

Talleidoscope

SEP-DEC 2007

TCI Man of the Year

By Barry Umbs

Dave Rasmussen has been standing in the back row for most of his life, at times hoping to not be noticed. That included within Tall Clubs International. He can't do that in TCI any longer. At this year's Convention, his efforts were recognized as he received the Frank Winker TCI Lifetime Achievement Award. This is commonly known as the Man of the Year.

This is the highest honor that is bestowed by the Clubs of TCI to only one man and woman per year for their efforts to promote the Tall movement.



Over the past 14 years, Dave has developed a number of leadership and social skills resulting in this recognition. He stepped forward to take over leadership roles in the Milwaukee Clubs. Dave also recognized that he could help the National Marfan Foundation spread the word about the disorder. In addition, he became involved in a number of documentaries on height related topics.

These have all been successful endeavors. Add to that his increased travel and friendly personality, you can see why he is very popular around TCI. The Clubs of TCI could easily

see that Dave was the best choice for this year's award.

We should all congratulate and thank Dave for his dedication to the Tall movement. I'm hoping that this honor will go to the top of Dave's head and lead him to continue his efforts to improve TCI and the NMF.

9/1 Templeton, Lynn
9/19 Grupp, Tom
9/21 Flahive, Patty
9/25 Giuntoli, Caralee
9/30 Jalensky, Bill
10/1 Pehkonen, Bill
10/2 Ciganek, Tim
10/22 Evans, Ruby J.
11/17 Lobitz, Greg

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Requirements: Age 21, Women 5'10", Men 6'2"

Entertainment books

Don't miss out on the savings → get your 2008 Entertainment Book!

Once again, the Tall Club of Milwaukee is selling books to raise funds for the Gosz Scholarship award. The fundraising campaign starts in September and continues through November. Each Entertainment book contains thousands of dollars in 2-for-1 and up-to-50% off discount offers from local and national restaurants, hotels and resorts, enter-

tainment venues, and much more. Books cost \$35, with \$7 from every book sold going to our scholarship fund. To order a copy of the Entertainment book, contact Julie Lobitz at (414) 321-4042. Or buy online at <http://www.entertainment.com/support>. Please enter 148872 when prompted to support the Tall Club of Milwaukee.



The **Tall Club of Milwaukee** (TCM) is a not for profit social club serving Milwaukee and Southeastern Wisconsin.

Our purpose is to create an environment where tall people can meet, share and exchange ideas, and develop tall friendships.

Our goal is to educate tall people to be undeterred in their outlook and activities because of height, and to promote friendship and respect.

We unite and organize tall men and women from all professions, ethnic backgrounds, and religions for the advancement of friendships and common interests. This is done by way of Social Events (including house parties, picnics, attending or participating in sporting events, going out to dinner, movies, happy hours, dances, etc.), participation in Charitable Projects (TCM volunteers recently worked a rest stop for Multiple Sclerosis), and involvement in our local community.

TCM is the sole organization responsible for the Jason Daniel Gosz Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a local tall graduating high school senior.

Membership Requirements.

Besides the minimum age and height requirements recognized by the Tall Club of Milwaukee and Tall Clubs International, all persons submitting their TCM Membership Application and Remittance MUST be approved by the TCM Board of Directors.

Membership Dues

Single Membership - \$25/year
Married Couple Membership - \$30/year

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September, 10th 2007 Board Minutes:

In Attendance: Larry Kucharek, Julie Lobitz, Dave Rasmussen,

Deb Tetzlaff,
and Barry Umbs.

TCI Convention-Delegates Meeting (Barry):

- 55 clubs left in TCI, Portland is our new executive board.
- 2008 convention will be hosted by the California Tip Toppers in Long Beach, CA (host every 10 years).
- Motions passed at meeting - 1) TCI scholarships will be given to the winners earlier (April 25th), so they have the award/money before graduation. All paperwork must be postmarked by April 10th. Six students received \$1,000 each for

college expenses, one being our Milwaukee candidate. 2) TCI was allowed to have \$10,000 maximum in account, now raised to \$20,000. 3) Three-fourths vote from executive board is enough to override finance committee's recommendations. 4) Each club must provide a list of members with their zip codes when submitting TCI dues.

- Purchasing a server for TCI is on hold, waiting on accountability for its purpose and cost effectiveness.
- Barry was paid \$55 for his time, efforts, and input at the meeting.

