

Tips on Toppers

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Business Meetings Moving To Growler's

The St. Louis Tip Toppers will be changing meeting locations beginning with our August 8th meeting to Growler's in Creve Coeur. Please plan on coming early to have dinner and socialize with your fellow Tip Toppers. More details may be found in Steve's Prez Says.

May Paper Party

By Kelly Smith

Friday, May 27, 2005 was a beautiful day at lunchtime with sunny weather. I had planned to have the Paper Party outside on my deck that evening. At 4:15 P.M., it poured down rain, so I knew the party would be inside. Oh well. Thirteen people came and helped to put together our newsletter.

I was dog-sitting Penny, my nieces and nephew's dog. She was also at the last Paper Party I had. My nephew, Rick, was at the party too and spent his time reading upstairs.

Everyone was happy that summer was upon us with Memorial Day here. The teachers were glad to have the summer off. We also discussed various tall topics. A good time was had by all who attended. Thank you for your help.

Have you paid your dues yet? If you haven't please contact Monica and submit your check.

Prez Says

Starting in August, our meetings will be at Growler's on Olive at 7:30 p.m. Syberg's was just not working out very good for us. They had us crammed in their back room, which was uncomfortable. They also were unable to crank up the air conditioner for us when it was getting warm. We will be having our meetings on the patio at Growlers. They have buy one get one free appetizers before 7 p.m. Syberg's never offered us any specials on food. A group of us usually gets there at around 6 p.m. before the meeting. It gives us a chance to socialize, eat, and drink before the meeting gets started. Everyone in the club is invited to join us for happy hour before the meeting. We have gotten acquainted with the servers and the managers and think they are a great group of people working at Growlers. They also have 131 different kinds of beer! Be sure to check the Tall Club calendar for August and September. I'm sure Amy and Gloria will have some good events in store for us. See you soon!

In Tall Friendship,
Steve

St. Louis Tip Toppers 2005 Officers and Chairpersons

President	Steve Lubbes	
Vice President	Amy Smith	
Treasurer	Monica Vogel	
Recording Secretary	Kathy Palmer	
Corresponding Secretary	Liz Danter	
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Publicity Chairperson	Colette Deeb	
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	Kelly Smith	
	Gloria Monroe	
	Gail Hunt	
	Harlie Frankel	
Flower Chairperson	Nancy Whitener	
Historian	Kevin O'Reilly	
Measuring Committee	Greg Tauser	
	Bethany Boogerd	
	Gail Hunt	
T-shirt Chairperson	Leigh Schuh	
Marfan Chairperson	Nancy Whitener	
Anniversary Dinner Dance		
St. Louis Weekend		
Ozark Jamboree Chair		
Scholarship Chairperson	Mandy Bolte	
Picnic Chairperson		
Web Monkeys	Michael & Roberta Mueller	
Float Trip Chairperson	Steve Lubbes	
Miss Tall St. Louis	Bethany Boogerd	
Tip Toppers 24hr Activity Line		314-286-5589
New Prospective 1st Contact Line		314-638-TALL
TCI Founder - Kae Sumner Einfeldt		1916-1996

About the Tip Toppers

The St. Louis Tip Toppers were organized to promote friendship and fellowship among Tall People, and to sponsor activities of interest and benefit to all. Membership requirements include a minimum height of 6' 2" for men and 5' 10" for women, and a minimum age of 21 years.

The St. Louis Tip Toppers are a charter member in good standing of Tall Clubs International (TCI), which consists of over 50 Tall Clubs in the United States and Canada.

Business meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at Growler's. Growler's is located at 763 Old Ballas Road in Creve Coeur. Their phone number is 314-432-3110. For more info on the St. Louis Tip Toppers, call (314)-638-TALL; or write:

St. Louis Tip Toppers, P.O. Box 410943,
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What's Happening around TCI....

