## The View From Above

Newsletter for the Sacramento Tall Club September-December 2015



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## From the Editor

The special Pre-Con/Convention Edition unfortunately got sidelined due to illness and life. It is still in the works. However, I'm still looking for narratives for the following:

- Empire Mine Tour
- Folsom Rodeo
- Dinner and Dancing at Tres Hombres
- The Miss TI Pageant
- TCI Workshop

I could write these myself, but then most of the edition would reflect only my experience, and I know others saw and experienced things differently. I'd like to have these by the end of November, so you have plenty of time to give me your take on any of them.

The new STC board members have been selected and installed. Refer to the officers list at the end of this newsletter to see who they are. I would like to point out that the current board members are the same people who have repeatedly held offices over the past six (6) years: there are no new names on the list. A non-profit organization relies on its volunteers. Volunteers who continually hold offices tend to burn out. If the people currently on the board start to burn out, there may be no one left to hold offices, and without officers there can be no official club. Most positions require only a small time commitment and little out-of-pocket expenditures. So please, if you value the club and are willing and able to serve, start attending business meetings to figure out where you would be happiest within the board.

And 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.

Praying for more rain...

#### From the President

I'm Baaaaack.

Here I am once again as President of the Sacramento Tall Club.

We came off a banner year with President Harry L. hosting convention and pre-convention. So how do we follow that year? Well that is why I want to hear from you.

- What do you want to do this year?
- What events do you want to attend?

We have already committed to the concerts in Fair Oaks Village Park next summer. I have made comments that I would like to see a nice anniversary dinner dance again. I heard comments about volunteering again for KVIE/PBS manning the phone lines. We have Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties coming up. There are so many things that we can and will be doing as a club this year.

This club only survives because you care enough to come out and support the club. To come out and socialize and have a great time being tall.

We are always looking for new prospects. Remember that it is YOU who make the biggest impression on convincing someone to join us for an event. The personal contact is always better than any advertising that we get from any other media. For that prospect to meet someone in the club – so they have a personal contact to relate to – is what people need.

I don't remember who it was, but someone out there many years ago mentioned Sacramento Tall Club to me. It took a few months before I got the nerve to make the call to the hot line. Someone called and sent me a newsletter and I finally made it to a STC event.

Always carry a few STC business cards and pass them out. At convention a few years ago, someone told me their tried and true introduction line. So now when I find someone that meets the criteria, I go up to that person and say "It's great to be tall". They can only say that it is. Then I will ask how tall they are. I will usually guess high. If they don't meet the requirements, you can move on. But if they are tall enough, hand them a business card and talk a little about the club.

That is how we grow. A few years ago we were up to about 100 members. I think that we can build from our current 73 and find that century mark again.

I would like each of you to think about how you heard about the club and relay your story to me. I would like to take the best stories and relay them to our membership for encouragement for others to make that step and invite someone to a STC event.

Contact me with your comments, ideas and thoughts at president@sacramentotallclub.org

Keep looking up!



Bob H., STC President 2015-16

## Officers' Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT					
	STC	Pre-Con	*TallCon	Scholarship	Marfan
Beginning Balance	\$9,310.98	\$1,194.00	- 0 -	\$540.00	- 0 -
Income	5,354.00	- 0 -	\$80,042.20	81.00	- 0 -
Expenses	-189.71	- 0 -	-68,513.68	- 0 -	- 0 -
Ending Balance	14,484.27	1,194.00	11,528.52	621.00	- 0 -
*Total to date for Convention.					

**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.

**Publicity:** We're always looking for ways to get the word out about the club. I'm currently looking into having members volunteer during the KVIE membership drive and at the Sacramento Zoo for the annual Ice Cream Social. If you have any other suggestions please e-mail them to me at <a href="mailto:publicity@sacramentotallclub.org">publicity@sacramentotallclub.org</a>.

