



The View From Above



Newsletter for the Sacramento Tall Club

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From the Editor

Greetings, Talls! I hope everyone is surviving our very-dry summer. Keep up the water-conservation efforts, folks. Every little bit helps. I apologize for the size of the print in this edition: with Convention there was so much information to be included, and to keep it to as few pages as possible required some adjustments.

ARTICLES NEEDED! If you attend an official Tall Club event – a weekend, a Meetup, a dinner, etc. – please send me a 3-4 sentence description and photos if you have them. The more we can put into this newsletter the better it will be.

Thanks! - Alice Q.

Harry’s Hollerings

From the STC President

Before the last business meeting, I printed the minutes that Jennifer sent, put together an agenda and scratched my head wondering what people want to know and what we should do.

MAP was a great success and I believe everyone that attended had a wonderful time. Got a very nice email from my neighbor saying they were not ready for the band to stop playing at 10 PM. Kyle and the Blues Band really excited and moved the group!

It is that time of year for everyone to nominate members to serve on the board for the next membership year. Elections are in September and the new officers take over in October. Think about if you want to serve and let someone know. It is very possible that STC will be hosting the 2015 TCI Convention. Patty H. wants to work on a proposal for hosting Pre-convention in Sacramento and the committee is working on locations in Reno for the six day convention. Want to work on the event? Get in touch with me and let me know.

The business meeting is usually the second Tues of each month. See you at IHOP on Sunrise and come learn what is in the works!

Please watch Meetup.com and welcome new members to our group. We have had over six people join in the last couple of months and I don't see any welcome messages....!!!! You remember how hard it was at first! Be a club ambassador and welcome them and encourage participation in our events. Please...!

Carla can use ideas for events. You can "suggest" on Meetup.com and do your own writeup for the event. Do what I do... Suggest events that you like and would really enjoy company of your tall friends. I have a confession about MAP. I scheduled the event on my birthday! So, I created my own party, had 60+ friends and neighbors, live band, people brought food, cakes and cards. Maybe a little selfish but it works. You could do the same...!!! Host an event at your favorite place on your birthday and let the party begin. Just say'n...

More later...

Harry L., President, Sacramento Tall Club

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the club account as of July 11, 2014 is \$5,069.98. Current balance for Scholarship Fund is \$204.

From the Marketing Chair:

MeetUp, Facebook, and Yahoo are the ways to contact us or keep track of events. Barnes & Noble has changed our account to the new # 916-HOW TALL. And we have changed our Entertainment books to: "Zbest Books". Watch for the 2015 books later this summer.

We invited the 2014 Scholarship winner to the Member Appreciation Party, but we are looking for ways to include scholarship winners and families in the future. Suggestions are welcome.

From the Membership Chair: We received eight applications since January and are now at 80 members. Membership renewal letters were sent a few months ago. If you have not paid your dues, they will be prorated for the remainder of the year. Please contact the Membership Chair for your prorated amount: she can be reached at membership@sacramentotallclub.org. Your prorated dues can be mailed to" STC Membership. P.O. Box 515, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741.

From the Webmaster: if you are a paid member and cannot access the members-only page, please contact Dave S. or Harry L.

From the Scholarship Committee: So you wonder what it takes to earn the Sacramento Tall Club scholarship award. We look at the all-around student. There is, of course, the academics, but there is also community service, letters of recommendation and that essay "What Being Tall Means To Me".

We have had a great time doing this and have been impressed with the quality of students that are in our schools. No matter what you hear, there are still great students. However, we have taken on new responsibilities with STC and TCI this year and will be looking to pass the torch to someone who will carry on with our scholarship program.

There has been the argument that the scholarship does not help the club. You may have a point. However, this year we received publicity in the Sacramento Bee and the Orangevale Sun newspaper.

We have started a conversation that this year we might do something different for 2015. STC is considering changing our format to solicit applications from continuing education students as well as graduating High School seniors. We would still collect and send to TCI Foundation our best High School graduate's application, but give our local funds to someone who could actually join our club. This has not been decided and we need your input at the next business meeting.

What's Happening, STC?

2014 TCI Convention – A CapiTALL Party

By Alan L.

(The 2014 Tall Clubs International Convention was held June 30 – July 6, 2014, in and around Arlington, Virginia. – ed.)

About 180 people converged on Washington D.C. for this year's convention. Some were from the local area, others travelled cross-country (like 22 from STC), and there were even a couple from Copenhagen, Denmark.

At registration late Monday afternoon, June 30th, we were given a green plastic TCI tote bag containing the Convention Guide booklet, maps, snacks, coupons, and gifts. The "Guide" explained where we're going, when, how, and what we should know. We even had plenty of time to explore on our own.

There were so many good sights to see you can't do it all in one trip. The Mt. Vernon tour and Korean War Memorial impressed me the most. But I also enjoyed the Air and Space Museum and the dinner cruise on the Potomac River. Weather-wise, however, if I return to Washington D.C. it will be in spring or fall.

