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The Newsletter Of The Boston Beanstalks Tall Club



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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 or call 617-HUB-TALL for more information.

May 2009

Deadline for the June Newsletter: Wednesday, May 20th
NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR DINNER & A MOVIE!!!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					MAY DAY! ¹ Riverbend Bar & Grill Newton 6:00 PM	2
3 Tour of Historic Quincy - 10:30 am Founder's Day Toast	4 Business Meeting Panera Needham 6:30 PM	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12 Dinner and a Movie Night Woburn Dinner 6:30 PM Movie 7:30 PM	13	14	15	16 SPRING HOUSEPARTY ATTLEBORO 4 PM
17	18	19	20 BEAN POD DEAD- LINE	21	22	23
24 A DAY IN MAY 2:00 PM NEWTON	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30
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CONTACT OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

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- 1) Please observe the deadline listed on the centerfold Calendar Page.
- 2) If possible, please submit your contributions electronically to **editor@hubtall.org**
- 3) Please send photos as jpgs or tifs, and fliers with graphics as pdf files. A "text only" file can be sent as email or Word document.
- 4) Contributions submitted on paper MUST be typed.
- 5) Letters to the editor are welcome, and will be published on a space available basis in the order received.
- 6) We look forward to your submissions!

PHOTOS OTHER THAN FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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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



As I mentioned in my message last month, the Scholarship Committee met to review several good candidates for the Robert C. Austin Memorial Scholarship. We have selected a winner and will be recommending him for TCI's Kae Sumner Einfeldt Scholarship. His name is Alex Huth. His picture and essay are elsewhere in this newsletter. He's a senior at King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham and plans to attend Cornell University in the fall. He's involved in so many activities that our committee wondered when he sleeps. He's 6' 2.5" and still growing. Due to the number of honors and advanced placement courses he is taking, his weighted GPA is 4.177. Kathy Lewis and I will be going to his school's awards program in early June to present the scholarship.

It's Beanstalks' officer election time again. Later this month you will be receiving your ballot to vote for officers as well as for recipients of the annual BBTC awards. In the past, we've always sent the ballots via snail mail (U.S. postal service). However, we

will be discussing the possibility of sending them via e-mail at the Business Meeting, so keep an eye out for your ballot by either method.

Please take the time to vote and return the ballot.

Lastly, I just want to mention that we're coming up on our first annual membership renewal since making the switch to renew everyone at the end of June each year. That's why the Database Report later in this newsletter is so lengthy. Most of you will be receiving a renewal notice from Craig within the next few weeks.

Till next time,

Your "Traveling Fool" President

Marie

DATABASE OVERVIEW

By Craig Scherman



BIRTHDAYS

KAY HELBERG	MAY 10
LEE ANN PAVELEC	MAY 15
JENNIFER BOYCE	MAY 16
MARIE AUSTIN	MAY 30
CHUCK MCWILLIAMS	MAY 31

RENEWALS

Wini & John Peterson

NEW MEMBERS NONE

DUES DUE, NEEDING TO RENEW

Marie Austin, Iris Berdrow, John Bewick, Jon & Joan Bjornson, Tim & Jennifer Boyce, Anne Burke, George J. Carrig, Yvonne Christian, Brad Clements, Paul Conley, Marilyn Dummitt, Susan Flynn, Kristen & Kevin Gallagher, Anne F. Gardulski, Sandra L. Gelinis, Karen Groccia, Paul Hartmann, Larry & Bonnie Heller, Jan & Susan Huffman, Joan Jacobs, Linda T. Kamphausen, Manny Gani & Robert Krawitz, Melon LaBonté, Robyn Laing, Renee Leib, Kathleen M. Lewis, Kelly McMorro, George & Lee-Ann McQuilken, Patricia Henry & Chuck McWilliams, Fay Ostrowski, John W. Phelan, Mary Quay, Perry M. Raffi, Ann E. Reuman, John D. Richardson, Craig Scherman, Stefan Shcherby, Jeanne Smith, Erica A. Snarski, Sharon Ursini-Martin.

