



Talkin' Tall

Tall Clubs International News



TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WWW.TALL.ORG

JUNE 2026

The Prez Sez....

June is Almost Here!

Life at Tall Clubs International becomes especially thrilling this time of year as we eagerly anticipate our upcoming convention.



TCI Convention

This year, the Tall Clubs International 2026 Convention will be held in Hollywood. Our convention committee has been diligently working to ensure we have the best experience possible. I hope you've completed your registration and hotel reservation and are ready to "Go West, Tall Person." While the translation may lack the drama of "young man," it's the best I can manage in today's context.

Delegate Meeting

To facilitate TCI business, we will hold our annual meeting with delegates. I need a delegate designation form from each club to ensure representation at this meeting. Club and delegate information will be shared by June 5.

TCI Needs You!!!

The TCI officer positions open for election this year include:

President – Oversee meetings and ensure TCI runs efficiently.

Executive Vice President/Publicity – The president's backup and handles publicity.

Communication Officer – Ensures our monthly publication "Talkin' Tall" is released.

Alternative Executive Officer – Audits annual finances and manages merit awards.

Treasurer – Handles payments and works closely with the Finance Officer.



Additional officer positions may arise if someone chooses not to continue their term. Please review the by-laws for general job descriptions, available in the members-only section on tall.org. Let me know if you need the password. Feel free to email me if you'd like to discuss an officer position.

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Business Cards in Your Pocket?

Recently, one of our members posted on Facebook, suggested that we should all carry Tall Club business cards to distribute to prospective members and interested individuals. I encourage all club members to have business cards from your local club. Personally, I always keep cards for both the Central New York Tall Society and TCI in my wallet, and I hope you do too. If you are a member at large, ensure you have TCI cards to share. Remember, YOU are our best advertisement! Step out of your comfort zone and engage with tall individuals around you. I still find it challenging at times. Just the other day, I spoke with a lady (5'8") who saw our CNY Tall Society group on Meetup, and she told a 6'0" woman in church that she should check us out. You never know where your next prospect may come from. Thank you, Eleanor, for reminding us of effective practices for growing our club and organization.



Summer is Here

Now is the time to make your summer plans! Be sure to invite your club or TCI members to your next big event. The TCI calendar (<https://tall.org/calendar/>) is looking sparse. Does anyone have an Independence Day event, summer splash/bash, club anniversary celebration, or big party? Share your information with our TCI family by submitting it to our webmaster, Dave, at webmaster@tall.org and with our communication officer at TCICommunications@tall.org to be included in future Talkin' Talls



As always, my email is open for your questions, comments, or anything else you'd like to share. I'd love to hear your plans and ideas for the Tall Club!

Highest Regards,

Bob Huggett
TCI President 2022-2026
TCIpresBob@gmail.com



COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

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

Please email: TCICommunications@tall.org

The email address used to SEND "Talkin' Tall" is **not** monitored for incoming emails and is only used to send the newsletter out.

Exciting Summer Adventures Await in TCI

Summer is just around the corner, and there's been plenty of travel across TCI already. Just a few weeks ago, The Arizona Club hosted its Spring Fling Gathering, attracting around 80 attendees from all over the U.S., including our Welsh friend Dai Reynolds. We also welcomed several newcomers who made the trek to join in on the fun and festivities.

Continued Success of Gatherings

Denver and Phoenix have shown that the GATHERINGS are here to stay. Both long weekends saw nearly 80 members come together for dinners, sightseeing, and camaraderie. While not the traditional weekend format, they were nonetheless successful. As we parted ways in Arizona, some members were even heading to the European Convention—what a fantastic way to spend a week of retirement!

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead, our next gathering will be the 2026 Convention in Hollywood, California. Once again, individuals and clubs have stepped up to provide entertainment, allowing you to explore the U.S. Don't miss the chance to visit some historical sites and venues in the area.

Shortly after the Convention, there will be additional opportunities to visit California. Various clubs are planning Anniversary weekends, and on August 1st, Bob Hirsch will host his Apple Pickin' Party and Concert. Be sure to check the flyer in Talkin' Tall for details!