Liz Danter Corresponding Secretary

OKC Tall Club is now sending Peyton Bear a care package.
 Hartford Heights Tall Club got involved in the Adopt-a-Ramp Program. They built a wheelchair ramp for a 9 year old with Cerebral Palsy. They also have an event called Tall Steak Out. For \$20.00 you get a ½ lb porterhouse steak and sides. Sounds delicious!
 CATS announced in May that they had 29 new prospective members. They are also planning an event called a "Shark Party". It's a pool party for a "water shark". It's a game of pool for a "pool shark". And a card party for a "card shark". Sounds like a great time!
 Tall Club of Las Vegas had a dinner party called "Let the Board Serve you". Each board member had a certain task for the dinner. Sounds like a lot of fun and was successful.

Upcoming Weekends

What is a Tall Club Weekend? One BIG PARTY and very little sleep. Friday night is a costume party...you don't need to dress in costume but you DO need to wear clothes! Saturday is sight-seeing during the day and a nice dinner/dance at night. Sunday you say your good byes and go home.

- Tall Club of Montreal (QUE): Rendez-Vous 5 Montreal, August 5-7, 2005
- High Cincinnatians Tall Club: Wasting Away in Margarit-Tall-ville, August 12-14, 2005
- Tall Club of Long Island (NY): NEATO Olympics Weekend, August 13-14, 2005
- Las Vegas Tall Clud (NV): Talls Gone Wild (50's style), September 8-11, 2005
- Boston Beanstalks (MA): Charmed Whale of a Weekend X, Oct 28-30, 2005

For details on these and other weekends, check out www.tciweekends.com/events

Convention 2005 Recap (Thanks to Nancy Sayles San Diego Tall Singles)-

The High Cincinnatians were elected 2005 -2006 Executive Board:

- President – Fred Heater*
- Executive VP, Publicity – Janet Makowski*
- Vice President Membership – Dave Byrne*
- Finance Officer – Peter Vorum*
- Secretary – Lyn Leary*
- Editor – Janice Clarke*

Miss TI Coordinator – Jane Utter

The Portland Skyliners were elected Alternate Executive Board

Miss Tall International@ 2005 - 2006 – Lisa Lightner, Baltimore Tall Club

Miss Tall International@1st Runner-up: Jane Baldwin, Portland Skyliners

Winnie Heinson Memorial Miss Congeniality Award - Elaine Senay, Boston Beanstalks Tall Club

2005 Kae Sumner Einfeldt TCI Lifetime Achievement Award – Janice Billow, Tall Club of Orange County

2005 Frank Winker TCI Lifetime Achievement Award – Don Billow, Tall Club of Orange County

2005 Membership Increase by Number Award – Tall Club of Diamond Valley Lake

2005 Membership Increase by Percentage Award – Tall Club of Diamond Valley Lake

2005 Convention Attendance Award – Redwood Empire Tall Club

2005 Convention Travel Trophy – Redwood Empire Tall Club

Publicity Award – Boston Beanstalks Tall Club

Best Internet Home Page Award – Paramount Tall Club of Chicago

Best Paper Award – Paramount Tall Club of Chicago

Executive and Presidential Recognition Awards – Jim Mixon, Bridget Gerber, Jim Reynolds, Doris

Chickering, Uwe Wenzel, and Norm Heinson

2005 Merit Award Winners:

Dean Albertson, Redwood Empire Tall Club

Sharon Borkowski, Tall Club of Las Vegas

Barb Cameno Platt, Tall Club of Las Vegas

Joan Stammme, Redwood Empire Tall Club

Gayle Stout, Minnesota Heartland Tall Club

TCI Kae Sumner Einfeldt Scholarship recipient – Anna Fahy, nominated by Central Arizona Tall Society

TCI Foundation Scholarship #1 – John Harris Miller, III, nominated by Towering Texans of Houston

TCI Foundation Scholarship #2 – Allison Cambronne, nominated by Twin Cities Tall Club

TCI Foundation Scholarship #3 (\$500) – Travis James Davidson, Milwaukee Tall Club

Three new members at large were approved Leta Johnson, Janette Jones, and Kathy Shook

A proposal was received for an "unconventional convention" for 2006 from the Twin Cities Tall Club –

.Additional information will be submitted by September 30, 2005.

