

Tips on Toppers

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Marfan Update: Meet Us in St. Louis

By Leigh Schuh

Marfan Club Chairperson

Come enjoy the spirit of St. Louis as the National Marfan Foundation holds its 21st Annual Conference August 4-7, 2005. I am counting on all of the St. Louis Tip Toppers to show their support by volunteering for this event. The conference will be held at the St. Louis Marriott Pavilion downtown. We will be asked to assist in various activities throughout the conference. Please let me know that you are interested and I will follow up with times and assignments as the local St. Louis Chapter of NMF will be coordinating the duties of the volunteers.

Along with the physical help, we also need to continue our SLTT club campaign to help raise the necessary funds for the conference. I want to thank the club members who contributed to the Marfan raffle held at our annual Anniversary Dinner/Dance. There is \$100.00 that will go to the National Foundation along with the monthly collections.

Thanks go to all of you tallsters for showing your support!

ADOPTING A TALLSTER IN IRAQ

Peyton Baer, a member of the OKC club is in Iraq. At the May business meeting we voted to adopt Peyton. This is what TCI is all about, helping a fellow Tallster. I wrote Peyton and here is a excerpt from his response.

"In January I became a contractor to the Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (DOJ/ICITAP). I'm one of 259 former cops - police - sheriffs - highway patrolmen - federal agents who make up the Civilian Police Advisory Training Team (CPATT). The majority of us teach at the Iraqi Police College in Baghdad, graduating 1000 cadets every 8 weeks. The interesting thing is that we are under a military command structure, living and working in a Forward Operational Base (FOB) Camp Shield. We can not leave our walled city because of the car bombings and street violence that surrounds us."

I asked what was needed and not to be shy and this is what I was told:

"A pen pal or two would be nice. As for goodies, my daughter has been supporting me with the necessities we can't get here. But if you really want to think of sending something, Avon skin lotion has a reputation as a mosquito repellent. They are terrible here. I'm addicted to Archer Macadamia Nut Premium Carmel Clusters (found at Target). White Rain hair spray (extra hold, unscented) would be great. Our uniforms and equipment are all issued, with a free Iraqi laundry service. (They do not know what white is, but it's clean [I hope]). We allow each class that we graduate to have a classroom party (classes run 25 to 32). I give my interpreter \$20, and he brings in a cake from a local bakery. So a bag of hard candy, etc., would be nice. Other than that, it's hard to think of anything else that you might send."

So if you're interested in contributing to a fellow member of TCI half a world away from home, please bring items to the June business meeting. That's Monday, June 13th, at Syberg's West or call me for other arrangements at 314-647-8445. Peyton's email address is

THEBAERFACTS@PRODIGY.NET

Thanks for your support!

Liz

Prez Says

Now that the weather is warming up, it is time for some fun outdoor activities with the club. By the time you read this, the Memorial Day picnic will have come and gone. There will be a Queen's auction / BBQ on June 18th at Fred Buenger's river house. Please plan on attending and donating items for this event. June 25th is our annual Float Trip at Bass River Resort in Steeleville. A fully catered dinner at the clubhouse is included with the float. Camping is optional, for those who are interested. Check your calendars for other fun events coming up in June and July. Several members have brought to my attention that Syberg's has not been taking very good care of us at the meetings. They have us crammed into the back room, which is a little uncomfortable. It has been suggested that we move our meetings back to Growler's on Olive. We can discuss the pros and cons of moving the meeting place at the next meeting in June.

In Tall Friendship,

Steve

St. Louis Tip Toppers 2005 Officers and Chairpersons

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| President | Steve Lubbes | |
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| St. Louis Weekend | | |
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| 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 Syberg's. Syberg's is located at 270/Dorsett on the Northeast corner. (Formally the Joe Hanon's location) attached to the Best Western. For more info on the St. Louis Tip Toppers, call (314)-638-TALL; or write:

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or **visit <http://clubs.tall.org/mo/slitt/>**



Life Member Tallsters: Income Lifeline?

by 'Berta Mueller

"Omigod! The Ice Brigade fundraising event is gone! NOW what do we do to keep money in the Tip Toppers' treasury?!"

This certainly seems to be a common topic of discussion these days where tallsters are gathered at happy hours, home parties, business meetings. . . and here's an idea that is probably somewhat controversial.

