

## Walk for Rides and Support Elder Transportation!

Are you ready for a new and exciting ITN*Bluegrass* event? If so, you are in luck! On Saturday, May 9, from 2-4 p.m., we will hold our first annual ITN*Bluegrass* Walk for Rides. In conjunction with Downtown Lexington Corporation's Mayfest, we will host not one, but TWO walking events. The first event will be an historic tour, given by local attorney and historian Oscar Gerald. This 30-minute tour will be offered twice – first at 2:15, then at 3:15 – and will wind through Transylvania University's campus and environs, highlighting points of local interest. The second option is a 1-mile routed walk on Broadway from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Main.

The entry fee to join the Walk for Rides event is \$5. This fee includes a t-shirt and a bottle of water. In addition, we are asking that walkers obtain at least \$50 in donations from family, friends, or anyone else who is dedicated to supporting transportation for seniors and the visually impaired in Fayette County. (For those who wish to join us that day with no donations, the cost of a walk is \$5 and a t-shirt and water is \$5.) Corporate sponsors include Highbridge Springs, Hilliard Lyons, and Kentucky Underground Storage, Inc.

Not only will these walks serve to raise visibility and much needed funds for ITN*Bluegrass*, they will be great exercise. So, put on your walking shoes, grab a few friends, and join us! If you are interested in registering for or helping with Walk for Rides, please contact Anna Thomas at (270) 703-6464 or [anna.thomas@uky.edu](mailto:anna.thomas@uky.edu). You may also download the Walk for Rides brochure (which contains a donation page) by visiting [www.itnbluegrass.org](http://www.itnbluegrass.org).



### ...Places to Go, Things to Do...

Your ITN*Bluegrass* membership can be as creative as you are! With wonderful spring weather (mostly) here, consider taking advantage of all the Bluegrass has to offer! You can schedule a ride to attend a Keeneland meet, enjoy a picnic in a park, drive through Lexington Cemetery to see the beautiful budding trees, or visit Henry Clay's estate at Ashland. Remember, ITN is here to serve you 24/7 with no restrictions on destinations in Fayette County!

## Turn your Unused Car into Safe Rides with CarTrade!

You may have retired from driving, but you still have all the same appointments, social engagements and errands to run. If you have a car sitting in your driveway, costing you money in insurance, registration, and upkeep, make it work for you by trading it to ITN*Bluegrass* for an equal value in rides.

We will send a representative to your home to help you set a price for your vehicle. Once you are satisfied, your ITN CarTrade™ funds will be placed in your Personal Transportation Account™ for rides—wherever you want or need to go.

If you are not a member of ITN*Bluegrass* or are interested in donating a vehicle rather than trading it for credits, we accept car donations and provide receipts for tax purposes. Call today if you are interested in CarTrade!

## Go Green and Save Us Some Green! Receive your ITN*Express* via Email!

Along with everybody else these days, we are watching our costs carefully! Postage, paper and ink really add up as well as add to our landfills! If you received a paper copy of this newsletter, it means that we don't have your email address. That said, if you have one and don't mind receiving newsletters electronically, please email us at [info@itnbluegrass.org](mailto:info@itnbluegrass.org) and put "**Switch to email**" in the subject line. We will add your address to the system and you will receive future mailings that way. Or, if you no longer wish to receive mailings from us at all, please call or email us with "**Discontinue Mailings**" in the subject line and we will remove you from our database.

## Meet Volunteer Driver Carolyn Barnett

By Anna Thomas, ITN*Bluegrass*' College Intern



Volunteer driver Carolyn Barnett became interested in ITN*Bluegrass* last summer when she read an article about it in the newspaper. The article prompted her to attend the First Rides Celebration at the Kentucky Theatre last September, where she listened to ITN*America* founder Katherine Freund explain the goals and mission of the program. Because she believes that elder trans-

portation is an important community service, she became a volunteer driver at the beginning of February.

