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HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Looking ahead, 2026 is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting year:

- The Winter Olympics in Italy
- The European Tall Club Convention
- The FIFA World Cup in the United States
- The USA's 250th birthday celebration
- And Tall Clubs International turns 88 years old



I am also hoping to announce the formation of new TCI Tall Clubs that truly represent the Next Generation. As many of you have seen, a number of us are actively engaging on social media across several "Tall People" platforms. We've attended Tall Tours events, connected with new faces, and are working to turn that visibility into meaningful engagement with younger tall people.

The youth are our future. If TCI is to continue, embracing this next generation is essential.

I ask each club to take an honest look at itself and consider where it is headed. I am aware that some clubs exist in name only, and that must change. We need to be active, visible, and responsive. I continue to receive notices from individuals who reach out to clubs and receive no response. That is simply unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as an organization.

For those already embracing social media, please stay active on platforms that cater to tall individuals. Share contact information, invite people to meetings, and encourage them to join existing clubs or even start new ones where appropriate.



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Before closing, I want to share some hopeful news regarding the 2026 Convention. Two groups are currently working on proposals. While I'm not sharing details just yet, if both plans are viable, we will select one for 2026 and hopefully have another ready for 2027. And don't forget, 2028 marks the 90th anniversary of Tall Clubs International. Where will we celebrate such a milestone?

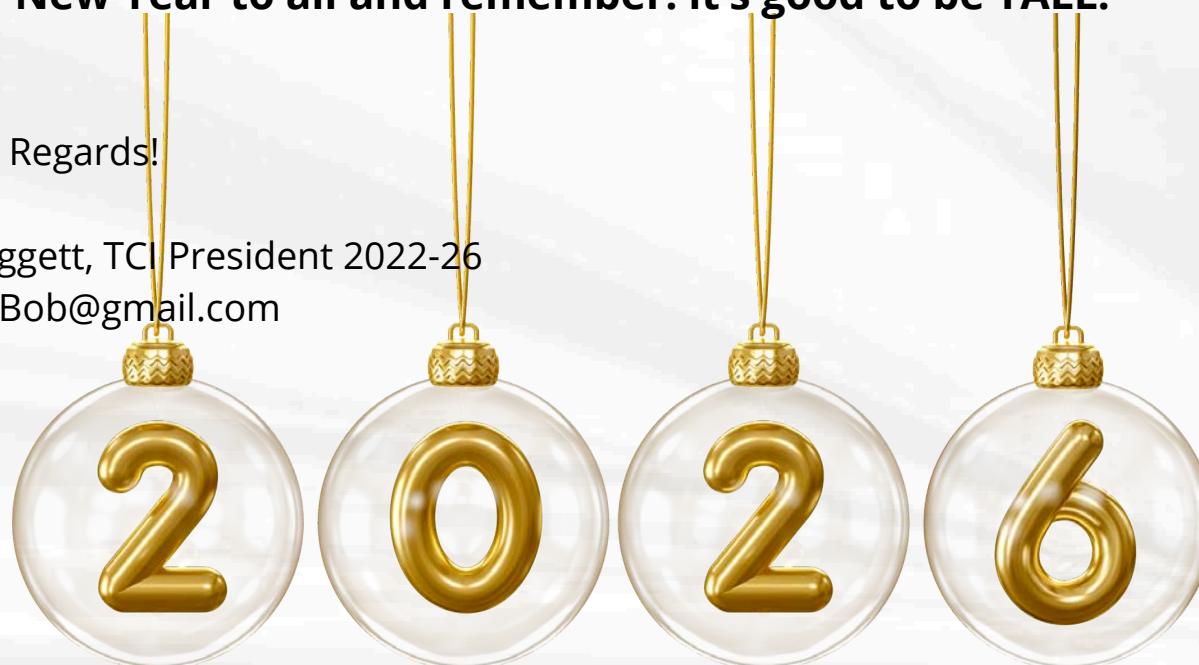


Finally, a reminder that TCI Member Club and Member-at-large dues are now due. If you have any questions, please contact Oliver at TCITreasurer@tall.org. We are also now accepting payments through Zelle—reach out to Oliver for details.

Happy New Year to all and remember: it's good to be TALL.

