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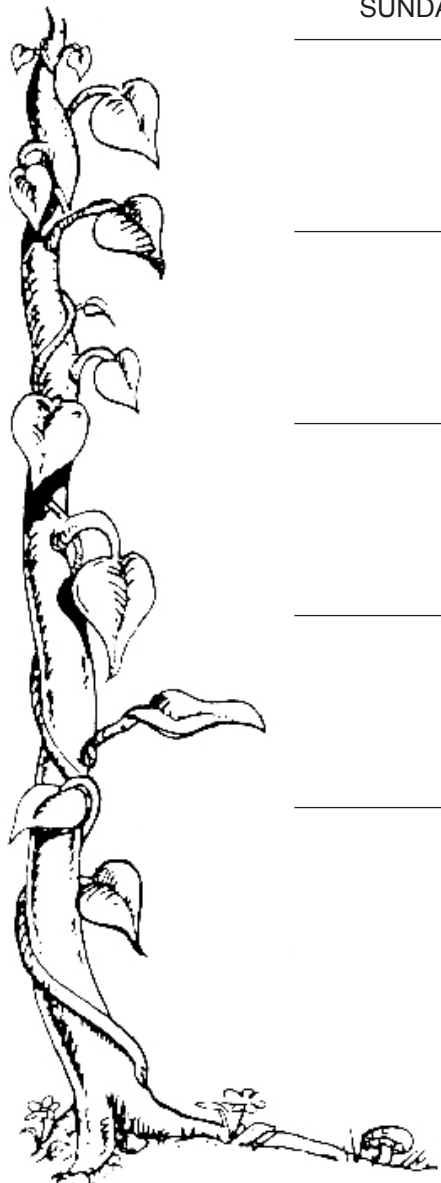
Beanstalks at the 2008 Convention in California

**BOSTON BEANSTALKS TALL CLUB (BBTC) SOCIAL CALENDAR**

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# SEPTEMBER 2008

**Deadline for the October Newsletter: Friday, September 19th**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9 <b>Dinner and a Movie Night</b> Location:TBD Dinner 6:15 PM Movie 7:30 PM	10	11	12	13 <b>Walking Tour of Plymouth, MA</b> Plymouth 10:00 AM
14	15	16	17	18	19 <b>Watch City Brewing Co.</b> Waltham 6:00 PM <i>BEAN POD DEADLINE</i>	20
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- *Members must be at least 21 years of age.*
- *Women must measure at least 5'10" in height.*
- *Men must be a minimum of 6'2" tall.*
- *Height measurement is in stocking feet.*

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

by Marie Austin, BBTC President



Thanks to everyone who has already paid to extend their membership to the new universal July annual renewal timeframe. If you have not extended your membership yet, please do so now.

I myself procrastinated in extending my membership. I had just paid my renewal for June when I received the notice that we were changing our renewal process so everyone would renew in July in an effort to simplify the process. I owed \$3.75. Just enough to be a pain in the butt and not really be worth the price of a stamp. I decided to try using Paypal instead. It turned out to be relatively easy and the charge came through on my credit card statement just fine.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Paypal, you should be aware the following:

- Paypal is a secure website and uses the same security precautions and standards used by the majority of other reputable vendors on the web.
- You do NOT need to have a Paypal account to use Paypal. You may use the credit card of your choice.

Before you start, please consult the dues renewal letter sent to you by Joan Jacobs in May, 2008 for the proportionate amounts you owe in order to bring your membership current to 6/30/09 or 6/30/10. If you need further information please contact Craig Scherman at [database@hubtall.org](mailto:database@hubtall.org).

To use Paypal to pay your renewal fee, start at [www.hubtall.org](http://www.hubtall.org) and do the following:

- Click on PAYMENT from the list on the left side of the screen.
- On the next screen, click on the PAY NOW button.
- On the next screen, fill in the PURPOSE. Something along the lines of "July Annual Renewal" would be good.
- Fill in the DONATION AMOUNT box with the correct amount (don't worry, we know it's not a donation).
- Click on the UPDATE TOTAL button. The screen will refresh and the TOTAL field should contain the amount you entered.
- Fill in the boxes for name, address, phone, credit card to use, credit card number, etc.
- Click on the REVIEW DONATION AND CONTINUE button.
- Review the information on the next page to ensure everything is accurate. If it is, click on the DONATE \$nn.nn USD NOW button. (If anything is wrong, follow the instructions to make corrections.)
- The next page will be a confirmation screen. Click on PRINT YOUR DONATION RECEIPT so you'll have a copy of the transaction for your records.

