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The Newsletter Of The Boston Beanstalks Tall Club



# The Bean Pod

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*Farewell to Our Friend, Sandy Allen  
The World's Tallest Woman*

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

**THE BOSTON BEANSTALKS TALL CLUB** is a social organization for adult women 5'10" and above, and men 6'2" and above. Our members live, work and host events in MA, ME, NH, RI & VT. Visit our website at [www.hubtall.org](http://www.hubtall.org) or call **617-HUB-TALL** for more information.

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**Deadline for the November Newsletter: Friday, October 24th**



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
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|  |  |  | 1         | 2        | 3<br><b>Riverbend Bar &amp; Grill</b><br>Newton<br>6:30 PM   | 4  |
| 5<br><b>Nature Walk</b><br>Clinton<br>8:00 AM              | 6<br><b>Business Meeting</b><br>Panera<br>Needham<br>6:30 PM | 7  | 8         | 9        | 10   | 11   |
| 12<br><b>Apple Picking</b><br>Stow<br>1:00 PM              | 13<br><i>COLUMBUS DAY</i>                                    | 14<br><b>Dinner and a Movie Night</b><br>Brighton<br>Dinner 6:15 PM<br>Movie 7:30 PM | 15        | 16       | 17<br><b>BBTC Campaign Capers Weekend</b><br>New Hampshire   | 18<br><b>BBTC Campaign Capers Weekend</b><br>New Hampshire |
| 19<br><b>BBTC Campaign Capers Weekend</b><br>New Hampshire | 20   | 21   | 22        | 23       | 24   | 25   |
| 26   | 27   | 28   | 29        | 30       | <i>BEAN POD DEADLINE</i>                                     |  |
|  |  |  |           |          | 31<br><b>Halloween in Witch City USA</b><br>Salem<br>8:00 PM |  |

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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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# REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND, SANDY ALLEN

Submitted by Peter Vorum, High Cincinnatians Tall Club



The World's Tallest Woman dies at 53. Shelbyville, Indiana, native Sandy Allen used her 7-foot 7-inch height to teach kids that it's OK to be different.

The woman who grew to be 7 feet, 7-1/4 inches tall and was recognized as the world's tallest female, died early August. She was 53. Sandy Allen used her height to inspire schoolchildren to accept those who are different. She died at the Heritage House Convalescent Center in her hometown of Shelbyville, Ind., family friend Rita Rose said. The cause of death was not yet known. Allen had been hospitalized in recent months as she suffered from a recurring blood infection, along with diabetes, breathing troubles, and kidney failure.

In London, Guinness World Records spokesman Damian Field confirmed Wednesday that Allen was still listed as the tallest woman. Some Web sites cite a 7-foot-9 woman from China. Coincidentally, Allen lived in the same nursing home as 115-year-old Edna Parker, whom Guinness has recognized as the world's oldest person since August, 2007.

Allen said a tumor caused her pituitary gland to produce too much growth hormone. She underwent an operation in

1977 to stop further growth. But, she was proud of her height, Rose said. "She embraced it. She used it as a tool to educate people."

Allen appeared on television shows, and spoke to church and school groups, to bring youngsters her message that it was all right to be different. In 2007, ABC's Primetime interviewed her and a woman who only stands 4'9". They compared similar experiences in fitting into a house built for 'normal' people.

Allen weighed 6-1/2 pounds when she was born in June 1955. By the age of 10 she had grown to be 6-foot-3, and by age 16 she was 7-1. She played basketball (Indiana = basketball), in high school, but said you have to have an aggressive personality to excel at it. She wrote to Guinness World Records in 1974, saying she would like to get to know someone her own height. "It is needless to say my social life is practically nil and perhaps the publicity from your book may brighten my life," she wrote.



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The recognition as the World's Tallest Woman helped Allen accept her height and become less shy, Rose said. "It kind of brought her out of her shell," Rose said. "She got to the point where she could joke about it." In the 1980s, she appeared for several years at the Guinness Museum of World Records in Niagara Falls, Ontario. "I'll never forget the old Japanese man who couldn't speak English, so he decided to feel for himself if I was real," she recalled with a chuckle. "At Guinness there were days when I felt like I was doing a freak show," she said. "When that feeling came too often, I knew I had to come back home." She moved back to Indiana in 1987.