Of note: Jennifer G. is going to attend a Concert in the Park meeting and will submit a list of musicians/bands we would like them to include in 2016. Suggestions include more cover bands, more country music, Todd Morgan, Tom Rigney, Old West Trio & Kyle Rowland. Any other suggestions? Please send them to Jen at membership@sacramentotallclub.org.

**Membership:** We currently have 73 members. Keep handing out business card and telling people about us.

**Webmaster**: Now that we have our 2015-2016 Board, the website has been updated with the current slate of officers with refreshed photos. Also new on the website, the Club By-Laws were added to the members-only area of the site. One last thing: after a discussion regarding PayPal and Scholarship at the last business meeting, donations to the Scholarship fund can now be made directly via PayPal by following the link on the scholarship page. Another way STC supports our future tall citizens.

**Scholarship**: We are looking for a volunteer to take on the position of Scholarship Chair. The role of the Chairperson is to:

- 1. Respond to scholarship application inquiries;
- 2. Collect and review applications, and choose the recipient;
- 3. Forward the local winner's application on to the TCI Scholarship Foundation, and follow up to make sure the Foundation receives it:
- 4. Present the award at senior awards night or at STC event; and
- 5. Be willing to work with club volunteers on fundraisers.

#### A Plea from Your Social Chair

We have a pretty full calendar through the end of the year, but looking at 2016, I am interested in what events the membership would like to see scheduled. We need suggestions for TGIF's, Mid-Month Dine Outs, Dinner & Movie Locations, Business Meeting locations, etc. We also need hosts for some of our annual events. New Year Eve is coming up quickly, and also Super Bowl Sunday.

Please also consider hosting events outside of your home. If there is something you are going to do that you think other people would be interested in, suggest it on MeetUp and we will put it out to the membership to respond. If you have any questions, or need help with MeetUp, please let your social chair know. I can be contacted at home on 916-896-1133, cell 916-753-5424 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:social@sacramentotallclub.org">social@sacramentotallclub.org</a>.

## What's Happening, STC?

#### Here's what we've been up to over the past couple of months.

• On September 5<sup>th</sup>, at least 10 Talls met for dinner and a movie. The movie of the night was "A Walk in the Woods, starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte.

 On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce sponsored a reception to announce the winner of the Honorary Mayor Race. At least 4 Talls attended the reception.

- September 11<sup>th</sup> saw the 2nd Annual Fall for Rollingwood Open-House. 10 Talls (and Ellen H.) met there to enjoy the sounds of Todd Morgan and the Emblems, try the latest from the Cali Love Food truck and the RAC Wine & Beer Garden, and participate in a Junior Tennis Social.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 Talls attended the Fair Oaks Chicken Festival, which featured a pancake breakfast, craft, vendor, and non-profit booths, music from a few bands, chicken-themed contests, and a craft brew tasting. There was even an appearance by Dinger, the mascot for the Sacramento Rivercats.



- The Chicken Festival competed for attendance with the annual Smoke on the River BBQ and beer tasting fundraiser for the Sacramento Artists Council. 3 Talls attended that event.
- Jennifer and Larry welcomed October with a garage sale October 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. 5 Talls participated, and a portion of proceeds from Tall Club purchases went to the STC Scholarship fund. Bob and Patty then kept the party going with a TGIF and Comedy Under the Stars in Fair Oaks.
- Steph hosted 20 Talls for Gourmet Guinea Pig Party #5 on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The idea was for attendees to make and share recipes they'd never tried before. Bob got good reviews on his butternut squash and apple soup, and apparently "Jennifer's energy bar hors d'ouvers and raspberry dessert were great along with the cheese burger balls." (-Tonna)
- Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> saw the Talls invade the Folsom Renaissance Faire and Shakespeare Festival.
   They were greeted by your editor's German alter-ego, Melchior von Aich, dressed in a re-creation of a German nobleman's outfit.
- Rounding out the month, Bob and Patty hosted a Halloween party. Talls arrived in costume with food and drink in hand for a night of haunts and ghouls. Scary movies and entertainment were available for their bone-chilling pleasure.
- Special Report: Marfan Foundation 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Barbeque. Rusty B., contributing author

