



Talkin' Tall

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TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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September 2026

The Prez Sez....Final thoughts

I am truly grateful for all the support you have provided over the past four years as your TCI President.

Your new board members are:

- President: Maggie Anderson
- EVP Publicity: Bob Huggett
- VP Membership: Norma Forrest
- Communications: Kristen Carlson Gallagher
- Finance Officer: Barry Umbs
- Secretary: Kelli Lewis
- Treasurer: Jim Nelson
- Alternate Treasurer: Pam Schertz
- Alternate Executive Officer: Sue Morrison



Please extend your full support to Maggie as she steps into the role of President. I found that the success of my term was greatly due to the cooperation I received from all of TCI.

As you may have noticed, I will remain on the board to facilitate a smooth transition and assist wherever possible. I have several projects to work on, including promoting TCI. Additionally, I will be involved in organizing the Tall Clubs 2027 Convention, which will take place in St. Louis, celebrating the 89th anniversary of the Tall Clubs. We already have over 30 participants who have made a deposit, and we're finalizing more details to share soon. **"Arch"** you ready for this?

I also want to express my gratitude to the committee for the fantastic 2026 Convention in Hollywood a few weeks ago. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and is excited to carry that enthusiasm into 2027 in St. Louis. A special shout-out to Will, Michele, Barry, and Jim for their outstanding efforts; let's give them a round of applause! What was your favorite day?



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The Prez Sez....continued

Looking ahead, we need to think about who will host the 90th anniversary in 2028. If you're interested, it's never too early to start considering and planning. Many TCI members are eager to share their experiences on how to plan and execute a successful convention. Just let me know, and I can connect you with them.

Above all, please engage with your local club to keep it active and vibrant. We can only thrive if YOU and I continue to connect with tall individuals and their shorter friends, as they likely have some tall friends too!

That's all I have for now. Thank you for your continued support.

Bob Huggett
TCI President 2022-2026
EVP Publicity 2026-?

STAND TALL



COMMUNICATION OFFICER MESSAGE

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

Please email: TCICommunications@tall.org

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Reflecting on My Term as Communications Officer

Another year has come to a close, marking the end of my term as Communications Officer. It's a moment of reflection as I recall how my journey began. I remember sitting in a delegates meeting with Sue Morison, our President, as we fulfilled our responsibilities by voting on upcoming initiatives and proposed changes to the bylaws. That year turned out to be the final one for many officers present at that meeting.

As the day progressed, the atmosphere became quite engaging and lively. Eventually, it was time to elect new officers. There were several vacant positions that seemed stagnant and unfilled. Gradually, individuals began to step up, volunteering their time and expertise to TCI. Within an hour, we miraculously had a full board ready to serve for the next two years.

Admittedly, I had little experience running a newsletter, despite having managed several businesses over the years. But why not give it a try, right? Let's just say I found myself struggling with office etiquette and Publisher, to say the least. I did my best to fill the pages with stories and information about past and upcoming TCI events.

I must confess, I even laughed at some of my attempts to execute the job professionally. Then came my little angel, whom I've affectionately referred to as my little sister since 2001. One day, during a conversation with Kristen Gallagher, she offered her assistance. After just a moment, I realized I had to accept her help if the newsletter was to succeed.

Fast forward to today, Kristen has transformed the information into something truly commendable. We often reminisce about my early attempts, both of us proud of how far this newsletter has come.

With that said, it is my great honor to announce that Kristen has chosen to take my place on the TCI board as the new Communications Officer! Her expertise has demonstrated that she is more than qualified for this role. Godspeed, girl! Best wishes to you, little sis!



Communications Officer 2022-2026
John I Waltman Jr



Hi T'all,

CONVENTION 2026 was FANTASTIC!

A HUGE thanks to the many folks that donated items for both the silent and live auction. In addition, our TALL gratitude to those who participated and bid during the fundraiser event. Michele Cripps and team did an AMAZING job hosting the casino night where our auction items and donations exceeded \$1,400 towards future scholarships. Donations of over \$165K have occurred since 1996 – allowing over \$300K to ~ 272 TALL students to support Kae's desire to invest in our tall future! If you missed convention but still wish to support through a donation, our current donation sheet is posted at: [Donations – Tall Clubs International Foundation](#)

SEEKING Tall Clubs International Foundation VOLUNTEERS

How can you help support Kae's dream? We continue to seek volunteers to assist with our scholarship process. Any interested TCI member is welcome and may volunteer as a coordinator or member-at-large -- send an email and we will work with you to facilitate scholarships in the regions you are interested in. We request all club presidents or representatives verify their coordinator or proxy for the 2027 season as well as all volunteers submit names to Bob Weltzer (rweltzer@ix.netcom.com) and TCIFscholarship@gmail.com as soon as possible.