Difficulty with mobility had forced Allen to curtail her public speaking in recent years, Rose said. She had suffered from diabetes and other ailments, and used a wheelchair to get around. Rose is working to set up a scholarship fund in Allen's name, with proceeds going to Shelbyville High School. "She loved talking to kids because they would ask more honest questions," Rose said. "Adults would kind of stand back and stare, and not know how to approach her."

In 1999, she attended the Convention of

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Tall Clubs International in Pittsburgh, PA. TCI is a social club for men and women of outstanding height – 6'2" for men, and 5'10" for women, in stocking feet. Sandy wasn't required to measure in. She was invited to be a judge in the Miss Tall International® Pageant at the Convention. During one side trip, to Sharon, PA, two stores offered her clothing and shoes that fit. She said it was the 1st time since she was 12 that she had had on a pair of pumps: size 24. She said she had known about TCI for several years, but never contacted the group because she was concerned that we would just try to use her for advertising. After a week, that changed: "I don't believe you guys. You're treating me as if I were normal." She was a guest at weekend parties hosted by TCI Clubs in Cincinnati, Chicago, and Las Vegas.

Sandy Allen's family, friends, and neighbors said goodbye on Monday, August 18, in Shelbyville, IN.

Several hundred gathered to remember her; she left messages for us. She was a deeply religious woman, who reminded us that God loves each of us more than we can imagine.

A number of friends recalled how she dealt with being tall at one time or another. One of her greatest pleasures was going to schools, to talk to small children about accepting someone who is different that they. At the High Cincinnatians Tall Club weekend several years ago, Sandy sat in the hotel atrium, talking to everyone. A 3-year old marched up and hopped up in Sandy's lap. Her 5-year old sister was shy, and hid behind her mother. Sandy coaxed her to 'give me 5'. Finally, the girl held out her doll. Sandy tapped it on the head and both laughed.

From the Town and Country Christian Center, the group followed the hearse to the center of town. At the traffic circle, her casket was moved from the car to a horse drawn wagon. Along the way, neighbors held up hand drawn signs that said, "God Bless," or, "Goodbye." I guess there were 2-300 people standing in the center of town, waiting for her final drive through.

In a letter read at the close of the funeral, Sandy answered the proverbial question: "The weather's fine up here."

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# HAPPENINGS

Friday, Oct. 3rd  
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 Zaniczkowsky 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.

Sunday, Oct. 5th  
Time: 8:00 AM  
Cost: Free

## EARLY FALL NATURE WALK

Wachusett Reservoir  
Clinton, MA  
Host: Jane Zaniczkowsky  
(617) 244-6079

Come for an early fall walk at scenic Wachusett Reservoir. The walk may also include members of the Brookline Bird Club. But you don't have to be a bird expert! Come for the turning leaves, birds of prey, fresh, cool air, and just for the health of it. Bring binoculars if you have them, and wear comfortable walking shoes, sneakers, or hiking boots.

According to the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, in 1897 the Nashua River was dammed by the Wachusett Dam in Clinton, MA, thus starting the beginning stages of the Wachusett Reservoir. The granite dam spans 971 feet and rises some 114 feet above the ground. It remains the largest hand-built dam in the world. Building the reservoir involved only horses, mules and

simple mechanical devices, such as pulleys and levers. Steam was the only source of power. Located along Route 70 in Clinton, it is indeed an amazing site. The reservoir, filled by 1908, flooded sections of Boylston, Clinton, Sterling, and West Boylston. (But not Joan's house!)

The meeting place is Depot Square, Clinton MA, the corner of Main and Water Streets/intersection of Routes 110, 70, and 62. The time is 8:00 AM.



## REMEMBER, THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER BEANPOD IS OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>!

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



Monday, Oct. 6th  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Cost: Participation

## BUSINESS MEETING & DINNER

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

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, 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. Walk up to Walnut Street and cross to the corner of Walnut and Lincon Streets. There is a bus stop there for the #59 bus to Needham.



Sunday, Oct. 12th  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Cost: \$1 Hayride, cost  
of apples picked

## APPLE PICKING

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

Hayrides, cider donuts, apple cider, caramel apples and a petting zoo for the kids/grandkids!

