

Meet “Linda,” ITNBluegrass’ New Car!



(l-r) Charlie and Linda Gorton and ITNBluegrass ED Laura Dake

That’s what we’ve named our gently-used Honda Accord, in honor of Linda Gorton, who along with her husband Charlie, donated the vehicle in early February. “Linda” has been on the road every day since! We are deeply grateful to Charlie and Linda for donating this reliable vehicle to us, the value of which they traded for rides.

Many of you know that we had an insurance issue that disallowed our paid drivers from driving. (While we prefer to use volunteers, there are certain times of the day where sheer ride numbers make paid drivers necessary to operate our business.) In a nutshell, the solution was to own a vehicle and commercially insure it. Thanks to this vehicle donation, our paid drivers are back in action! *That is the good news.*

But here is the challenge we face: In December, the *Lexington Herald-Leader’s* Tom Eblen wrote a wonderful column on our 50,000th ride. Since its publication, we have received more than 40 rider applications, many, if not most, because of that column! So we are faced with a growing ridership AND oncoming warmer weather, which always means a spike in rides. What this means is...LINDA NEEDS A FRIEND!

If you have a reliable car that you could donate for a tax deduction, trade for rides OR some combination of the two, please give Laura Dake a call at 859-351-0460. The title transfer process is very simple — one trip to the Fayette County Clerk’s office is all it takes. Vehicles don’t need to be late-models or fancy, but must be:

- **Safe** (must be "young" enough to have airbags!)
- **Dependable, and not in need of any major repairs**
- **Reasonably-sized for older riders** (sedans preferred - no trucks or large SUVs)
- **Clean interior with no major damage to the upholstery, etc.**
- **Decent exterior with no major accident damage or rust**

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February Facts

Total Members by
February 29:
600
(not all are riders)

Total Rides in February:
705

Total Rides to Date:
(Sept. 1, 2008–Feb. 29, 2016)
51,790

Bulletin Board

Welcome to our newest volunteer drivers: Kathryn Albert, Bob Gresham, Juda Ranier, Bridget Scully, and Keith Swigert.

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2. #10 WINDOW ENVELOPES (WINDOW IN LOWER LEFT)
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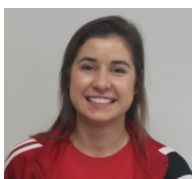
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MEET OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS! (And there's one more on page 3. Wouldn't your picture would look great here, too?)



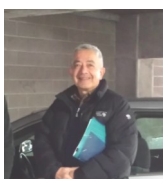
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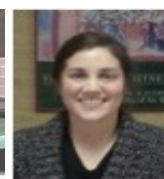
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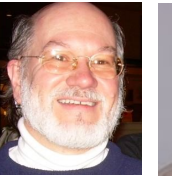
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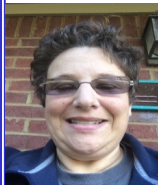
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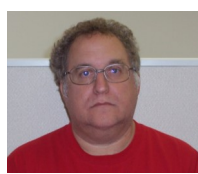
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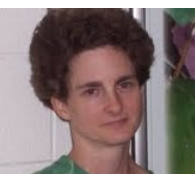
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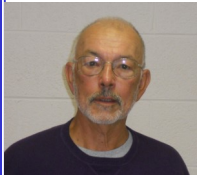
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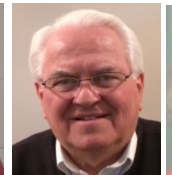
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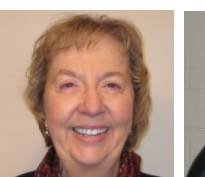
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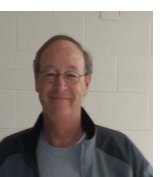
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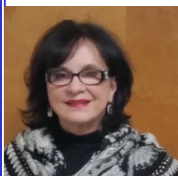
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David P.



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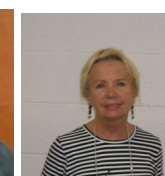
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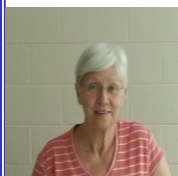
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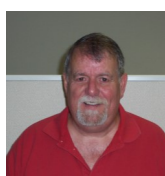
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Rhonda T.



Mike W.

Letter from the Executive Director

What a busy start to the new year! You may have seen Tom Eblen's great column on our 50,000th ride in the *Herald-Leader* just before Christmas — if you didn't, you can find it at <http://www.kentucky.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/tom-eblen/article51092115.html>, but clearly many people did see it. How do I know? Since late December, we have received **45** new rider applications. This is about double what we might usually expect this time of year — really unprecedented growth.



Laura Dake

We also added **five** new volunteers during this same time period. They are all working out beautifully, but basic math will tell you the growth is a bit lopsided, so if you've ever considered being a volunteer driver, this is a great time. The more people we add, the less any one person has to do! It's a fun, flexible volunteer opportunity, plus you can earn mileage credit that you can donate for a tax deduction or accrue for your future transportation needs. Please give me a call at 859-351-0460 or email me at laura.dake@itnbluegrass.org to find out more and/or to schedule a training.

Besides being a volunteer driver, here are some other paid and volunteer opportunities at ITN Bluegrass. Again, if you're interested in any of these, please call or email me.

1) **Part-time Ride Coordinator** (paid). Two days per week from 8:30 am—4:30 pm. Please see the bottom of page 4 for more information.

Our 50,000th ride on Dec 11, 2015, was a Rideshare!



(l-r) Rider Ruth Mercer, Volunteer Driver Roger Parry, Rider Ethel Stepp

2) **Fill-in Ride Coordinator** (paid). Works in the office on an as-needed basis.

3) **Person to answer the phone** on Monday mornings from about 8:30 am—12 pm (volunteer). Must be detail-oriented and friendly.

4) **After-hours Ride Coordinator** (paid). Holds phone Monday-Friday from 4 pm—8:30 am and all weekend. Answers calls, schedules rides and drivers, and handles any issues that might arise. One week per month rotation.

WHERE DO WE GO? OUR TOP 10* DESTINATIONS IN FEBRUARY!

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| 1) Richmond Place | 6) Sayre Christian Village Apartments |
| 2) The Red Mile | 7) Saint Peter Catholic Church |
| 3) Senior Citizens Center | 8) Body Structure Medical Fitness |
| 4) Kentucky Growers Insurance | 9) Cardinal Hill |
| 5) Second Presbyterian Church | 10) Dialysis Clinic, Inc. |

*Not including private residences

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It is with deep regret that we accept the resignation of long-time ride coordinator Walt McAtee. Walt has been with ITN*Bluegrass* nearly eight years. In fact, he started on July 22, 2008, the day we officially opened our doors. Walt has been an invaluable addition to the staff and instrumental over the years in improving our ride scheduling processes. We will miss him, and we know the riders will, too. Riders always comment on how polite and helpful he is! He will be leaving to spend more time on his music and writing.

Walt's last day is April 29, which gives us a few weeks to find a replacement. If you are interested, please visit our website at www.itnbluegrass.org to find out more about the position. The job is part-time (two days a week). Walt currently works Wednesdays and Fridays — Wednesday is negotiable but his replacement must be available to work Fridays.

Please note that this is not a job for the faint-of-heart! The work can be fast-paced and requires an ability to work calmly under pressure. The successful candidate must also have very good computer and customer service skills.

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