

The View From Above

Newsletter for the Sacramento Tall Club
April-June 2015



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From the Editor

It's time! Time for the 2015 TCI Convention and pre-Convention Weekend! The organizers have lined up a couple of fun-filled events, with plenty of time for relaxing and socializing. I look forward to seeing my friends from out of state, as well as locals whom I don't see very often.



Remember to share your Tall pride. Wear your shirts! Hand out club business cards! Tell people about our scholarships, our sponsoring of the giraffes at the Sacramento Zoo and the Fair Oaks Concerts in the Park, and of our work to benefit the Marfan Foundation. If you need business cards, contact Harry L.

Did you know you can contribute to the TCI Scholarship Foundation funds just by surfing the web? Here's how:

1. Register at www.goodsearch.com
2. Choose Tall Clubs International Foundation as your cause.
3. Bookmark the link OR set GoodSearch as your homepage so that every time you search the web, a donation is made to TCI Foundation.

It does add up and costs you nothing. Thank you from the TCIF Board and future scholarship winners.

BIG CHANGES FOR THE TCI WEBSITE!!! A BIG BIG change is scheduled for our tall.org website on Tuesday, June 30. Thankfully, gone will be the unique user-name-and-password combinations that each member has had to remember, and so often forgotten. Members won't have to register, or share their email addresses. ExecuTALLk will be included as a blog page, and there will be no more mass emails from the site!

There will be only one common password for all TCI members to use when opening the Members-Only pages of the new tall.org. Megan sent the new password to all members: if you forget it, you can ask another member to remind you, anytime. There is nothing so sensitive on our site that harm would come from a stranger seeing it, but we do want to maintain some privilege for being a TCI member so I am not including the password here.

Until the change is made, you will still need your old login routine for tall.org. The new site looks altogether different. When you open the home page and see a lovely portrait of a young Kae Sumner Einfeldt, you'll know you're there.

And finally, my standard announcement: I am always looking for contributing writers. If you attend or are planning a TCI or STC Event and want to let others know how great it was/will be, send me a short narrative and I'll add it to the next newsletter. Photos of folks having a great time are a plus: the newsletter is often a way of promoting the club.

Thanks, and



- Alice Q.

From the President



"Ow."

Harry L., President
Sacramento Tall Club

(Harry has been dealing with a few medical issues and wasn't really up to writing anything this month. I'm sure you join me in hoping he heals soon. – AQ.)

Officers' Reports

Treasurer – Balances as of the June 2015 meeting:

Club General Fund balance: \$13,894.76

Scholarship fund balance: \$540 after the award.

Pre-Con balance: \$5,710.92

Convention fund balance: \$41,540.91

Marketing: MeetUp, Facebook, and Yahoo are the ways to contact us or keep track of events. Barnes & Noble gives us discounts at both the stores and BN.com. Password is *Uncle Harry* or 916-469-8255. We pay for it so please use it.

Membership: We had 2 prospects as of the June business meeting.

Webmaster: If you are a paid member and cannot access the members-only page, please contact an officer for the user name and password, or see page 4 of the member roster.

Convention: Tonna has sent out list of Committee Heads. Cindy has lots of different ideas. Jennifer suggested a clock for the merit awards and will check a couple of places. We will have a pageant: Loren B., Loretta F., and Erica H. are the contestants. Gail B., Ginny M., and Larry N., volunteered to ferry arrivals from the airport. Bob H. will contact TV channels in Reno for some advertising.

Pre-Con: The team needs volunteers to close down the after-hours parties!

Scholarship: The 2015 STC scholarship has been awarded. [See article on page 4 of this newsletter.]

Webmaster: Thanks to everybody who used the Sacramento Tall Club website to register for the 2016 Convention and Pre-Convention. You've saved our volunteers a lot of time and made it easier to organize the event. Speaking of events, I've been slowly migrating all of our past-event photos to Facebook. If you want to see which ones are there, go to the photos section of the website for chronological links to the Facebook photo albums. And if you post photos from events to Facebook, be sure to post them in an album in the Sacramento Tall Club group. That way we can add links to them from the website for future enjoyment by all.