No clubs submitted qualifications for Advocacy Club, Publisher Club or Treasurer Club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

August Birthdays

Colleen Donnelly	1
Susan Sandeen	1
Geralyn Oldham	2
Linda Michaelsen	7
Ken Koehn	8
Rich Raiskin	9
Colette Deeb	9
Linda Carpenter	11
Vern Sandeen	11
Joan Graves	13
Margaret Ryan-Debonis	17
Dean Braun	23
Becky Haukap	24
Paula White	27
Carmen Compas	29

September Birthdays

Kim Ahrens	1
Greg Heuing	2
Karen Andrews	3
Rebecca Pelton	13
Bethany Boogerd	23
Nancy Whitener	24
Connie Hall	28
Kraig Kalkbrenner	28
Joel Simansky	28

If your name does not appear on the birthday list, please contact Kathy Palmer.

Tips on Toppers

The bimonthly newsletter of the St. Louis Tip Toppers serving the needs of Tall people.

God Bless America!

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St. Louis Tip Toppers Minutes

June 13, 2005

The meeting of the St. Louis Tip Toppers was called to order at 7:42PM, with President Steve Lubbes presiding.

May's minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Monica reported a general fund of \$9,680.78, a queen's fund of \$128.58, and the weekend fund of \$8,512.76, for a total fund of \$18,322.12. Monica also announced that membership dues are due 1 July. She reminded members that dues are \$35 for singles and \$40 for married couples.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Liz reported that the club received numerous newsletters from various clubs across the country and the different activities that clubs are doing for fund raising. Liz stated that Cincinnati is having a birthday party for Sandy Allen, the tallest woman. Hartford had a \$20 steak-out dinner fund raiser. CATS in Arizona reported 29 new prospects. Liz also reported that Roy Ivey is in the top 5 for TCI Man of the Year award.

Publicity Report: Colette announced that the club will not be participating in the V.P. Fair this year. She mentioned that she talked about the club while on the radio one day.

New Prospects: Rich mentioned that there have been several inquiries about the club on the website. There were no new prospects to be voted in tonight.

Queen's Report: Bethany announced that the Queen's Auction will be held 18 Jun at Fred Buenger's house in West Alton. Jerry Debonis will be the auctioneer.

Editor's Report: Leigh reported for Sue and sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Leigh reminded members of the paper party at Harlie's on 31 Jul. She also requested articles for the next newsletter. Winner of the raffle was Theresa Bourbon.

Marfan Chairperson's Report: Leigh reported that \$23.16 was raised at last month's business meeting, bringing the year-to-date total to \$200.04. She also mentioned that the Marfans national convention will be held August 4 through 7 in St. Louis. Leigh again reminded members that volunteers will be needed to man information booths, etc, during the convention.

T-shirt Report: Gail displayed several different T-shirts and caps and announced the prices. It was also decided that the mugs will be donated to the Queen's Auction.

Flowers Report: Steve reported for Nancy that Gloria sent a thank-you note to the club for the flowers that were sent for her father's funeral.

Board of Governors Report: No report.

Historian Report: Kevin O'Reilly requested photos of recent club activities.

Vice President's Report: Amy announced the Queen's Auction on 18Jun. Other upcoming events include the annual float trip on June 25 and a paper/pool party at Harlie Frankel's on July 31. Also, happy hour will be held at Growler's on each Wednesday.

Scholarship Committee: Mandy advised that the scholarship winner was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be present in August.

Mandy also wanted to thank all the members that donated money to the scholarship fund.

New Business: Motion was made to spend \$12 a year and have a domain name for the club on the Internet. Members voted yes.

Old Business: Motion was made and then discussion followed to move the club business meetings to Growler's Pub on Olive. Vote was taken and it was agreed to move meeting beginning with the August meeting. Fund raising ideas were discussed. Mandy advised that she has catalogs for home décor goods. Amy advised that the club could have a booth at the annual Guns and Hoses benefit for Backstoppers in November. There was also discussion of a concession booth at the St. Louis University Bilikens games. Steve and Nancy requested that the club donate old club items such as the stereo system to the Queen's Auction.