Highest Regards!

Bob Huggett, TCI President 2022-26
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COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Can you believe it's almost 2026? Time truly flies. It feels like just the other week that I joined the Baltimore Tall Club and attended my very first weekend in Rochester, New York, in 1997. Since then, I've been fortunate to attend many weekends and gatherings across the United States, and I have so much to be thankful for because of it.

Along the way, I've met and connected with thousands of members. I've built friendships that have stood the test of time and challenges, shared phone calls just to catch up, received postcards from members while they travel, and welcomed friends into my home—whether for a vacation or during a job search. TCI has truly been a life-altering experience for me, and I wouldn't change it for anything.

While TCI may be slowly shrinking, I continue to be inspired by the individuals who refuse to give up on this exceptional organization and who keep things moving forward. Gatherings have become a staple for many of us, and that's okay—as long as we continue to show up, stay engaged, and keep believing in what TCI represents.

That said, I do want to gently remind everyone that TCI isn't sustained by just a few people in leadership roles. Each of us plays a part in keeping this organization vibrant and alive. When responsibility is shared, ideas flourish—and that's how organizations like ours continue to grow and thrive.

If you have an idea, share it. If you need help bringing it to life, ask—there is a wealth of experience within our membership. Many of us have leaned on those who have organized conventions, weekends, and gatherings before us, and they are always willing to help. There are hundreds of combined years of knowledge within TCI, offered by members who stepped forward so others could enjoy meaningful experiences.

Perhaps now is a good time for all of us to reflect and ask how we can contribute in our own way. As JFK famously said but altered here a tad: **"Ask not what TCI can do for you—ask what YOU can do for TCI."**

May each and every member of our TCI family have a safe, joyful, and healthy New Year. I look forward to all that we can continue to build together.

john Waltman
TCI Communications 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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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
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. Please make checks payable to *Paramount Tall Club of Chicago*.

Full Pkg Deposit: \$70
 Thurs. Night Dep. \$30

Name(s): _____

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 Talllevision
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...

2026



FLIP FLOPS & TALL TOPS

\$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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70 years of KLM Nuremberg May 14th to May 16th, 2026



[European Convention Registration Link](#)

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Daytime - Chocolate Tasting

For those arriving early, we offer a chocolate tasting at Läderach at 12 noon. At the chocolate shop, we'll learn how to properly taste chocolate so that the full spectrum of aromas can be experienced.

We will be tasting different types of chocolate, and there will be drinks and a small giveaway.



Evening - Welcome evening at BOB'S Rock & Bowl

Welcome! We welcome you to BOB's Rock & Bowl Fürth. If you like, you can play bowling or enjoy delicious wood-fired pizzas, juicy burgers or pasta, and crisp salads. Of course, there's also plenty of time to chat and connect with each other.



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Friday, May 15, 2026

Full day - Day trip to Pottenstein

On Friday, we'll take the bus to Pottenstein in Franconian Switzerland. There, we'll visit the Devil's Cave and discover majestically large or delicate and intricate stalactite formations. We'll also see a complete cave bear skeleton. The tour through the cave has 400 steps, and the temperature inside is a constant 9°C.

Before or after, depending on the tour, we'll visit the Pottenstein Adventure Rock. There, we'll walk along the spectacular Skywalk and admire the Franconian Switzerland region from above. Those who wish can also ride the summer toboggan run (at their own expense). We'll also take a short 1.5 km hike.

In the evening we'll go to a brewery restaurant and enjoy the buffet. Drinks are at your own expense.

The bus will then take us back to Nuremberg.



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Registration soon at: <https://www.klub-langer-menschen.de/bg/nuernberg/70-jahrfeier.php>



Saturday, May 16, 2026

Daytime guided tours

We offer various guided tours, whether at the Bratwurst Museum, "History and Stories from Nuremberg," or a "City Walk: Nuremberg with and without the Castle and Gingerbread." There's something for everyone.



Evening - Party by the lake with DJ

To properly celebrate KLM Nuremberg's 70th anniversary, we're meeting for a party at Gutmann am Dutzendteich. You can choose your food there, and everyone pays for their own drinks. The DJ will be playing great party music, and there will also be a surprise.





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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!