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rusty B. and Virginia R. attended the Northern California Chapter of the Marfan Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Family BBQ. Rusty and Virginia arrived early, which gave them an opportunity to address the Marfan leadership team at their meeting beforehand. Wearing his "One of Kae's Kids" t-shirts, Rusty explained that TCl had a bond with the Marfan Foundation because our Founder, Kae, was also diagnosed with Marfan Syndrome. Rusty and Virginia welcomed Marfan Foundation members to attend to any one of our California Tall Clubs to have fun with us. We shared TCl business cards with them and shared information regarding our Meetup group and website. NorCal Marfan Affiliate members come from a large geographical area from as far south as Bakersfield all the way to the Oregon border. Their request was that we post our events on their Facebook page - http://facebook.com/NorCalChapterNMF. Rusty has already begun to do so. It was explained that closed events simply mean that attendees must be at least 21 years of age and meet our height requirements but that open events are just that, open to all.

By 1 PM there was the sound of children having fun in the pool while the rest of the families enjoyed sharing the support and experiences they've had as a result of their experience with Marfan. Burgers, hotdogs, and a variety of salads and desserts, were enjoyed by all.

Stephanie Cooper-Noe, the NMF Chapter President, shared highlights from the 2015 Marfan Conference Recap of activities and speakers by Chapter members who attended The Marfan Foundation's Annual Family Conference in Chicago.

Dr David Laing, Stanford University Marfan Director of Aortic Disorders, (and everyone's favorite cardiologist) was there to mix with the crowd, answer questions and inquire as to how his friends were doing.

Stephanie thanked Virginia and Rusty for attending and gave Rusty an opportunity to address the entire group and invite NorCal Marfan Affiliate Members to come to a STC event close to them.





## **Upcoming STC Events**

- Thursday, November 5th: Celebrate Guy Fawkes Day. Churchill Arms Pub, 649 East Bidwell Street, Folsom. Come celebrate the thwarted terrorist attack in London. Guy Fawkes Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night and Firework Night, is an annual commemoration observed on 5 November, primarily in Great Britain. Its history begins with the events of 5 November 1605, when Guy Fawkes, a member of the Gunpowder Plot, was arrested while guarding explosives the plotters had placed beneath the House of Lords. Celebrating the fact that King James I had survived the attempt on his life, people lit bonfires around London, and months later the introduction of the Observance of 5th November Act enforced an annual public day of thanksgiving for the plot's failure. RSVP on Meetup or e-mail/call Jennifer G.
- ♣ Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: Arctic Adventures Presentation by STC member Carol F. Hosted by Rusty B., attendees are welcome but not required to bring finger foods to nibble on. Contact Rusty for location.
- Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: Pizza Night! John's Incredible Pizza Company, 348 N. Sunrise Blvd., Roseville Come out and join your Tall friends for some pizza, games and fun! RSVP on Meetup or e-mail/call Brad F.
- Thanksgiving Day: Orphans Thanksgiving at the Huggetts'. Due to space constraints the guest list fills up fast. If you have not already RSVP'd to Patty H., please do so as soon as possible. STC will not be officially participating in Run to Feed the Hungry, but members are still encouraged to donate and/or participate if they wish to do so.
- Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Annual Christmas Party, hosted by the Spencers. Keep an eye on the webpage, Meetup and Faceboook for details.

Second Tuesday of every month: STC Business Meeting. The location changes, so keep an eye on Meetup.

- First Friday of 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 <a href="http://sacramentotallclub.org/">http://sacramentotallclub.org/</a>

## **Upcoming TCI Events**

**Central Jersey Tall Friends 10**<sup>th</sup> **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 2<sup>nd</sup>; \$55/65 by October 23<sup>rd</sup>; 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 70<sup>th</sup> 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! The flyer is attached.