In Memoriam



"My adventure has turned out to be a blessing. I have discovered loving, caring, and supportive friends that I am so lucky to have. Thank you for joining me in this adventure! Love, Barb"

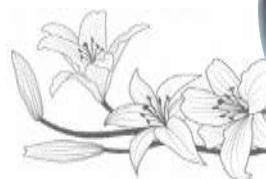
Barb wrote the above message on her blog soon after being diagnosed with metastatic kidney cancer.

Barb Tourdot
April 5, 2015

Her close friends viewed her as "a courageous role model on handling this ugly disease".

Barb was a native of Wisconsin; an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin; a longtime member of the Tall Club; worked at the Delta Stewardship council; and worked at the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Barb will be missed by many here at STC. We wish her family all the best.



What's Happening, STC?

2015 STC Scholarship Awarded

The 2015 Sacramento Tall Club Scholarship was awarded to Carli M. from Lodi High School. The club agreed to an amount of \$1,000.00 for this new collegian. Carli was selected for her academics, community and school involvement, and for writing an essay on "What Being Tall Means to Me." Winners of Sacramento Tall Club scholarships must also meet club minimum-height requirements of 5 feet 10 inches for women and 6 feet 2 inches for men.



From left: Lynette M. (Carli's mom); Carli M; Patty H. and Bob H.

(Photo credit: RecordNet.com)

Sacramento Tall Club,
Thank you so much for awarding
me your scholarship! I am so glad
to have discovered the organization;
it makes me so happy to see tall people
being appreciated and celebrated! Your
generous scholarship will help a lot with
some of my school expenses when I attend
UC Davis in the fall. Also, thank you to Bob
and Patty H. for presenting the award!
Sincerely,
Carli M.

Upcoming STC Events

- Friday, July 3, 2015, 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM: TGIF and Kickoff to Pre-Con. Fire Rock Grill, 11275 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA. Come join us Friday night for our kick off to Pre-Convention and some great food and drink. We have Talls from all over the country, and Europe coming in to gear up for convention. The Fire Rock usually has music on Friday to sit back listen to and enjoy.

- August 8th, 1:00 p.m. until...?: Pool Party and Barbecue! Whether you are a "Brown Eyed Girl" or a "Son of a Son of a Sailor", there's a little Parrothead in all of us! Come to our "Island" for an afternoon of everything Jimmy Buffett. While there won't be any "Changes in Latitudes", we promise "Changes in Attitudes". I can feel those tropical breezes already! Where will you be when the "Volcano" blows? Bring your favorite BBQ item, and a side dish to share. We will be providing soft drinks, or bring your own special "Boat Drink". We will also provide plates, napkins, utensils, cups, water and ice. Bring your suits, sunscreen, towels and lawn chairs. Costs: With food: Members \$5, Non-members \$7. Without food: \$10 for Members and \$12 Non-members. Please RSVP on the Meetup site or email Jan at auntiejan@sbcglobal.net or call 916-967-8555
- Every Thursday through August 27th: Concerts in the Park. 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Village Park, 4238 Main St., Fair Oaks, CA. This is a free event, partially sponsored by STC. Bring your chairs, food, drinks, dancing shoes and bug spray. For more details, including a schedule of performances, see <http://fairoakspark.org/events/summer/concerts-in-the-park/>
- Second Tuesday of every month except July: STC Business Meeting. The location changes, so keep an eye on Meetup and the STC web page.
- First Friday of (almost) every month: TGIF, the Kilt Pub, 4235 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95864
- Third Friday of every month: TGIF, location is up to the host.

These items and more are posted at <http://sacramentotallclub.org/>

Upcoming TCI Events

TCI Convention 2015: Monday, July 6 to Sunday, July 12, 2015, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, NV
AND

Pre-Con 2015: Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5, 2015, Holiday Inn Rancho Cordova, CA

Flyers for these are at the end of this newsletter.

