

Tips on Toppers

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Labor Day Picnic

by Rich Raiskin

Well, another Labor Day Picnic has come and gone. It just seems to go by too quickly. This years Picnic was held at Wabash Park in Florissant. And what a beautiful park it is. Lush trees, a small lake filled with ducks and geese, and a nice playground for the kids. Speaking of kids; Don Schuh brought his grandson along. I think he spent more time on the swings than his grandson. We had a beautiful day for a picnic. It was sunny and in the high eighties. When I pulled up to the park, I found Fred Buenger driving around trying to find a place to park. Also in attendance were Kevin O'Reilly, Greg Tauser, Our President - Steve Lubbes, Mark and Debbie Rethemeyer (with their 2 dogs in tow) , Parker Harris, Art Meister, Don and Leigh Schuh, Nancy Whitener and Jim, Chuck the Army guy (I forgot your last name. Sorry Chuck!) and I'm sure I've forgotten somebody. Gimme a break! I'm not getting any younger!! Anyway, Steve did the cooking and we did the eating. Everyone brought a little something. We always end up with more than we could eat, although that's not such a bad thing. Early on the topic of discussion was "High Maintenance Women". Greg started talking about what constituted a High Maintenance Woman. Needless to say, he dug himself into a fairly deep hole with this one.

Debbie really put him to task. It made for some very entertaining conversation. The Labor Day Picnic is always a treat when the Tip Toppers gather. I'm looking forward to next years' festivities.

Children's Home Party

by Monica Vogel

Circle your calendars in December for this year's children's party at the Evangelical Children's Home. It will be on Tuesday, December 13. We are tentatively planning the packing party before the Club meeting on Monday, December 12 at Growler's. The successful party is the result of help by everybody in the club – especially this year. Since our club did not have a fundraiser, I am asking for extra help to finance the party. Most of the children are teenagers. The most popular toy on the gift table the last few years has been CD players with headphones. Several stores sell them for about \$10. If you could either buy one and bring it to the Tall Club party or donate the funds so I can pick them up, it would add some extra smiles during the holiday season. Anybody wishing to help with the party, please contact Monica.

Prez Says

It has been a good year so far, so lets hope the rest of the year is also good. Since we are nearing the end of the year, it is time to start thinking about the election of officers. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact one of the members of the board of governors or a current officer. It is also time to make a trip to Hermann, MO. We will be heading to Octoberfest on October 8th, and meeting at the commuter lot at 141 and I-44. Also, we will be having our holiday party at Growler's on December 10th. It will be a little more casual, as we will be having it on their patio. I hope you can attend both events. 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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	Gloria Monroe	
	Gail Hunt	
	Harlie Frankel	
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Historian	Kevin O'Reilly	
Measuring Committee	Greg Tauser	
	Bethany Boogerd	
T-shirt Chairperson	Gail Hunt	
Marfan Chairperson	Leigh Schuh	
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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
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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

by Liz Danter, Corresponding Secretary

OKC: Sympathy goes to them on the loss of their member Johnny Burns. He was a member for 25 years.

Paramount Tall Club of Chicago: Will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary at their weekend January 27-29, 2006. New hotel, Wyndham in Rosemont and the theme is Diamonds.

Tall Club of Orange County: Their Editor interviewed the President of the Tall Club of Diamond Valley. This club is enjoying their 2nd year as members of TCI. Their President, Bridget Gerber, attributes their success for membership growth on many things, including:

- providing free business cards for all members to carry and hand out
- having one event each week for members to attend
- always being friendly with every member and prospect
- giving every current member the authority to step up and be a leader

New Orleans Tall Club: No one has heard from any members since the hurricane.

Portland Skyliners: Their Vice President reports the different newsletters they received and tidbits from them. I haven't seen this in any other newsletter.

Central Arizona Tall Society: Reports a new member that moved from Detroit. She was actually the Tip Toppers of Detroit scholarship recipient! Also wedding bells are ringing for their member, Leslie Gerdes.

St. Louis Tip Toppers: The packages were mailed to Peyton, our adopted soldier in Iraq.

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.