RECENTLY EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS

Joseph DiBenedetto, Alan Fajvan, Ellen Freedman

Boston Beanstalks Membership Statistics

Members In Good Standing **77**

Males: 33

Females: 44

Individual Members: 51

Couples Memberships: 13

Couples Members: 26

BBTC SECRETARY'S REPORT



By Elaine Senay 4/6/2009

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

Present: Marie Austin, John Bewick, Susan Huffman, Kathy Lewis, Craig Scherman, Elaine Senay, Jeanne Smith, and Arthur Tunnell.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Marie Austin present – nothing new to report at this time. She does not plan to run again for President.

VICE PRESIDENT: Kay Helberg was not present and sent her report by email. She has put arrangements on hold for our next dance once we know our financial status from the Anniversary Dinner.

TREASURER: John Bewick estimated that we have approximately \$3,500.00 in our account of which \$1,500.00 is in the reserve account and \$500.00 is committed to the scholarship award.

NEATO: Kay Helberg was not present – updates to the NEATO calendar were forwarded to the officers by e-mail.

SECRETARY: Previous minutes were accepted as written.

SOCIAL: Sylvia Martin was not present, nothing specific to report at this time. Susan Huffman noted that she is planning a Day In May house party over the Memorial Day Weekend (additional details to follow).

EDITOR: Jeanne Smith reported that the March issue of the Bean Pod was published.

WEBMASTER: Jan Huffman was not present, but sent a report by email. The website (www.hubtall.org) has been updated with current events.

HISTORIAN: Craig Scherman was present, nothing specific to report at this time.

MEMBERSHIP: Marie Austin reported that she has received some membership inquiries based on our appearance at the South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade.

TCI DELEGATE: Arthur Tunnell and those present reviewed the Revised TCI Bylaws which will be included as part of the 2009 Convention Delegates Meeting. Since Arthur does not plan to attend Convention this year, Marie has made arrangements to go in his place.

PUBLICITY: Wini Peterson was not present, no report.

DATABASE: Craig Scherman reported that he will be working on renewals for our members through June 2010.

SCHOLARSHIP: Kathy Lewis reported that the Scholarship Committee met to review the applications. This year's recipient is Alex Huth of Norfolk, a senior at King Philip Regional Academy, who plans to attend Cornell University in the fall.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Linda Kamphausen is putting all of the 2008 issues of the Bean Pod on CD for TCI Historian Doris Chickering. Kay Helberg is writing up the nominations for TCI Merit Awards. TCI Treasurer Gayle Stout confirmed that she has received our club's dues check.

NEW BUSINESS: Sue Flynn has agreed to chair this year's Election Committee. Susan Huffman and Arthur Tunnell will also be serving on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



HAPPENINGS

Friday, May 1, 2009
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 Sylvia Martin and talk to her about events you would like to attend or give us an idea for a new 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, May 3
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Cost: \$5 for park tour
plus cost of lunch

TOUR OF HISTORIC QUINCY & FOUNDER'S DAY TOAST

Quincy, MA
Host: Craig Scherman

RSVP by May 1 to
Craig at 781.826.4065

Be sure to RSVP to Craig by May 1 so he can try to make an advance group reservation for the 11:00 AM tour.

In the words of Paul Simon, "Don't know much about history"? Here is your chance to refresh your knowledge of US colonial and TCI histories on the same day. Join our Beanstalks Historian Craig Scherman for a tour of the birthplaces of Presidents John Adams & John Quincy Adams and other historic spots in Quincy, MA.

Plan to meet up at 10:30 in the National Park Service Visitors' Center, 1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA. This gives us enough time to see exhibits & purchase tickets for the 11 AM tour.

The NPS trolley and Rangers take visitors to the birth places of John Adams & John Quincy Adams and the "Old House" mansion they and their descendents used as adults. The total tour lasts 2-2.5 hours. For those interested (& at additional cost) we can visit the nearby United First Parish Church to see the crypts containing the Presidents and their wives. Afterwards the group will go to Fowler House restaurant, our favorite post-St. Patrick's Day Parade place, to have lunch and raise a toast to TCI's founder, Kae Einfelt.

Parking: Available on Hancock Street or in Saville Ave. garage behind the Galleria Building. (The NPS will validate tickets.)

DIRECTIONS & MORE INFORMATION: YOU CAN TAKE THE RED LINE TO QUINCY CENTER, or go to the Park's website: www.NPS.GOV/ADAM/INDEX.HTM.

Monday, May 4
Time: 6:30 PM
Cost: Participation
Time: 6:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING & DINNER

Panera Bread
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.