There are many members in the St. Louis Tip Toppers who have been around for enough years that they have earned the privilege of "life membership." Pay dues for 15 consecutive years, and you "don't have to" pay dues anymore. Many who have been in the club for 15 years or more are unable to attend or choose not to attend events or business meetings for their own reasons. However, they still like to keep informed of what's happening in the club that has been a part of their lives for so long.

What has your club done for you? Plenty!

- Many of us have been nominated by our club for special recognition with a TCI Merit Award.
- We proudly boast five recipients of the Man / Woman of the Year Award. (Incidentally, these fine tallsters automatically receive Life Membership upon attaining their Award.)
- Think of all the tall friends and memories you wouldn't have if it wasn't for the Tip Toppers. We'd wager that you can come up with at least three great tall club stories without even having to think too long about it.
- Some have made lifelong friends, met a spouse (or two, or three) in the club, gotten to travel to places that they wouldn't have ordinarily considered as a vacation destiny...just because there was going to be a weekend in a particular city and a pod of tall friends were going to attend.

But I digress. Always. It's expected of me. What I'm proposing is a special, elite group of lifetime members who – although they "don't have to" pay dues anymore – elect to continue paying dues as a gesture of gratitude to the St. Louis Tip Toppers. If you're working and can afford to spend \$35-\$40 per year on dues, why the heck not!? It might even spice the pot a bit if the Board of Governors and Officers can approve that these Life Member dues contributions can be earmarked for a pet project, say, the club phone or postage to mail out the Tips On Toppers newsletter, or perhaps to go toward gas for someone who has volunteered to drive our Queen in a parade. Maybe you want your Life Member dues to go directly to the Queen's fund or perhaps to the Scholarship fund. The list of ideas is limitless. Perhaps even some pomade for Ted or some outrageous shoes for 'Berta. (Teasing here, of course.)

This is not a Tip Toppers Officers or Board-sanctioned idea. It's not a TCI-sanctioned idea. It's just a suggestion for some income for the club – completely voluntary in nature. Let's talk about it! Let's plan to discuss at an upcoming event and determine what interest there might be in this idea.

*If you have a computer, you can now RSVP for
Tall Club Activities at:
stlouistiptoppersrsvp@yahoo.com*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

June Birthdays

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| Judy Kreider | 5 |
| Jerry Debonis | 12 |
| Barb Schneider | 16 |
| Ted Burke | 17 |
| Ward Michaelson | 17 |
| Donna Mueller | 17 |
| Jerry Ahrens | 19 |
| Tim Golden | 19 |
| Paul Ritter | 20 |
| Theresa Bourbon | 23 |
| George Andrews | 30 |

July Birthdays

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|------------------|----|
| Dan O'Neal | 1 |
| Ben Roberts | 4 |
| Carol Steinbach | 16 |
| Lynn Kalkbrenner | 21 |
| Tony Wolf | 21 |
| Irene Kunnemann | 24 |
| Robert Mueller | 26 |
| Rick Schuepfer | 27 |

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

April 11, 2004

The meeting of the St. Louis Tip Toppers was called to order at 7:40 PM, with President Steve Lubbes presiding.

March's minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Monica reported a general fund of \$9,767.62, a queen's fund of \$206.58, for a total fund of \$9,974.20.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Liz reported that the club received numerous newsletters from various clubs across the country. The Dallas-Fort Worth and Oklahoma City clubs had a "meet at the border and gamble" night. Portland had an Italian dinner fund raiser.

Publicity Report: Colette announced the Creve Coeur Days Parade on May 22.

New Prospects: There were no new prospects to be voted in. One new prospect attended the meeting and was introduced—Christine Luer.

Flowers Report: Flowers were sent to P.J. Link. A thank you letter from the VFW was received for the donation made in memory of Margaret Ryan's father.

Marfan Chairperson's Report: Sue reported in Leigh's absence that \$20.29 was raised at last month's business meeting.

Queen's Report: No report.

T-shirt Report: Gail displayed several different T-shirts and caps and announced the prices.

Board of Governors Report: No report.

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

Editor's Report: Sue announced articles for the next newsletter will be due by May 20. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle were sold and Christine Luer won.

Vice President's Report: Steve reported in Amy's absence upcoming club activities including dinner at Ozzie's, happy hour at Growlers on April 20th, trip to the zoo April 24th, dinner and dancing at Generations on April 29th, and brunch at Casa Gallardo on May 1st.

Special Committees: Applications for the scholarship must be postmarked by April 15th. Review of the applications will begin April 24th.