Boston Beanstalks (MA): Charmed Whale of a Weekend X, Oct 28-30, 2005

The Central Jersey Tall Friends (NJ): Harvest Moon Ball, Nov 12, 2005

Paramount Tall of Club of Chicago (IL): Diamond Anniversary Weekend, Jan 27-29, 2006

For details on these and other weekends, check out

www.tciweekends.com/events

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

October Birthdays

Dave Hermann	1
Tim Deuser	5
Stu Oldham	6
Dale Pikoraitis	10
Stacey Hood	16
Kathy Palazzolo	17
Matt Palazzolo	20
Sybil Prost	20
Fred Kruse	21
Sue Ivey	21
Margaret Campbell	24
Eileen Herche	28
Jackie Miller	28
Bill Brush	31

November Birthdays

Kathy Dierker	1
Leigh Schuh	2
Patricia Hughes	8
Nancy O'Neal	11
Mark Baumgarten	20
Paul Herche	28
Carol Wagner	28
Kathy Palmer	30

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

Tips on Toppers

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God Bless America!

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St. Louis Tip Toppers Minutes**August 8, 2005**

The meeting of the St. Louis Tip Toppers was called to order at 7:35PM, with President Steve Lubbes presiding. July's minutes were read and approved.

Scholarship Committee: Mandy introduced Kelli Strecker, the St. Louis Tip Toppers' scholarship winner. Kelli is from Festus. She will be attending Webster University this fall. Kelli plans to major in marketing and international business.

Treasurer's Report: Monica reported a general fund of \$9,696.79, a queen's fund of \$1,220.33, and the weekend fund of \$8,533.99, for a total fund of \$19,451.11. 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: Liz reported on the numerous newsletters that the club has received from sister clubs across the country and their activities. She mentioned that Oklahoma City recently lost a member who had been with that club for 25 years. 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 five inquiries about the club on the website and one inquiry on the phone. A new prospect attending tonight's meeting—Marcelo Assman. One prospect, Christine Luer, was voted in as a club member.

Queen's Report: No report.

Editor's Report: Sue asked for articles for the next newsletter. She sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Jerry DeBonis was the winner.

Marfan Chairperson's Report: Leigh reported that \$21.31 was raised at last month's business meeting, bringing the year-to-date total to \$246.26.

T-shirt Report: Gail reported that there was only 1 hat left for sale for \$10. She also announced the prices for the club T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Flowers Report: No report.

Board of Governors Report: Harlie announced that they will be accepting nominations for next year's officers.

Historian Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: Amy announced that the club will continue to have Happy Hour at Growlers on Wednesdays. She also reported that the club will be going to a River City Rascals baseball game in O'Fallon, MO, on 20 Aug. The club Labor Day picnic will be held in Ferguson. On 18 Sep, the club will have breakfast at Chris' Pancake House. And the paper party will be held 30 Sep at Mandy's house.

Old Business: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13PM.

September 12, 2005

Minutes are not yet available. See next newsletter.

Wild Night for the River City Rascals
by Rich Raiskin

It was a warm balmy evening for a ball game and the full moon was a sign of things to come. The River City Rascals were up against the Evansville Otters. The Otters put the hurt on the Rascals, scoring in every inning but the ninth. After every thing was said and done, the Rascals lost by a score of 28 to 6. This brings the Rascals record to 36-40. The Otters record now stands at 44-36. Despite the pummeling, the crowd seemed to enjoy the festivities. In attendance representing the STL Tip Toppers were Kathy Palmer and Rich Raiskin. We sat along the first base line in the bleacher section. We had a great view of the plate. We could see the painful display firsthand. The Rascals seemed to be going to the bullpen every other inning. It was just a matter of time before they would run out of pitchers. Despite the loss, we still had a great time. I'm hoping the club can show a little more representation the next time we go.



October Events

Happy Hour Growler's Pub every Wednesday, 5:00ish.
763 Old Ballas Road at Olive
314-432-3110

Saturday, October 8, 10:30 AM , Oktoberfest, Hermann, Missouri

Meet on the commuter parking lot at I-44 and Highway 141, at 10:30am, and commute to Highway 100 and the wineries leading to Hermann.

Monday, October 10, 7:30 PM, St. Louis Tip Toppers Business

Growler's Pub, 763 Old Ballas Road at Olive. Come early for dinner, or stay late for a beer.

Sunday, October 16, 11:30AM, Brunch,

Chestnut's in the Adam's Mark Hotel, 4th and Chestnut, Downtown

Price \$28.00 per person. Yes, it's a little pricey but its been voted the "Best Brunch in St. Louis" for 15 years in a row, and any Tallster can eat 'til he can't put another morsel in his mouth. Please RSVP by October 13!

Friday, October 21, 8:00 PM, "The Darkness" Haunted House

1525 S. 8th Street next to Soulard Market. Admission \$14.00

Saturday, October 29, 8:00PM, Halloween fun at Westport Plaza.

