

Do you have 'A Heart for Your Community?'

Join ITNBluegrass on **Thursday, February 10, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.**, for 'A Heart for your Community: Valentine's Tea and Silent Auction' with special guest Councilwoman Cheryl Feigel. The festivities will be held at the elegant Julep Cup Restaurant at The Woodlands at 111 Woodland Avenue. Come and enjoy savory, bite-sized sandwiches, scones, biscuits and sweets (and a good pot of tea, of course!) along with a silent auction featuring

items donated by local vendors.



Inside the Julep Cup



The Julep Cup, 111 Woodland Avenue

Newly-elected LFUCG 5th District Councilwoman Cheryl Feigel will be available to answer your questions and hear your concerns about local issues. ITNBluegrass staff members will also give a brief presentation about its transportation service. Tickets are \$15 dollars in advance and \$20 at the door. There is limited seating, so please call 252-8665 to make your reservations. Everyone is welcomed, so be sure to bring a friend!

2008 Year-End Appeal

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who made 2008's Year-end Appeal a success! With your help, we raised nearly \$3,500. (See page two for a complete list of contributors.) Campaigns like the Year-end Appeal are critical for us in achieving long-term sustainability. Especially in these difficult economic times, we are humbled by your generosity and will put your gifts to good use. If you haven't made a contribution, please see page four for information on how to do so or to learn more about contributing your time by becoming an office volunteer or volunteer driver.

Year-End Appeal Contributors

A very special thank you to all of the following people who helped make 2008's Year-end Appeal a huge success. Contributors are listed below in alphabetical order according to donation amount.

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Meet Dedicated Volunteer Driver

Jim Tincher



By Anna Thomas, ITNBluegrass College Intern

Several years ago, Jim Tincher read a magazine article about a transportation program for elders in Portland, Maine, called ITNAmerica. Little did he know that ITNAmerica would be opening up an affiliate to serve elders in the Bluegrass.

More recently, Jim read about ITNBluegrass in the *Herald-Leader* and asked Executive Director, Gale Reece, to speak at his Lion's Club, where he currently serves as president.

It was after hearing Gale speak that he knew ITN was for him. Today, he is among our most dedicated volunteer drivers—he has been driving since transportation services started and he even volunteered Christmas night to drive a rider home from her family's house.

Jim feels that all of his riders are interesting and have a personality and story of their own. He went on to say that "The riders probably give the drivers more of an uplift than we do them."

Bulletin Board

- ◆ *Welcome to our new volunteer drivers:* Carolyn Barnett, Suzanne Davis, Ann Freytag, Michael Graetz, Bill Rea, Tara Swift, and Stan Wonn
- ◆ *Welcome to our new board members:* Chandra Jarboe, Joe Jarboe, and Bill Rea
- ◆ *Farewell and best wishes* to volunteer driver Midge Cull, who moved to Columbus, Ohio.

Letter from the Deputy Director: Laura Dake

The weather outside has been frightful this winter, but ITN*Bluegrass* and its wonderful cadre of drivers have given rides day in and day out! Life activities continue even when the temperature dips, and we are proud to be available for rides wherever and whenever you need one.

As we look towards spring, we are excited to tell you about our new idea to keep people informed of our service. Some of you may remember our "Generations Tea and Style Show," which we held around Valentine's Day the last two years. In 2009, we plan to offer three or four community teas throughout the year, the first one on **Tuesday, February 10, from 2:30 -4:30 p.m.** at the Julep Cup restaurant located at the Woodlands in downtown Lexington.

You've probably read about it already on the front page, but this tea will be less about style and more about substance! In other words, we will not have a style show but a guest speaker instead: newly-elected Councilwoman Cheryl Feigel will answer your questions about the 5th District and larger city issues. Of course, this doesn't mean that you have to live in the 5th District to attend! We invite everyone who is interested in hearing more about ITN*Bluegrass* and our mission to provide people 60+ and visually-impaired adults 24/7 automobile transportation.

Consider inviting your family members and friends and making an afternoon of it! Or. If you can't make it this time, maybe you can join us for the next one!



Interview with Member Rider Vera Jones

Vera Jones, originally from England, moved to the United States when her husband, a neurosurgeon, received a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. The couple, who hated the cold weather, was delighted when a job opportunity opened up at a clinic in Lexington. Mrs. Jones said that the weather here is "as close to England as you can get."

Although she was initially somewhat reluctant to be interviewed, Mrs. Jones, kindly agreed to talk to us about her experiences with ITN*Bluegrass*. She first learned about ITN*Bluegrass* when her daughter arranged to have services begin. She remembers that the first time she took a ride, dedicated volunteer and board member Joe Jarboe was her driver. Mrs. Jones seemed grateful when she stated, "Since I'm almost 90, my daughter organizes my life now."

Mrs. Jones retired from cytology (the study of the single cell) around age 71 and uses ITN*Bluegrass*' services to continue to stay active. Mostly, she goes to her favorite beauty salon and occasionally to attend a Bible study. She was very enthusiastic when asked to discuss her favorite things about ITN*Bluegrass*. Among her many compliments was the fact that drivers always pick her up from both her home and her appointments on time.

Mrs. Jones has three children: a daughter who lives with her here in Lexington, a daughter who lives in Woodford County, and a son who lives in Columbia, South Carolina.

Wish List

- Cars
- #10 envelopes
- Stamps
- Gift certificates to reward volunteers (oil changes, car washes)
- Volunteer drivers
- Photocopier paper
- Silent Auction Items

Winter Facts

- Total Members
92
- Total Rides in December
145
- Total Rides To Date
734

Is Your Car Lonely?

Does your household have a car that's not being used? In 2005, AAA[®] estimated that the average cost of a car sitting in your driveway is \$15.25/day. This doesn't even include the cost to drive anywhere! Why not convert your depreciating asset into ITN rides? If you are interested in trading a vehicle for ride credits, please call us at 859.252.8665

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*.

Name: _____ Address: _____
City, Zip: _____ Phone #: _____



This valentine's Day, give your friends and loved ones a gift that really says "I love you."

ITN*Bluegrass* now has special valentine's gift certificates available.