On Thursday night we dressed up for the Miss Tall International pageant. Three candidates competed, and the winner was Hannah Eko, Miss Tall NYC, from Brooklyn, New York. We dressed up again Saturday night for the Awards Banquet. STC won the award for the most attendees from any one club. And of course late every night was After Hours party time with a different theme each night.

By and large the Convention was well-organized. The guided trolley tours, sights, and spirit of it all were great. But I place a high value on just meeting Talls from other clubs – hearing their thoughts, ideas, and stories. That really makes the Convention as great as it is.

When's the next one?

A "Bob's Babe" Birthday Party

I want to thank my loving wife Patty (#1 Babe) for the wonderful birthday present of having a "Bob's Babes" party at the Washington D.C. TCI convention after hours this year. I also want to thank all who participated in wearing the "Bob's Babes" t-shirts. I had a blast! See what kind of things that you might miss if you don't get out the door and attend Tall Club events...?

-Bob H.

Awards presented at TCI Convention

(List courtesy of Lori G., OKC Tall Club)

2014 TCI Merit Awards:

Linda Huege
Jeanne Smith
Sheila Koster

Debbie Kucharik
Barb Loewenthal
Kat McIntyre

Loretta Felvus
Jim Mitchell
Charles Goldstein

Kay Helberg
Kathleen McKeever
Sharon Speer

TCI Lifetime Achievement Awards: Sue Karon and Fred Heater

Presidential Appreciation Award: John Morath
Best Homepage: Boston Beanstalks Tall Club
Best Newsletter: Paramount Tall Club of Chicago
Membership Increase by number and by percentage: Sea 2 Sky Peaks Tall Club
Convention Attendance Award: Sacramento Tall Club

Convention Travel Award: Las Vegas Tall Club
Golf, Female: Donna Stocker
Golf, Male: John Waltman
Volleyball, Female: Donna Stocker
Volleyball, Male: John Stewart



Photos from this event:



Bob H's birthday surprise

Capital Tour



Miss TI, with outgoing Miss TI, Miss Tall Rochester, and Miss Sea 2 Sky Peaks



Debra J with "Uncle Sam" (a.k.a. John R.)

A family affair: John H., Patty H., and Bob H.



New members John H. and Katie addressing TCI group about recruiting for the organization.

Most of the Sacramento contingent.



(Per Bob H: "No, Patty did not shrink, she is making sure that Dennis is seen in the picture.")

2014 TCI Delegates' Meeting

By Bob H.

This is a summary of this year's delegate meeting at the TCI Convention in Washington DC.

The meeting went fairly well. There were no major controversial issues to report.

There are 1,126 dues paying members of TCI clubs, with 43 clubs in good standing and 32 members at large. There are two (2) clubs in the process of startup and inquires about starting clubs in another nine (9) areas. Convention was attended by more than 15% of TCI members.

Tall Clubs International Foundation, the independent arm of TCI that funds the scholarship program, did very well financially as they were able to fund fourteen \$1,000.00 scholarships this year. Overall, the Foundation has awarded \$68,500.00 in scholarships over the years.

In the by-law department, most changes were to clarify and update the by-laws and could be considered housekeeping. TCI continues to struggle with how they get reports and information from clubs. Most clubs do not have a printed newsletter and that is what is needed, according to the by-laws, to report to TCI.

- A resolution was debated on cancelling a Queen's pageant if there are less than three (3) contestants. In this event, the executive board may appoint a Miss TI for the following year.
- Another resolution makes it OK for a member at large or member from a non-sponsoring club to run for queen.
- Finally, an approved resolution permits the use of certain TCI members as judges of the pageant.

There were other minor by-law and resolutions changes and I can discuss any of them with you if you are interested.

For more information, go to www.tall.org and click on *Members Only* and the *Members Console*, and then click on *Member Downloads*.

- Bob H., STC Delegate for 2014

2014 Salmon BBQ Scholarship Fundraiser

(The Salmon BBQ Fundraiser is held every year. Space is limited: reservations are required and sell out fast. Watch Meetup for the next one! – ed.)

On a warm evening in South Sacramento, a host of tall people came together to party. This was the annual salmon BBQ at the Huggett's house. We had a great showing this year and we thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The food was great, the company was terrific and we raised \$380 for the scholarship fund.

Thank you to all who came and made the night special.

- Bob H.

2014 Tall Yosemite Weekend

(No narrative available.)





2014 STC Member Appreciation Party

The 2014 Member Appreciation Party was held August 9th, (Harry's birthday) at Harry's home in Orangevale. Turnout this year was not as large as in past years, but we all had a good time. We had several prospective members show up as well as several members from Silicon Valley and Las Vegas. All six prospects were measured but only four qualified. The club provided sodas, ice cream, and a whole pig – which Dave and Dan roasted on a homemade "pit". And the energetic and entertaining Kyle Rowland Blues Band provided music for our listening and dancing pleasure.



