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TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WWW.TALL.ORG

DECEMBER 2025

The Prez Sez for December 2025: Holiday Edition



Let's get excited! Last month, a group of TCI members gathered in New York City for a "Tall Tours" meetup. The event boasted over 1,000 tall individuals in attendance. While not everyone met the TCI height minimums, many were, and we made the most of our time by conversing with as many people as our voices would allow. We handed out around 400 TC NYC and TCI business cards. The atmosphere was electric, and the energy was palpable. For more details and pictures, be sure to check out our Facebook posts and the following page.

The "Tall Tour" will be hosting events in Charleston, Charlotte, Greenville, Miami, and Orlando over the next two months. These events are free, so come out, enjoy yourself, and consider recruiting for TCI or your local club. If you'd like to discuss this with me, feel free to email.

As a result of our efforts, we are noticing a significant increase in inquiries to tall.org and individual tall club websites. Many of these inquiries are from those younger than most of the current TCI membership, which is exactly what we need for TCI to continue for years to come. Last month, I encouraged you to review several elements, as each club must be ready to engage new and younger members.

I hope you have taken the time to check and update your club's information on tall.org. If potential members are looking for you, it's essential to ensure they can find you. Additionally, make sure to have events planned that they can be invited to.

During this holiday season, I wish you peace and joy in all your endeavors. Take a moment to be a blessing to someone in need, whether by helping a charity or contributing to a kettle or donation basket.

As we approach our second winter in Central New York, we can anticipate another white Christmas, chilly weather, holiday cheer, and cozy hot beverages. Patty and I wish you all the best this holiday season!

Highest Regards!

Bob Huggett, TCI President 2022-26
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L to R: Patty Huggett, Jennifer Marozas Boyce, Tyler Bergantino, Tall Tour Host, Kristen Carlson Gallagher and Bob Huggett



Barry Hanold and Patty Huggett

Bob Huggett, Renee Leib, Barry Hanold, Linda Kamphausen, Kristen Carlson Gallagher



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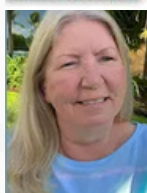
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COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

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

Please email: TCICommunications@tall.org

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Seasonal Updates and Upcoming Events



The seasons are shifting, and so is the weather. It seems to be that time of year again when we can start to hibernate. Don't let this be a reason to postpone your travel plans to Chicago from January 29th to February 1st. Make those reservations as soon as possible to secure the best rates. Just when you think the warmth is finally arriving, you can look forward to heading to Phoenix from April 30th to May 3rd, 2026. This trip will offer various dining and entertainment options in the area.

As summer arrives, you might find yourself weary of the heat and humidity. Good news! There is talk of a late summer 2026 convention in Golden, Colorado! A recent gathering in Denver, with only 30 days of planning time, brought over 80 tall friends together. The organizing committee did a fantastic job with the hotel arrangements and activities!

Currently, there will not be a TCI board meeting in December; however, this may change if we need to vote on proposals for the Colorado Convention. The TCI Board wishes our entire Tall family a very happy and safe Thanksgiving, whether at home or traveling. Keep your loved ones in your thoughts, and for those facing health or family challenges, we are keeping you in our prayers.

This year has been quite eventful for me personally, a mix of relaxation and stress. However, having the support of the TCI family has lightened the load. The time spent at weekend gatherings and conventions has helped me reconnect, and I owe that to all of you.

These experiences are what define the TCI family. You don't have to see someone daily to maintain a close and trusting relationship. My close friends know who they are and how much you mean to me. This is the legacy of TCI—let's keep it GOING and GROWING!

Until next time,
John Waltman
Communication Officer



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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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EVENTS





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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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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 Tallelevision
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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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

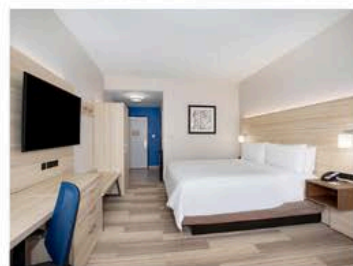
Room rate valid for two days before and two days after!

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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While the plans are still in the works we are hopeful that the 2026 TCI CONVENTION will be held in Golden, Colorado!

More information to come as soon as it's available.
(please don't book flights just yet as it's still pending)



AUGUST 31, 2026 -
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026





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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!

