

## Letter from the Executive Director

Good news! From January through May, ITNBluegrass has averaged 920 rides per month! If this rate continues, we will surpass 10,000 rides for the year, something we've gotten close to doing, but haven't quite managed. We appreciate your faith in the service and your business. Also, we have created a new Operations Coordinator position, which will be filled Thursday ride coordinator Nolan Pacheco. He will help relieve me of some of my day-to-day duties so I can spend more time writing grants, recruiting drivers, etc. My job has become bigger than one person can reasonably do and I am thrilled with the help! Here is a little about Nolan, who will continue to dispatch on Thursdays:



Laura Dake

Nolan was born in Chicago and moved to Lexington from Honolulu in 1995. He took Creative Writing at SCAPA/Lafayette HS then studied East Asia and Human Rights at UK, where he graduated in 2013 with a BA in International Studies. He also studied at Akita International University in Japan in 2012 (and volunteered with a clean-up team in Sendai following the Tohoku earthquake). Prior to ITNBG, he worked in information technology and customer service. Nolan also attended UK's The Twenty: A Kentucky Young Writers Advance (2011), which is for 19-22 year olds who "exhibit great seriousness and jubilant promise in their writing." He enjoys video games, classic rock, and writing psychological fiction.

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**Welcome to our newest  
volunteer drivers,  
Nancy Bell & Kim Scher!**

## We Get Letters! Handwritten! On Paper!

"Thank you for all your hard work. This service remains THE BEST. I find I look forward to the rides and talking with the drivers. Truly brightens my day. Thank you. E.

"....I moved to Lexington in 2010 and immediately began using your services. Every one was always so courteous and pleasant. I was alone most of the time, therefore making ITN employees and volunteers the only people I had communication with. So you all also filled a void in my life of having some one to chat with.....Just wanted you to know how important this service has been in my life...." S. (a rider who just moved back home to Eastern KY) *Thank you both for taking the time to write!*

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please call us at 859-252-8665.**

## May Facts

Total Members by

May 31:

**545**

(not all are riders)

Total Rides in May:

**937**

Total Rides to Date:

(Sept. 1, 2008–May 31, 2017)

**64,862**

## Bulletin Board

Welcome to our newest board members Salvatore (Sal) Nalli and Michael Smith. Thank you to outgoing board member Rhonda Turley for her many years of service.

## WISH LIST

1. FOREVER POSTAGE STAMPS
2. #10 WINDOW ENVELOPES (WINDOW IN LOWER LEFT)
3. SMALL GIFT CARDS OR GIFTS FOR DRIVER APPRECIATION DRAWINGS
4. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!

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Take a minute to register your Kroger Plus Card to benefit ITNBluegrass (ID #71328). To re-register or to register for the first time:

1. Visit [kroger.com/communityrewards](http://kroger.com/communityrewards) to sign up or sign in.
  2. (Re)enroll in Community Rewards and select "ITNBluegrass" from the list.
  3. Every time you use your Rewards card at Kroger, ITNBluegrass receives a percentage! (Purchases & participants are anonymous.)
- Thank you to everyone who already participates in this program!**



## Meet Member-Rider Laura Weddle...

...Mother, professor, and writer! Mrs. Weddle's father was a tobacco farmer, who moved from farm to farm with his family until settling in Anderson County when Laura turned twelve years old. After graduating from Western High School in 1952, Laura attended Georgetown College, where she met her husband Leo. While raising a son and daughter, Laura taught humanities and Leo taught psychology in the KY community college system.

Laura and her husband enjoyed traveling around the world after they retired. On one occasion, the couple accompanied a former student on a trip to India, where they took in the spectacular sights and had the opportunity to speak with the outgoing president at the time. Laura is also a passionate reader, especially of murder mysteries by J.D. Robb. She has written two short story anthologies, *Better Than My Own Life* and *People Like Us*, and just finished her first novel to be published within the year. A rider since 2016, she has mostly used ITNBluegrass to visit her husband at Cardinal Hill (and they both use it together) and enjoys its convenience. "But especially," she added, "I enjoy getting to know the drivers. I've had such marvelous drivers; everyone has an interesting background." Thank you for being part of ITNBG!

## Meet Volunteer Driver Carmen Covert!

Carmen Covert was born in Southern California to a philosophy professor and a serigraphy (silk screening) artist. In the third grade, she and her four brothers moved to Lexington when her father was hired by the University of Kentucky where he continues to teach today. Carmen graduated from Lafayette High School in 1976 and went on to study at UK. Carmen is currently a leasing manager, working with clients at Overbrook Farm and the W.T. Young Company. Her daughter, Lauren, works for Prosper Marketplace (a peer-to-peer lending company) in San Francisco where she lives with her husband.



Carmen loves cooking and reading, once took a skydiving lesson into a lake, and hopes to one day visit Croatia. In addition to ITNBluegrass, she volunteers with God's Pantry Food Bank and Downtown People, which provides home-cooked meals for those in need in downtown Lexington. She has enjoyed working with seniors in the past as the former Activities Director at Clairmont in Georgetown, driving residents to appointments and activities throughout town. For Carmen, it's about hearing the stories and life experiences of the fascinating individuals we serve. "I enjoy the opportunity to meet new people," she said about ITNBluegrass. And we are so glad to have met cheerful Carmen!

## Welcome Julia Chenault!

If a different voice than usual answers the phone, it's probably Julia Chenault! We welcomed Julia about three weeks ago as a phone answerer and office helper Monday-Wednesday. As we've gotten busier, it's been nice to have someone answer the phone while the ride coordinators schedule the trips. Julia came to us through the Senior Community Service Employment Program for people 55+ entering or re-entering the workforce. Her previous SCSEP assignment was at the state unemployment office.



Because she is still training, she sometimes needs to hand the phone over or ask questions, but has caught on very quickly and is working out great! Julia is originally from Mt. Sterling, but has lived in Lexington more than 40 years. Prior to SCSEP, she worked in the LFUGG's day treatment program for kids in the court system. She was also a driver for Almost Family for 10 years.

Julia spends much of her time at Shiloh Baptist Church, where she is an usher and bus driver and the consolidated district president for the past 10 years. Her hobby is helping people! She is also the mother of two married daughters: one lives in Seattle and is an Army veteran and a dental hygienist; the other lives in Orlando and is a teacher. Julia is the grandmother of four.

### ***A very grateful thank-you to all who donated between Jan 1 & May 31, 2017!***

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The iknow expo Foundation  
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### ***WHERE DO WE GO? OUR TOP 10\* DESTINATIONS IN MAY!***

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|---|--|
| 1) Brookdale Senior Living (Richmond Place) | 6) Senior Citizens Center                          |
| 2) Park Place Apartments                    | 7) 4101 Tates Creek Dr (Kroger, KORT, Hair Review) |
| 3) YMCA (High Street location)              | 8) R & P Industrial Chimney (employment)           |
| 4) Senior Citizens Center                   | 9) Renal Care Group                                |
| 5) 120 N Eagle Creek (various eye doctors)  | 10) Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI)                    |

\*Not including private residences

## ITNBluegrass 2017 "Celebrate Independence" Mid-Year Appeal

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to ITNBluegrass to help support 24/7 transportation for people 60+ and adults with visual impairment adults in Fayette and northern Jessamine Counties & Versailles in Woodford County.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500    \_\_\_\_\_ \$250    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ \$75    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 (You become a Friend of ITNBluegrass at the \$50-plus level. In addition to supporting seniors in your community, benefits include great car care discounts, including oil changes, from any Ken Towery Tire & Auto Care Lexington location. Your Friend membership card will describe the discounts.)

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