Tuesday, May 12th
Time: 6:30 PM Dinner
Movie Start Time 7:30
-8 PM
Cost:
Dinner Optional \$12-
\$20; Movie -- It's \$6
TUESDAY!

DINNER-AND- A-MOVIE NIGHT

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

Please RSVP to Marie!

Come join your Beanstalk friends for dinner and a movie. This month we're moving the location to give the folks on the North Shore a better chance to attend.

Those that come to dinner get to help pick the movie for the evening. The first to arrive will grab a table at Tony Pilla's around 6:30 p.m. During dinner we will review what movies are playing and that have a start time between 7:30 and 8 p.m. Whatever the majority can agree on is what we'll see.

Please RSVP with your cell phone so Marie can call you if there are any last minute chances due to movie times, etc.

Address for the restaurant is:

Tony Pilla's
15 Middlesex Canal Parkway
Woburn, MA 01801

Address for the theater is:

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas Woburn
25 Middlesex Canal Parkway
Woburn, MA 01801

Directions: Take 128/95 to Exit 35 toward Wilmington/Woburn. Go around the rotary and take the exit for Rt 38 S/Main St. Go about 4/10 of a mile and turn right at the light onto Middlesex Canal Parkway. The Holiday Inn, Tony Pilla's, and the theater are all on the right.

Saturday, May 16th
Time: 4 p.m.

SPRING HOUSE- PARTY

Location: Attleboro
Hosts: Kevin & Kristen
Gallagher
Cost: Bring dish to
share!

(508) 226-3555

Join Kevin, Kristen, and Carlin for an afternoon and evening of friends and fun. They will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for the grill. You provide the sides, desserts, etc. and your beverage of choice. Bring a sweater or something warm in case the evening is cool. We will check out (break in?) the new patio and fire pit! Don't forget the marshmallows.

Address:

9 Blue Heron Drive
Attleboro, MA 02703

Directions from Interstate 95:

Merge onto I-95 S toward SOUTH SHORE/CAPE COD. Merge onto MA-123 E via EXIT 3A toward ATTLEBORO, 1.4 mi. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto THACHER ST., 1.0 mi. Turn RIGHT onto S MAIN ST/MA-152., 0.1 mi. Turn LEFT onto LOCUST ST., 1.1 mi. Turn LEFT onto OAK HILL AVE., .01 mi. Turn RIGHT onto MEADOWSWEET TRL., 0.2 mi. Turn LEFT onto BLUE HERON DR.



Sunday, May 24th
Time: 2 p.m. to dark

A DAY IN MAY

Location: Newton
Hosts: Susan & Jan
Huffman

RSVP: (617) 527-8849
or huffmans@huffmans.net.

Spring is at its peak in May with life flowering all around us, so we celebrate May with a festival of flowers, fertility, sensuality, and delight. It's wild. It's gay. It's the lusty month of May. Come anytime after 2:00 and stay as long as you can.

Address:

27 Indiana Terrace
Newton Upper Falls

Directions:

From the West: Rt. 128 (I-95) to exit 19A (Newton Highlands). Turn left at the 2nd traffic signal onto Oak Street. Go past one traffic light (at Chestnut Street) and take the next left onto Indiana Terrace. The house is the 5th on the right, the 2nd two-decker.

From the East: Rt. 9 to Elliot Street in Newton. (There is a CVS and Sunoco gas station on the left.) Turn left onto Elliot, go several blocks, and turn left at the first stop sign onto Oak Street. Go two blocks and turn right onto Indiana Terrace. The house is the 5th on the right, the 2nd two-decker.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sue Flynn's Event, June 7

Hartford Heights Y'all Tall Steak-Out, June 20

NEATO CALENDAR

(Northeast Alliance of Tall Organizations)

By Kay Helberg

Tall Club of Long Island Picnic	6/13/09 (PROTECTED)
Hartford Heights Y'all Tall Steak Out	6/20/09 (PROTECTED)
Tall Club of Greater Washington DC Weekend	10/10/09 (PROTECTED)
Central Jersey Tall Friends Poconos Weekend	11/14/09 (PROTECTED)
Tall Club of Long Island Holiday Party	12/5/09

See also: www.njtall.org/neato.htm for links to NEATO clubs



FROM BBTC MEMBER JOAN JACOBS:

I wanted to let you know about a tragic accident that happened to my Godson Dana Pearson. Dana was injured in a devastating fall on December 6, 2008. He has had 7 brain surgeries as well as numerous other surgeries and is currently at Denver Health in Colorado. He has been in a coma since the accident and has been unable to speak. Recently Dana was transferred to a special rehab floor at the hospital where he is receiving a variety of therapies. After many weeks he is starting to make tiny steps down the road to recovery but it's a slow and difficult path.