Get Involved!

That's all for now. Remember, if you build it, they will come. Don't be just an attendee who complains—take the initiative and host something! It's everyone's responsibility to sponsor, plan, or organize an outing, gathering, or weekend event.

Until next month, travel safe and enjoy

John L Waltman
Communication Officer



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YOUR TCI EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICERS



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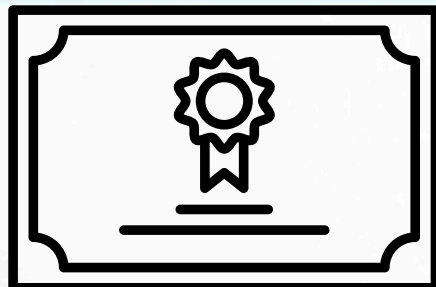


Kelli Lewis, Secretary
TCISecretary@tall.org
Member at Large



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MERIT AWARDS

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Nominations are now open for TCI Merit Awards for 2025/2026. The purpose of the Merit Award is to acknowledge members from your local club who have gone the extra mile in support your club. Involvement in TCI is not required and should only be a minor consideration for this award.

The TCI Executive Board has approved the 2026 TCI Convention will be held in Hollywood, California beginning August 3, 2026. Therefore, Merit Award Nominations will be **due by July 13, 2026.**

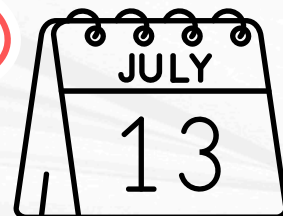
As defined in the TCI Bylaws, Section 8.2 A: Merit Awards – Up to twelve (12) Merit Awards may be presented annually to individuals in TCI. Each Member Club may submit two (2) nominees from its membership, and the Executive Board may nominate two (2) additional candidates from throughout TCI, including 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 for the purchase of the awards. **Merit awards should be primarily based upon the work and/or actions for Tall Awareness and/or involvement in their club or MAL activities.** TCI involvement may be a contributing minor factor.

Nominations for Members at Large (MAL's) may be nominated from a local club in their area or the Executive Board.

An on-line copy of the nomination form is 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 description 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, by the date to be established:

Shirleen Murphy
TCI Alternate 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 Alternate 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 July 13, 2026. Forms are available on tall.org.

Each club may 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 contributions/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. Involvement in TCI will only be considered as a minor factor.

**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:

Involvement in TCI:

Please write a detailed explanation of why your club feels this member should receive a TCI Merit Award:



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Hi All,

The Foundation has completed reviewing scholarship nominees provided by our dedicated coordinators - many thanks to all who assisted! The selections have been finalized and sent out to the coordinators and will be officially announced at convention as well as in a future edition of Talkin' Tall.

Meanwhile, the Foundation is coordinating with convention hosts to hold the annual scholarship fundraiser auction at this year's convention in Hollywood! The auction is scheduled to occur during the Casino Night event on Tuesday, 4 August. There will be a live auction for higher demand items such as bottles of premium alcohol, club weekend packages and other fantastic donations! At the same time we will have a silent auction with bidding sheets for all other donations such as gift cards, shirts, etc.

We are seeking your help with auction donations. 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 July 1, 2026. Please plan to bring your items to convention with you and provide them to either Sheila or Lynda Lowin on the first day of convention. If needed, donations may be mailed/shipped - please work details with Sheila as she is local to the area and will ensure they are brought to the convention. We highly recommend easy-to-carry items like gift cards, club weekend packages, timeshare trades, etc. that are easily packed in luggage for those traveling via air. (Suggested retail value of donation is \$50 and up.)

Additionally, the ever popular Split-the-Pot raffle will be held once again. We will sell raffle tickets during registration and Tuesday until we draw the winner - so bring you \$\$\$ to support the scholarship program!