Tonna says: "We have 140-ish including partials for convention. So, it is a really nice number of talls from all over the world."

Carolyn G. says "Tired of having those hardly worn gowns and tuxedos in your closet? Pack them up and bring them to Convention with you. Donate them to The TCI Foundation who will be selling those gowns to help raise money for the scholarship fund. There will be a rack set up next to the auction items. You will have the opportunity to buy and to try on. Prices will be very reasonable. Any questions, contact me at mstb97@hotmail.com. Hope to see you at Convention." *[And there will be someone available for ideas on updating / altering clothes for your own personal style. -AQ]*

The 2015 Miss TI candidates are:

Loretta Irving-Felvus - Tall Club of Rochester

Lauren Bath - Sea 2 Sky Peaks Tall Club (Vancouver, BC)

Erica Hand - Portland Skyliners Tall Club

AND THEN THERE'S THIS:



WHEREAS, In recognition of the Sacramento Tall Club hosting the Tall Club International Convention in Sparks, Nevada at The Nugget from July 6-12, 2015, the City of Sparks welcomes you; and

WHEREAS, Tall Clubs are social clubs for people over 21, with height requirements for men of at least 5'2" and women at least 5'10". They promote tall awareness and create local, national and international communities of friends; and

WHEREAS, Tall Clubs help mattress manufacturers understand the need to create King Size and California King beds; they are consulted by Ford Motor Co., when they want to test cars with head and leg room for tall people; tall clubs work with hospitals to create bed extensions for tall people and the list goes on; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sparks also recognizes the contributions made by the Sacramento Tall Club in support of the National Marfan Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim July 6-12, 2015 as:

"TALL AWARENESS WEEK"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 15th day of June, 2015.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk



Future Events:

Talls Gone Wild XV: September 10-13, 2015, Las Vegas, NV, at the Tuscany Suites Hotel: ask for the Las Vegas Tall Club group rate when booking. Event registration \$110 if postmarked by August 15th; \$125 thereafter. A nonrefundable deposit of \$50 holds the early-registration price. Send registration questions to John M. at tgwreg@cox.net See also the June issue of Tall Topix.

Central Jersey Tall Friends 10th Annual “Harvest Moon Weekend”: November 6-8, 2015, Swiftwater, PA, at the Chestnut Grove Resort. Early-bird full package \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members, if postmarked by October 2nd; \$55/65 by October 23rd; and \$60/70 thereafter. E-mail Karen B. at karkar930@gmail.com for details and room rates. See also the June issue of Tall Topix.

Paramount Tall Club of Chicago 70th Anniversary Weekend: January 28-31, 2016 will be a Mardi Gras themed Weekend. Zanie's Comedy Club Thursday night, Costume party & DANCE Friday night. Optional activities Saturday include a Chicago Crime Tour by bus OR Lunch in Chinatown OR Wine & Painting Party at the hotel OR ???? Semi-formal MASQUERADE BALL (Dinner & Dance) Saturday night. Photo Booth, special souvenirs and MORE! Contact Jim N. for details - jnelson1225@cs.com

2016 Europatreffen: May 1-8, 2016, Nuremberg, Germany. See <http://europatreffen2016.eu/index.php/en/> for more information. (*Yes, that's next year. It gives you time to get/update your passport!* –AQ)

For those without internet access, please feel free to contact one of your local officers to obtain flyers for these events.

Your STC Officers:

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STC Hotline: 916-469-8255

STC Meetup Group: <http://www.meetup.com/sacramento-tall-club/>

STC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/sactallclub/>

STC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SacTallClub>

STC Web Page: <http://sacramentotallclub.org/>

Tall Clubs International Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/8267051046/>

Tall Clubs International webpage: <http://www.tall.org>



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TALL club

Sacramento Tall Club

A social club for Tall people in the Sacramento area.

Membership or Renewal Application 2015

Note: Preferred method of renewal or application is to visit www.SacramentoTallClub.org and complete an application/renewal form and send payment to P.O. Box listed below.

