

# Talleidoscope FEB/MAR 2007

From the president...

Whatever happened to the mild winter we were all talking about? Well just in a nick of time when the cabin fever has started to set in and we're getting over our colds, Get Your Kicks on Route 66, the Chicago Paramount Weekend, is but a weekend away. Time to warm up to old friends or make new, down in the windy city.

If you're new to tall clubs or tall club weekends, give a call to one of the contacts at the end of this newsletter. The hotel is an easy day drive, on the outskirts of Downtown Chicago, giving you ample opportunity to check out the largest group of tall people you have likely seen in your life, having a great time.

Besides sharing with other tall clubs from around the country and world, the local Tall Club of Milwaukee is growing and trying out some new ideas. Our monthly dinner socials are



back starting out with Feb 9th at Outback Steak House at Southridge. We of course are sharing some events with our sister clubs in Chicago and Madison - and we encourage you to look at their web calendars to see if any of their events fit into your calendar if you're going their way. As an example of this, a member of the Toronto Tall Club will be attending our February dinner social.

If you haven't renewed your membership or joined, please do so. Dues help us to continue the newsletter, our voice-mail, post office box and membership in Tall Clubs International.

If anyone has any items they would like to donate for the Marfan or TCI Foundation fund raisers at the Chicago weekend, please contact me. As always, have a tall winter and

Have a great winter! Hope to see ya around. - Dave

## Birthdays:

2/4 Natalya A Schilling  
2/7 BarryUmbs  
2/16 Michelle L Sutinen  
2/17 Larry Kucharek  
2/22 Alonzo M Williams  
3/20 Terry Hughes  
3/22 Angela S Boyer  
3/23 Kimberly A Fedder  
3/25 Cheri M Grams  
4/3 Neal Bolinske  
4/19 Bob Sheffield  
4/20 ALBERTA PERKINS  
4/26 Douglas J Howard  
4/26 Lee Nichols

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

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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### **Packer Party**

On November 12<sup>th</sup> a group meet at my house to cheer on the Packers against the Minnesota Vikings, it must have worked because they won! It wasn't a large crowd, only 9 showed. Those that did show up had a great time, beside the Packers winning we

had some really good food, Ginger made some awesome Potato Salad, Yvonne brought her world famous Banana chocolate chip cake, I made the KLH beer brats, Dave brought a great veggie assortment, Barry made it a true Wisconsin event with the Cheese, sausage and crackers,



Tim had the chips and Sandy the dip (I should probably rephrase that)

We did end up discussing a few club items while we where together, one was the fact that I have a free domain name and a lot of space free on my website, so I of-

fered it to the club, we now have a domain name of <http://tallclubmilwaukee.org> it might be a little easier to direct someone to it. Hopefully Dave and I can put a really great site together. Anyway, I'm all for getting together to cheer on the Packers if that's what it takes for them to win, so hopefully we can plan more

of these in the future.

Stay Tall,  
Larry

**Tall Club Folks Attend Retirement Party for Ginger P – Tom Grupp**

On 1/7 a retirement party was held for Tall Club member Ginger Peterson at Harry’s Café in Lake Geneva. It was attended by her fellow coworkers from the phone company where she worked, fellow church members, friends, and, of course, her tall club friends from the Milwaukee and Madison clubs. She will now be moving back to her hometown near Atlanta to enjoy her retirement. Members in attendance form both Wisconsin clubs were myself, Dave J, Pat D, Wanda W, Tim F, Doug Z, Bob S. Barry U, Sandy G, Larry K,



**Milwaukee and Madison members at Ginger’s party.**

Caralee J, Dave R and Deb T (& friend). Jim Nelson of Paramount and Jane Utter of the High Cincinnatians were also in attendance. Glen Davis, a blues singer & friend of Ginger’s helped the party along with performing great tunes. BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY RETIREMENT, GINGER!!! Editor’s note: Ginger has already moved south and just in time! This awesome party was sponsored by “the telephone company” and they really did a great job.