You're done. An e-mail will be sent to the Treasurer indicating how much you paid and Paypal will transfer the funds to the BBTC account.

**Thanks in advance for your cooperation.**

## BBTC AWARDS 2008

Here are the results of the secret ballot! Congratulations!

- BBTC Man of the Year:** Craig Scherman  
**BBTC Woman of the Year:** Joan Jacobs  
**Al Wainwright Memorial Hardest Worker Award:** Elaine Senay  
**New Member of the Year:** Jeff Stevens  
**Best Attitude:** Marie Austin  
**Best Male Hugger:** Perry Raffi  
**Best Female Hugger:** Kay Helberg  
**Best Creative Spirit:** Robyn Laing  
**The Travelin Fool:** Marie Austin  
**House Party of the Year:** It was a tie between Joan Jacobs Christmas Party and Susan & Wini's 55th Birthday Party  
**The Best One-Liner on Meet-Up:** was awarded to Robyn Laing for discovering: "I like Older Women, Especially Tall Ones Like You!" – and that led to someone joining our Meetup Group.  
**Marriott Mainstay Award** (i.e. who you can count on seeing at 1st Friday: Barry Greenhalgh  
**Funniest First Friday Conversation:** Stefan and his hospital bed recruitment of a new member  
**The Think-Outside-the-Box Award** (most creative event) Wini & Susan's Double Nickel Party  
**No Wallflower Here Award:** Kristen Gallagher  
Summer Sensation Award: (best summer event) Arthur's Awards Party  
**My Maine Memory:** John Bewick for hosting the Duck Tour in Casco Bay  
**Most Memorable Tall Moment:** Jane Zanichkowsky for hosting the Coast-to-Coast Toast where the Harvard Medical Students Played Charlie on the MBTA to get our photo for their Scavenger Hunt.  
**Tall Blogger:** Yvonne Christian who has two of her own blogs.

# HAPPENINGS

Monday, Sept. 2nd  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Cost: Participation

## BUSINESS MEETING & DINNER

Panera  
120 Highland Ave.  
Needham, MA  
(781) 453-4005

### NOTE SPECIAL DATE! (BECAUSE OF LABOR DAY)

It's time for the great minds of the BBTC to come together and make it all happen! From finance to publicity, and social to fund raising for Marfan this group gets it done! Come join us and be an essential and active participant in the club. This is a night to express your ideas for and about events and the direction you feel our club should be taking. Or just come by to see how things work with the club officers.

### DIRECTIONS:

From Route 95/128: Take Exit 19A ( marked Highland Ave.). Go to the first traffic light. Staples is on the left-hand side and Panera is on the right. There is a parking lot behind the restaurant.

MBTA: Take the D train of the Green Line to Newton Highlands.



Friday, Sept. 5th  
Time: 6:00 -8:00PM  
Cost: Optional Drinks

## MEET & GREET RIVERBEND BAR & GRILL

Newton Marriott  
2345 Comm. Ave.  
Route 30, Newton  
617-HUB-TALL

Join your Beanstalk friends for an evening of libations, conversations, great food and a relaxed mood. You never know what a first Friday could turn into... a terrific dinner with friends, an impromptu party, movie night out or just a great time with old friends and new. Show your support and show your face and be a part of the TGIF crowd. And for all of you new and prospective Beans: DON'T BE SHY! Come right on in! You can't miss us! Just look for the group that stands above the rest.

You may get a chance to meet our Social Director Janice Zanichkowsky and talk to her about planning your next event. Our wonderful members will be sure to make you feel welcome!

### DIRECTIONS:

Take 128 to exit 24 (Rt. 30). At the end of the ramp, go right. The Marriott is just ahead on the left. The Riverbend Bar and Grill is to the right when you go in the main hotel entrance.



## REMEMBER, THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER BEANPOD IS SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>!

