

Tall Club of Milwaukee

# Talleidoscope

FEB-MAY 2008

## From the President

I want to start this column by thanking each and everyone who attended our last board meeting at Julie's house on January 14th. With our current board, and past club board members from both the Milwaukee Skyliners and Milwaukee Toppers showing up to say hi, plus two prospective members with us for the entirety of the meeting, we were able to hash out near term events and our club weekend event for early next fall in record time.

The two new members that helped out at the meeting include Jennifer Buchman, who as a Miller recruiter also brought us beer, and Rachael Schmeling who brings to us college and web expertise for things like Facebook and Myspace, perhaps tools to help increase TCI interest and membership.

I've had some online contacts. A handful of scholarship applicants, a person or two asking about local Marfan info, and the

following from prospective member Christy Walker who writes, "Yes, I love sports. I just tried paint balling and I think that may be a great thing to try. (It gets a little expensive if you do it indoors but outdoors is actually pretty affordable)... Is there a dinner or dinner auction that we could try? I think that may be fun.... Thank you so much for getting in touch and I hope to see everyone at a future event!"

We've spent some time back and forth this week looking at hotels and sites for our fall Weekend. For new people, many tall clubs across the country hold annual Weekends which consist of a weekend of activities for other members from around the country to travel to and socialize at. They typically start off with a costume theme dance on Friday night and late night snacking, Saturday tourist outings followed by a semi formal dinner and dance and more late night snacking, Sunday breakfast

and goodbyes. All the politicians are saying we need change, and so I'll let our weekend committee describe the changes for our weekend later.

Before I get all wound up in local speak, TCI has some weekends coming up. They're listed elsewhere in this newsletter and more info can be found on [tciweekends.com](http://tciweekends.com). Also on that site is a link to information about Tall Club International's convention in Long Beach California. Remember, if you want to save money at these events, room sharing can bring the cost down. And for trips to other club activities nearby, we also can carpool. There will be people carpooling to Detroit for the Tall of the Roman Empire weekend.

Again I send everyone a tall 7'4" welcome for 2008 and look forward to more years of fun with this organization. -Dave R.

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

# Dues are due



It's that time of year again, to collect membership dues for 2008! Annual dues are \$25 per person or \$30 per married couple. The money is used toward club phone expenses, board meeting food and drink, newsletter paper and postage, and TCI membership. Please mail checks made out to Tall Club of Milwaukee to Julie Lobitz 6413 W. Allerton Avenue, Greenfield, WI 53220. Thank you in advance for your prompt response and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.  
Julie, Club Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance: \$3,942.87

### Entertainment Book 2007 Sales:

Started with 42 books – 40 to sell and 2 free signing bonus

Ordered 2 Madison, 1 Twin Cities, and 1 Green Bay

Returned 14 unsold books and will earn \$288 toward the scholarship fund. J Thank you to everyone who sold and/or purchased a book!

### 2007 Membership:

32 paid members = \$96 check sent for TCI dues

Reminder in the newsletter for 2008 dues

Sent \$10 and non-stock corporation form to the Department of Financial Institutions

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

## **2005/2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## TALL CLUB OF MILWAUKEE WINTER to SPRING CALENDAR, 2008

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 the locations carefully.

***Note an important date change!! The CHICAGO WEEKEND will be held the weekend AFTER Memorial Day. See details below***

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPT 19-20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 – Taste of Wisconsin Weekend sponsored by Tall Club of Milwaukee, held in conjunction with Cedarburg's Wine and Harvest Festival, Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Inn, and the Grafton Blues Fest.**

**THURS Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – Dinner and a Movie at the Fox Bay Cinema Grill in Whitefish Bay; 6:30 P.M..** See details and menu at [www.foxbaycinemagrill.com](http://www.foxbaycinemagrill.com). Email [Rachel.Schmeling@MU.edu](mailto:Rachel.Schmeling@MU.edu) to RSVP

**SAT Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Concord Chamber Orchestra, 8pm, Wauwatosa.** See our own Dave R, the world's tallest violinist, play in a remarkable concert that puts symphonic music into the reach of the average Joe, in a venue where listeners are "up close and personal" with the performers and their magnificent music. The theme of the night is *A New Place*, featuring Edvard Grieg compositions in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, plus a cello concerto highlighting the win-

ning cellist of the Concord's concerto competition, and Symphony No. 7, *Sinfonia Antartica*, by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, which chronicles the doomed voyage of explorer Robert Scott. VENUE: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Ave, Wauwatosa. Tickets are \$12 at the door, or can be ordered in advance at the group's website: [www.concordorchestra.org](http://www.concordorchestra.org). Please RSVP to Deb T by Sat at noon on the day of the event.