Portland's 2014 Weekend: "Augtoberfest"

Another Weekend! August 15-17th was Augtoberfest in beautiful Portland, Oregon. The weather was wonderful: in the 80s all weekend, albeit humid. The Portland Skyliners did their best to keep us entertained with a four-course dinner and the very amusing Tony Starlight lounge show; an authentic German dinner at Der Rheinlander Restaurant; various side trips; and of course, the after-hours parties. – Alice Q.

At Tony Starlight's



Part of our German dinner



At the Saturday after-hours





2014 Scholarship Winner Featured in the Sacramento Bee

The Sacramento Bee published an article about unusual scholarships in its June 28, 2014, edition. Featured prominently in the article was STC's recent scholarship awarded to Trent P. Between STC and TCI, Trent was awarded \$2,000 toward his education. The full story can be found here:

<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/06/28/6515596/tall-short-left-handed-or-right.html?sp=%2F99%2F101%2F#story-body>

Your officers would like to remind everyone that these scholarships not only exist, they're an excellent way of promoting the club. So keep handing out those business cards! (If you need STC business cards, contact Harry L.)

Ruckus by the River 2014

Sacramento Tall Club will not hold its Ruckus by the River weekend this year. Discussions are ongoing regarding alternating with the Bay Area clubs or Portland, or moving the Ruckus to a date in the spring. If you have input please either attend a business meeting or contact one of your officers.

Convention 2015

Sacramento is bidding to host Convention in 2015. Committees are being organized for both Convention and Pre-Con: all chair positions have already been filled. If you are willing and able to help please contact Harry L. or convention@sacramentotallclub.org as soon as possible.

At press time it looked like we would be hosting Convention in Reno, with pre-Convention in Sacramento. Suggestions for day trips for both locations are welcome. Please contact one of your officers; come to a business meeting; post your suggestions on our Facebook page; or send an e-mail to convention@sacramentotallclub.org

Other Happenings

- ✦ Patty H. is still hosting Saturday morning walks along the American River. We've had a decent turnout at most walks. We go for an hour or so, and walk 3 to 4 miles from varying starting points. Come out at 8:30 A.M & enjoy the trails along the American River. Locations are announced on Meetup.
- ✦ STC is still involved in volunteer work for the community, and we help raise money for important causes, such as scholarships for outstanding tall students and Marfan syndrome. We have word that our adopted giraffe at the Sacramento Zoo is now pregnant! And sponsor a mile along the American River Parkway.
- ✦ Business Meetings are open to members, and happen the second (2nd) Tuesday of every month (except as otherwise posted). IHOP, 2216 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Come help plan events and welcome any

prospects that come to our monthly meeting. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.: arrive a little early to order any food and get a head start on your dinner! IHOP has been very good in letting us use the back room for our meetings for a long time. Do what you can to support them.

Upcoming STC Events

- ✦ First Friday of every month: TGIF, now at the Kilt Pub, 4235 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. 5:00- whenever we all go home
- ✦ Third Friday of every month: TGIF, location to be announced. 5:00- whenever we all go home.
- ✦ Every Thursday night through August 28: Fair Oaks Concerts in the Park, Fair Oaks Village Park, 4238 Main Street. Concerts start at 7pm; best to be there early
- ✦ TBD: Anniversary picnic.
- ✦ Saturday, September 27th: Goods and Services Auction and Chili Cook-off at Jennifer G's.
- ✦ Friday, October 3rd: Comedy Under the Stars, Fair Oaks Amphitheater, 7991 California Avenue, Fair Oaks

All of these items and more are posted at <http://sacramentotallclub.org/>

Upcoming TCI Events

September 4-7, 2014 – Las Vegas “Talls Gone Wild XIV, Cruising the Tall Seas”
Tuscany Suites Hotel and Casino, 255 E Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas

September 26, 2014 – Walt’s Party in Rochester
Walt Narog, President of TCI, graciously invites all members to his house party to celebrate the end of Summer. Contact Walt for more info - wwallymoon@aol.com

October 5-7, 2014 –Milwaukee Skyliners Party Animal House Weekend
Best Western PLUS Milwaukee Airport, 5105 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207

October 24-26, 2014 - Boston Beanstalks New England’s Fall Color Weekend
Hampton Inn, 53 Old Bedford Rd, Westport, Massachusetts

November 7-9, 2014 - Central Jersey Tall Friends Club, 9th Annual Harvest Moon Weekend in the Poconos
Daniels Top-O-The-Poconos Family Resort, Canadensis, PA 18325 1-800-755-0300

Full flyers and information for all weekends can be viewed at <http://tall.org/tci-weekends-register-now/>

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