Announcements: Liz mentioned that Terry Wren is scheduled to have colon surgery on 22 Jun at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

July 11, 2005

The meeting of the St. Louis Tip Toppers was called to order at 7:35PM, with President Steve Lubbes presiding.

June's minutes were read and approved.

Scholarship Committee: Mandy introduced Matt Mahoney during the meeting. Matt is the student that the committee was very impressed with and had asked the club to donate money for another scholarship to award him. Matt is a Hazelwood Central graduate. He is 6 foot 10 inches tall and would like to be 4 inches taller. He will be attending Missouri Baptist College and wants to become an athletic trainer. Matt read his letter to the scholarship committee during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Monica reported a general fund of \$10,055.59, a queen's fund of \$1,050.08, and the weekend fund of \$8,533.99, for a total fund of \$19,639.66. Monica also announced that membership dues were due 1 July. She reminded members that dues are \$35 for singles and \$40 for married couples.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Harlie reported for Liz. He reported on the numerous newsletters that the club has received from sister clubs across the country and their activities. Liz is still accepting donations for the Oklahoma City member who is stationed in Iraq.

Publicity Report: No report.

New Prospects: Rich mentioned that there have been several inquiries about the club on the website. There were no new prospects to be voted in tonight.

Queen's Report: Bethany thanked everyone who donated items to the Queen's Auction and those members who donated time and money for this event. She also thanked Jerry Debonis for being the auctioneer.

Editor's Report: Sue asked for articles for the next newsletter and announced that they are due by July 22nd. She sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Jerry Debonis was the winner.

Marfan Chairperson's Report: Leigh reported that \$14.91 was raised at last month's business meeting, bringing the year-to-date total to \$214.95. She also mentioned that the Marfans national convention will be held August 4 through 7 in St. Louis. Leigh again reminded members that volunteers will be needed to man information booths, etc, during the convention.

T-shirt Report: No report.

Flowers Report: No report.

Board of Governors Report: No report.

Historian Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: Bethany reported for Amy the upcoming events including dinner at Drunken Fish on July 16th, Party on the Plaza July 21st, Trivia Night at Malone's July 28th, and the paper party/pool party at Harlie's on July 31st.

Old Business: Members were reminded that the monthly business meetings will be moving to Growler's Pub on Olive starting in August. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The Mountain Story

A son and his father were walking on the mountains.

Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams: “AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!”

To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain:

”AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!”

Curious, he yells: “Who are you?”

He receives the answer: “Who are you?”

Angered at the response, he screams: “Coward!”

He receives the answer: “Coward!”

He looks to his father and asks: “What’s going on?”

The father smiles and says: “My son, pay attention.”

And then he screams to the mountain: “I admire you!”

The voice answers: “I admire you!”

Again the man screams: “You are a champion!”

The voice answers: “You are a champion!”

The boy is surprised, but does not understand.

Then the father explains: “People call this ECHO, but really this is LIFE.

It gives you back everything you say or do.

Our life is simply a reflection of our actions.

If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart.

If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence.

This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life;

Life will give you back everything you have given to it.”

YOUR LIFE IS NOT A COINCIDENCE. IT’S A REFLECTION OF YOU!

August Events

Happy Hour Every Wednesday, 5:30PM, August and September, Growler's Pub
763 Old Ballas Road, Creve Coeur

Thursday, August 4, 5-8 PM,
Parties Under the Dove, West
County Shopping Center
I-270 and Manchester. Meet
under the dove.

Monday August 8, 7:30 PM,
Business Meeting St. Louis
Tip Toppers, New Location at
Growler's Pub, 763 Old Ballas
Road, Creve Coeur. Meet
early for happy hour or dinner.

Saturday, August 20,
6:00PM, River City Rascals
T.R. Hughes Ball Park, I-70
West to T.R. Hughes Blvd.
Turn right from the off ramp.
Go approx. 1 mile to T.R.
Hughes Stadium (on the right)

Friday, August 26, 7:30PM,
dinner and root beer at Fitz's
American Grill
6606 Delmar, Go one mile
north of Forest Park on
Skinker to Delmar. Go left on
Delmar and go 4 blocks.
Plenty of parking on parking
lot in back

September Activities

Monday, September 5, Labor
Day Picnic, Noon-ish, January
Wabash Park, . 501 North
Florissant, Ferguson. Take
I-270 East, to North
Florissant. Turn right unto
North Florissant. Go about 1
½ miles. Park is on the right.
Turn right onto January for
parking lot.