**Mar 7-9 – DETROIT TALL CLUB WEEKEND.** Join the Tip Toppers of Detroit as they celebrate *The Fall of the Roman Empire* in a weekend-long themed party and sight-seeing extravaganza. To be held at the former Holiday Inn, now The Radisson, in Livonia, Michigan, the weekend package price is \$105 if you sign up before Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Package includes Friday night costume party and dance, Saturday tours around town, Saturday cocktail hour prior to an awards banquet and dance, plus Sat and Sun breakfasts, and as always, the After-Hours party, which includes food and open bar. Click on Download Flyer under Tall of the Roman World at [www.tciweekends.com](http://www.tciweekends.com). Hotel rooms are offered at a discount rate of \$104 single, \$114 double, and \$10 for each extra person per room.

**SAT Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – Membership Social and St. Paddy's Day party, 7p, McBob's Pub and Grill.** Hostess for the evening is Jen, who proclaims this the "best Irish pub in the entire region!" Interesting multi-cultural menu note: the place bills themselves as the best Irish pub serving TACOS (rated: fabulous, by those in the know.) Voted Milwaukee's Best Reuben Sandwich by Milwaukee Magazine, and the Best Corned Beef by Shepherd Express. 4919 W. North Avenue; see map at website: [www.foodspot.com/mcbobs](http://www.foodspot.com/mcbobs). RSVP to Jen Bz

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

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

by Friday, March 14, 262.456.2747.

**MON Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – BOARD MEETING at Julie’s, 6pm, supper provided!** Come and help us further plan our Taste of Wisconsin Tall Club weekend in September 2008, and suggest events to round out our spring-into-summer calendar. Curious about Tall Club? This is a great place to meet up with our most active members and find out what we’re all about!

**THURS April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Scholarship winner selection, Panera Bread, Bayshore, 6pm.** Come and help us select our scholarship winner and a runner-up. Both candidates’ info will be forwarded to TCI for the national scholarship competition, where winners will be announced at the convention in summer. The more hands we have to help with this heart-warming task, the better the process is for all.

**Sunday April 20th 3pm Sussex Place Volleyball, dinner after TBA.** Join the Tall Club of Milwaukee for 2 hours of indoor sand volleyball located just east of Sussex, on Main Street/ Hwy 74 at N64 W22480 Main Street, Sussex, Wisconsin. Cost TBA, between \$5-\$10 a person. For more info or to rsvp call Dave @ 414-962-1685, email [damtalldave@gmail.com](mailto:damtalldave@gmail.com). See <http://www.sussexplace.biz/>. Their number is 262-820-3500. If you don’t play volleyball, come socialize on the sidelines.

**SAT April 26<sup>th</sup> – Bayshore Mall, I-Pic Entertainment Center. 4pm.** You’ve never seen bowling, nor theatre, like this! All in one complex: eleven alleys, six movie screens, and a restaurant serving upscale American regional fare. Bowling after 9pm is 21 and over. The casually elegant Ovations restaurant seats 200 and offers appetizers, seafood-topped salads, specialty pizza, 10-oz. Black Angus burgers, meaty sandwiches, and entrees from duck to

sirloin to lobster pot pie, priced between \$12 and \$30. Movies are reserved for adults-only after 6pm. Popcorn is free and each theatre has a lobby bar. Prices are \$15 for evening shows, \$11 for matinees, and include valet parking in a nearby parking structure. I-Pic features a 150-seat lounge called Sequel, a full-service bar serving light fare, located next to Pinstrikes, an 11-lane bowling nightclub with a massive audio system, where bowlers can recline on couches and sip champagne while contemplating a 7-10 split. Can you spell FUN? Design your own evening. Meet up with fellow tallers at 4pm. RSVP to Deb T no later than noon that same day. If you haven’t seen the entire new mall at Bayshore, arrive early to do some shopping. Plenty of parking, though the mall will require walking in the outdoors; it’s not entirely enclosed. If you google IPIC Milwaukee, you’ll see some articles highlighting this brand new facility that opened in December. MEET UP LOCATION: inside the mall’s upper level near the main rotunda, across from Bar Louie. Let’s meet at the top of the rotunda, just outside the entrance to I-Pic.

