



# Talkin' Tall

Tall Clubs International News



## TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

[WWW.TALL.ORG](http://WWW.TALL.ORG)

JULY 2026

### The Prez Sez....

#### Exciting Updates as We Approach the 2026 Tall Clubs International Convention

It's already July, and we are just weeks away from the 2026 Tall Clubs International Convention in Hollywood California. I hope you have made all the necessary arrangements with the convention committee and secured your hotel room(s). The committee has organized a fantastic lineup of activities, and the hotel looks wonderful. I can't wait to reunite with all my TALL friends and catch up with my TALL family!



#### TCI 2026 Convention and Delegate Meeting Preparation

As we prepare for the TCI 2026 Convention, it's also time for our annual delegate meeting. If you are a club officer, delegate, or simply interested in TCI's business, I have compiled an extensive list of topics for discussion at the delegate meeting. Each club should visit the members only section on: [www.tall.org](http://www.tall.org). Once logged in, scroll down to the TCI Convention section and click on the "Delegate Information 2026" link to review:

- Proposed bylaw changes
- Officer reports
- Upcoming elections
- Award nominations
- Other essential items posted

Please take the time to review the newsletters and websites in the "best of" categories. All relevant links are available for your convenience.





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## The Prez Sez....continued

### Upcoming Elections

This even-numbered year, the following TCI offices are up for election:

- **President:** Oversees all business meetings, ensures tasks are completed throughout the year, collaborates with officers on projects, writes a monthly update for Talkin' Tall, organizes the delegate meeting, and coordinates parts of the awards banquet at the convention.
- **Executive Vice President/Publicity:** Serves as second-in-command, steps in for the President when necessary, and seeks publicity opportunities.
- **Communications Officer:** Maintains communication between clubs and Members at Large, compiles and distributes the monthly Talkin' Tall publication to clubs and members at large.
- **Treasurer:** Manages bill payments and dues collection, collaborates with the Finance Officer on budget matters, contacts clubs and Members at Large about annual membership dues, and must be proficient in balancing a checkbook and managing electronic payments.
- **Alternative Executive Officer:** Primarily audits the Treasurer's books as per the bylaws and solicits nominations for Merit Awards presented at the annual awards banquet.
- **Alternative Treasurer:** Focuses on auditing the previous year's convention financial records and may step in for the Treasurer if necessary.

These descriptions provide a general overview of the officers' duties. For further details, please review the bylaws or reach out to me for a discussion about any position.

### Important Deadlines

You have until July 13 to submit your Merit Award nominations to the Alternative Executive Officer, Shirleen. The clock is ticking!

Please send your club's delegate designation form to me as soon as possible to ensure your club is represented at the delegate meeting.

I hope your club is staying active this summer! Organizing pool parties, concerts in the park, and BBQs are just a few enjoyable ways to engage your tall friends and keep the TALL movement vibrant in your community. Don't forget to grow your club by speaking with tall individuals you meet and inviting them to your events.

Highest Regards,

Bob Huggett  
TCI President 2022-2026  
TciPresBob@gmail.org



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## COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

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

Please email: [TCICommunications@tall.org](mailto:TCICommunications@tall.org)

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### Embracing Summer Adventures with Tall Clubs International

As summer approaches, many of us are starting to plan vacations and summer trips. Some have already enjoyed a few long weekends at various TCI events throughout the U.S. Whatever your plans this season, remember to keep the TCI Convention, gatherings, and local anniversary get-togethers in mind. Travel, explore, and connect with both new friends and familiar faces.

I have frequently mentioned in the Talkin' Tall publications how easy it can be to step outside your comfort zone. Consider hosting a movie night, organizing a happy hour, or holding a gathering for a festival that piques your interest. Just take action! As a club, we cannot rely solely on a few individuals to carry the workload for everyone. It is your responsibility, along with other members, to keep this organization thriving.

As Communications Officer for nearly four years, I have consistently emphasized this vital issue in our publications. My term will conclude in September 2026, and it has been a pleasure to keep you informed about the important happenings within the TCI network. I hope my reminders have inspired some of you to adopt the "If you build it, they will come" mindset.

With all that in mind, have fun! Enjoy your time with TCI friends, travel, attend events, and stay safe.

Until next time,

John Waltman, Jr.  
Communications Officer





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## YOUR TCI EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICERS



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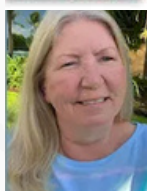
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Member at Large



### TRAVEL STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



I arrived in Nuremberg, Germany on Wednesday May 13, planning to spend the night there before the festivities officially began the next day. I met with Norma, Bonnie and Lynelle for a nice dinner. About a month earlier, I'd signed up for a chocolate tasting event that took place the next day. There, I received a warm welcome from the KLM folks. I can speak a little German, but not very well. So Bob from the Netherlands offered to be the translator. Through him, I learned that, like tasting wine, there is a definite and proper technique to tasting chocolate. That evening, we all gathered at Bob's (a different Bob) Rock & Bowl for dinner along with bowling. I must say that the US can learn a lot from Germany about how to make a burger. This was seriously the best bacon cheeseburger I've ever had.