Below Middle: Ginger & friend Pam from Georgia, below is Ginger & her Dad, who made the trip!

**Mad Town Talls Celebrate Christmas 2006 – Tom Grupp**

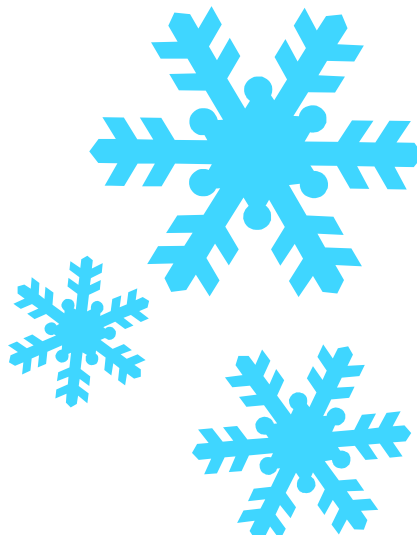
It was the season to be jolly and that is what me and other members of the Madtown Talls were, on the night of Dec 12th when we had our annual Christmas party. This year we once again were at Alt ‘n Bachs,

which is located behind American TV off Todd Dr. Members in attendance were Pat d, Tim F, Wanda W, Doug A, Dave J, Eric N, Kevin & Carol M. Dave J, as usual, did a fine job of being our DJ. We also enjoyed some great hors d’oeuvres supplied by the restaurant. Christmas will have come and gone by the time you read this, so I HOPE

YOU ALL HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

**Mad Town Talls Welcome in 2007 – Tom Grupp**

On New Year’s Eve, myself, along with a few other tall club folks started the night off with a delicious dinner at The Quaker Steak and Lube in Middleton. We then went over to nearby Tallard’s Station to take advantage of their NYE deal, which cost ten dollar a person. It included a snack buffet, champagne at midnight, party favors and a great band “Undercover”, a 50’s & 60’s band. Members in attendance were Pat D, Wanda W, Tim F, Dave J, Joan from Detroit, Dave K, and the current Miss Tall Chicago, Linda H. Lee & Nancy celebrated another NYE with us, the anniversary of their meeting. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## **CHICAGO WEEKEND,**

### **FEBRUARY 2nd-4th**

Tickets for all events are available at the door, though a package is suggested if you plan to attend the entire weekend. Some Milwaukee members are driving down just for Friday night. If you need a ride, contact Deb (see contact info at bottom of calendar.) Chicago's theme is "Route 66" – at the costume party Friday night this will translate to: anything 50's or 60's. Paramount Tall Club of Chicago throws a great party, and they offer fun and diverse tours on Saturday. Saturday night is a traditional banquet and dinner dance. For an extra nominal fee, on Sunday you can hang around with the Chicago members to enjoy their Super Bowl party. With the Bears playing a starring role in that game, the excitement will be unparalleled! If you need a flyer mailed to you, contact Dave R.

### **TIP TOPPERS CLUB OF DETROIT WEEKEND, MARCH 23-25**

We'll probably have, as usual, a caravan of people from Milwaukee driving over and carpooling to the Detroit tall club weekend. Theme is "Toy Stories" and the weekend includes Friday night costume party and dance, after-hours libations and treats, Saturday tours around Motor City, and a Saturday night awards banquet and dance, plus breakfasts on Sat and Sun mornings. Package price is a bargain if sent in by Feb 16th -- \$100. See flyer posted at [www.TClweekends.com](http://www.TClweekends.com). If you need a flyer mailed to you, contact Dave R.

### **TALL CLUB OF MILWAUKEE'S NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Monday May 7th, 6:30 pm at Panera Bread, southeast corner of Silver Spring and Port Washington Road, just east of I-43. The only way you can turn into Panera's lot, which is behind their building, is: you need to be traveling SOUTH on Port Washington Road. Entrance is the first driveway to the right, south of the intersection of Port Road and Silver Spring Drive. (This will be a great excuse to see the new Trader Joe's at Bayshore Mall, if you haven't yet paid that marvelous store a visit.)

