

Wonderful New Year's Reception for Riders, Drivers and Donors!

A great time was had by all who attended our recent thank-you reception at the Central Kentucky Women's Club in downtown Lexington! Nearly 50 people enjoyed refreshments and special entertainment by Donna Phillips, who used her beautiful voice to share the history of the Shakers through their singing and dancing. (Stay tuned for the You-Tube video of the last dance of the day!) The best part, though, was getting everyone together to meet each other and share a wonderful afternoon. If you couldn't make it, please make a point to attend next year!



ITN Bookkeeper Rachel Barber and Laura Dake



Thanking our business supporters! (See page 3.)



Bill and Millye McAtee, Bill Perrine and Penni Gerard



Talitha Freeman, Gay Washburn and Helen Kientz

Winter Facts

Total Members by
December 2010:
288
(not all are riders)

Total Rides in December:
495

Total Rides to Date:
(January 15)
9,234

RIDE 9,000! WOW!

Veteran driver **Roger Parry** delivered our 9,000th ride to member-rider **William Hamm** on January 2 when he brought Mr. Hamm home from his greeter job at Wal-Mart! **Mr. Hamm** is about to turn 89, but still works full-time. He used to play UK basketball under Adolph Rupp and appears to still be in pretty good shape! **Roger** is one of our most prolific drivers — he drove 5,765 miles for ITN*Bluegrass* in 2010. That is amazing! Thank you, Roger!

Bulletin Board

Welcome to our newest drivers: Hugo and Sandra Araneda, Charles Coulston, and Amy Powell.

Staff additions: Bess McGuire joins us as our newest after-hours rides coordinator. We now have two: Bess and Joan Prigge!

Meet Member-Rider Dot Boardman...

"It's a class act!" These are the repeated words of Dot Boardman when talking about ITN*Bluegrass*. Since the very start of the program, ITN*Bluegrass* has greatly impacted her life. She was one of the very first riders and since that day, she says, "I have gained independence and freedom that I didn't have before."

A native of Danville, KY, Dot moved to Lexington nearly 50 years ago when her husband was going back to school at UK. She previously attended Campbellsville University and then worked several jobs to help put her husband through school. He graduated and became a top advertising salesman for a radio station and did what he loved! Dot and her husband were married for 46 years before he passed away and have two children. They would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this year.

Dot uses ITN*Bluegrass* because when growing up, she was one of six children and never learned to drive. Her family had one car and although driving was not discouraged, it was not encouraged either. When she married, her husband did the driving for the family. A couple of years ago, she saw an ITN*Bluegrass* advertisement in the paper. She quickly signed up and has enjoyed it since. "I feel so independent and I don't want to be a problem to my family. I feel like I have more friends and I have no flaws about it at all!"

When Dot is not riding with ITN*Bluegrass*, she enjoys working in her yard and planting flowers. She is also passionate about dancing. She grew up tap dancing and later clogged for 12 years as an adult. "Dancing has definitely been a hobby and I can never sit still!"

Because of ITN, Dot is able to stay mobile and involved in her community. "I can't say enough good things about it and I think it's such a *wonderful* program! I feel comfortable and secure with the drivers. It has meant so much to me that I can't explain!"



...And Volunteer Driver, Holly Wethall

"I never realized that transportation was such an issue until I became a volunteer driver and realized the impact it has on someone's life," said Holly Wethall. Holly began driving for ITN*Bluegrass* at the start of the service and has enjoyed it ever since, even taking a part-time position as ITN's Community Outreach Coordinator. The best part of driving for Holly is meeting lots of interesting people. "When you're in the car with somebody, it's really a chance to get to know them and hear their story."

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Holly has lived in many different locations. She attended college in Madison, Wisconsin, where she became an occupational therapist and met her husband. They later moved to Lexington to begin their family and she stays very involved in her community. Along with being an ITN volunteer driver, Holly is the president of the Tennis Booster Club at her daughter's school as well as a member of the school's Swim Booster Club. She is also a part of the outreach and involvement programs at her church.

Holly's church participates in ITN*Bluegrass*' Community Rides program where volunteer drivers earn mileage credit and donate it to the organization's ITN account. The organization then uses those credits to provide rides for their members. When Holly drives, she earns credits that are later used by her fellow church members. "It's a great way to honor and care for the seniors in our church. They have done so much for our church so I like that I am able to do something for them."

With volunteers like Holly, ITN*Bluegrass* is able to continue serving the Lexington community. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization and we greatly appreciate all of them. Holly says it best, "Giving someone a ride is such a simple thing to do but it makes a huge difference in someone's life."



Letter from the Deputy Director: Laura Dake

Happy New Year! Many of you have told me that you're sick of winter — probably because we experienced January in December — and how ready you are for spring! We are here as well and looking forward to a spring event with Louie Hillenmeyer that we'll tell you more about soon in your *Billing News*, via email and — maybe — on Facebook!

I'll take the rest of my space to thank some very special people: those who supported our 2010 Annual Appeal. We've tried hard not to overlook anyone but if we have, the fault is mine. Please do let me know so we can correct our oversight.

First, though, a big thank-you to those who helped put the 2010 Annual Appeal mailing together: Donna Baker, Dot Boardman, Oleta Crawley, Barbara Geraldts, Joe and Chandra Jarboe, Philip Rose, and Stan and Dana Wonn.

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Even if you don't give to ITN*Bluegrass*, supporting other area nonprofits makes the whole community stronger! And it only takes a couple of minutes.

A Very Special Acknowledgement to our 2010 Foundation and Business Supporters: The Retirement Research Foundation; Cumberland Valley National Bank; Quantrell Auto Group; and Retina Associates of Kentucky.

ITNBluegrass Honors Joe and Chandra Jarboe as its 2010 Volunteers of the Year!

ITNBluegrass is pleased to announce that **Joe and Chandra Jarboe** are its Volunteer of the Year award recipients! For their efforts — his as volunteer driver, Board Vice-Chair and chair of the Policies and Procedures Committee and hers as Board Secretary, chair of the Nominating Committee and advocate for the Community Rides program — Joe and Chandra received a commissioned handmade piece of pottery from Rara Avies Pottery. It is a modified Tzedakah Box (to hold coins for charitable acts) showing a little ITN car traveling through a village with destinations common to ITN members.

For the full story of Joe and Chandra's wonderful participation in our organization, please visit our website and click on the appropriate link.



Joe and Chandra Jarboe

Win a \$25 gift card to your favorite restaurant!

Earn a chance to win for every person you refer to us who becomes a Volunteer Driver! It can be yourself, a friend, family member, co-worker, etc. There is no limit on the number of referrals you can enter.

Volunteer now and help someone over 60 or an adult with visual impairment enjoy a more rewarding and independent life!

The first drawing will be held March 1, 2011, and every two months thereafter. All entries will remain eligible to win for one year after submission.

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