Saturday, September 10, 12-
Noon Missouri Chili Cook Off,
55 West Port Plaza parking
lot. 100's of samples of chili
and salsa. (don't forget the
Tums). Ralph Butler Band, as
well as two other bands will
entertain.

Monday, September 12,
7:30PM, St. Louis Tip
Toppers Business Meeting.
New meeting place Growlerss
Pub 763 Old Ballas Road,
Creve Coeur

Sunday, September 18,
Breakfast, Chris' Pancake
House
5980 Southwest . Take I-44
to Hampton Avenue. South
on Hampton Avenue. Go a
little less than a mile to
Southwest Ave. Turn right on
Southwest.

Friday, September 30,
7:30PM Paper Party, Mandy
Bolte's. Put the newsletter
together then party at
Mandy's.

About Marfan Syndrome: What is Marfan Syndrome?

The Marfan syndrome is a heritable condition that affects the connective tissue. The primary purpose of connective tissue is to hold the body together and provide a framework for growth and development. In the Marfan syndrome, the connective tissue is defective and does not act as it should. Because connective tissue is found throughout the body, the Marfan syndrome can affect many body systems, including the skeleton, eyes, heart and blood vessels, nervous system, skin and lungs.

Please help the St. Louis Tip Toppers support the National Marfan Foundation's 21st Conference. Please contact Leigh Schuh if you will be able to help at the conference August 4-7. Your time will be greatly appreciated!

August 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	4	5 <i>Parties Under the Dove 5:00P.M.-8:00P.M.</i>	6
7	8 <i>Business Meeting Growler's 7:30 P.M.</i>	9	10 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	18	19	20 <i>River City Rascals</i>
21	22	23 <i>RSVP for Fitz's</i>	24 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	25	26 <i>Dinner at Fitz's Grill Delmar Loop 7:30 P.M.</i>	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>			

September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>RSVP for Labor Day Picnic</i>	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day Picnic 12:00 P.M.</i>	6	7 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	8	9	10 <i>Chili Cook Off West Port Plaza 12:00 P.M.</i>
11	12 <i>Business Meeting Growler's 7:30 P.M.</i>	13	14 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	15 <i>RSVP for Chris' Pancake House</i>	16	17
18 <i>Breakfast at Chris' Pancake House 10:00 A.M.</i>	19	20	21 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	22	23 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	24
25	26	27 <i>RSVP for Mandy's Paper Party</i>	28 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	29	30 <i>Mandy's Paper Party 7:30 P.M.</i>	

Trivia night at Malone's Pub

By Mandy Bolte (with addition from Steve Lubbes)

Steve, Bethany and I met at Malone's Pub & Grill in Ferguson to check out the mysterious "trivia night." What kind of trivia? How many people do you have to play? Well, thankfully, you don't have to have a certain number of people.

We sat back to enjoy some decent food & good drinks while we waited for the fun to begin. They were also replaying the Cards-Dodgers day game so we got to enjoy seeing the Cards rule the diamond in their victory.

Unfortunately, the trivia did not get started on time-if at all, and Bethany and I needed to get some rest. We did, however, impress Steve with our knowledge of Sean Astin's career. Do you know who he is yet, Steve?

The trivia finally did start at about 9:40 p.m. By then, Mandy and Bethany were well on their way home. Art Meister showed up, and we started with the trivia contest. We turned in the first round of answers, and we had 8/10 answers correct. We had won the first round! We collected our \$15 gift certificate to use at Malone's. The only catch was that it had to be used that same evening. Art and I had no problem taking care of that. We did not win the second or third round, but we did come close to winning. We also phoned a friend or two for help with some of the more difficult questions on the second and third rounds.

*If you have a computer, you can now RSVP for
Tall Club Activities at:
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