To schedule your event, contact our Social Director  
Jane Zanichkowsky at 617-244-6079 or [social@hubtall.org](mailto:social@hubtall.org)

Tuesday, Sept. 9th  
Time: 6:15 PM Dinner  
Movie Starts 7:30 PM  
Cost: Dinner Optional  
\$12-\$20; Movie TBD

## DINNER-AND- A-MOVIE NIGHT

Location: TBA  
Host: Marie Austin  
cell (781) 820-6589

### For a new regular event on the second Tuesday of the month:

Come join your Beanstalk friends for dinner and a movie on Tuesday at a local theatre near Brookline. **The Circle Cinema we usually go to is abruptly closing on September 7th, so Marie is feverishly looking for another theatre for our monthly event! If she finds a new spot there will be a BBTC email notifying of the location or monitor the BBTC Calendar on the website and/or our Meetup site for details on where we will be going or feel free to call Marie.**

Those that come to dinner get to help pick the movie for the evening. The first to arrive will grab a table at a nearby restaurant around 6:15 PM. During dinner we will review what movies are playing and have a start time between 7:30 and 8:00 PM. Whatever the majority can agree on is what we'll see. RSVP recommended so we know how big a table to get at the restaurant. If you're running late, call Marie on her cell (# listed above) to find out what movie we've decided to see and when it starts.

### DIRECTIONS: TBA

Saturday, Sept. 13th  
Time: 10AM - 4 PM  
Cost: \$15 plus lunch

## A WALKING TOUR OF PLYMOUTH

Downtown Plymouth, MA  
Host: Craig Scherman  
Home Phone: 781-826-  
4065  
RSVP by 6:00 PM, 9/12

### PLEASE RSVP TO CRAIG BY 6 PM SEPT. 12TH!

Learn more about the Pilgrims' hometown than what may have been included in your high school class trip to Plymouth. We'll visit Burial Hill, Jenny Grist Mill, 1667 Howland House, 1749 Court House, Massasoit statue & Pilgrims' Sarcophagus on Coles Hill, Mayflower ship, Plymouth Rock and Pilgrim house lots on Leyden St. You can purchase lunch and enjoy a free wine tasting on Main St. We can drive past the Monument to the Forefathers on the way home. Total walking distance about 1.5 miles. If the weather is bad, visiting the expanded Pilgrim Hall and Mayflower Society Museums will keep us dry.

### DIRECTIONS:

Take I-93 to the Braintree Split, & then go south on Rt.3. Get off at Exit 6A (Route 44 East, Plymouth Center). Proceed on Route 44 East about 6/10 mile & make right turn onto Allerton St. (3 story white house on corner). Travel south on Allerton St. about 3/10 mile and look on right for free town parking lot at corner of Allerton & Russell Sts. (across from Plymouth DPW Bldg.). Tour will start from this lot.

Carpool: Those who want to carpool with or follow behind Craig to Plymouth can meet at his house in Pembroke at 9:00 AM.

Friday, Sept. 19th  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Cost: Drinks/Food

## WATCH CITY BREWING COMPANY

256 Moody St.  
Waltham, MA 02154  
(781) 647-4000

Come on over to Waltham and rub elbows with Boston Beanstalks for a relaxing TGIF at a favorite local watering hole. Watch City is renowned for its variety of craft-brewed beers, and their food is rather tasty as well! Those of us who tried the Summer Ale in August were not disappointed!

### DIRECTIONS

Take your favorite route to I95/128. From 128 North/South, take Exit 26 (Rte. 20 East).

Follow Rte. 20 East for approximately 1 1/2 miles (7 lights) through downtown Waltham until you see Sovereign Bank on your right. Take that right onto Moody Street. Follow Moody Street until the second set of lights.

Watch City is directly on the left at the intersection of Moody and Pine. There is parking (free after 6 PM) behind the restaurant. Just take the left at Pine Street and the second left after the building. To view a map, visit [www.watchcitybrew.com](http://www.watchcitybrew.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk in Central Massachusetts, Oct. 5  
BBTC Campaign Capers Weekend, NH, Oct 17-19  
Apple Picking, Central, MA, October  
**Your Event!** Don't be shy.

## OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR NEEDS YOU!

Hosts are needed to fill our calendar with events and get us all together to do what we do best ... have fun, socialize and meet old friends and make new friends! There are plenty of great ideas for fun events: sporting events - either going to a game or hosting a party to watch a game; winery or brewery tours, host a themed party at your house (New Member, Mad Hatter, Hillbilly Xmas, Holiday Themes, etc.), karaoke night; meet & greet at your favorite watering hole, dancing, bowling, miniature golf, *Tall* golf, billiards ... the list is endless! We just need you to step up to the plate and host an event! Plan something today and let's fill next month's calendar with fun events!