Dress in costume and bar-hop, or just cheer on your favorite contestants in the progressive Halloween costume contest. For more information on entering costume contest contact Lisa, at Westport Plaza, 314-576-2727, ext 211

November Activities

Saturday, November 5, 7:00PM, Dinner Rigazzi's Restaurant

4945 Daggett, 63110 (on the Hill) 314-772-4900.

Friday, November 11, 7:30PM, Billiards and Beer at the Pink Galleon

1243 Castillons, Arcade Plaza, Creve Coeur, 314-5140100

Monday, November 14, 7:30PM Business Meeting St. Louis Tip Toppers.

Growler's Pub 763 Old Ballas at Olive, Creve Coeur.

Sunday, November 20, 12 noon, Tour Anheuser-Busch Brewery

12th and Lynch Street, St. Louis, 63118. Free

Friday, November 25, 7:00 PM, Paper Party Nancy's Whitener's Place.

Put together the newsletter, then enjoy partying at Nancy's. Free party. Bring your own beverage. Call Nancy for directions.

In the News.....

Car Phone

A woman was reporting her car as stolen, and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

This Smells Odd

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find an ill man curled up next to a motor home trying to steal gasoline and plugged his hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

October 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	6 <i>RSVP for Octoberfest</i>	7	8 <i>Octoberfest In Herman 10:30 A.M.</i>
9	10 <i>Business Meeting Growler's 7:30 P.M.</i>	11	12 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	13 <i>RSVP for Brunch</i>	14	15
16 <i>Brunch at Chestnut's at the Adam's Mark</i>	17	18 <i>RSVP for Huanted House</i>	19 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	20	21 <i>Haunted House 8:00 P.M.</i>	22
23 30	24 31	25	26 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	27 <i>RSVP for Halloween at Westport Plaza</i>	28	29 <i>Halloween at Westport Plaza 8:00 P.M.</i>

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		1	2 <i>Happy Hour at Growler's 5:00 P.M.</i>	3 <i>RSVP for Rigazzi's</i>	4	5 <i>Dinner at Rigazzi's 7:00 P.M.</i>
6	7	8	9 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	10 <i>RSVP for Billiards</i>	11 <i>Billiards at Pink Galleon 7:30 P.M.</i>	12
13	14 <i>Business Meeting Growler's 7:30 P.M.</i>	15	16 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	17	18 <i>RSVP for Brewery Tour</i>	19
20 <i>Anheuser-Busch Tour 12:00 P.M.</i>	21	22	23 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>	24 <i>RSVP for Paper Party</i>	25 <i>Nancy's Paper Party 7:00 P.M.</i>	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Happy Hour at Growlers 5:00 P.M.</i>			

Breakfast at Chris' Pancake House

By Rich Raiskin

Despite the rain, I made the 20 mile trek down to Hampton Ave and headed for Chris' Pancake House. As far as breakfast goes, Chris' is the best. They put a plateful of cookies on the table to munch on when you are seated. How many places do that. They have a great variety of items on the menu. My personal favorite is the Sunrise Sampler with an English Muffin. In attendance was Greg Tauser. Our timing must have been good because we were seated in only ten minutes. Greg had an omelet with their famous hashbrowns. The couple at the table next to us had Blueberry Pancakes. The whole room smelled of fresh blueberries. I think I know what I'm getting the next time. I would have liked to have seen a larger turnout from the club, but people sometimes have a lot to do on Sundays. But to be honest, there's nothing like a big table full of people when it comes to Sunday morning breakfast. It's a great way to catch up with friends. Maybe next time.

Harlie / Sarah's Paper Pool Party

By Bethany Boogerd

If you only go to one Tall Club event a year (other than Growler's) you have to go to Harlie's Pool Party. Even Art Meister showed up in time to help with the newsletter – It had to be a great time! What better way to spend a hot summer day than to relax in the pool with a cold beer and eating Sarah's Secret Recipe Sweet Meat on a Stick! Even the men were asking for more meat. And thanks to Steve and Harlie for being our master barbeque-ers! Megan, Bethany, Monica, Greg and Art relaxed in the pool after spilling the beans about how the 6th Harry Potter book ends. Meanwhile, Steve, Sue, Liz, Karen, Sarah, Harlie, Becky, Kevin, Steve and Connie sat pool side.

Late in the afternoon, when the sun finally disappeared behind the approaching clouds and the sweet meat had been devoured the crowd began to head for home, counting down the days to next year's party!

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