



Eat and Mingle with iTNBluegrass!

What: Join us for complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres as we celebrate the start of our 10th year of service, our 70,000th ride and the kick-off of the 2017 Good Giving Challenge!

When: Thursday, December 7, from 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Where: Legacy Reserve Luxury Senior Living Community, 2700 Man o' War. We will gather in Legacy Reserve's gorgeous Emory Theatre for a fun time. (Tours of the Legacy Reserve are available at 6:00 pm for those who are interested.) When you RSVP, we'll send you directions and instructions on how best to get to Legacy Reserve.

There will be a short program at 5:00 pm as well as drawings for door prizes. The event is free, but a donation of \$10 to iTNBluegrass is suggested through the Good Giving Challenge website, which runs from 11/28 at 9 am through 12/31 at 11:59 pm. We will have laptops available at the event!

Call ITNBG at 859-252-8665 or email laura.dake@itnbluegrass. Need a ride to the event? Let us know — it's on us, space permitting!

Can't make it? You can still support iTNBluegrass by visiting www.bggives.org/itnbluegrass during the Good Giving Challenge!

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iTNBluegrass Holiday Gift Certificates Available Now!

Stumped for a great gift? Want to suggest one? Consider the gift of transportation this holiday season! iTNBluegrass has holiday gift certificates ready to go. Simply give us a call at (859) 252-8665 — once we receive your payment, we'll send it to you (or directly to the recipient) in a nice envelope! The recipient won't have to send it back to us — we will note it in his/her account.

To pay by credit/debit card, visit our website at itnbluegrass.org and click on "Pay Online." Be sure to indicate that the payment is for a gift certificate and who the recipient is. If we haven't spoken to you already, we will call to get the preferred card style and mailing instructions. Here are the holiday card styles available (many other occasions — like birthdays — are available, too):



Christmas



"Winter"



Hanukkah

October Facts

Total Members by
October 31:
580

(not all are riders)

Total Rides in October:
889

Total Rides to Date:
(Sept. 1, 2008–Oct. 31, 2017)
69,301

Bulletin Board

Congratulations to our new board chair Michael D. Smith and Vice-Chair Sal Nalli. Welcome to our newest board member Scott Pitts.

Thank you to outgoing board member Amber Lakin for her two 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!

**Visit us on
Facebook!**

Take a minute to register your Kroger Plus Card to benefit ITNBluegrass (ID #71328). To register:



1. Visit 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.)

Meet Member-Rider Adrian Wichman...



Adrian is a native of Lexington, born in December 1949 to William and Adalin Wichman. Her father was an architect and civil engineer, who designed the home where she grew up and still resides, and taught in Indonesia when Adrian was six years old and her sister Alison was four. Her mother was a renowned KY artist and sculptor who created the iconic Foucault pendulum clock displayed in the Lexington Public Library downtown.

After earning a bachelor's degree in economics at Transylvania University, Adrian spent some time working for the *Herald-Leader* before finding her niche at Kentucky Growers Insurance in 1974. She retired in 2016 and now spends much of her free time doing what she enjoys: stamp collecting, caring for her beloved cat Casey, and getting together with friends. She also volunteers with Radio Eye and AARP KY.

Before her retirement, Adrian used ITN to get to work five days a week and continues to use the service to get to the YMCA three times a week and the occasional doctor's appointment, volunteering opportunity, or just to get a coffee. "I enjoy the fact that everybody's so much fun," she said about ITN drivers. "Just the availability of it is so nice. You get to know the drivers really well!" Adrian has been a rider since January 2013, so has met many of us. We all enjoy her cheerfulness and good spirit!

Meet Volunteer Driver Juan Rios!

Originally from Peoria, IL (three hours south of Chicago), Juan came to Lexington when a new job offered him the chance to relocate and get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. He first heard of ITNBluegrass over the summer when asking about volunteer driving opportunities at St. Joseph Hospital (KentuckyOne Health), where his wife Cheryl works as a customer relations specialist. What does Juan enjoy most about ITN? "Just the compassion," he said. "Helping people who might need extra assistance."

By day, Juan works for Green's Collision Center, a body shop owned by Green's Toyota. His passion for automobiles is only equal to his passion for rescuing animals. He and his wife have adopted three dogs and twelve rabbits. That's right — twelve rabbits! "It's very rare to catch me out and about without a rabbit," he said of his frequent traveling companions, who often ride on his shoulders. "We rotate out about five a week for different car rides, but Tilly (named after country music star Pam Tillis) is my riding buddy all the time."



Tilly

Welcome to all our volunteer drivers who've trained since June 1!