**May 16-19 – YOSEMITE WEEKEND,** Tall Club of Silicon Valley. See details at [www.tciweekends.com](http://www.tciweekends.com). Click on Download Flyer for all the info. Stay in either 3-person tents or cabins. Bedding rentals are available for anyone flying in. Package includes 7 meals. This event sold out last year – reserve your spot early.

**May 30 – June 1 – PARAMOUNT TALL CLUB OF CHICAGO WEEKEND, to be held the weekend AFTER Memorial Day weekend.** Theme: *Live from Chicago...It’s Saturday Night!* We will have quite a large contingent from Milwaukee heading to the Windy City to partake in a costume party and dance, lots of sight-seeing tour options on Saturday, and a semi-formal dinner and dance on Saturday night. Location: DoubleTree Guest

Suites in Downers Grove. The package price, prior to 2/11, is \$115, and you only need send in a deposit of \$60 by that date to reserve your early-bird price. For partiers arriving early, they will hold a Thursday night dinner and dancing (extra fee) and golfer can join in on the outdoor fun on Saturday (extra fee.) Hotel rooms are bargain priced at \$102 per night for a king or double suite (for 1-4 people.) Room block held until MAY 7; reserve early. See the flyer at [www.tciweekends.com](http://www.tciweekends.com).

**Sept 19-21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 – Mark your calendar for the MILWAUKEE WEEKEND, *Taste of Wisconsin*.**

Pending plans: Friday night mixer will include a wine and beer tasting on a slightly smaller scale than last time. Saturday = a fun-filled day full of adventure, with transportation provided by coach bus to sites around town, with several trips back to the hotel for those who want to rest in between activities. Saturday evening's activity in lieu of a banquet: we'll visit Oktoberfest at the park next to the Bavarian Inn, where there is both outdoor and under-roof seating for live music starting at 4pm. Admission will be covered in the weekend package price, however, attendees will be purchasing their own food and drinks throughout the day and evening. At the Harvest Fest our guests will enjoy a juried arts and crafts fair, with live music and places to sit and relax along the Main Street of historic Cedarburg, which is closed to traffic that day. At Oktoberfest we'll watch folk dancing from a shady spot in the Bier Garten, under the trees, and get in on the dancing, ourselves. Afternoon bands are usually German/ethnic, but the bands playing later in the evening until midnight offer a variety of music, from rock to blues to folk. The food is outstanding and dinners at Oktoberfest average \$8, with side dishes and dessert items and sandwiches sold separately. The coffee is fresh-brewed and the popcorn is still steaming when you munch it. Specialty beers

and sodas are available by the glass or the pitcher. The park has excellent restroom facilities. For anyone tiring of Oktoberfest gemutlichkeit, they can walk next door to enjoy fine dining in the Bavarian Inn Restaurant adjacent to the park, or catch a ride on our bus the few blocks to Bayshore Mall for some nightclubbing or upscale cinema and bowling, before returning to the hotel for our After Hours free food and libations. Alternate destination: Grafton Blues Festival, more details TBA.

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Tall Club of Milwaukee invites you to

## TASTE OF WISCONSIN WEEKEND

October 10-12<sup>th</sup>, 2008



Come, immerse yourself in Milwaukee's *gemütlichkeit* (fellowship and good times) at a great place on a Great Lake! Stay at the plush, downtown Courtyard by Marriott, within walking distance of famous museums, fabulous dining establishments, historical and architectural landmarks near superb lakefront and RiverWalk views, and adjacent to the Grand Avenue Mall, an enclosed four-block, 150-shop marketplace forming the core of our famed glass skywalk system. You'll be minutes from the Historic Third Ward shopping and dining district, and a bus ride away from the Milwaukee Zoo, Miller Park Stadium, brewery tours, and our newest mall, the Bayshore Town Center. Catch a wave on a tour boat or sail on Milwaukee's own schooner, *The Dennis Sullivan*.