What better spells fall in New England?

An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away--and twice as far away if you picked it yourself. Join Jane on a trip to the picturesque apple-growing region west of Boston for a classic fall activity. There is a petting zoo, and hayrides are available for one dollar. No dogs are allowed. Please note that the orchard does not accept credit cards, it only accepts cash and checks.

**DIRECTIONS** to 144 Sudbury Rd. Stow, MA 01775:

From Rt. 2:

Take the Rt. 62 West exit, then go 7 miles into Stow and watch for our signs on Rt. 62.

Directions From Rt. 128:

Take the Rt. 20 West exit, (Exit 26) for 5 mi. to Rt. 27 North for 3.5 mi. to Sudbury center - straight through lights for 1/3 mi., then bear left onto Hudson Road (leave Rt. 27) for 3.3 mi., then right onto Sudbury Rd. for 2 mi. to our orchard.

Directions From Rt. I-495:

Take the Rt. 62 East exit, (Exit 26) for 5.5 mi. into Stow and watch for our signs on Rt. 62.

Tuesday, Oct. 14th  
 Time: 6:15 PM Dinner  
 Movie Starts 7:30 PM  
 Cost: Dinner Optional  
 \$12-\$20; Movie is \$9

**DINNER-AND-  
 A-MOVIE  
 NIGHT**

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

**Please RSVP to Marie!**

Come join your Beanstalk friends for dinner and a movie. We'll start at the Applebee's next door to the former Circle Cinema for dinner, then drive to the Chestnut Hill AMC Theater for the movie. If you come on the T, we'll make sure you get a ride with somebody.

Regular price for the movie is \$9.75. However, Tuesday is "Senior Day", so if you're 60 or older it's only \$5.00.

Those that come to dinner get to help pick the movie for the evening. The first to arrive will grab a table at Applebee's 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.

When you RSVP Marie will respond with her cell phone number so if you're running late and can't make dinner, you can find out what movie we've decided to see and when it starts.

**Address for the restaurant is:**

Applebee's  
 381 Chestnut Hill Ave  
 Brighton, MA 02135  
 617-731-0159

Accessible on the Green Line "D"/Riverside train, Reservoir stop and the "C"/Cleveland Circle line, end of the line.

**Address for the theater is:**

AMC Chestnut Hill 5  
 27 Boylston Street (Route 9)  
 Chestnut Hill, MA. 02467  
 617-277-2500

**Our Annual weekend is finally here!**



The Boston Beanstalks Tall Club presents

**Campaign Capers Weekend**

**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            | \$190.00 |
|            | (with private bath) |          |
| Bedroom #2 | Queen Bed           | \$160.00 |
|            | (with private bath) |          |
| Bedroom #3 | Full Bed            | \$120.00 |
|            | Twin Bed            | \$90.00  |
|            | Twin Bed            | \$90.00  |

*You've already registered to vote, so why not sign up for our weekend & exercise your right to have fun and party with us!*

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| <p>Make checks payable to: BBTC<br/>         Mail to: Susan Huffman, Registrar,<br/>         27 Indiana Terrace, Newton, MA 02464<br/>         Email: registrar@hubtall.org</p>                            |  | <p>Questions?<br/>         Contact John Bewick,<br/>         Weekend Chair<br/>         E-mail: weekend@hubtall.org</p> |
| <p>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.</p> |  |   |

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Friday, Oct. 31st  
Time: 8:00 PM  
Cost: Walk is free,  
optional drinks

## HALLOWEEN IN WITCH CITY USA

Salem, MA  
Host: Paul Conley,  
(617) 268-7852

Halloween in Salem always offers eye-popping, Mardi Gras-style visuals. It's quite the street scene as ghosts, witches, pirates, and all manner of strange beings walk the streets. Join Paul at the Witch Museum in Salem Center between 7:30- 8 PM. (People can get directions to Salem via Mapquest & what have you, but the street scene is of course free, but people can also pop into a restaurant-to-be-chosen-that-night, if they wish. Costumes optional.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Salem Witch Museum is located in Washington Square, Salem, MA 01970. (978) 744-1692. Traffic coming via Route 1A (from the Revere area) is usually lighter on that particular night, rather than coming from Route 128.