Marie Austin
TCI Foundation Chair





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EVENETS





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Tall Club of Long Island Annual BBQ

Saturday, June 27, 2026

< Rain date June 28, 2026 >

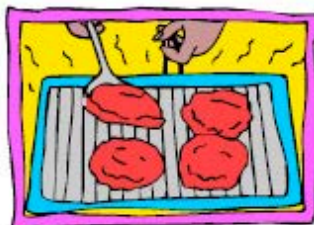
Hosts - Suri & Rob Brown - 30 Gloria Place, Plainview 11803

Time: 1:00PM in Plainview, NY

- ✓ This is a "Family Friendly" event.
- ✓ Members and Guests are invited to bring their children.
- ✓ Members and Guests are responsible for your child's behavior.

Cost: **\$ 5.00** **Children under 10**
 \$ TBD **Adults and Children 10 +**

- ✓ This is a BYOB event (Bring Your Own Beverage For YOU TO DRINK)
- ✓ We will supply all the fixings.
- ✓ Please bring your chairs and suntan lotion



PAYMENT . . . BRING TO BBQ

YOU MUST RSVP TO BRUCE at BCWYICU@gmail.com or 516-972-4183

R.S.V.P.,FORM

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____ Club / Guest: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____



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11th Annual Tall Club Reunion August 2, 2026



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. Scrapbooks from that era available.

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 do have some extra towels and beach chairs, 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 1/2 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, 16390 Pacific Coast Hwy, Huntington Beach (behind Starbucks) A volunteer shuttle will take you to and from Peter's Landing to the Beach House. Call Gail to be picked up (415-847-4775)

IT'S TIME TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN!!!

RSVP Event...Please RSVP by July 27th

RSVP required directly to Gail & Levi Swift

Call or Text 415-847-4775 or email: gail@swifthomes.com



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2026 TCI CONVENTION

August 3rd - 9th 2026
Hooray for Hollywood
Shoot for the Stars



Contacts

[Michele Cripps](#)
[William Wiseman](#)
[Barry Umbs](#)
[Jim Nelson](#)

<http://tall.org/events>

Planned Outings

TMZ Celebrity Bus Tour
Jimmy Kimmel Live Taping (TBD)
Concert at Hollywood Bowl
Universal City Walk
Griffith Observatory
Petersen Auto Museum
Academy Museum Motion Pic

Planned Food

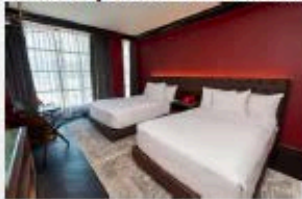
Continental Sunrise Breakfast
Dinner Under the Stars
Hard Rock Café
Buca di Beppo
Picnic At Hollywood Bowl
Rooftop Banquet Dinner
3 After Hours w/Snacks

Plans at the Hotel

Dancing and Casino Night
TCI & Marfan Fund Raiser
Two Semi/Formal Nights
Sunsets Over the City
Star Lit After Hours
Awards Dinner
Delegates Meeting

Package Price

Payment Received
Postmarked by:
Feb 28, 2026... \$600.00
Apr 30, 2026... \$625.00
After May 1, 2026... \$650.00



Whisky Hotel

1717 Wilcox Ave,
Los Angeles, CA 90028
(323) 432-8282
Reserve [Room Link](#)
Contact [Maria Rodriguez](#)
\$189.00 plus tax (\$218.64 per night)



Amenities

King and Double Queen Beds
Luxurious Bathrooms, WiFi,
Large HD LED TV's, Streaming,
Nightly Turndown, Nespresso
Machine, Bottled Water



Registration Chair: Jim Nelson - inelson1225@cs.com (847) 421-2049 Registration Details: Non-refundable deposit of \$175 (US Funds) is due with each registration to save your package rate. Send this form and the deposit to Jim Nelson at 6959 W. Hobart, Chicago, IL 60631. Make checks payable to **2026 TCI Convention**. Final payment due **July 15, 2026**. Whisky Hotel has a reserved block of 50 rooms. **BOOK SOON!**

Bringing Vehicle YES NO
O Full Package Deposit: \$175.00
Name(s): _____
Address: _____ Cell #: _____
Email: _____ Club Name: _____ Title: _____
Check-in Date _____ Check-out Date _____