Social Calendar:

- Purging Barry's basement (4 boxes of TCM history will be stored at Julie's house, next board meeting look

through items).

- Barry will host a Christmas party this year, pending the sale of his house.
- Fall calendar of events were discussed and the decision to have a TCM 2008 weekend was approved for September 19th-21st (Oktoberfest).
- Entertainment books were distributed to buy and sell. The bill has to be paid by mid December, please be prompt, and all sales are final ☺

Adjourned at 9:45pm

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Tall Club of Milwaukee website: <http://www.tallclubmilwaukee.org>

Mad Town Talls website: <http://www.tall.org/clubs/wi/madtowntalls/>

Paramount Tall Club of Chicago website: <http://www.tallclubchicago.org/>

Fall Calendar

TALL CLUB OF MILWAUKEE – FALL/WINTER 2007 CALENDAR

Events subject to change. Watch our website for updates and additions! You are strongly encouraged to RSVP to each event's contact person...see contact info at bottom of this list. Some events are in Madison; note locations carefully.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – CHICAGO'S WEEKEND IS MOVING TO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN MAY OF 2008.

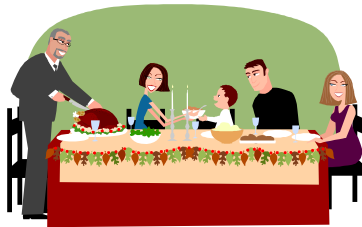
MARK YOUR CALENDARS – THE NEXT MILWAUKEE WEEKEND WILL BE SEPTEMBER OF 2008, ON THE 19TH THROUGH THE 21ST.

SAT Sept 22nd – Hidden River Art Fair, Mitchell Park in Brookfield, just south of 196th and Capitol Drive. Meet at 11a at place to be determined (call Julie) and car-pool from there, or arrange to meet up with the group by contacting Julie to find out where to meet. See art from eighty Wisconsin artists, sponsored by the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. Explore your own artistic talents during mini-

workshops, demonstrations and hands-on activities presented throughout the day. Food and beverage vendors will be on site. Host: Julie. RSVP to her by 9am on that morning. Admission \$5. (www.hiddenriverartfestival.org)

weekend of Sept 28-30 – Harvest Fair at Wisconsin State Fair Park; HOST NEEDED to volunteer and choose a time for our group to attend. Kids of all ages can pick out a pumpkin to carve; make your own scarecrow; enjoy hay rides, pumpkin bowling and making your own T-shirt or decorated cookie. Midway rides, food vendors, and a farmers' market. FREE entertainment stages with musical acts. (www.wistatefair.com; click on Harvest Fest)

SAT Sept 29th – MADISON – Dinner and a movie night with the Mad Town Talls, 5p at Kelly's Grille, 2685 Research Park Drive in Fitchburg. Movie afterward to be decided by the group. RSVP to Pat in Madison by Wednesday of that week, or as soon as possible.



FRI Oct 5th – Membership Social at Outback Steakhouse near Southridge Mall, 74th and W. Barnard Avenue; cocktails at 6p, dinner at 6:30. Reservations required; RSVP to Deb by noon that day.



SAT Oct 13th – Concert: Concord Chamber Orchestra, 8p, St. Matthew's Lutheran church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue. A wonderful opportunity to hear world-class symphonic music up close and personal! Hear and watch our own Dave R is in the violin section. Program: Scottish and Gaelic music. Host: Deb; RSVP by Friday noon the day before. Tickets available at the door for \$12.

TUES Oct 16th – Movie Night at the Budget Cinema, on Highway 100 between Beloit Road and Layton Avenue.

SUN Oct 21st – MADISON – Champagne Brunch boat ride aboard the Betty Lou! This event is a Mad Town Talls tradition that many of us in Milwaukee never miss! Catch the last of the fall colors while you sail the beautiful seas of Lake Mendota while savoring unlimited amounts of free champagne, plus a delightfully tasty catered brunch. Free soda; cash bar for other drinks, such as Bloody