Dana's Mom Linea has been a supporter of the BBTC for a number of years and many of you may know her from my Christmas parties and other events she's attended as my guest. She was also a judge for our 2004 Pageant (she even came in a wheelchair after some surgery). To help support Dana and his family, we are organizing a fundraiser on June 5th at the Wachusett Country Club. The event will begin at 6:00 with a Silent Auction and Basket Raffle followed by dinner and dancing.

We are actively seeking donations of any kind to this very worthy cause. Donations of all kinds are welcome and much appreciated and can range from large items such as tickets to the Red Sox, a weekend at your Cape House, a piece of jewelry or art to a personal service item such as 6 hours of handyman work, dog-sitting, financial planning, spa items etc. Any donation would be much appreciated. If you could help, please send an email to me at jjacobs224@att.net.

Many thanks!

Joan



Tall Times in the Cool Pines
2009 TCI Pre-Convention
June 6 - 9, 2009 in Flagstaff, AZ

Full Package Includes:

- **Saturday, June 6th** Little America – Happy Hour, Outdoor BBQ dinner in the pines, after-hours
- **Sunday, June 7th** Continental Breakfast, Dinner/Entertainment @ Black Bart's, after-hours
- **Monday, June 8th** Continental Breakfast, day trip around Flagstaff/Sedona, dinner/dance, after-hours
- **Tuesday, June 9th** travel day back to Las Vegas, Continental Breakfast at Little America in Flagstaff

Little America (Flagstaff, AZ) June 6th – 8th

Hotel rooms at Little America are Two Queens or King Suites for \$125 per night. Rooms must be booked by May 1st, 2009. Call 1-800-352-4386 or Email reservations@flagstaff.littleamerica.com for reservations and ask for the Tall Club International rate when booking.

Side Trips in Flagstaff area available, but not included in package price:

- Hoover Dam tour
- Sunset Crater
- Lowell Observatory
- Sedona shopping/Pink Jeep Tours



- Hiking
- Arizona Snowbowl Skyride
- Other area daytrips available



Package Price (Sat. to Tues. in Flagstaff):

- \$250 if postmarked by March 1st, 2009
- \$280 if postmarked by April 30th, 2009
- \$305 if postmarked after April 30th, 2009 (Reservations subject to availability)

OPTIONS

Early Arrivals:

- **Friday, June 5th** – arrive in Las Vegas, welcome reception/DJ dance, after hours, and Saturday Continental Breakfast at the Tuscany - \$75
- **Saturday, June 6th** – Motor Coach Transportation (Roundtrip) From Las Vegas to Flagstaff - \$100
- **Sunday, June 7th** – Daytrip to Grand Canyon via Grand Canyon Railroad - \$65

Tuscany (Las Vegas) June 5th & June 9th

Hotel Rooms at the Tuscany Suites for \$125 for Friday June 5th and \$75 for Tuesday June 9th. All rooms at the Tuscany are suites. Rooms must be booked by April 1st, 2009. Call 1-877-887-2261 for reservations and ask for the Tall Club International rate when booking.

Deposit of \$100 holds price. Balance due by May 1st, 2009. Make checks payable to Central AZ Tall Society or "CATS"

Name: _____ Member Club: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____ E-Mail _____



Mail to: CATS, P.O. Box 61811, Phoenix, AZ 85082-6811, registrations & full payment must be postmarked by 5/01/2009 to receive early-bird rate.