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Tall Clubs International
 AUGUST 3RD - 9TH, 2026
HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD
SHOOT FOR THE STARS



Daily Itinerary for 2026 TCI International Convention

Monday

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 10:00 PM - 12:00AM

TCI Convention Registration
 Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks
 DJ and Dance
 Afterhours with snacks

Tuesday

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM
 8:30 am - 4:00 PM
 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Breakfast
 Delegates Meeting
 Free Day
 Buffet Dinner
 Casino Night with DJ and Fundraisers
 Afterhours



Wednesday

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
 2:00 PM - 7:30 PM (?)
 7:30 PM - 10:00PM
 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM

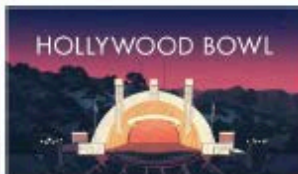
Breakfast
 TMZ Tour
 Lunch at Hard Rock Cafe
 Taping of Jimmy Kimmel Live (TBD)
 Dinner on your own
 Afterhours with snacks



Thursday

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM
 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
 5:00 PM or 5:30 PM
 5:30 PM - 7:15 PM
 8:00 PM - 10:15 PM
 10:15 PM or 10:45 PM
 10:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Breakfast
 Free Day
 Pick up Dinner, Get on bus
 Picnic at Hollywood Bowl
 Hollywood Bowl Concert
 Bus back to Whisky Hotel
 Afterhours with snacks



Friday

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Breakfast
 Free Morning
 Bus ride
 Universal City Walk
 Lunch at Buca di Beppo
 Bus ride
 Griffith Observatory
 Bus Ride
 Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks
 Afterhours



Saturday

7:00 AM - 9:30 AM
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM
 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 4:00 PM - ?
 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Breakfast
 Bus Ride
 Petersen Auto Museum
 Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
 Bus Ride
 Cash bar Cocktail Hour
 Club Photos
 Awards Banquet, DJ and Dance
 Afterhours



Sunday

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM
 No later than 12:00 PM

Breakfast
 Check-out of Hotel





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1055 Montgomery Rd
Sebastopol.

Apple Picking Party & Concert

Big Bob's 44th Annual



Saturday – August 1, 2026

Festivities Start & Gates open at 2 PM | Band starts at 3 PM

FEATURING THE CRAIG CAFFALL BAND! <http://www.craigcaffall.com>

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

DIRECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN YOU RSVP

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

Please be generous with the band and thank them accordingly with your abundant tips.

Swimming Pool | Darts | Pool Table | Food | Tall Fellowship | Live Music | Dancing
and of course if you would like to have some to take home: **Apple Picking**

Bring your swim suit & towel. Wear comfortable shoes.

The band starts at 3pm and will be out in the apple orchard so people can be socially distanced, so bring your own chair or blanket, and if it's a warm day arrive early to get a place in the shade or bring your beach umbrella with you.

VERY IMPORTANT:

This is a potluck, so please bring a yummy dish to share with all your friends (think salads, main dishes, etc.) Thank you for bringing your shared potluck dish in a disposable container with your own serving utensil. Please Bring your own reusable/disposable plate, utensil, and cup as those are NOT PROVIDED
There will be 2 BBQs available in case you would like to bring something to grill (usually someone volunteers to help with grilling, if needed).

BYOB (WATER WILL BE PROVIDED)

At Bob Hirsch's Home (Big Bob's Fun Ranch) in West Sebastopol.
VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED TO HELP WITH THE PARTY.

Let us know if you can help when you RSVP: PARTY RSVP: bigbobsranch@gmail.com

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT BOB DIRECTLY AT: 707-483-6228 cell/text

**DUE TO MY OWN TRAVEL PLANS,
I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE OVERNIGHT GUESTS THIS YEAR**





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SAVE THE DATE

Central
New York **TALL**
Society

POOL Party

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

★ DAY ★



The Huggett's and Central NY Tall Society will be hosting their 2nd annual end of summer gathering over Labor Day weekend!

Watch for details in July's Talkin' Tall, on Tall.org and on Facebook!



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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!