Website report: Berta announced that upcoming club events will be sent out to members via email. She also announced that since January, there have been 20 inquiries about the scholarship on the website. And since January, there has been 12 inquiries about club membership.

New Business: None.

Club News: Monica announced that she had recently spoken to Teresa Ribble and that James is not doing well. Monica asked for club members to volunteer to go out to the Ribbles and help out. Berta also announced that her brother-in-law had passed away. She asked for prayers for her family in Kansas City. Steve mentioned the upcoming float trip in June.

Old Business: Liz Danter advised that she had checked with SBC about the club's telephone service and that 2 lines cost \$600/year. She also said that pagers would cost \$26/month. After discussion, a motion was made to table this until October, so that the club officers could keep count of all the calls that come through on the club's phone number.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

May 9, 2005

The meeting of the St. Louis Tip Toppers was called to order at 7:43PM, with President Steve Lubbes presiding.

April's minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Monica reported a general fund of \$9,410.72, a queen's fund of \$128.58, for a total fund of \$9,539.30.

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. She also announced that the St. Louis Tip Toppers' website has been selected as one of the best websites in TCI. She advised that the Las Vegas club will be having a weekend in September. Liz also reported that the Oklahoma City club has a member stationed in Iraq and that they were requesting care packages be sent to him.

Publicity Report: Colette announced the Creve Coeur Days Parade on May 22 and that all interested members wishing to participate should meet at 11:30am at the HBE building at Mosley Road. The parade route is 1.3 miles. Bethany will attend this parade. Colette also mentioned the VP Parade on July 2.

New Prospects: There was one new prospect to be voted in—Cynthia Stines. One new prospect attended the meeting and was introduced—Trisha Marcum.

Queen's Report: Bethany announced that she will be in the Creve Coeur Days Parade on May 22. She also reported that the Queen's Auction will be held June 18 at Fred Buenger's river house.

Editor's Report: Sue announced that all articles for the next newsletter will be due May 20. Sue mentioned that the next paper party will be May 27 at Kelly's house. She sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle and the winner was Nancy Whitener who then donated her winnings to the scholarship fund.

Marfan Chairperson's Report: Leigh reported that \$25 was raised at last month's business meeting, bringing the year-to-date total to \$176.88. She also mentioned that the Marfan national convention will be held August 4 through 7 in St. Louis. Leigh will contact the organization to see how the club can volunteer at the convention.

T-shirt Report: Gail displayed several different T-shirts and caps and announced the prices.

Flowers Report: Nancy reported that Gloria Monroe's father had passed away and that the club had sent flowers. She also announced that the club had made a donation to the Disabled

American Veterans organization in his memory. Nancy read a thank-you note from Margaret Ryan-Debonis to the club for its thoughtfulness during the time of her father's death.

Board of Governors Report: No report.

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

Vice President's Report: Amy announced the Memorial Day picnic to be held at Creve Coeur Park on May 30 at the Taco Bell shelter. Steve Lubbes and Rich Raikin volunteered to be the grill masters. Other upcoming events include the annual float trip on June 25 and a paper/pool party at Harlie Frankel's on July 31.

Scholarship Committee: Mandy reported that the scholarship committee had interviewed three candidates and that the winner will be attending next month's meeting. Mandy also announced that there was a second candidate that the committee members were very impressed with and that they would like to offer this person scholarship money that would be raised through donations. A motion was made and then voted on for the club to round off these donations for the second candidate and that any remaining amount would go into the scholarship fund for next year. Mandy also advised that she had told the winner of the scholarship that the scholarship amount was \$250. She advised that she had thought that \$250 was the amount agreed upon for the scholarship winner and didn't realize until later that the club had decided upon \$200.

New Business: Colette wanted to discuss moving the monthly business meetings back to Growlers. Discussion was tabled and a vote will be taken next month. Liz requested that the club put together a care package for the Oklahoma City member who is in Iraq. A motion was made and voted on for the club to donate a baseball cap to this soldier. Mandy stated that she has several ideas for fund raising such as working a concession stand at Busch Stadium during a baseball game and also catalog sales of home décor goods.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Keepin' It Real On the North Side
By Mandy Bolte

As most of you know I am new to the club and on Friday, March 25 I was able to enjoy my second paper party (snow and ice kept me away last time). Let me step back and say that the words "paper" and "party" have never been combined in my vocabulary and it doesn't sound very fun. However, I have realized that with the right combination of people and a stack of paper (and of course, some beer) it can be a REALLY good time.

