



Summer 2010



#### Fall Gardening Event in the Works!

ITN Bluegrass presents "A Morning at the Arboretum with Louie Hillenmeyer!" We are inviting senior groups and the Lexington community to meet Louie at the Lexington Arboretum for a gardening workshop. We're working on the date – likely early fall. In addition to participants hearing from one of Lexington's top experts in gardening, this event will also give us an opportunity to spread the word about ITN Bluegrass' service and volunteer opportunities.

Louie, the owner of Louis' Flower Power Shops, is the host of "The Flower Power Hour with Louie Hillenmeyer," the No. 1-rated radio show in Lexington, which can be heard Saturdays on News Talk 590-AM from 8 to 10 a.m.

We will keep you posted regarding the date and time. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

# Attention all ITN Riders and Volunteers: The World Equestrian Games are almost here!



Mark your calendars! From September 25 to October 10, the Kentucky Horse Park will be home to the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. Along with the entertainment and excitement, WEG officials are estimating that about 250,000 people will attend from all 50 states and 50 other countries!



With this huge influx of people, we anticipate a lot more traffic! To help things run more smoothly, we would appreciate if you could give a **48-hour notice** for rides you schedule during the games. We would also encourage you to add a few minutes to your rides — with the increase in traffic, rides may take longer. It's impossible to know exactly how congested Lexington will be, but we still want to do our best to get you where you need to go on time!

Speaking of horses, one of our volunteer drivers has a painted horse at Thoroughbred Park! Lee Sturtevant is an artist and her horse is called "Lost in the Fog." Congratulations, Lee!



#### **Summer Facts**

Total Members by June 2010: 223 (not all are riders)

Total Rides in June: 457

Total Rides to Date: (July 15) 6.094

#### **Bulletin Board**

Welcome to our newest volunteer drivers: Terry Green, Lauren Hutchinson, John Ireland, Colin Johnson and Nancy Johnson.

Board changes: Stan Wonn replaces Roger Parry as Chair and Chandra Jarboe replaces Donna Baker as Secretary. (Joe Jarboe remains Vice-Chair and Jim Knoblett Treasurer.) Fortunately, Roger and Donna remain on the Board – Roger as our Affiliate Community Advisory Board representative and ITNAmerica board member and Donna as our Development Committee chair.

**Staff additions:** Joan Prigge joins us as our after-hours and weekend dispatcher. She and her husband Allen will also serve as drivers if the need arises.

Good-bye and best wishes to Anna Thomas Brien, our long-time intern. She moved to Baton Rouge with her husband in June. She has taken a social work position there while he attends law school at LSU.

#### Meet Member-Rider Admiral Kenneth G. Haynes...

Admiral Haynes enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and ended up serving a total of 36 years in a multitude of locations. At the beginning of his career, he was assigned to the Marines in the Pacific as a Navy Hospital Corpsman then took a three-year "hiatus" to attend the University of Texas. When asked how much he traveled during the time he served in the Navy after graduation, the Admiral laughed and said, "Seven-tenths of the world is water and I spent 20 years on it."

After retiring from the Navy, Admiral Haynes worked for five years as a Dean at Texas A&M followed by another nine years in the private sector in telecommunications. He has been married to his wife, Peggy, for 62 years. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The Admiral was connected with the services of ITN*Bluegrass* through a church friend who had heard of the organization. He says his experience with ITN since then has been just fine. "I call in for a ride and get where I need to go." That's what we're here for!

#### ...And Volunteer Driver, Gohary Kamdar

When it comes to volunteering in the Lexington community, Mrs. Gohary Kamdar is no stranger. In addition to raising two children, working as a full-time real estate agent, and assisting her elderly mother, Mrs. Kamdar was an active member of the community organization, the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). She held a position on the organization's board and spent six years as a counselor at its summer leadership camp. Although she loved the time she spent volunteering, she was forced to resign from her positions prematurely due to a major back problem.

This is why, when Mrs. Kamdar first heard about the ITN*Bluegrass* service, she was excited about the opportunity to be able to volunteer once again despite the complications with her back. "I missed camp and ITN gave me something I could do because I can make my own schedule. It is an ideal program for me."

With ITN, Mrs. Kamdar can continue to give back to the Lexington community that she and her husband have been a part of for 37 years now. "The flexibility really, really makes a difference." Here at ITN, we appreciate her help!



#### **Letter from the Deputy Director: Laura Dake**

Hope everyone is having a great summer! It appears the heat isn't keeping too many of you at home – we are doing lots of rides! I was in Philadelphia around the Fourth when the temperature was 103 degrees. My family decided that the Declaration of Independence would have been put on hold a few weeks if the Founding Fathers had weather like we had with no A/C!



ITN Bluegrass drivers have delivered more than 6,000 rides to date and the number of riders keeps right on growing, too! Thank you for spreading the word about our service — we are thrilled by our growth. As a non-profit, however, we still could use your financial support. Riders pay about half the actual cost of their rides, so we must seek local community support to fund the other half.

You might consider joining as a Friend of ITNBluegrass (see page 4 of this newsletter). For a \$50 membership, you get some nice car care discounts from Ken Towery plus the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping people who no longer drive or who have limited their driving stay active and independent. Please help keep us driving and thriving so we're around when you or a loved one needs the service! No one likes to think about giving up the car keys but the reality is this: male Baby Boomers will outlive their ability to drive by seven years, females in this generation by ten years. ITNBluegrass hopes to be in your future if you need us!

#### **Going Green!**

If you are a rider and have had no ride activity during a given month, you will not receive a statement for that month unless you have a balance due on your account. This saves paper, as well as printing and postage costs. Important policy or pricing changes described in the *Billing News*, the half-page insert included with each statement, will also be printed in the ITN*Express* newsletters so you don't miss anything!

## In need of the Perfect Gift Idea? Give your Friend or Loved One an ITNBluegrass Gift Certificate!

If you are in search of a meaningful gift for someone you know, give the gift of transportation. ITN *Blue-grass* gift certificates are available now in any amount and tailored for any occasion. They are the perfect present for any holiday or birthday celebration and can be used to pay for memberships or rides.

To order one, simply call the office at (859) 252-8665

A Service for our Community — by our Community

#### **Central Baptist Hospital**

### Lifeline

A non-profit community service for anyone who uses any hospital. Serving Fayette, Bourbon, Jessamine, Madison, Nicholas, Scott and Woodford Counties.

- \*Provides peace of mind for you and your family.
- \*Is easy to use help is just a push of a button away.
- \*\$34 monthly monitoring / No other fee, no contract



#### Become a Friend of ITNBluegrass!

Please consider becoming a "Friend of ITNBluegrass!" You'll enjoy the following benefits:

- 1) You support safe, dignified, affordable transportation for elders and visually impaired adults in the Bluegrass area.
- 2) Car care discounts at Ken Towery, including oil changes for \$18.99.
- 3) <u>Local</u> volunteer opportunities.
- 4) A small surprise!

Γο become a Friend of ITN <i>Bluegrass</i>	, simply fill out the	following form and	mail it, along w	ith your check*,	to ITNBluegrass,	1206
N Limestone Street, Lexington, KY	40505.					

Name(s):			
Street Address:			
Apt. #: City:	State:Zip:		
Phone Number: ()	Email Address:		
I have enclosed (check all that apply):\$50 to become a member-donorAdditional tax-deductible donation:	*Please make checks payable to ITNBluegrass		

Return Service Requested