### **TALL CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:**



Our Entertainment Book sales have netted us enough money to again award a scholarship to a tall

graduating high school senior to use for college expenses in fall. A hearty thanks to all who helped out by buying or selling the books! Scholarship winner will be selected at the May Board Meeting. Anyone interested in helping judge the entries is welcomed to join us at Panera that evening.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**

Larry K has graciously decided to open his house in Wind Lake for a tall club party on Saturday March 17th. See calendar for details and RSVP information. Come and be IRISH for a day with the tall club!

### **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP SOCIALS...**

are planned for each month. See our calendar; dates and places vary. We are asking our members to make an effort to come to as many of those socials as possible, because that is our primary venue for having prospective members visit to see what tall club is all about.

### **GET OUT YOUR 2008 CALENDAR:**

The Milwaukee Weekend will take a hiatus in 2007, but return in 2008! This gives us plenty of advance-planning time. September 19-21 is the proposed date, and tentative plans are to once again tie our weekend to a Wine and Harvest theme. (Many past attendees requested we do it again, so we'll bring it back by popular demand.) We are starting to explore hotel venues; call Deb if you have any ideas you'd like us to investigate.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** include snow tubing or tubing at Sunburst Ski Area, events at the zoo including a wine and beer tasting, and some interesting events in the Madison area. See the enclosed calendar. Do RSVP or call your host/contact person if you have any questions or would like to join us. Sometimes our schedules change at the last moment. We need event ideas for May, June and July. Best way to suggest an event is: let us know about something you already plan to attend. It's the painless way to host an event! Call Deb with calendar suggestions; we'll find a host if you prefer not to.

## TALL CLUB OF MILWAUKEE WINTER/SPRING 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.

### **FEB 2nd-4th CHICAGO TALL CLUB WEEKEND.**

See flyer at [www.tciweekends.com](http://www.tciweekends.com). Carpooling for Friday night's costume party is being coordinated by Deb.

### **THURS FEB 8TH – MILWAUKEE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

presents Wines and Beers of the World from 7-10pm, a fundraiser that allows you to sip on Chardonnay and nibble hors d'oeuvres as you discover wines from Australia to Germany while chatting with wine experts as you stroll through the Peck Welcome Center and the Stearns Family Apes of Africa and the Primates of the World exhibits. Attendees of the wine and beer event must be at least 21 years old. Bottles and cases of wine will be available for sale; a percentage will benefit the zoo. Cost for Zoological Members and guests (registering at the same time as members) is \$35. Nonmembers \$40. After Feb 2nd, only phone reservations will be accepted, with a credit card. please call the zoo office to register: 414.258.2333. Host is Zoological Society Julie.

### **FRI FEB 9th – MILWAUKEE MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL,**

6:30pm. Outback Steak House near Southridge at 74th and Barnard. which is just south of Layton Avenue. Address: 7401 W. Barnard. Host is Julie. RSVP by 3pm that day.

### **SAT FEB 10th – HISTORIC GREENDALE.**

"I Left My Heart on Broad Street" is an all-day celebration of Historic Greendale's business district. Events run from 10a-4p: carriage rides, hayrides, live music, contests, gifts for Valentine's Day, heart health information, and plenty of family-friendly fun! Park in southeast corner of Southridge Mall's lot and ride the shuttle bus. For more information, call 414 423 3080. Julie will host; please RSVP to her by 9am Saturday morning.