I pulled up to Gloria's house and saw that I was second to arrive. Soon after Steve, Teresa and Amy joined Gloria, Bethany and myself (and Valentine) to have a nice evening.

Of course, we got down to business right away - we iced down the beer. Once we finally got started folding the newsletter, we were joined by Greg and the folding took no time at all.

As anyone else who has been to a paper party knows, the real fun starts after the work is done. Of course, club business was discussed - how can we get more people to attend events? I am going to share a few of our other discussion topics, and I think this might spark some interest.

1. Pieces of sausage thrown frisbee-style will not stick to a wall, but those flipped underhand will.
2. Throwing sugar-snap pears can't hurt anyone, but soda caps could send you to the ER.
3. Did you hear about the girl who stopped a robber by pelting him with bananas? It seems he became disoriented. I think I have heard something about too much potassium harming your brain.

Of course many other conversations were had, especially once we were joined by Art. We decided to keep the night goign with a rousing game of Trivial Pursuit - men vs. women. Nights like this one - relaxing with friends - remind me of why I wanted to join the club, and I can't wait for our next gathering.

By the way, the women won. And please remember for next time - no peas in the B to the E!

P.S. Braunschweiger never goes bad - it just ripens with age. (It's a guy thing. Thanks for the education, Greg!)

Taller Babies Earn More as Grown-Ups
Submitted by Rich Raiskin

Before your baby blows out the candles on that first birthday cake, whip out a tape measure. Children's height on their first birthday could portend their future earnings. Babies who are taller on their first birthday are likely to earn more later in life, the BBC News reports of new research from Britain's University of Southampton and Finland's National Public Health Institute. The study: The researchers examined data on 4,630 boys born in Finland between 1934 and 1944 and compared their height at age one to the salaries they were earning as middle-age men in 1990. Previous studies have linked growth during childhood to future career success, but most have looked at development up to at least school age, while this study examined just the first year of life, reports the BBC News.

The results: Those who were 31.5 inches or taller at age 1 were earning 50 percent more than their peers who were 28.3 inches or less on their first birthday. Once social background was taken into account, each extra 3/4 of an inch was worth 3.5 percent in income. Shorter babies were also more likely to be doing manual work when they grew up. Fully 44 percent of the babies who measured 28.35 inches or less became laborers, compared with just 20 percent of the boys who were 31.5 inches or taller on their first birthday.

The babies who grew slowly also tended to have fewer academic achievements. The researchers suggest this may be due to slower mental growth or because the babies were not as well nourished or were ill, both of which would likely have led to less sensory stimulation.

The takeaway: Growth during the first year of life is an accurate indicator of earning potential in the adult years. The study findings were published in the Archives of Disease in Childhood.

You Just Put Your Lips Together and Blow!

by Mandy Bolte

What a week! And what better way to relax than to join your friends at Growlers. Now - this may be a crime in Tall Club Law, but I don't really like beer.

I know, I know, Jerry I'm a SINNER! But I had to see Bethany's name FINALLY on the wall By the way Jerry, where's yours? You should work on that. But you should be proud to hear I did have #53 on the list:

Hornsby Hard Apple Cider - lovely bouquet.

So if your wondering why you weren't there, don't you know that the day before every Tall Club event is a "pre-party" at Growlers?

Just kidding - it's the day before and the day after!! Hahaha!

But really folks - we did discuss club business, so we voted to move meetings to the Patio at Growlers - beautiful! See you there starting June!

The night began before I got there - Thanks for waiting Steve, Monica, and Bethany! We enjoyed cocktails for me, beer for them, and appetizers for all. Colette joined us and we watched the game, played trivia (which we won - Superstars!), and had some great conversations. The highlight of the night:

finally be able to blow/whistle using my beer bottle.

By the end of the night my bottle had gone through puberty. If you join us next time, I will have to show you what I mean!

Dinner At Ozzie's Restaurant

By: Kelly Smith

Roy, Sue and RJ Ivey, Rich Raiskin and Kathy Palmer, Kevin O'Reilly and I met for dinner at Ozzie's. We enjoyed delicious dinners while talking. RJ is already 6'4" tall in eighth grade. As we were finishing dinner, Steve Lubbes and Monica arrived. Monica had a long, long day working outside in her yard and mowing it too. Her body really hurt. Finally, Bethany Boogerd came too. Monica, Steve and Bethany ate dinner together as the Iveys left. Some of the interesting topics of discussion were Rich's new house and Tall Club business. Join us next time to see if we are talking about you! Again, a great time was had by all.