Nancy Bell
Bob Cranfill
Gail Kennedy
Nancy Ludka

Lew Miller
Juan Rios
Kim Scher
Bonnie Vincent

Pam von Wiegen

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Thank you to our Donors!

A very grateful thank-you to all who donated to ITNBluegrass from
June 2017 through November 2017!

\$5,000+

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(car donation)
Lexington Lions Club

\$2,500-\$4,999

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(car donation)

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Special thanks to:

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals for funding more than
\$9,200 in free medical eye care rides since the
beginning of 2017! This grant has been a huge
benefit to our riders, and we let the Regeneron
representative know that at the annual ITN retreat
in October!

Our sincere appreciation...

*to these former riders who have donated the balance
of their ride accounts to ITNBluegrass:*

Lucille Hamblen
Mary McDaniel
Pearl Rutledge
Mary Lee Taylor



*We also thank the families of **Sarah Adams; E.R., Marie and Peter Costich; Robert & Barbara Jacobs; Ann Leishman; and Don Schilling** for doing the same.*

*Whether separated by distance or by death, we wish
all the very best to our former riders or to their families.
Our riders, especially those we've driven for
some time, become very special to us.*



A very special thank-you to the Lexington Lions
Club for their generous grant of \$5,000 awarded
during their Charity Gifting Night in mid-
November. The Lexington Lions gave away
\$175,000 that evening thanks to proceeds from
the annual Bluegrass State Fair at Masterson Sta-
tion Park! Laura is pictured with Lion President
Pat Ryan.

Letter from the Executive Director

This is a big newsletter — we only print two issues a year (May/June and Nov/Dec)! The other eight months we send out a one-pager called *Safe Travels* but only via email except to riders who get a paper copy. If you'd like to receive *Safe Travels* by mail, please email me at laura.dake@itnbluegrass.org.



Laura Dake

ITNBluegrass is participating in the Good Giving Challenge again this year!

Last year, you helped us raise nearly \$20,000 at year-end to support seniors in our local community. Because of you, people who have limited or given up driving got to the doctor, to work, to exercise, to the grocery store...the list goes on. This year, our goal is to raise \$23,000 at year end. See the form on the back to make a gift by check or visit www.bggives.org/itnbluegrass to participate in the Challenge, which began November 28 and ends December 31 at 11:59 pm.

Be sure to ask your friends and family to support us or consider joining our Match Pool in your name or an organization or business name! Fifty percent of our revenue is dependent on local community support; we hope as you consider your own aging, you think about how a lack of transportation options might affect how independent you remain. Call me at 859-351-0460 for info about matches.

2017 will mark the first calendar year we will deliver more than 10,000 rides! We are growing and appreciate the community's support. To all of you, have a happy, healthy holiday season! **Laura**

ITNBluegrass awarded a \$2,000 What's Next? Grant from the Blue Grass Community Foundation!

Our project "Making a Difference from the Passenger Seat" will pay for rides to and from approved volunteer opportunities at local schools. Older people working directly with children and youth benefit both richly! For more information on how to take advantage of this program, call Laura at 859-351-0460. To watch our video grant request, head to YouTube, then search for ITNBluegrass.

Congratulations to ITNBluegrass' Volunteer of the Year Jim Tincher!

Jim trained in the very first ITN driver training back in June 2008, the only one in that group still driving. He often does an all-day shift and says: "I get as much out of it as the riders do. When you enjoy something that much, you just continue to do it."

Jim, a Lexington Lion, had quite a night at the Lions' Charity Gifting Night. His wife Judy was honored with a \$20,000 gift made in her name to the KY Eye Bank and Jim found out about his award the same evening!



Jim Tincher (second from right)

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

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Brookdale Senior Living (Richmond Place) | 6) Hanover Towers |
| 2) 120 N Eagle Creek (various eye doctors) | 7) Highgrove on Tates Creek |
| 3) YMCA (High Street location) | 8) Renal Care Group |
| 4) Crestwood Christian Church | 9) Baptist Health Hospital Bldg H |
| 5) Hartland Hills | 10) Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI) |

*Not including private residences

ITNBluegrass 2017 Year-End Appeal

Make a gift online with a credit/debit card or an EBT at www.bggives.org/itnbluegrass via the Good Giving Challenge (November 28-December 31), **OR** send this form with your 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.)

Checks should be made out to **ITNBluegrass** and mailed it to **1206 N Limestone Street, Lexington, KY 40505**. **We appreciate your support — it's how we stay on the road! Because of you, seniors stay active and independent!**

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Apt. #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Need information on donating a vehicle or becoming a volunteer driver? Call Laura Dake at 859-351--0460.

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