### **SAT FEB 17th – SPEND THE DAY IN MADISON!**

Let's join the Mad Town Talls for day-long fun and frolic. 3:45pm: "Wonders of Physics" is highly recommended by Eric from the tall club and is a fascinating demonstration and lighthearted "lecture" on the fun of physics. RSVP ASAP!...608.262.2927. Held on the UW campus at 1150 University Avenue, Chamberlin Hall ROOM 2103. Dinner and show at Babe's Grill and Bar to follow, 6pm, RSVP to Pat ASAP, after dinner show is at 8pm: Piano Fondue / Dueling Pianos. Two crazy guys, two pianos, ALL requests, and audience sing-alongs and participation is highly recommended. Don't miss this unusual event! Babe's address: 5614 Schroeder Road, restaurant phone is 608.274.7300. Deb is host for the Milwaukee crowd. Contact her regarding carpooling, no later than Friday evening the night before. Directions to the campus: take the Park Street exit off the beltline (Hwy 12/18), and turn RIGHT onto Park, then LEFT onto one-way University Avenue for only one block, then turn LEFT onto N. Brooks street to find the

parking ramp (Ramp 7) under Grainger hall, the building on your left (and the only building in that entire block). Chamberlin Hall is on the northeast corner of Univ Ave and N. Charter street, two blocks west of the parking ramp. Parking garage is free on Sundays. Plan to arrive no later than 3pm in order to find parking and find the room. Directions to Babe's Grill: take the beltline west to the Whitney Way exit, LEFT (south) on Whitney, go back under the beltline and turn RIGHT, immediately, onto Schroeder Road. You'll see the restaurant on your right, just after you turn onto Schroeder.

### **SUN FEB 25th – SUNBURST SKI AREA IN KEWASKUM**

tubing and/or skiing. Meet at the ski hill at 2pm. Larry K will be your host (along with his kids who will be tubing.) Prices for tubing are \$12 for 2 hours, \$15 for 3 hours. There is a coupon for discounts on lift tickets in the Entertainment Book. RSVP to Larry by 11am on Sunday.

### **SUN FEB 25th – MADISON'S INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

at the Overture Center for the Arts on State Street. This is a lively celebration of the cultures represented in the Madison community. Music, dance and storytelling, free performance scattered throughout the building, plus an international bazaar with hand-crafted items from around the globe. Events run from 11a-5p. For complete schedule of performing groups, go to [www.overturecenter.com/international.htm](http://www.overturecenter.com/international.htm) and click on "Schedule details can be found here. DINNER at 5pm along State Street, venue to be decided by the

group. RSVP to Pat no later than noon on Saturday. DEB will coordinate Milwaukee carpooling. RSVP to Deb no later than noon, Saturday.

### **FRI MAR 2nd - MILWAUKEE MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL**

6:30pm. Don Quijote Restaurant, page C27 in our Entertainment Books. Located in Walker's point at 704 S. 2nd Street, this is a sparkling restaurant and the only venue in Milwaukee specializing in the Spanish concept of tapas, which are small plates of samples of appetizers and entrees. Bar is on the first floor, dining room is upstairs; look for tall club in both places when you arrive. Live music on weekends. Host is Deb. RSVP by 3pm that day.

### **SAT MAR 3rd - MADISON: DINE ABOVE THE CITY WITH THE MAD TOWN TALLS**

6:30pm, RSVP to Pat by 6p on Friday. Cloud 9 Grille offers a birds-eye view of Madison from a perch above the city offering the best overlook (and the only restaurant) with a view of the capitol and lakes. 876 Jupiter Drive, on the east side of Madison off Cottage Grove Road. Stay on Highway 30 into Madison from the east, then turn SOUTH onto Stoughton Road/Highway 51. Proceed just over 1 mile south

on Stoughton Road, and turn LEFT (EAST) onto Cottage Grove Road. Take Cottage Grove east and you'll pass under a freeway about ¾ mile. Just after passing under freeway, take the FIRST LEFT, which is North Star Drive, then take the FIRST LEFT onto Jupiter Drive. [www.cloud9grille.com](http://www.cloud9grille.com). MOONLIGHT BOWLING that same evening, 9pm at Dream Lanes, 13 Atlas Court. Go west on Cottage Grove Road and turn right onto Atlas just before you get to Stoughton Road. You'll see the bowling alley at the bend in the road.