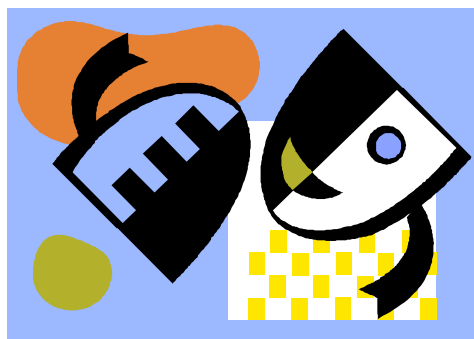
Mary's. \$40 ADVANCE TICKET REQUIRED; ORDER ASAP by going to the boat's website – this event will sell out! Host is Pat in Madison. Deb is arranging carpool from Milwaukee; RSVP to her no later than FRIDAY NOON that weekend. The day of the sailing, meet promptly at 11:30 at the parking lot of Mariner's Inn, 5339 Lighthouse Bay Drive in Madison. Use yahoo maps to find your way and you won't get lost! Boat sails at noon and waits for no one. This is an Any-Weather event; bring a waterproof jacket or rain gear if the skies look drippy because it's fun to be out on the deck during the sailing. For land-lubbers amongst us, the boat is enclosed with windows to keep you warm and snug while offering you stunning views of the shoreline and Madison landmarks. Afterward: join the talls for an afternoon-long visit to the UW Union Terrace, if weather permits – a glorious way to salute the end of Indian Summer.

(www.bettyloucruises.com – When ordering tickets ONLINE, be sure to specify the brunch cruise on *Lake Mendota*, since the Betty Lou boats sail on various lakes.)

SAT Oct 27th – MADISON – Tim and Wanda's annual Halloween Costume Party! Tim and Wanda live out in Monticello, south of Madison, on a farmstead that is a glorious patch of country ground to us cityfolk. Join us for a fun evening of costume show and tell, plus dancing to Dave J's tunes on the Tim/Wanda dance floor with no splinters! Enjoy the peaceful nighttime quiet of their patio, and bring sleeping bags to bunk in with their annual sleep-over that night at the Tim and Wanda B&B. Watch for flyers promoting the event and telling everyone what to bring for the

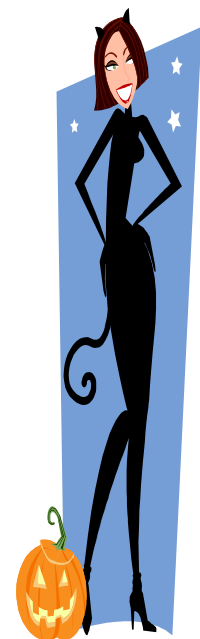
potluck the night of the party, and for breakfast the next day. Closer to the event, check out Mad Town's website for copies of their flyer online that will include driving directions.

WED Oct 31st – Hitchcock Halloween featuring the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, at the Milwaukee Theatre at 500 W. Kilbourn, 7:30p. ADVANCE TICKETS required; show will most likely sell out! The Milw Symphony Orchestra will perform the spine-tingling scores of Alfred Hitchcock's most haunting films seen as they were meant to be seen – on the big screen. Don't miss this Halloween night performance. Host: Julie – RSVP to her ASAP, and contact her if you have any questions. Ticket prices range from \$13 to \$50 per seat.



FRI Nov 2nd – Membership social at Victor's Sports Bar and a performance at ComedySportz that evening. TICKET RESERVATIONS are highly recommended. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50 in advance; \$25 at the door. Host: Larry K; RSVP to him by FRI the WEEK BEFORE for advance tickets, and pay him by that date. Meet for drinks at 6 the show starts at 7:30. Call 262-565-8926 to RSVP by Oct 26th.

SAT Nov 3rd – CHICAGO tall club's Halloween Party, at McNally's Irish Pub in Elmhurst, 122 S. York Road. This is a well-attended event and we usually have a nice contingent from Milwaukee to help our friends in the big city celebrate Fall. Look up the address on yahoo maps and pay attention to the one-way street directions; see arrows. Just to the west of McNally's in the same block is a municipal parking garage. Carpool from Milwaukee?? Contact our host Dave R; RSVP to him by Friday noon the day before.



SAT Nov 10th – MADISON – Ethnic Dinner and bowling night; 6:30pm, Mexicali Rose, exit NORTH off the Beltline at Stoughton Road, take the Cottage Grove exit and turn right/east, then an almost immediate left/north. RSVP to Pat no later than noon on the Friday the day before.