**Central Arizona Tall Society Phoenix Phebruary Phiesta**: February 12-14, 2016, Four Points by Sheraton-Phoenix South. Happy Hour and dancing at Rustler's Rooste on South Mountain. Fun-based activities including golfing, hiking, tennis, horseback riding, outlet mall shopping, Casino, and poolside relaxing. Buffet dinner on Saturday, breakfast buffet and a picnic in the park on Sunday. The flyer is attached.

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

**2016 TCI Convention**: July 2016, New Orleans, LA. The flyer is attached: updates will appear here as they are made available.

#### Your STC Officers:

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## **Contact Us:**

STC Hotline: 916-469-8255

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

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

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

STC Web Page: <a href="http://sacramentotallclub.org/">http://sacramentotallclub.org/</a>

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

Tall Clubs International webpage: <a href="http://www.tall.org">http://www.tall.org</a>



## 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 <a href="www.SacramentoTallClub.org">www.SacramentoTallClub.org</a> and complete an application/renewal form, and then send payment to the P.O. box listed below.

If you do not have internet access, please send this completed renewal form with 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 (check one): 
Apply for Renew membership in the Sacramento Tall Club Name: Nickname: Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. \_\_\_\_ In. Gender: □Male □Female Birthday: E-mail 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 addresses 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 excluded. Please don't publish my: Home Address ☐ Home Phone Number ☐ E-mail Address ☐ By signing 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.) Applicant Signature: FOR STC USE ONLY 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 \_\_\_\_



## TCI<sup>™</sup> Convention 2016 • New Orleans, Louisiana • July 25-31, 2016

Your TCI™ 2016 Convention Committee is excited to invite you to Convention 2016.

There is so much to do in the New Orleans area, we are finding something for everyone. Your package will include: A welcome buffet dinner with fundraiser and dance, 3-day Red Bus hop-on-hop-off, World War II Museum visit including the dinner show "Songs that Won the War," Steamboat Natchez Jazz Dinner Cruise, Oak Alley Plantation Tour and dinner, Bayou Tour, as well as our Miss Tall International®

Pageant, Dinner & Ball and the annual TCI Awards Banquet.

There will be optional tours available to Mardi Gras World. Bourbon Street, Garden District, cemeteries, cooking classes, shopping excursions and so much more! That's six dinners, six breakfasts and six after-hours featuring themes, meals and open bars all set in and around the pool area!

Coming mid January: complete details with a day by day activity calendar, after-hour themes and any other activities we can stuff into the week!

Watch for Pre Convention information coming soon!

Questions? Email Lori Giachino:

tciregistration@aol.com

TCI Members' EARLYBIRD Full-package Price!

with deposit postmarked by 1/31/2016

## TCI Members' Full Package

\$650 postmarked by 4/30/2016 \$675 postmarked by 7/1/2016 \$700 after 7/1/2016

Non-members add 5% surcharge to each price tier. (Prospective members exempt from surcharge.)

A \$100 deposit holds price breaks



Reserve your hotel room:



## Double Tree by Hilton

300 Canal St. New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: (504) 581-1300

Online: http://tinyurl.com/npd4nop TCI rate is valid through 7/1/2016

King or double. \$119 per night (1-2 people),

\$139 (3 people), \$149 (4 people)

Complete this form and mail it with your \$100 deposit to:			
TCI Convention 2016, 8907 Wellington Ave., Oklahoma (	City, OK 73120	Comment of the second	
Name:		777111	
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☐ TCI Member-at-Large			
☐ Prospective Member Height:'"	Address:		
□ Non-member	City:	State: Zip:	

# Paramount Tall Club of Chicago

# "Mardi Gras De LuXX...letting the Good Times Roll Since 1946"

70th Anniversary

January 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2016

Weekend Package Price: \$100 postmarked by 12/17/15 \$115 postmarked by 1/17/16 \$125 postmarked after 1/17/16