### **SAT MAR 17th - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AT LARRY K'S PLACE**

8828 Oriole Lane, Wind Lake, WI 53185 Starts at 6:30, eat at 7. Main course will be corned beef and cabbage. Bring a plate to pass and RSVP either by calling Larry at 262-565-8926 or email [rsvp@tallclubmilwaukee.org](mailto:rsvp@tallclubmilwaukee.org)

### **SUN MAR 18th - MADISON LUNCH and MOVIE WITH MAD TOWN TALLS**

11:30am, Flat Top Grill, 538 N. Midvale, restaurant phone 608.236.0500. RSVP to Pat by noon on Saturday. Directions: beltline west to Verona Road/Midvale exit. North (right) onto Midvale, proceed almost 2 miles north on Midvale and take the first left before you get to Hilldale Mall. Restaurant on right side. A unique dining experience! You pick your ingredients and your meat and your sauce and they grill it for you. MOVIE TO FOLLOW, to be decided on by the group.

### **MAR 23-25TH - TIP TOPPERS OF DETROIT WEEKEND.**

See [www.tciweekends.com](http://www.tciweekends.com) for flyer and info. This is usually well-attended with a large Milwaukee contingent. Theme: Toy Stories. Friday night costume party, Saturday daytime tours, Saturday night dinner and dance. Anyone interested in carpooling? Contact Deb or Dave R.

### **SUN MAR 25th - FEAST WITH THE BEASTS**

pancake breakfast at the zoo, 7:30a-1pm. Bring your elephant-sized appetite to the Zoological Society's fundraiser for the Sponsor and Animal Program. Chow down on

all the pancakes you can eat, a side of sausage, applesause, milk, juice and coffee. There is a charge for “seconds” of sausage. Advance tickets: \$5.25 for adults, \$3.75 ages 2-12. (At the door the prices are \$5.75/4.25. Ticket prices, nonrefundable, do not include zoo admission. See the website to order tickets: [www.zoosociety.org](http://www.zoosociety.org). Host is Julie; RSVP to her by Sat 6pm the evening before.

**SAT MAR 31st – MADISON – MAD TOWN TALLS DINNER OUT**

5:30p, Famous Dave’s Barbeque, 900 S. Park, restaurant phone 608.286.9400. Help Pat celebrate her one year anniversary of her retirement! Evening event to be decided on by the group. RSVP to Pat by noon on Saturday. Contact Deb for Milwaukee carpooling info. Directions: beltline (12/18) west to Park Street exit. Right (NORTH) onto Park and follow it for about a mile. After the road curves slightly to the left, watch for

the restaurant on your left; you can’t miss it. If you reach University Ave you’ve gone too far. Restaurant is on corner of Park Street and Haywood Drive.

**FRI APR 13th – MILWAUKEE MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL**

6:30pm, Water Street Brewery’s newest location IN DELAFIELD. They have a wonderful fish fry, plus other fabulous menu items. Directions: I-94 west toward Madison. Exit Highway 83 exit and go north. Take the first right, which is Golf Road. Restaurant will be on your left, about a quarter mile after you turn. Host: Larry K. RSVP to him by noon on Friday.

**SUN APR 29th – “THE SOUND OF MUSIC”**

by Falls Patio Players, Sunday matinee and final performance, 2pm. Tickets are usually available at the door, but can be ordered ahead. This will be a popular show, so advance ticket sales are advisable...

Deb is the host; RSVP to her by noon on Sunday. Tickets are \$16 and the show will be spectacular! This is a theatre troupe that puts on sterling performances, each and every time. Held on the campus of Menomonee Falls North Junior High School, N88 W16750 Garfield Drive. Garfield runs to the west only, one block south of the corner of Main Street and Appleton Avenue in the Falls. The theatre building is on the right after you turn onto Garfield...it’s the building with all the steps leading up from the sidewalk. Street parking and lot parking on the south side of Garfield are available. Supper afterwards? Bring your Entertainment Books and ideas, such as: Harvey Moy’s, an excellent Chinese restaurant not far from the theatre. There also is an Applebee’s not far away.

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