

November 2015

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GOODGIVING
GUIDE — Challenge —

am on November 13; gifts are made online (only) at **bggives.org**. The entire Challenge ends on December 31.

With your help we can ensure that seniors and adults with visual impairment will have access to 24/7 transportation long into the future! 50% 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.

In the meantime, visit Pie Five pizza at Fayette Mall (near Dillard's) before November 13. Tell the cashier you want to "give a high five" to ITN-Bluegrass and help us win \$5,000!

The GGG Challenge begins Friday, November 13!

We are so pleased that ITNBluegrass was one of 100 area non-profits chosen to participate this year! The Challenge begins at 9

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You Are Invited to help us Celebrate 50,000 Rides!

On a day in December, an as-yet unknown driver will deliver our 50,000th ride to an as-yet unknown rider. We are going to celebrate this occasion on December 10! Please see event and ticket information on Page 4.
Hope you can join us Thursday, December 10, from 6-8 pm at the Lyric Theatre!

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 one 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 the 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

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October Facts

Total Members by
October 31:

475

(not all are riders)

Total Rides in October:
889

Total Rides to Date:
(Sept. 1, 2008–Oct. 31, 2015)
48,817

Bulletin Board

**Welcome to our newest
volunteer drivers:** Charles
McKenzie and David Saier.

WISH LIST

1. FOREVER POSTAGE STAMPS
2. #10 WINDOW ENVELOPES
(WINDOW IN LOWER LEFT)
4. COPY PAPER (20–24 LB)
5. SMALL GIFT CARDS OR
GIFTS FOR DRIVER APPRECIATION
DRAWINGS
6. CAR TRADES/DONATIONS
7. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!
8. THANKS FOR THE LANYARDS!

**Visit us on
Facebook!**

**Shopping on Amazon this
Holiday Season?**

Simply start out at
smile.amazon.com when shopping on Amazon (same screen, same prices), choose *ITNBluegrass* as your nonprofit and we will receive 0.05% of what you spend. (We do not see the orders.) It costs you nothing and works with Amazon Prime, too!

Meet Volunteer Driver Jim Drahovzal!

Jim Drahovzal has been an ITNBG volunteer driver since mid-2014 when he heard about us via Second Presbyterian Church where he is an elder and serves on the mission committee.

Jim was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, IA, and has a PhD in Geology from the University of Iowa. He spent the first 10 years of his career in the oil and gas industry and the last 20 years at the KY Geological Survey, which is part of UK.

Now retired, Jim does geologic consulting work, including work on CO₂ sequestration, where CO₂ is pumped into the deep sub-surface of the earth to combat climate change. (Hope we got that right. It's interesting stuff!)

Jim has been married to Becky for 52 years. They have three children: Rob, a restaurateur in ND; Elizabeth, who lives in Lexington; and Sarah, a wildlife biologist in Bangor, ME. They also have five grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. In his spare time, Jim likes to read, travel, hike and study rocks.

Of *ITNBluegrass*, he says that he considers volunteering a "mutual benefit." He really enjoys the riders and says they "feel like friends." He notes that they are so appreciative and thankful of the service. **As we are of you, too, Jim!**



Jim Drahovzal

Meet Volunteer Driver and Board Member Rhonda Turley!



Rhonda Turley

Rhonda Turley does many things for *ITNBluegrass*: she is a volunteer driver, board secretary, an after-hours ride coordinator AND an occasional fill-in day-time ride coordinator (all since mid-2013)!

Rhonda was born in Harlan, KY, but has lived in Lexington since she was seven. She attended Bryan Station HS and has a BA from Midway University in Business Administration.

After almost 28 years at Ashland Oil where she worked exclusively in IT, Rhonda retired in 2012 and now works as an account specialist at Meadowthorpe Elementary.

Rhonda is married to Capt. James Turley, who retired from the Lexington Police Department in 2012. (*ITNBluegrass* has had the pleasure of driving his mother since 2009!) Rhonda has a daughter, NaKia, and a son, Derek, and four grandsons ages 15, 8, 6 and 1.

When asked about hobbies, Rhonda replied that she enjoys shopping, traveling and decorating. She says that she hasn't done much of the latter two since her mom's been sick, but has been rather consistent with the shopping!