DUES ARE DUE!

JULY 1, 2005

It's that time again, folks

Membership Dues:

\$35 for singles \$40 for married folks

\$0 for life members (but see p. 3 of this issue.)

Paper Dues - \$10 for life members

Please support the Club and

Make life easier for your Treasurer

By paying your dues PROMPTLY.

Membership is (circle one):

Single

Married

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Make check payable to St. Louis Tip Toppers

Mail to:

St. Louis Tip Toppers

c/o Monica Vogel -- See roster for address

Club Plugs

If you have an event (i.e. Church Picnic / School Trivia Night) that you would like advertised in Tip On Toppers please forward it to the editors at stltiptoppers@hotmail.com Space limitation and editors discretion will always apply

MUSYC (with 'Berta Mueller)

Fri May 27 7 - 10pm
Starr-B-Q, Kirkwood Farmer's Market

Sat Jun 4 3:30 - 5pm
Art & Air Outdoor Fair, Webster Groves

Fri Jun 17 9pm - 1am
PJ's Martini Bar, Kirkwood

Sun Jun 19 2 - 6pm
Boathouse, Forest Park

JUNE EVENTS**Happy hour every Wednesday, 5pm (or so),
Growlers Pub,**

763 Old Ballas Road, north of Olive, Creve Coeur.

Sunday, June 12, Brunch at Casa**Gallardo, 10:00AM**

12380 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO

Monday, June 13, Tip Toppers Business Meeting, 7:30pm

Syberg's Restaurant, Dorsett Road and I-270

Thursday, June 16, Trivia Night Malone's Grill and Pub. Contest begins at 9:00pm

3336 Pershall Road, near I-270, Ferguson, MO

Saturday, June 18, 5:30 PM, Fred Buenger's River House

Bring items or services to auction, buy BBQ for a donation, and lots of money to bid on your favorite offerings.

Directions:#14 Alta Villa Road. Take I-270 East to Mo.-367 North exit (Exit 31B).

Merge onto Lewis and Clark Blvd which becomes US-67 North. Go about 2.3 miles to Mo Highway 94-turn left. Go about 0.8 miles to Alta Villa Road. Fred's place is a Blue House. He'll have a big sign posted.

Saturday, June 25, Float Trip Bass River Resort, Steelville, MO

To Carpool, meet at 7:30AM on the commuter parking lot at I-44, and Highway 141. Directions to Bass: Take 44 west to Cuba, go south on Highway 19 to Steelville. Go straight through the 3-way stop in Steelville, East on highway 8. Go 10.5 miles to big yellow Bass River Resort sign. Turn Left. Follow black top road about 1.5 miles to Resort.

Cost: \$40.00 per person. Send check payable to St. Louis Tip Toppers, to Steve Lubbes no later than June 3. Please indicate your dinner preference of BBQ pork or chicken.

Optional: Camping available for an additional cost of \$8.00 per night Friday and Saturday Nights.

JULY EVENTS**Monday July 11, St. Louis Tip Toppers Business Meeting, 7:30PM,**

Syberg's Restaurant, I-270 and Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, MO

Saturday, July 16, 7:30PM Dinner at the Drunken Fish, 639 West Port Plaza. Live music at 10:00pm

Reserve by Wednesday July 13.

Thursday, July 21, West Port Plaza "Parties on the Plaza", 5pm-8pm. Meet in front of the Train Wreck Saloon

**Thursday, July 28, Trivia Night Malone's Pub, Game starts at 9:00pm
3336 Pershall Road, Ferguson, MO**

Sunday, July 31. Barbeque, Pool, Paper Party at Harlie and Sarah Frankel's place, 1:00pm to 6:00pm, 116 Lake Forest Drive, Richmond Heights, MO

Bring snacks and beverages, and towels. This is a free party.

Directions: From Highway 40, go South on Brentwood Boulevard about 1/2 mile to Clayton Road. Turn Right on Clayton Road. Go about 1/10 of a mile to South Hanley. Turn Right. Go about 0.4 miles and turn a slight Right on Lake Forest Street.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

By Monica Vogel

What better way to escape the summer heat than to get ready for the annual holiday party at the Evangelical Children's Home? Believe it or not every summer is when we start the organizing. If you want to help, please contact Monica. For all the new members in the club, this is a home for children who suffer from physical abuse, sexual abuse and parental neglect. Club member, Bethany, works at the home. Both Bethany and Monica are happy to answer any questions.

