

ITNExpress

News and Information from the Independent Transportation Network®

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John Webster

ITNPortland is actively recruiting volunteers. To get involved or to learn more, please call Executive Director John Bott at 207-854-0505!

Volunteer Spotlight: John Webster

John Webster Declared Volunteer of the Year!

John Webster was awarded the Martha Giles Volunteer of the Year Award at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Members. He was presented with a ceramic sculpture designed by local artist Toby Rosenberg. Toby created the pottery specifically for the occasion. It displays buildings in the Greater Portland area (with vehicles included), and is truly awe-inspiring.



John Webster accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award

John originally heard about ITNPortland four years ago through a newspaper article. Since then, he has proven to be a huge asset to our organization. Because John's hours of availability vary, he created a new style of scheduling and notifies our dispatchers when he has some free time, rather than setting out a pre-determined schedule. He feels that this is an added perk of volunteering with ITNPortland. He said, "It sits well with my lifestyle, I'm able to create my own schedule and drive when I'm available."

John exceeds our expectations as a volunteer, and thrives on delivering as many rides as possible. His enthusiasm and warm personality shine through when he volunteers and his company is much appreciated by ITNPortland members. John spoke at the meeting and said he enjoys volunteering because he gets a chance to meet fascinating people.

He said, "I feel that I'm getting as much as I give, if not more." He strongly believes in the importance of senior independence and finds ITN to be the best solution to the growing transportation problem. John explained that he has gained a sense of peace from knowing that someday ITNPortland will be there for him when he needs a ride. He feels confident knowing that he will be able to remain independent and in control, regardless of his age.

From the National Office: The ITNAmerica family is growing!

ITNAmerica is pleased to introduce our newest affiliates, ITNBluegrass in Lexington, Kentucky, and ITNNorthCentralConnecticut in Enfield, Connecticut. Both locations plan to begin offering rides in the spring of 2008. Additionally, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) will be supporting the establishment of

four ITN affiliates in New York State.

Remember, your membership in the Independent Transportation Network® grants you access to rides in any of our service areas across the United States. This means that whether you're spending the holidays with family in Connecticut, wintering in

Orlando, or visiting friends in Charleston, you can rest assured that you will always have a ride in an ITN community.

If you are a volunteer, you can donate your credits to anyone who lives in a community served by an ITN affiliate.

We will keep you updated!

Member Spotlight:

ITN would like to shine the spotlight on member Madeline Maus! Madeline has been using ITN for over a year now and says she never considered using anything except ITN. Madeline enjoys using ITN because she thinks the drivers are "very pleasant and great to ride with." She noted, "I have had some of the most interesting conversations with ITN drivers." Her favorite drivers are Paula, Diane, and John.

We also would like to congratulate Madeline who got married in August! Since her wedding, she has been using ITN less frequently because her husband is available to drive her, but Madeline still cherishes ITN and knows that we will be here when she needs us.



*Madeline Maus: Featured
ITN member*

Thanks to our 2007 Corporate Sponsors:



Free Rides!

The Woodfords Congregational Church recently signed a Ride Services Contract with ITNPortland. If you are an ITN member and want to go to or from the Woodfords Church, Woodfords will cover the cost of your fare! ITN members can also travel to **Marty Layne Audiology** in Scarborough free of charge.

Woodfords Congregational Church is located on 202 Woodfords Street in Portland.

We also have many "Ride and Shop" and "Healthy Miles" partners who will donate \$1 to the cost of your ride to and from their business. For a complete list, call us at 854-0505.

A Letter from John Bott...



Dear ITNPortland Friends and Family:

I am very excited to be working with you to provide dignified transportation for our members. Together, we are making a difference every day, and impacting thousands of lives through this wonderful service.

In the short time that I have been here, we have made several organizational changes and undertaken a number of steps to improve our customer service, our billing process, and our ability to provide rides in the months and years ahead. I thank everyone for their support in these endeavors. It will not happen overnight, but our staff is committed to continuous improvement during the coming year, and serving the needs of families and loved ones.

2007 is shaping up to be one of the most significant years in our history. We are on pace to exceed all previous records for rides delivered in a year. We are also close to reaching 200,000 rides delivered since 1995. This milestone is likely due in part to your contributions as a member and/or supporter of *ITNPortland*.

Every contribution, large or small, has a significant impact on our ability to provide service! Recently, our fleet of six donated vehicles was reduced to five cars during our busiest period of the year. Luckily, one of our members donated a car in exchange for ride credits. We also salute our volunteers, without whom we cannot operate.

Please take a moment to reflect on your contributions. Whether you are a corporate sponsor, devoted staff member, or volunteer, your dedication holds us together and makes our organization a success. We are asking you to please give generously once again, knowing that every type of donation makes a difference.

Sincerely yours,
John Bott President, Executive Director

ITN Welcomes New Members!

Bruce Baker
Harriett Bigelow
Lucille Blanchette
Carolynn Cameron
Pat Capano
Joan Currie
Paul Davis
Constance Devine
Helen Duncanson
Lois Estes
Alice Flaherty
Lillian Frost
Patricia Garbarini
John Gartland
Christine George
Patricia Gervais
Hawley Gleeson
Emma Goss
Lois Gowen
Thomas Harrison
Charles Huntoon
Loren Hutchinson
Marjorie Hutchinson
Earl Ireland
John Johnson
William Karn
Jean Meyer
Leora Mosston
Richard Nelson
Jacqueline Nice
Ebrahim Nuban
Frances Reagan
Elizabeth Roberts
Dorothy Rush,
Cornelia Sapiro
Genevieve Seidel
Christopher Smith
Mary Smith
Jean Thornquist
Esther Weagle
Lena Weiner-Sorgnan
Mary White
Barbara Whitman
Henry Wing
Maxine Wormell
Elizabeth Wyman

A Special Thanks to Lilley's Limousine!

Lilley's was on scene at the Annual March of the Members to offer rides to interested participants around the Baxter Boulevard in a Hummer Limousine.



Lilley's Limo provided complimentary rides around Baxter Boulevard.



Staff, friends, family, and members gathered for the Annual March of the Members to show their support.

Wish List

Donated Vehicles

Volunteers

Jumper Cables

Delorme Map Books

GPS Units

Portable Car Chargers

New Car Battery

Tool Set

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

If you are available to give rides on Thanksgiving Day or the day before, November 24-25, please call the office.

FALL FACTS

Number of new members

45

Number of rides given in August

1376

ITNPortland's 13th Anniversary date

October 5

For more information on the Independent Transportation Network® or to make a donation, please complete this form and mail it to: ITNPortland®, 90 Bridge Street, Westbrook ME 04092

- I am interested in volunteering as a driver or office support.
- I am interested in donating or trading a car.
- I am interested in ITN® services for myself, a friend or relative. Please send me an application.
- I would like ITN® to make a presentation to my group.
- Enclosed is my contribution: \$_____
- Please send a CarTrade brochure.

Name _____

Street _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