THURS Nov 16th – Holiday Lights Festival in downtown Milwaukee, begins with the official tree lighting at 4:30p in Red Arrow Park. Choral groups, a petting zoo and a visit from Father Christmas lead up to the lighting of the tree at 5:15. From there, head to Pere Marquette park for the kick-off extravaganza of the Holiday Lights Festival at 6p. There'll be music, rockin' dance routines, magical illusions, a visit from Santa, and a

fabulous fireworks display. Note: another tree lighting ceremony will be held in the lobby of the Hyatt at 7p. Host: Julie. RSVP to her by noon that day.

weekend of Nov 16-18 – Holiday Folk Fair at Wisconsin State Fair expo building. *HOST NEEDED* to choose a day and time for our group to attend.

FRI Nov 23rd – MADISON – Dinner out at Famous Dave's Barbeque. Check the club's website for further details closer to the event.

SAT Dec 1st – Paramount Tall Club of CHICAGO's holiday party, plus their Mr and Ms Tall pageant. Watch the Chicago website closer to the event for the details.



SUN Dec 2nd – MADISON – brunch at noon with the Mad Town Talls in the lobby restaurant of the Orpheum Theatre on State Street. Hang

out on State Street or tour Madison during the afternoon, then enjoy a fun (and free!) physics and chemistry demonstration at the UW campus at 4p. Check the club's website closer to the event for more details. Deb will be in charge of the carpool from Milw; RSVP to her by noon on SAT the day before.

SAT Dec 15th – Concord Chamber Orchestra at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 S. 6th Street, 8p. Join our own Dave R playing the violin as the orchestra presents a concert of glorious orchestral and choral Christmas music. Featured choirs will be the Lutheran A Capella groups from the Milwaukee area. Afterward: let's head to a watering hole for late-night refreshments; group will decide on a destination. Ticket prices vary, depending on seating in front or back; check website for details. **ADVANCE TICKET RESERVATIONS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** – this concert is usually a sell-out. RSVP to Deb by 5pm on FRI the night before. If you'd like to volunteer as an usher or help with ticket sales that evening, then you get in free! Volunteers need to RSVP to Deb or to Dave no later than the week before the event. (www.concordorchestra.org)

MON Dec 31st – MADISON – New Year's Eve party with the Mad Town Talls; tickets

are usually required. Watch their website for more details. Deb will organize Milwaukee carpool; RSVP to Wanda in Madison for tickets ASAP, and no later than a week prior to Christmas, if at all possible! RSVP ride info to Deb no later than SAT at noon that weekend.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Treasurer Report (Julie):

- Balance as of 8/31/2007 is: \$4,336.72
- Currently have 25 people up-to-date with membership dues
- Switching from Choice One to VOIP.COM saves the club \$35 a month in phone expenses. Thanks Jennifer, Dave, and Larry for the research
- TCM now has a debit card to eliminate some paper trail->saving time, money, and inconvenience.
- All Entertainment Book money has to be turned in by the first week of December. The bill is due December 15th to avoid penalty.
- TCM 2007 Camp-Out expenses are as follows:

1) 7 reserved camp sites:	\$238
2) Beer:	\$59.60
3) Corn:	\$13.50
4) Campsite dinner food/drinks:	\$114.67
5) Campsite breakfast food/drinks:	\$75.40
6) Champ's bill:	\$180.09
7) Parking fees:	\$59

Total: \$740.26
Camp-out Income: \$585

- \$155.26



Upcoming TCI Events

10/05/07	Capitol Heights 65th Anniversary Weekend
10/05/07	RETC Annual Salt Point Weekend
10/12/07	Yankee Clipper Weekend
10/26/07	Texas Halloween Hoedown
11/09/07	Harvest Moon Weekend
02/15/08	Phoenix Phebruary Phiesta
04/12/08	Have a Heart for Marfan Dinner Dance
05/30/08	Live from Chicago. . .It's Saturday Night
06/06/08	Blue Hawaii Tall Cruisin' Houseboat Weekend
06/30/08	Southern California Adventure

Flyers for these events are available. For more information, see

tciweekends.com

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Uncle Sam Wants YOU!

Several board positions need to be filled to keep our club organized, active, and vibrant. We need a secretary to record minutes, someone for promotion and marketing, and a contact person for new members. The board meetings are informal and congregate once every 2 or 3 months or on an as need basis.

Let your voice be heard, support our efforts, and sign-up!

Uncle Sam awaits ☺

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