**From Boston** - Rt. 1N (Approx. 30 min. drive) - U.S. Rt. 1N, to Rt. 128 N, Exit 25A (Rt. 114 E.). When you enter Salem, look for signs to Salem Visitor Center. The Museum is located on Rt. 1A N, across from the Salem Common, on route to the Salem Visitor Center.

**From Boston** - I95 N (Approx. 30 min. drive) - Follow I95 N/128 N, to Exit 45 (Rt. 128 N exclusively), to exit 26 (Lowell St.) or Exit 25A (Rt. 114 E). When you enter Salem look for signs to Salem Visitor Center. The Museum is located on Rt. 1A N, across from the Salem Common, on route to the Salem Visitor Center.

**From Boston** - I93 N (Approx. 30 min. drive) - Follow I93 N to Exit 37A (I95 N). Follow directions for I95 N above.

**From the Mass Pike** - Take Rt. 90 E, to I95/Rt. 128 N, to Rt. 114 E, follow directions for I95 N above.

Please note I95N/128N share the same road for the loop around Boston. To stay on Rt. 128N take exit 45. You'll notice the exit numbers for Rt. 128N will change from Exit 45 to Exit 28. Stay on Rt. 128N and follow directions above.

**By Bus from Boston** - From Haymarket, take #450 or #455 to downtown Salem.

**By Commuter Rail (T)** from Boston From North Station, take Ipswich or Rockport trains. At Salem station, exit up stairs to Washington St.

**MBTA bus and rail information, call 1-800-392-6100**

**Salem/Boston Ferry - June 15 - November 1, 2006.**

**Visit the Salem Ferry web site for details. <http://www.salemferry.com/>**

## 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.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

by Marie Austin, BBTC President



As I'm writing this, I just returned from Las Vegas three days ago. I went out for the Las Vegas Tall Club's weekend September 11 – 14. However, I added a little time on each end so I was there a full week.

The weekend started for the early arrivals on Thursday evening with a "pub crawl". It consisted of a double-decker, open top, bus tour into the original part of Las Vegas with stops at five different bars. I personally did not drink any alcohol due to extreme jet lag. However, it was interesting watching those who did. The first bar was a take off on the bar in the movie "Coyote Ugly" including the female bartenders dancing on top the bar. Some of our more daring members joined them. I asked for a bottle of water. What I received was a bottle shaped like a flask. It turned out to be a perfect disguise for the evening. Anybody that didn't actually read the label would have assumed it was booze. However, I suspect the "real" drinks everyone else was drinking were a bit watered down, because even the individuals that I know are not heavy drinkers survived okay.

The rest of the weekend was your typical TCI Weekend activities. Themed costume party and dance Friday night, tours and shopping Saturday afternoon, and semi-formal dinner and dance Saturday night. I would

like to particularly complement the Las Vegas club for the good food in the hospitality suite all weekend.

There were three of us from the BBTC that attended the Las Vegas weekend; Mary Quay, Kevin Gallagher, and myself. I won the individual travel award as the person who traveled the farthest (according to Mapquest) to get to the weekend. I got a stuffed giraffe and a couple of carry-on bags.

The BBTC won the club travel award. I'm not sure of the exact formula, but I know it's some combination of the percentage of club members and number of miles traveled. We each got a free weekend T-shirt.

Tall club weekends are a great way to get to meet people from other clubs and to get to see a different part of the country. There's a real tall camaraderie that permeates these weekends. I know with airline fares going up more and more, it's getting more difficult to travel (fortunately I bought my tickets in March). However, our club weekend is fast approaching the weekend of October 17th.. Take this opportunity to socialize with your tall friends and hopefully make some new friends as well within a two hour drive from home.

This year we're going to Lincoln, NH up near Loon Mountain. The big event

will be the Saturday evening dinner train through the mountain scenery. Our theme for this weekend is "Campaign Capers". So don't forget your costume to come as your favorite political candidate for Friday night's after-hours party.

Additionally, this year our weekend is totally casual dress. No suits, ties, or fancy dresses required. However, the dinner train requests "dressy casual"

attire (i.e. NO JEANS).