We'll welcome you into town with a Friday night wine-and-beer-tasting mixer that includes food, beverages and dancing. Saturday will be a day to explore what interests you, with the help of our friendly tour guides and shuttle service. Wander at will or team up with your tall friends to earn points in our Passport to Fun scavenger hunt. Saturday evening begins with an informal cocktail hour at the hotel, followed by a shuttle ride to our casual Italian buffet dinner and dance held in the Palm Garden balcony of the new Milwaukee Public Market, an architecturally unique building that brings together food vendors and food aficionados in a fresh way.

You'll have fun late into the night enjoying after-hours beverages and food in our spacious and secluded hospitality room. Hotel amenities include indoor pool, whirlpool, 24-hour fitness center, full breakfast buffet in the Courtyard Café included in the room rate, and free high speed wireless internet access.



# Tall Club of Milwaukee TASTE OF WISCONSIN WEEKEND Oct 10-12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Milwaukee**  
300 W. Michigan Street, 414.291.4122

**Discounted rooms/block held until Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**  
-- Call hotel directly and mention "Tall Club of Milwaukee Weekend" to reserve your room.

Your choice of Two Queens or One King room includes full breakfast buffet coupons for each guest; \$114 single, \$119 double \$124 three people, \$129 four people

Parking: hotel has own structure; \$15 per day

Pool and whirlpool open until 11pm. Fitness center open 24 hours; guests can order a \$5 day-pass to the YMCA across the street. Free wireless high-speed internet access.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mkedt-courtyard-milwaukee-downtown/>

FULL PACKAGE (outstanding value!) includes:

- Friday night wine-and-beer-tasting mixer, with food, DJ, dancing, and charity raffle
- Friday after-hours food and beverages in our large, secluded hospitality room
- Saturday all-day shuttle van service for tours of destinations around the city; many venues within walking distance
- Saturday open bar cocktail hour in our hospitality room
- Saturday evening: casual banquet at the Milwaukee Public Market's Palm Garden balcony, featuring a four-entrée Italian buffet including salads and side dishes; cash bar; DJ and dancing after dinner
- Saturday after-hours food and beverages in our large, secluded hospitality room
- Sunday morning Kill the Bottle guest farewells and send-offs in hospitality room
- Full breakfast buffet in the Courtyard Café included in room rate

Full Package Value: \$115 if rec'd by Aug 1<sup>st</sup> / \$125 rec'd Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Sept 1<sup>st</sup> / \$135 after Sept 1<sup>st</sup> or at door

Questions? call Deb, 262.377.7355 or email debtetz (at) gmail.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / cell-phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Brand preference: soda \_\_\_\_\_ cocktail/wine/beer \_\_\_\_\_

Need a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you royalty? or a Chapter/TCI officer? \_\_\_\_\_

Airline/Amtrak arrival times / need shuttle? \_\_\_\_\_

To hold package price, enclose check for full payment or send a deposit of \$50 (made out to Tall Club of Milwaukee) and mail to: Julie Lobitz, 6413 W. Allerton Avenue, Greenfield, WI 53220

## Upcoming TCI Events

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 02/15/08   | Phoenix Phebruary Phiesta                         |
| 03/07/08   | Tall of the Roman Empire                          |
| 04/12/08   | Marfan Dinner/Dance                               |
| 05/16/08   | Yosemite Weekend                                  |
| 05/30/08   | Live From Chicago . . It's Saturday Night         |
| 06/06/08   | Blue Hawaii Cruisin' on New Melones               |
| 06/20/08   | Anniversary Ball & Weekend                        |
| 06/30/08   | Southern California Adventure                     |
| 09/11/08   | Neander-Tall Weekend - The Evolution of Partying! |
| 10/10/2008 | Tall Club of Milwaukee—Taste Of Milwaukee         |

Flyers for these events are available. For more information, see  
[tciweekends.com](http://tciweekends.com)

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