TO SCHEDULE YOUR SOCIAL EVENT  
CONTACT OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

**Jane Zanichkowsky**

Phone: **617-244-6079**

Email: [social@hubtall.org](mailto:social@hubtall.org)

## Social Policies

Although it is suggested that a friendly disposition be shown at the various functions, persistent display of unwanted attention is inappropriate. If you should find yourself the recipient of unwanted, inappropriate attention or in any position that causes you unease, it is imperative that you notify any or all members of the board so that immediate and appropriate action may be taken. The Boston Beanstalks believes in a zero tolerance policy toward sexual harassment and will investigate said action and take appropriate action when deemed necessary.

When attending a BBTC house party, members and guests agree to cooperate with the host or hostess to ensure their safe return home in case the host or hostess believes that it is unsafe for them to drive. The other members of the club in attendance will make every effort to be supportive of the whatever stand the host or hostess may wish to take. The Boston Beanstalks Tall Club encourages the use of car pools and "designated drivers." Hosts and hostesses may specify that a party will be alcohol free. *The Bean Pod* will identify "dry" parties in the events listings section.



## DATABASE OVERVIEW



By Craig Scherman

### Birthdays

Ann E. Reuman	Sep 03	Annette Chionilos	Sep 26
John Pavelec	Sep 09	Melon LaBonté	Sep 26
Jane Zanichkowsky	Sep 18		
Kathleen M. Lewis	Sep 24		

### New Members

None this month

### Renewals

Marie Austin  
Iris Berdrow  
Anne Burke  
Sandra Gelinis  
Karen Groccia  
Paul Morgan  
Mary Quay  
Roberta Todd  
Jane Zanichkowsky

### Dues Due, Needing to Renew

Brad Clements  
Errol & Victoria Howland  
Melon LaBonté  
Kelly McMorrow  
John Richardson  
Stefan Shcherby

### Last Chance

Lou Jacobson

### Expired Memberships - Give 'em a call!

Bernie Hall  
Janet Edwardson  
Cindy Neuzil

### Boston Beanstalks Membership Statistics

Members In Good Standing **77**

Males: 34

Females: 43

Individual Members: 51

Couples Memberships: 13

Couples Members: 26

## NEATO CALENDAR

(Northeast Alliance of Tall Organizations)

By Kay Helberg

Boston Beanstalks Campaign Capers Weekend 10/18/08 (PROTECTED)

Central Jersey Tall Friends Club Harvest Moon Weekend 11/8/08 (PUSHED)

Central Jersey Tall Friends Club Marfan Dance 4/4/09 (PUSHED)

See also: [www.njtall.org/neato.htm](http://www.njtall.org/neato.htm) for links to NEATO clubs



## MICHAEL PHELPS' MARFAN AWARENESS

Full story at <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,408023,00.html>



### MICHAEL PHELPS UNINTENTIONALLY RAISES MARFAN AWARENESS

Olympic swimmer and gold medalist Michael Phelps may not have Marfan syndrome but he certainly has people talking about it.

In recent weeks there have been conflicting media reports that his long arms, slender physique and increased flexibility are signs he has the incurable condition, but an excerpt from his autobiography assures his fans he is disease-free.

Marfan syndrome is a genetic disease where the body's connective tissue is defective.

Because connective tissue is present throughout the body, this condition can affect many systems, including the skeleton, eyes, heart and blood vessels, nervous systems, skin and lungs, the National Marfan Foundation said on its Web site.

In the book, "Michael Phelps: Beneath the Surface," Phelps describes how he first got to be checked at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

My heart rate was accelerating and Bob suggested I see the doctor. Because I was very flexible and had long hands and feet, I had some early symptoms of Marfan syndrome, a disease that affects connective tissues and can be fatal if there is leakage

to the vessels that lead to the heart. If you reach out your arms and form a T and your wingspan is longer than your height, you can be at risk. In my case, those measurements have always been very close. I didn't know at the time why the doctor decided to look into this. My mom and Bob didn't want me to freak out, so they told me it was simply a good idea for young athletes to have an EKG test in order to look at the heart.

Fortunately everything was, and still is, okay. I have been tested once a year ever since at John's Hopkins under the direction of Dr. Peter Roe, and the tissues are strong, the aortic route is clear and my heart is in good shape - as long as my Baltimore Ravens are winning."

Dr. Reed Pyeritz, chief of the medical division of genetics at the University of Pennsylvania, said Phelps' features certainly fit the criteria of a Marfan patient - but it could also fit anyone in the general population.

"So I would never dissuade anybody, a physician in particular, from suspecting Marfan syndrome," Pyeritz said. "But, if that's all there was, the likelihood would be relatively low."

Marfan syndrome may present itself in many different ways, according to the Foundation's Web site: Some patients are mildly affected and have only a few of these characteristics, while others are severely affected.