If you're planning to attend our weekend, please let our Registrar, Susan Huffman, know as soon as possible. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

All the best,  
*Marie*  
BBTC President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Post-Thanksgiving potluck at the Huffman's, Nov. 29  
Joan Jacobs' fabulous Holiday Party in December  
BBTC Anniversary Dance in January  
**Who knows of a location for sledding? Contact Jane!**

## NEATO CALENDAR

(Northeast Alliance of Tall Organizations)

By Kay Helberg

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

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

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# BBTC SECRETARY'S REPORT



By Elaine Senay 9/2/08

## Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Present:** Marie Austin, Kay Helberg, John Bewick, Elaine Senay, Jan Huffman, Craig Scherman, Susan Huffman, Kathy Lewis, Jane Zanichkowsky, Amanda Conley

## OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**PRESIDENT:** Nothing new to report at this time, however she will have a report since she is handling Membership until the position is filled.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kay Helberg confirmed that she had sent an email to Pedro Hazel, NEATO president, about the tentative dates of our Anniversary Dance to ensure that we do not conflict with another NEATO club's events.

**TREASURER:** John Bewick has taken over as Treasurer. He, Robyn Laing and Marie Austin are scheduled to meet at the bank to complete the formalities of transferring the club's bank account to John.

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

**SOCIAL:** Jane Zanichkowsky reported that there is an apple picking outing scheduled for October 12th, and the club's annual weekend in Lincoln, NH is happening October 17, 18 & 19. After some discussion, it was decided to discontinue the Meet & Greet at Watch City Brewpub in Waltham and see if we can find another venue. A regularly scheduled Movie Night has been added where folks meet for dinner beforehand and decide which movie to see. Jane is looking into finding a host for a Halloween Party on Saturday, November 1, 2008 (since Halloween falls on a Friday this year). We also need to schedule some additional events for November and December.

**EDITOR:** Linda Kamphausen was not present – no report. There was some follow-up discussion about what we can do to further assist our editor in getting the newsletter out by/before the first of the month. A new email address has been set up for Bean Pod submissions only (beanpod@hubtall.org) which should make it easier for our Editor to make sure everything is included in the newsletter.

**PUBLICITY:** Wini Peterson was not present – no report. However, she did indicate by e-mail that she will follow up on some ideas suggested by Robyn Laing concerning publicizing Miss TI's attendance at our

club's annual weekend.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Alan Fajvan has notified Marie that he needs to step down as Membership chair due to work commitments. Marie is currently following up with four prospective members who have contacted us. She will cover this position until someone can be appointed.

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

**TCI DELEGATE:** Arthur Tunnell was not present – no report.

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

**MARFAN:** This position is still open and we are looking for a volunteer.

**DATABASE:** Craig Scherman continues to receive renewal forms from members.

**WEBMASTER:** Jan Huffman reported that the Awards page has been updated. The September events are posted and he asked Jane to provide him with the dates of any other events that he can post ahead of time.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** It was decided that we will hold a Split the Pot at the club's Anniversary Dance as a scholarship fundraiser.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**ANNUAL RENEWAL OF DUES/DATABASE:** Craig Scherman reports that 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. Craig will continue to send out renewal notices until July 2009.

**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 he is looking for volunteers to lead Saturday activities. The next planning meeting is September 22nd at the Outback Steakhouse in Medford.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

# DATABASE OVERVIEW



By Craig Scherman

## Birthdays

|                  |        |                   |        |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Iris Berdrow     | Oct 03 | Patricia A. Henry | Oct 22 |
| George J. Carrig | Oct 07 | Larry Heller      | Oct 30 |
| Karl Helberg     | Oct 19 |                   |        |

## Renewals

Fredric & Lynda Appel  
 Marilyn Dummitt  
 Melon LaBonte  
 SherylAnn Nowak  
 John Richardson

## Dues Due, Needing to Renew

None this month

## Last Chance

Brad Clements  
 Errol & Victoria Howland  
 Kelly McMorro  
 Stefan Shcherby

## Expired Memberships - Give 'em a call!

Lou Jacobsen  
 Cindy Neuzil

## Boston Beanstalks Membership Statistics

Members In Good Standing **77**

Males: 33  
 Females: 44

Individual Members: 51  
 Couples Memberships: 13  
 Couples Members: 26

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 Newton, MA 02461

\$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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