
However, a short block away from
Donahue's is angled parking on
Nicols Avenue. Across the street
is also a bank parking lot.



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Chicago 2026

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
PTCPTCA for a King Room
PTCPTCB for 2 Queen Room

**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): _____

☐ Full Pkg Deposit: \$70
☐ 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 |
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| 2020 | Roaring 20's |
| 2022 | Celebration Holiday Weekend |
| 2023 | Mermaids and Other Tall Tales |
| 2025 | 1960's Sitcoms - Laughter Guaranteed |



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2026

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

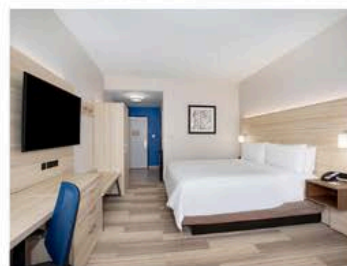
Room rate valid for two days before and two days after!

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!