Finally, Rhonda says: "Being a caregiver myself, I know how it is when you have aging parents that can't get around. I had said when I retired that I would volunteer somewhere that helps people in need. When I heard about ITN, that was the perfect opportunity for me. I love talking to and working with senior adults. It bothers me when I see or hear of seniors who are home alone with no one to talk to or socialize with or seniors who have difficulty getting to appointments, the grocery store, etc. I knew that ITN solved some of these issues for them so I love what I do in volunteering." **We do, too! Thank you, Rhonda!**

Letter from the Executive Director

What a busy fall it has been! We delivered nearly 900 rides in both September and October and are adding several new member-riders a week. It's wonderful and we appreciate the confidence in the service, but unfortunately, we aren't adding volunteer drivers at the same rate! If you are interested in a fun, flexible volunteer opportunity, please give me a call at 859-351-0460 or email laura.dake@itnbluegrass.org. And read about our featured volunteers, Jim and Rhonda! They are part of what makes this service so popular! To apply as a driver online, visit our website.



Laura Dake

Here are a few things to tell you about:

- 1) I said in the last newsletter that I would have something exciting to tell you this time. Here it is: we have expanded our service to include Versailles in Woodford County! Service will build as we add drivers in that area.
- 2) We had a great time during ITNAmerica founder Katherine Freund's visit as part of her 60-day Storybook Tour in August. She interviewed seven people while she was here, including Marie Smart at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. The videos will be uploaded to YouTube very soon.
- 3) I'm happy to tell you that Lea Nugent, owner of Caring Transitions of Lexington, has decided that the proceeds of her 3rd Annual Christmas Charity Auction will go to ITNBluegrass! Caring Transitions focuses on senior moving/relocation, downsizing and estate sales. To contact Lea for more info or to get on the auction email list, email LNugent@CaringTransitions.net. Some important dates : **Preview Party, Wednesday, November 18, 4:30-6:30 pm at 1411 Delaware Ave, Lexington.** Preview items prior to the online auction's closing or just come to learn more about Caring



Transitions and ITNBluegrass. Refreshments will be served!

Online Auction begins November 13 with final bids being taken on Thursday, November 19, starting at 7 pm. Register to bid at www.AuctionLex.com.

Items to be auctioned include nicer Christmas/Hanukkah items, including trees, decorations, wreaths, special ornaments, vintage fare, etc. Please consider a bid!

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

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| 1) Richmond Place | 6) Sayre Christian Village Apts. |
| 2) Senior Citizens Center | 7) Lexington Clinic (S. Broadway location) |
| 3) Dialysis Clinic, Inc. | 8) St. Peter Catholic Church |
| 4) Keeneland! | 9) Kroger on Alexandria Drive |
| 5) Second Presbyterian Church | 10) Body Structure Medical Fitness |

*Not including private residences



Do you like to wrap gifts? Would you like to help ITNBluegrass while doing so? Join us at Joseph-Beth Booksellers where we'll wrap customers' gifts for tips! It's a lot of fun! And when there's downtime, you can shop with coupons J-B has available! Our shifts are:

Saturday, December 12, 5:00-10:00 pm

Thursday, December 17, 1:00-5:00 pm

Please call Laura at 859-351-0460 if you would like to spend an hour or two (or more) wrapping gifts. Keep in mind that if it is busy, you will be on your feet. We will need two or three volunteers available at all times.

A grateful thank-you to all who donated to ITNBluegrass from July-October!

Individual Gifts

Henry and Sylvia Cravens
Jim and Becky Drahovzal
Barbara Fain
Phil Halley
Frances Horwitz
Joe and Chandra Jarboe
Kroger Community Rewards
Ann Leishman
Frank Lewis
Susie Oldham

Sara Redfield in honor of Rachel Barber
Beatrice Schumer
Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Seeley
Edith Uhl
Gay Washburn
Mary J. Wells
Dorothy Wesley
J.R. and Ann Wilson

Place(s) of Worship

Second Presbyterian Church

A very special thank-you to Regeneron Pharmaceuticals! Regeneron's support began in July 2013, and in the past two years, has enabled us to provide hundreds of eye care rides AT NO CHARGE to dozens of ITNBG riders. As of 11/1, we aren't offering these free trips until we know if the grant will be renewed.



Dignified transportation for seniors

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Return Service Requested

ITNBluegrass 50,000th Ride Celebration!

Join us Thursday, December 10, from 6-8 pm at the Lyric Theatre in downtown Lexington for a celebratory evening of food, wine, entertainment, a silent auction and some holiday fun! Tickets can be purchased by returning this form along with your check or by calling 859-252-8665. Mail form and payment to: ITNBluegrass, 1206 N Limestone Street, Lexington, KY 40505. Dress is holiday casual.

General admission _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Drivers / Riders / Volunteers _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Table of 8 (general admission) _____ x \$250 = \$ _____

Ticket Total: \$ _____

Tickets will be held at the door unless
otherwise specified below:

Name of purchaser: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

To pay by credit card, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/50000th-ride-celebration-tickets-10341534049
or call 859-252-8665. There is a small processing fee
for each ticket.

Everyone is welcome so bring a friend and spread the word!