2009 TCI Convention



Vegas Then & Now

June 9 - 14, 2009 in Las Vegas

Included in full package:

- Tuesday Evening - Convention kickoff party
- Wednesday - Breakfast, Delegates Meeting, Poker Run, Dinner, "Jubilee" show at Ballys, After Hours Party
- Thursday - Breakfast, Workshops, Water Volleyball, Dinner, Queens Pageant & Ball, After Hours Party
- Friday - Breakfast, Hiking, Dinner and Show at the top of the Stratosphere Tower, After Hours Party
- Saturday - Breakfast, Awards Dinner, Dance, After Hours Party
- Sunday - Breakfast, Kill the Bottle Party

Many optional side trips will be available including, Kayaking, Hoover Dam,

Back Stage Ballys Tour, Golf, Slot & Poker Tournaments

Hospitality Room! 24 hour Jacuzzi!!!

Package Price:

- \$595 if post marked by March 1st, 2009
- \$625 if post marked by April 30th, 2009
- \$650 if post marked after April 30th, 2009 or at the door

Deposit of \$100 holds price. Remaining balance due by May 1st, 2009. Make checks payable to "Tall Club of Las Vegas 09 Convention".

Hotel Rooms at the Tuscany Suites for \$95 per night for Fri. and Sat. Weekday rate of \$45. All rooms are suites. Rooms must be booked by **May 1st, 2009**. Call 1-877-887-2261 for reservations and ask for the Tall Club International rate when booking. Check out the Hotel at tuscanylasvegas.com and teiwkends.com for more details.

Questions? Contact Cindy Spence at 702-365-6113 or cspence@embarqmail.com



Mail to: Cindy Spence 3417 Iberia St. Las Vegas, NV 89146

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Club: _____

Golf (appro. cost \$60) Yes ___ No ___

Phone _____

FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, ALEX HUTH -- “What Being Tall Means to Me”

There is no doubt that we the tall people of the world have superior genes and therefore lead the most successful and fulfilling lives. We are never shy because we are always the center of attention, so we learn to become social masters and can always make the right moves to put ourselves in positions of power and success. We are always the first to be picked on a pick-up basketball team and can easily attract the opposite gender, because as a general rule, if one is tall, they are also dark and handsome. Overall, it is better than being short. I would never want to develop “short man syndrome” and try to gain respect from others by acting aggressive and powerful to make up for my height. It is one of my passions to point out this behavior to the short man and regain the rightful respect and dominance I deserve. When it really comes down to the argument on whether being tall is truly advantageous, we can give a scientific answer. Humans have been getting taller for several thousand years. By Darwin’s theories of evolution, humans would only adapt to become taller if it was advantageous. Therefore, being tall is an advantageous trait for survival and life. Being tall certainly has its natural advantages, but I feel the rest of the world need to realize that being tall is not an easy responsibility and that stereotypes of the common tall person are not to be held in much esteem.

I am in fact, the third tallest member of my five-person family. My father and oldest brother are taller than me; they are 6’8”. Although I likely will still grow a few more inches, as is the trend in my tall family, I have already seen the advantages - and disadvantages - to being tall. I am finally taller than my second oldest brother, and finally feel that I can beat him up, so I am currently making up for my childhood of losing the brotherly fights we used to have. Another advantage is that the ladies respect my height and enjoy being my date to various functions. However, I have learned over the years that being tall is a misunderstood characteristic and should be more often accounted for in all aspects of everyday life. Ceilings and doorways need to be higher. All seats need more leg room. All children should understand that the tall are not a jungle gym to hang and climb on. Short people also stereotype tall people as always good at basketball and always good at any type of physical labor. These stereotypes are often untrue.

I happen to be good at basketball because I spent years practicing, but my 6’8” brother was terrible (but a good benchwarmer), and he was the tallest athlete in his entire high school basketball league. We are also not necessarily good at physical labor. My muscle to height ratio is completely lacking. Short people should not assume that my height will automatically make me a good laborer, because I am weak and clumsy. Being tall has some disadvantages in almost every aspect in life. For example, I have a long stride, so walking next to me is awkward, and running within a pack of people in my major cross country meets is nearly impossible because I am constantly in the way of the runners around me. And although being a tall male makes it easy to attract ladies, it certainly does not make us easy to dance with. I am always taller than everyone else on the dance floor, and this accentuates my clumsy dancing. In general, tall people lead a more advantageous lifestyle because they learn a powerful lesson in overcoming the disadvantages to being tall and learn to accentuate the advantages. Therefore what does tall mean to me? It means that I am a proud member of a society that gets the best job, the best friends, the best dates, and the overall best lives.



RETURN TO: Boston Beanstalks Tall Club
P.O. Box 610185
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: _____

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