Thank you for your continued generosity of your time and money to this great cause.

We look forward to another successful holiday party.

Dave and Buster's night

by Steve Lubbes

Bethany, Monica and I met up at Dave and Buster's on May 20. We made it there in time to take advantage of Happy Hour drink prices. We ordered drinks and food, and talked about the upcoming events in the club. Bethany mentioned that the Queen's fund is in DESPERATE need of donations for the Queen's auction. (on June 18th at Fred Buenger's river house) We talked about what items would be good to auction off. We discussed the Creve Coeur parade, the Memorial Day picnic, and the float trip. After eating and drinking, we walked around, and checked out the vast array of games at Dave and Buster's. By this time, it was time for me to go to work. Bethany and Monica decided to stay for a little while longer.

Queens Auction

Attention Alumni, Lifetime Members, Past Queens and Newbie's: Something in that headline should apply to everyone reading this at least once! I am currently in the planning process of my Queen's Auction. Although we are not naming a Queen for 2005 it is still very important for us to support this event. The Queen's Fund currently has under \$200 in it, and this is a good opportunity for us to build these funds back up so that the next Queen will be able to attend Convention to represent the St. Louis Club. Also, I would love to be able to earn back some of my expenses for this last year, as my plane ticket to New York alone was pretty pricey! This year's auction will be held at Fred Buenger's River House on Saturday, June 18. Thanks Fred for offering us such a wonderful location to host this event! We have some great ideas in the works, but we also need your help!! Please be thinking of items you can donate for the cause and if you do not have any items, donate your time and talent. For example, you could offer to cook or clean for somebody! You could also donate time to the club to fill a position at an event. Please contact Bethany Boogerd if you have any items to donate or additional ideas. And if you absolutely have nothing to donate or any ideas, that means you need to attend the Auction with your checkbook in tow! Additionally, come hungry and thirsty and we will have food and beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, available for a nominal fee. All proceeds will of course benefit the Queen's Fund. Members, start thinking of your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers who may want to come participate in the Auction as well.

Queen (for now) Bethany

June 2005

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Happy Hour at Growlers 5pm | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Brunch at Casa Gallardo 10:00am | 13 Business Meeting 7:30pm | 14 | 15 Happy Hour at Growlers 5pm | 16 Trivia Night at Malone's Grill and Pub 9pm | 17 | 18 Queen's auction 5:30pm |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Happy Hour at Growlers 5pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Float trip 7:30am |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Happy Hour at Growlers 5pm | 30 | | |

July 2005

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| 10 | 11 Business Meeting 7:30pm | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Dinner at Drunken Fish 7:30pm |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Parties on the Plaza 5pm | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Triva Night at Malone's Grill & Pub 9pm | 29 | 30 |
| 31 BBQ, Pool & Paper Party at Harlie & Sarah's 1 - 6 pm | | | | | | |

What's happening around TCI...
Liz Danter, Corresponding Secretary

The Boston Beanstalks Tall Club: Their President has called a "Come to Jesus" meeting to discuss the how to make the club successful. Doesn't sound like a bad idea.

OKC Tall Club: Planned a gambling trip to the OK/TX border to meet some members of the Dallas Tall Club. Sounds like they had a great time together. Also they have a member, Peyton Baer, in Iraq.

Portland Skyliners: Hosted an Italian Dinner fundraiser. Very creative idea.

Central Arizona Tall Society (CATS): Hosted a Football Fundraiser that raised \$4,000 for their club treasury. Congratulations on your success!

Tall Texans of Dallas: Had a very informative article about the History of TCI that made their front page.

Tall Club of Las Vegas: Hosted a garage sale to raise money for their scholarship fund. They raised approximately \$325. Great job!

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 Silicon Valley (CA): Yosemite Weekend 2005, May 13-16, 2005

Sacramento Tall Club (CA): Return to Gilligan's Island Houseboat, June 10-13, 2005

Atlanta Sky-HI Club (GA): March to the Sea (Pre-Convention), July 1-4, 2005

Carolina Tall Club, TCI Convention: The South Shall Rise Again, July 4-10, 2005

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

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

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