"The enlargement of the aorta can be present before birth or during childhood," Pyeritz said. "But, in an adult male, if he had Marfan syndrome, it would be present. And, if they were looking for the disease, they would have detected the enlarged aorta already. I'm sure (Michael Phelps) had an echocardiogram already, and then he probably wouldn't be swimming since physical activity is restricted."

There are 200,000 people in the United States who have the disease or a related connective tissue disorder, said Eileen Masciale, director of communication for the National Marfan Foundation, which is located in Port Washington, N.Y.

Of those people, 50,000 to 60,000 have Marfan syndrome, she said, and about half of them are undiagnosed.

Marfan patients can live well into their 70s with proper treatment, which is why it is so important to be checked out, Masciale said.

In 1986, Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman died of complications from Marfan syndrome. It is suspected that John Larson, writer of the Broadway musical "Rent," who died of an aortic aneurysm, also had the disease.

"Hyman had been checked countless times for college, for the Olympics, and no one suspected Marfan syndrome," Pyeritz said.

However, soon after her death, an article ran in Sports Illustrated about the disease and a number of people with Marfan characteristics rushed to their doctors.

Pyeritz said he saw an increased number of patients that year.

"We wound up diagnosing a number of people," he said. "There is great value in publicizing the features. The vast majority won't have it based on flexible joints or long arms, but there will be a few who do have it and we will be able to save their lives."

# BBTC SECRETARY'S REPORT



By Elaine Senay 8/4/08

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Marie Austin, Kay Helberg, Elaine Senay, John Bewick, Arthur Tunnell, Craig Scherman, Fay Ostrowski, Kathy Lewis

## OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**PRESIDENT:** Due to the Labor Day holiday falling on the first Monday of the month, Marie Austin asked the attendees about the best date to hold the next business meeting. It was decided that we will meet on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at Panera Bread in Needham.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kay Helberg reported the need to decide what we will be planning for the club's anniversary dance in January 2009. There was a general discussion about possible venues in the area, catering, and entertainment. The board revisited the question of having a pageant and how many queen contestants are needed to make it worthwhile. It was decided that if we have 2 to 3 motivated contestants, we will also have a pageant. An announcement will be printed in the September Bean Pod asking interest contestants to contact Kay.

Tentative dates for the anniversary dance are either Saturday, January 17, 2009, or Saturday, January 24, 2009. Kay will check with NEATO president, Pedro Hazel, about any possible conflicts with other NEATO club's events.

Since we had good attendance of our members for the Sitz'n'Jibbers spring dance, we agreed to find another social group's dance to attend this fall.

**TREASURER:** John Bewick has agreed to take over as Treasurer at the end of August. Any reimbursement checks are still being handled by Robyn Laing until the club's bank account can be transferred to John.

**SECRETARY:** Previous minutes were accepted as written.

**SOCIAL:** Jane Zanichkowsky was not present, but she sent a report by e-mail. Due to construction delays and other commitments requiring her to travel, Joan Jacobs will not be able to host a pool party this summer. However, there are plenty of other events scheduled for the late summer/early fall: a walking tour of Plymouth, a hike in central Massachusetts, haunted pubs of Portsmouth, NH nearer to Halloween, and of course, the club's annual weekend in Lincoln, NH.

**EDITOR:** Linda Kamphausen was not present – no report. There was a general discussion about what we can do to further assist our editor in getting the newsletter out by/before the first of the month. Linda has been having Jan Huffman send out the Calendar so that people can plan ahead, especially when events are scheduled early in the month.

**PUBLICITY:** Wini Peterson was not present – no report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Alan Fajvan was not present – no report. Marie has been trying to get in touch with him to find out what is being done.

**HISTORIAN:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**TCI DELEGATE:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**NEATO:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**MARFAN:** This position is still open and we are looking for a volunteer. Marie reported that Dave Rasmussen of the Tall Club of Milwaukee was in Boston to attend the Marfan Annual Convention. Mary Quay of our club also attended and Dave was able to catch up with some of the BBTC members before he flew home.

**WEBMASTER:** Jan was not present, but he sent a report by e-mail. The August events are posted on the website. Current and historical officers' lists have been updated. Email forwards have been changed as necessary with marfan@hubtall.org going to Marie.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Picture of and essay by our scholarship recipient was submitted along with a short article by Marie for the August Bean Pod. Besides the \$500.00 from the BBTC, our winner also was awarded a \$1,000.00 from the TCI Foundation.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**ANNUAL RENEWAL OF DUES/DATABASE:** Craig Scherman reports that about 50% of the club's current membership has responded to his mailing for the first annual dues renewal. He will continue to follow up to ensure that our members are aware of the new process where members renew at the same time each year (rather than on the anniversary date that they joined). Members have the option of a partial year renewal to bring them through June 2009 or they can renew up through June 2010.