If you do not have Internet access, please send this completed renewal form and payment, made out to STC, to:
Sacramento Tall Club, P.O. Box 515, Rancho Cordova, CA. 95741.

Renewal for 2015 is \$30.00 per person.

I wish to: (Apply for/Renew) membership in Sacramento Tall Club. (circle one)

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Height: _____ Ft. _____ in. Gender: Male/Female (circle one)

Birthday: _____ Email Address: _____

Interests: _____

Hobbies: _____

What club activities would you like to participate in?

Social Administrative Newsletter

Periodically, the club publishes a roster of all members, including their address and phone numbers. That information, as it pertains to you, will be automatically included in the next edition unless you specifically request that all or some be deleted.

Please don't publish my: Home Address Home Phone number Email address

By signing in the area below, you certify that all statements made in this application are true and agree and understand that any misstatements of material facts herein will cause forfeiture on your part of the right to remain a member of the Sacramento Tall Club. (membership information will NOT be sold).

I accept these terms: _____ Date: _____

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Date received: _____ Membership fee collected: _____ Name badge: \$6.00

For New Memberships:

Measured Height: _____ Ft. _____ in. Officer 1 _____ Officer 2 _____

Functions attended: S1 _____ S2 _____ Business _____



The Sacramento Tall Club Presents TCI Pre Convention 2015

July 3-5, 2015



The Sacramento Tall Club proudly presents the 2015 TCI Pre-Convention
In beautiful Sacramento, California.

Join us for a few days of fun with your tall friends and gear up for TCI Convention in Reno right after pre-convention. Please plan to arrive by Thursday or early Friday morning to take part in our Gold mine trip.

Total package includes;

Friday: Gold mine trip with lunch, after hours

Saturday: 4th of July rodeo and fireworks show, after hours

Sunday: Dinner and dance, after hours

Optional entertainment (may be additional charge):

River activities

Old town Folsom and old Sacramento

Downtown Sacramento

Hotel amenities

Sacramento museums

And more

**PAY WITH
PayPal***

Full-price at the door is \$160.00 per person.

Partial package prices:

\$50 for the main event of each day.

\$10 for each after-hours party.

Questions???? E-mail to PreCon@SacramentoTallClub.org or check out www.tallprecon.org

Make your check payable to Sacramento Tall Club

Mail to: Sacramento Tall Club Pre-Con 2015, P.O. Box 515, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

Name: _____ Home Tall club: _____ Guest of _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

The train to Reno has been cancelled and replaced with a party bus.

I will take the Bus to Reno YES NO

I will need baggage service to Reno. YES NO I will have my own car and I will drive to Reno. YES NO

Pre-Con Itinerary (copies will be in your registration packet):

Friday, July 3

6:00 AM-9:00 AM: Breakfast
9:00 AM: Meet in the Lobby for Trip to Empire Mine State Park
9:30 AM: Board Bus
11:00 AM – 2:30 PM: Tour the park
Cottage Tours 11AM and 1PM (optional)
Mine Yard Tour 12pm and 2PM (optional)
11:30 AM -1:00 PM: Lunch
2:30 PM: Board Busses for return
4:00 PM: Registration Opens in the Rialto Room.
4:00 PM: On your own for dinner
10:30 PM After Hours Opens, in the Rialto Room, Food served at 11PM.

Saturday July 4

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Breakfast
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM: Free Time to explore Sacramento or Folsom (See 60 Things To Do list)
4:30 PM: Meet in the Lobby for the ride (on a school bus) to Folsom Rodeo
5:00 PM: Leave for the Folsom Rodeo
Food Vendors will be available at the rodeo grounds.
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Rodeo and Fire Works Show
10:00 PM: Ride back to hotel
10:30 PM After Hours Opens, in the Rialto Room, Food served at 11PM.

Sunday July 5

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Breakfast
9:30 AM – 5:00 PM: Free Time to explore Sacramento or Folsom (See 60 Things To Do list)
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Pool Games
6:00 PM: No-Host Cocktails in the Venetian Room
6:30 PM: Dinner in the Venetian Room
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Dance / Karaoke In the Venetian Room
10:30 PM: After Hours Opens in the Rialto Room, Food served at 11:00 PM.