Ms. Barnett personally benefits from the transportation services that she provides because her miles are credited into her mother's account. She is glad that she is able to help older people (including her very own mother!) by driving with ITN*Bluegrass*. Ms. Barnett says that all of her rides so far have been very interesting, stating that the riders are "...awesome. They all have experiences and are more than willing to share them with me."

## Thank You!

A belated thank-you to Dot Boardman and Helen Pope for their generous donations in the \$100-249 range in response to the ITN*Bluegrass* Year-end Appeal!

## Letter from the Executive Director: Gale Reece



Spring in Kentucky is a wonderful time — blooming flowers and trees, races at Keeneland and the renewal of the earth. It's a great time to get out after being cooped up during the winter, and ITN is ready to help you get there! Invite a friend to lunch, join a group at the track, take a spring bou-

quet to a friend who cannot get out, head to the nursery to buy a tomato plant, go to the Arboretum for a walk – your imagination is the only limit. Don't let the transportation part hinder you!

ITN*Bluegrass* has much to be grateful for this spring. Since the legislation that would allow ITN to operate in the state was made official after midnight on the last day of the 2008 session, we were advised to run our bill through the legislature again this year. Laura and I noticed a distinct difference this year in the atmosphere in Frankfort – much more professional and productive. A big thank you to [Lexington Representative Susan Westrom](#) for seeing our bill through again! Our second bill signing will be on April 22.

We would like to welcome our newest affiliate, ITN*StCharles*. Located just outside of St. Louis, St. Charles is where Lewis and Clark began their historic journey west. We look forward to learning more about this affiliate. Remember, if you are a member in one city, you can ride in another city – a likely scenario as more affiliates are added.

ITN*America* founder and president, Katherine Freund, is coming to Central Kentucky in late June. This time she will speak at the prestigious 26<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Kentucky Summer Series on Aging.

Finally, in these tight economic times, please remember your nonprofits are struggling just as many in the general population are. Layoffs and cutbacks in services are increasing among charities, jeopardizing the most vulnerable in our society. Your donations, no matter how modest, do make a difference. Whether it is to ITN*Bluegrass* or other nonprofits close to your heart, please give as regularly as you can. Your generosity is needed now more than ever. **Thank You and Happy Spring!**

## Wish List

Cars  
 #10 envelopes  
 Stamps  
 Gift certificates to reward volunteers (oil changes, car washes)  
 Volunteer drivers  
 Photocopier paper  
 Laser printer cartridges  
 Rolls of curling ribbon

## Winter Facts

Total Members  
 121  
 Total Rides in March  
 160  
 Total Rides To Date  
 1,115

## Bulletin Board

### Welcome to:

*All our new volunteer drivers:* Fred Copeland, Mary Davidson, Bill Perrine, David Pilcher, and Sara Turnbull

*New board member:* Stan Wonn

### Meet Charter Member Carojean MacDonald

Carojean MacDonald is one of our most prolific riders, having taken more than 100 rides with us! She travels to many destinations, including church, medical offices, the grocery and friends' houses to play bridge. Mrs. MacDonald said that her doctor advised she not drive for a while, so she joined ITN*Bluegrass* back in the summer. She says that her drivers are "so kind and so nice for picking me up and getting me safely where I need to go."

Mrs. MacDonald was born in Louisville but has lived in Lexington most of her life — except for her winters in Florida! She earned an accounting degree from UK and worked part-time for a number of years in an insurance office. She and her late husband have two sons—one in Lexington and one in Versailles—and four grandchildren.

If you would like more information about ITN*Bluegrass* or wish to make a donation, please fill out the following form and return it to: **436 Georgetown Street, Lexington, KY 40508**

I would like more information about becoming a member of ITN*Bluegrass*.  
 I would like more information about becoming a Volunteer Driver.  
 I would like more information about becoming an office volunteer.  
 I am making a tax-deductable donation to ITN*Bluegrass*.

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City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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