**WEEKEND:** Our Campaign Capers Weekend at the Nordic Lodge in Lincoln, NH will be held October 17-19, 2008. John Bewick, weekend chair, reported that all of the deposits have been paid for included meals, accommodations and the Saturday night dinner train. Miss Tall International 2008, Billie Jean Morison, will be attending our weekend.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**TCI PUBLICITY WORKSHOP:** Marie attended the publicity workshop held at the most recent TCI Convention in Long Beach, California, and shared with the board some of the helpful tips that people from other clubs contributed.

**BEST USE OF MEETUP:** The board discussed how to utilize this social networking tool to its fullest potential. Some agreement was reached that we need to be selective about the events we post and limit them for now to those regularly scheduled events such as First Friday at the Newton Marriott, Business Meeting at Panera Bread on the first Monday, Movie Night at the Cleveland Circle Cinema on Tuesdays during the month, and Mix & Mingle at Watch City Brew Pub in Waltham on Fridays during the month. Also, it was agreed that making an effort to RSVP to events would be a positive indication that our club members are actively attending the events posted on the site. Hopefully, this will encourage prospective members to check us out.

**PRESENTATION OF BBTC MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Kay Helberg presented Craig Scherman with his plaque as this year's recipient of our club's Man of the Year. Congratulations, Craig! We hope to present our club's Woman of Year award to the worthy recipient soon.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

# 2008 CONVENTION IN NEWPORT BEACH, CA

*Pictures and cover photo thanks to Marie Austin*



Knott's Berry Farm group photo. See Mary and Marie?



Mary Quay with Walt and Mickey in Disneyland



The new Miss T1, Billie Jean Morrison along with the first and second runners up



The Boston Beanstalks Tall Club presents

# Campaign Capers Weekend

**Save the date! October 17, 18, & 19, 2008**

The Beans are heading to Lincoln, New Hampshire (near Loon & Cannon Mountains) for a fantastic weekend of Presidential proportions! Enjoy sight-seeing, hiking, outlet shopping (this is tax-free New Hampshire after all), a scenic railway dinner train & dancing to a live band at the nearby Woodstock Inn.

Weekend package includes: Fri/Sat dinner, Sat/Sun breakfast, and Fri/Sat After-Hours

- Full package price: \$209.00
- Early Bird Discount: \$199.00 (postmarked by 9/10/08 or delivered by hand to Marie Austin at the Las Vegas tall club weekend)

We'll be staying in cozy condos at the beautiful **Nordic Inn**. Weekend accommodation pricing:

Bedroom #1	King Bed (with private bath)	\$190.00
Bedroom #2	Queen Bed (with private bath)	\$160.00
Bedroom #3	Full Bed	\$120.00
	Twin Bed	\$90.00
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*You've already registered to vote, so why not sign up for our weekend & exercise your right to have fun and party with us!*

Make checks payable to: BBTC  
 Mail to: Susan Huffman, Registrar,  
 27 Indiana Terrace, Newton, MA 02464  
 Email: registrar@hubtall.org



Questions?  
 Contact John Bewick,  
 Weekend Chair  
 E-mail: weekend@hubtall.org

Weekend packages must be paid in full prior to **Friday, October 10, 2008**. If you cancel after this date, we will refund your package price minus a \$25.00 administrative processing fee. Thank you.

Boston Beanstalks Tall Club, P.O. Box 610185, Newton, MA 02461 [www.hubtall.org](http://www.hubtall.org) 617-HUB-TALL

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- \$45 Single membership  
 \$60 Married couple

## B.B.T.C. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please enclose a check payable to THE BOSTON BEANSTALKS TALL CLUB for annual dues. This application is accepted upon your meeting the club height requirements of 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men. **You must be officially measured (in your stocking feet) by a board member within four months of receipt of this application or your membership will be forfeited.** You must be a minimum of 21 years of age.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want my address and phone available to my fellow Beanstalks in the membership directory published semi-annually.

How did you hear about the Boston Beanstalks Tall Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us a little about yourself. Do you have any hobbies, interests, pets, family, favorite activities, or other areas of interest?

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