Friday, we all boarded buses to travel to Pottenstein, about 40 miles northwest of Nuremberg to explore Teufelshöhle, otherwise known as Devil's Cave. The stalagmites and stalactites were illuminated with different colored lighting. I think I'd prefer they be illuminated with a natural white light, in order to see them in what would be their natural colors. Pretty impressive, though. That evening, we all managed to fit into a restaurant/pub in Pottenstein for a buffet dinner.

Saturday, some of us went on a walking tour of Nuremberg. Along with lots of walking, I learned some interesting history about the city. That evening, was dinner and dancing at a lakeside restaurant. There, we also learned that another KLM event is being planned for Dresden next year. I'm looking forward to it.

Many thanks to KLM for showing us a splendid time in Nuremberg.

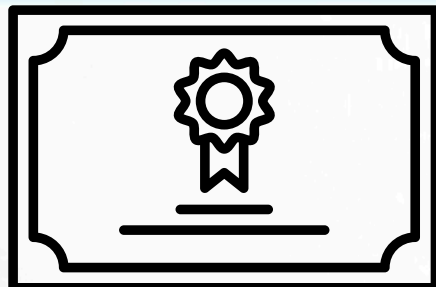
Dave Olson  
Timberline Club of Denver





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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.**

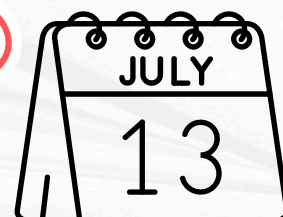
**As defined in the TCI Bylaws, Section 8.2 A: Merit Awards** – Up to twelve (12) Merit Awards may be presented annually to individuals in TCI. Each Member Club may submit two (2) nominees from its membership, and the Executive Board may nominate two (2) additional candidates from throughout TCI, including 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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**EVEN**TS





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## *Tall Club of Long Island Annual BBQ*

*Saturday, June 27, 2026*

*< Rain date June 28, 2026 >*

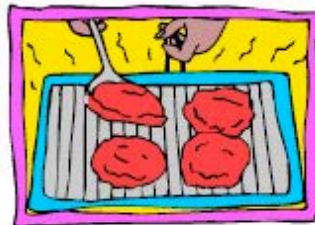
*Hosts - Suri & Rob Brown - 30 Gloria Place, Plainview 11803*

*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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



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 | ~~Fun~~ 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](mailto: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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## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tall Club Reunion August 2, 2026



### LOCATION:

16912 North Pacific Avenue (between 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gail@swifthomes.com)



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# 2026 TCI CONVENTION

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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

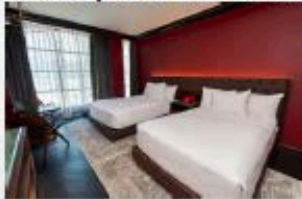
Continental Sunrise Breakfast  
Dinner Under the Stars  
Hard Rock Café  
Buca di Beppo  
Picnic At Hollywood Bowl  
Rooftop Banquet Dinner  
3 After Hours w/Snacks

### 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](mailto: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): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Check-in Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check-out Date \_\_\_\_\_





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**Tall Clubs International**  
 AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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 - 12:00 AM

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



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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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**Labor Day Weekend**

**Sept. 4-6, 2026**

**Hosted by Bob & Patty Huggett**

Come beat the heat at The Huggett home in North Syracuse, New York!

Join the Central New York Tall Society for a fun-filled End of Summer Pool Party! Meet and connect with other tall individuals in a casual and laid-back setting, while enjoying the sun and cooling off in the pool. This is a great opportunity to socialize and make new friends.

Bring your swimsuit 🩴, your towel, whatever you want to grill and a side dish or desert to share. Sodas and water will be provided but 🍹 Bring you own adult beverage 🍷.

Party starts at 1pm until 9pm.

**COST: \$5.00/Person with dish to share \$10 without, with proceeds to go to CNYTS general fund.**

Come alone or bring a friend - all are welcome to join us for a relaxing afternoon and evening of laughter and good times.

For those of you coming from out of town, this is also the last weekend of the New York State Fair. Come early or stay later and we will plan additional events for Friday & Sunday!

**Hotel Suggestion:**  
Candlewood Suites Syracuse-Airport  
However, there are many hotels in the area



Please RSVP by Friday, September 4, 2026 to Patty Huggett at [pjh2637@yahoo.com](mailto:pjh2637@yahoo.com) or text/call 916-753-5424  
Patty will provide location details when you RSVP



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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.

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**Promote your event here!**