Non-refundable deposit of \$65,U.S. Currency will hold your package price. Pay on or before 12/17/15 to be eligible to win a free weekend package!! Full Package Includes:

Friday Costume Party
Live Band - The Incognitos
Afterhours Open Bar and Food
Saturday Night Semi-formal
Masquerade Ball
Cocktails/Dinner & Dance DJ

Afterhours Open Bar & Food & Team Trivia

Pool & Hot Tub

THURSDAY EARLY ARRIVAL WELCOME

The Park at Rosemont

## hicago O'Hare Airport

### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

- \*Chicago Crime Bus Tour
- \* Wine & Painting Party
- \* Lunch in Chinatown
- \* Tall Shopping
- \* Rosemont Outlet Mall
- \* Rivers Casino

www.tallclubchicago.org or Facebook

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#### Hotel Reservations

Hilton Garden Inn- Chicago O'Hare Airport 2930 South River Road Des Plaines, IL 847-296-8900

www.chicagoohareairport.stayhgi.com Group Code: TALL16 Rate: 1-4 persons \$90 per night Includes Full Breakfast Price and room block held until 1/7/16 FREE Parking

Free 24 hour O'Hare airport transportation provided

Registration Info

Will Send More information on Activities and Costs

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Mail Form with a \$65 non-refundable deposit (US Funds) Payable to "Paramount Tall Club of Chicago"

## The Central Arizona Tall Society

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# Phoenix Phebruary Phiesta

## "Drop Yer Jeans Partner" Weekend!!!

February 12 - 14, 2016



#### Weekend Package Price:

\$ 100.00 Postmarked by Jan. 15

\$ 125.00 after Jan. 153

(Your \$ 50.00 Non-Refundable Deposit Holds Prices)

#### Hotel Accommodations:

Four Points by Sheraton-Phoenix South

10831 S. 51" St Phoenix, AZ 85044

Reservations 1-877-627-7812

Ask for Tall Club Rate

Rates: \$121.00 (+7.27% tax/night)

\* These rates are guaranteed prior to Jan. 15, 2016. At that time the block of rooms will be released to the general public and reservations will be accepted on space availability and at a possible higher rate.

Bring along old denim jeans for a donation to "Jeans 4 Graffe" fund.



### Weekend Package Includes:

Friday: Registration

Happy Hour and dancing at Rustler's Rooste on South Mountain. – Variety of appetizers provided. Other dinner options available at own cost. Country dancing provided at the Steakhouse to live entertainment. Dress casual or

western wear. (Cash Bar) After-Hours Party (Open Bar)

Saturday: Breakfast Buffet.

Choose your fun-based activity \* \*(golfing, hiking, tennis, horseback riding, outlet mall shopping,

Casino, or poolside relaxing) Happy Hour (Open Bar)

Buffet Style Dinner followed by our Dance to music

furnished by a live band.

Western or casual dress code. (Cash Bar)

After-Hours Party (Open Bar)

Breakfast Buffet.

Sunday: Picnic at the Park

\* \* Note: Some events may incur extra costs.

#### Our dinner on Saturday night will feature the following:

A buffet style dinner, which will include Caesar Salad, Antipas to Platter, Tomato and Mozzarella salad, Traditional Lasagna, Chicken Marsala, Cheese Tortellini with Marinara Sauce, Sweet Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Zucchini and Yellow Squash, Garlic Bread Sticks, and Tiramisu for dessert. Iced tea, water and regular or decaf coffee.

Send your deposit of \$50.00 to our Registration Chairperson: (Make checks payable to CATS)

Kat McIntyre 10645 N. Tatum Blvd. Suite 200 PMB 146 Phoenix, AZ 85028-3068

Any questions? Contact PPP Chairperson Andy Ewing (602) 527-0170 or email: andy.ewing@coxnet

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