Monday July 6

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Breakfast

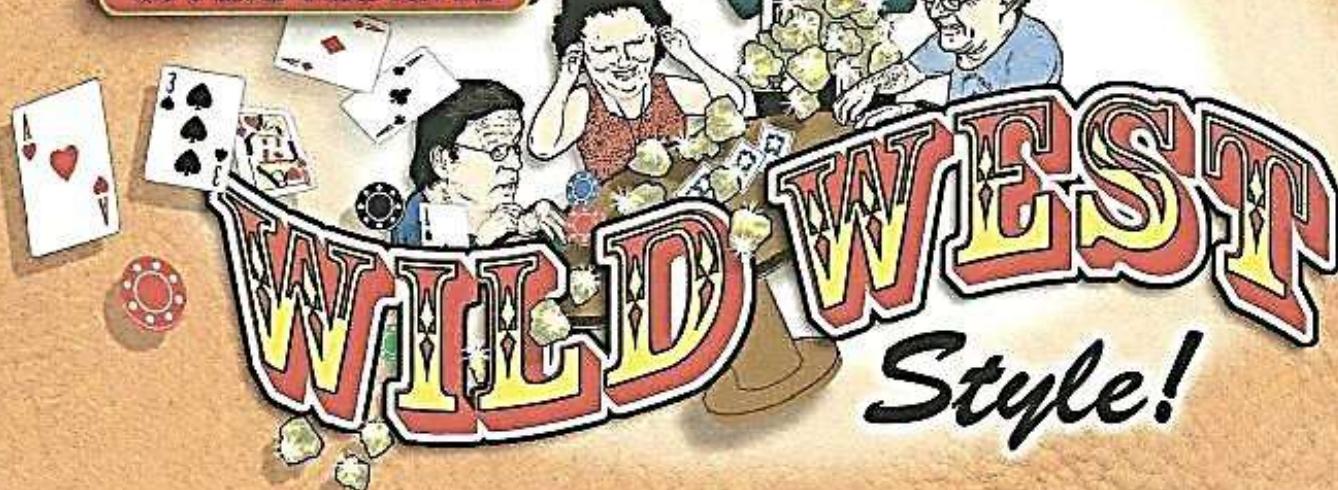
For those taking the bus to Sparks....

9:30 AM: Meet in the lobby to board the bus

The Sacramento Tall Club invites you to strike it rich and stake your claim for the Mother Lode of TALL fun next summer!

TCI CONVENTION 2015

UPPING THE ANTE



WILD WEST

Style!

July 6–12, 2015 • Sparks-Reno, Nevada

**Early Bird Full Convention Package Price of \$599
Plus \$65 Room Rate = Best Deal on the Table!**

TCI Member Full Convention Package Prices

Minimum \$100 deposit check holds the following price breaks:

~~\$599 postmarked by 1/31/2015~~

~~\$625 postmarked by 3/31/2015~~

~~\$650 postmarked by 6/10/2015~~

\$675.00 AT THE DOOR

Partial-package prices depend on the events of that day. See

<http://sacramentotallclub.org/convention2015/full-convention-package-registration/> for prices.

John Ascuaga's Nugget TCI Convention Room Rate

1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV, 89431

\$65 per night + 13.5% room tax and \$9 resort fee

King or Double Queen
(\$10 each for 3rd and 4th person)

To reserve your room online go to:
www.janugget.com

- Click **Hotel** tab and go to **Book Room**
- Click Group Code tab
- Enter Group Code **GTCI** for our TCI price
- Choose your room dates

