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2nd Annual Non-Event Fundraiser

Our 2nd Annual Non-Event Fundraiser will (not) take place on April 27th. A long list of international and local celebrates (including the long awaited reunion of the Beatles to be accompanied by Frank Sinatra) will not be in attendance. This is the highlight of a very busy black tie season when you don't have to squeeze into uncomfortable shoes or suits that no longer fit the way they used to in order to support your favorite, local transportation provider. You can simply make your contribution to us and relax in the comfort of your home.

Please send us a photo of how you dressed for the No-Event so we can post it on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SupportITNSarasota/

Please remember that our annual membership fee and ride charges only cover 60% of our operating expenses. We keep the cost of our rides as low as possible so they are affordable by as many people in the community as possible. That said, without your financial support (whatever you can afford), we will not be able to continue to provide rides.

Good Bye to Our Seasonal Friends!

This is the time of year when some of our dear friends, including both rider/members and volunteer drivers, head north. We are truly sorrow to see you go (even though local travel time will be significantly reduced). We wish you smooth travels and a wonderful summer and look forward to your return to "paradise" later this year. Please drop us a line and let us know about your adventures!

Ride Requests by 1pm

Every afternoon we solve our daily puzzle. We look at the ride requests for the following day and the list of available drivers. Jean then goes through the challenging process of figuring out the best routes, assigning rides to various drivers, confirming the drivers' availability, and making confirmation calls. By its very nature this is a very tedious and time consuming process. For this reason, it is critical that you call us with your ride requests no later than 1pm the day before you want a ride or 1pm on Friday for rides on Saturday, Sunday or Monday. When we get a late ride request after we have started the setting the schedule for the following day, it can really create problems. We do everything we can to accommodate your requests and make getting you to where you want to go as smooth and simple as possible. Please help us help you by getting your ride request to us before 1pm. Thank you!!

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Emergency Calls

We know there are times when you need to contact us when the office is closed. Your plans may have changed and you need to cancel a ride. Something unexpected has happened and you need a ride that you had not anticipated. You may be waiting for a ride and are feeling uneasy that the driver might not arrive as expected. For those reasons, we have put in place a way for you to reach us at any time. Jean and I take turns being "on call" and have different cell phone numbers. So, if you need to reach us when the office is not open, call the office, listen to the voice mail message and call the emergency phone number that is noted.

Car Donations

iTNSunCoast just got another car donation. Thank you and thank goodness!! We make it very easy and it takes about five minutes. We simply pick up your car and make arrangements for its sale. You can contribute the full value of your vehicle to iTNSunCoast and take a tax deduction. You can also take half the value of your car as a credit into your iTN account, give the credit to a family member or friend, donate to our Road Scholarship fund, or bank the credit for your own use at some point in the future.

- ❖ Isn't it great to call the office and hear Susan's friendly voice!! Thanks, Susan!!
- Linda Davis, our Facebook guru, asks that you "like" us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/SupportITNSarasota/ Thanks, Linda!!

Friendly Reminders

- iTN SunCoast office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. If you call us after 2 pm, we will get back to you the following day.
- You may request a ride for any purpose, on any day, at any time. Please make your ride request by 1pm the day before you want a ride.
- When you call to make a ride request, please be prepared to give us your pick- up and destination <u>addresses</u> and the times when you want to get picked up for both portions of your travels.
 - Thank you for being a member/supporter of iTNSunCoast!!