The board expresses their sincere gratitude to Marie Austin (Boston Beanstalks) as her board term is complete this month (we are limited to serving 10 years as a voting member). We are happy to have Marie stay on as an advisor to the board to share her corporate knowledge. TALL THANKS to Marie!

We have several vacancies on the Foundation Board to support our continued efforts. All board members are able to help shape the scholarship program and participate in the selection process to award scholarships to deserving TALL students. If interested, please contact Lynda Lowin at TCIFscholarship@gmail.com.



The 2027 Scholarship Season

The scholarship 2027 scholarship season will open again on 1 January 2027. We are excited that we have updated our application website to be more user friendly! Thank you, Dave Spencer - our amazing TCIF webmaster – and CONGRATULATIONS on your selection for the 2026 TCI Lifetime Achievement Award!!

Coordination / representative training sessions are planned to start in late September or early October and will provide essential information. The QR code to the left links to our website where applicants can find additional information regarding scholarships guidance. Please share with your club members and pass along to any students who inquire.

TCIF contact information: tcifscholarship@gmail.com and [Tall Clubs International Foundation](#)



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BREAKING NEWS

YOUR NEWLY ELECTED TCI EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICERS



Maggie Anderson, President
TCIPresident@tall.org
Portland Skyliners Tall Club and Seattle Tall Club



Bob Huggett, Executive VP / Publicity
TCIExecutiveVP@tall.org
NY Central Tall Society (TCI Prospect Club)
Sacramento Tall Club



Norma Forrest, VP / Membership
TCIMembership@tall.org
Tall Club of Toronto



Barry Umbs, Finance Officer, TCI Archives,
Bylaw Admin
TCIFinanceOfficer@tall.org
Tall Club of Milwaukee



Kristen Carlson Gallagher, Communications Officer
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Boston Beanstalks Tall Club



Mary Elemen, Miss TI Coordinator
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Central Arizona Tall Society



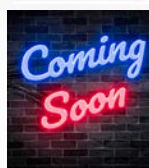
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TCISecretary@tall.org
Member at Large



David Spencer, Webmaster
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Sacramento Tall Club



Jim Nelson, Treasurer
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Pam Schertz, Alt. Treasurer
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Sue Morrison, Alt Exec Officer
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EVENTS





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Monday, July 12, 2027 → Sunday, July 18, 2027

OUR CONVENTION HOTEL

Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton St. Louis Airport
11237 Lone Eagle Drive
Bridgeton, MO 63044
Telephone: 314-739-8929

Suite Rates

\$169/night +16.238% tax & \$3
per day airport fee

Suite Rates Include:

- Two room suites
- Refrigerator / Microwave
- Wi-fi
- HOT cooked to order breakfast each morning
- Evening reception with two free drinks (alcoholic or non) & light snacks
- Airport Shuttle



Airport
St Louis Lambert

International Airport (STL)

FULL PACKAGE PRICE

\$100.00 non-refundable deposit to secure lowest
package price due by January 31, 2027

\$650.00 until 12/31/2026

\$675.00 1/1/2027 until 4/30/2027

\$700.00 5/1/2027 until 7/12/2027

Final Payment due by July 1, 2027

Questions? Email: tallclubs2027convention@gmail.com
or Call/Text: 916-753-5424

Follow the Convention Facebook page for more details:

[2027 Convention Facebook Page](#)

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 Evening Private Social Hour Gatherings in the Ann Morrow Room
- 3 Bus trips to local attractions
- 2 days free time to explore on your own
- 2 Nights Dinner/Dancing with DJ
- Dinner & Riverboat Tour

Make checks payable
to:

**Tall Clubs 2027
Convention LLC**

Mail to:

**Patty Huggett
206 Single Drive
Syracuse, NY 13212**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

Membership status: ☐ Member of _____ Tall Club
☐ Member at Large ☐ Guest

Title/Awards (be specific with year included): _____

Payments via Zelle is available.
Contact Patty Huggett for details!

ie: 2022 Lifetime Achievement, Miss TI 2002, TCI President 2022-2026



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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!