Phone Reservations: 800-648-1177

Watch for updates on website: www.tallcon.org

TCI Convention 2015 Schedule/Highlights

EVENTS	Monday 7/6	Tuesday 7/7	Wednesday 7/8	Thursday 7/9	Friday 7/10	Saturday 7/11	Sunday 7/12
DAYTIME	• Registration	• Breakfast* • Day in Virginia City	• Breakfast* • Delegates Meeting • On your own	• Breakfast* • Day at Tahoe City** • Lunch	• Breakfast* • Free morning**	• Breakfast* • Sports Day • TCI Workshop • Free Time	• Breakfast* • Kill the Bottle and Farewells
EVENING	• Reception • Buffet Dinner • Marfan and Foundation Fundraiser	• Dinner at Cantina Los Tres Hombres • Dancing with Live Band	• Formal Dinner • Miss Tall International Pageant • Queen's Ball	• Dinner on your own • Dancing at Gilley's	• Casino Dinner Show	• Formal Awards Banquet • Farewell Dance	• TBA, if you are staying over
AFTER HOURS	Wild Wild West	Toga Toga Toga	Comstock Lode – Silver and Gold	It all began with a "K"ae	ABC – Anything But Clothes	Con Zombies	

*You will receive a "Resort Card" loaded with funds for six breakfasts. You can use the "Resort Card" in any of the eight restaurants in the hotel. There is an all you can eat brunch buffet and even a Starbucks onsite.

You can use the "Resort Card" funds for breakfast meals or any food in the hotel. A typical egg/meat/toast breakfast at Rosie's Café is around \$8.00.

Check the hotel's website for menus, www.janugget.com, click dining to see info about their onsite restaurants.

**We will email you a list of sights/events/area restaurants and transportation with their internet links, so you can easily research what you would like to do.

Free Reno/Tahoe International Airport hotel shuttle.



Questions? Email Jennifer Garets at Registration2015@sacramentotallclub.org

Complete this registration form and bring it to the convention registration desk
TCI Convention 2015,

Name: _____ Height: _____

TCI Club Affiliation: _____ or Guest of: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone(s): _____ / _____

Email address: _____

Beverage preference (soft drinks/alcohol): _____

Preferred snacks: _____

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: _____ T- Shirt Size (if you are paying in full by 1/31/15): _____

Watch for updates on website: www.tallcon.org

Details on the 2015 TCI Convention After-Hours Themes:

Monday: Wild Wild West

Let's start the week off with a big "Yee Haw!" Dress in your best Western gear for a wild evening that starts with a Western buffet followed by boot scootin' on the dance floor. Then, at 11:00 PM, belly up to the bar at the Blazing Saddles Saloon for After Hours. And, then enjoy one of the many activities we will have available: swimming, games, dancing or just a quiet chat with a tall friend.

Tuesday: Toga Toga Toga

Let's be party animals! Get out those sheets and be prepared to have some fun! It will make you want to SHOUT! And, of course, join us at the Delta (Tau Chi) Saloon for libations. "Grab a brew. Don't cost nothin'!" And remember, no fizzies in the pool or food fights allowed!

Wednesday: Comstock Lode – Silver and Gold

This is your chance to sparkle and glitter like the silver and gold found by miners in Nevada in 1859. You'll find a bonanza of fun activities to keep you busy. And, there will be a wealth of drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) throughout the night at the Silver Queen Saloon.

Thursday: It all began with a "K"ae

Let's honor Kae Sumner Einfeldt, the founder and inspiration of Tall Clubs International, by wearing or becoming something that starts with a "K". Kelp, Kardasian, Klingon, Kangaroo, Kitten, Kleenex... keep the ideas flowing! And, the drinks will be flowing all Knight at Miss Kae's Saloon!

Friday: ABC – Anything But Clothes

Anything goes... but clothes! Please do wear something, but it just can't be any clothing! So, put on your thinking cap, get some duct tape, trash bags, shower curtains, cereal boxes, etc. and get creative! Be sure to visit the Red Dog Saloon for liquid refreshments.

Saturday: Con Zombies

After a week of too much eating, too much drinking, too much dancing and too little sleep, don't you kind of feel like the Walking Dead? So, put on your PJs or comfy clothes (don't worry if they are ripped and blood splattered) and stumble on over for one last night of fun with your tall friends. Don't forget to grab a drink at the Bucket of Blood Saloon!