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HI-Regina Hostel

If you should find yourself traveling either east or west on TransCanada Route 1 and in need of a good place to stay, consider HI-Regina (also known as the Turgeon International Hostel), midway through the province of Saskatchewan in Canada. Easily accessible from the highway, it is in a very attractive area of Regina and at the same time convenient to downtown. Tucked away in a neighborhood of stately old homes that once belonged to Regina's first families, the 1906 hostel today has a Municipal Heritage property designation. For those traveling by Greyhound bus, the station is within walking distance; from the airport it's about a \$10 cab fee. Cheryl Sexton and I found it a welcome stopover in May 2007 when we were traveling in my VW Eurovan to Prince Rupert (British Columbia) to catch a ferry for our rendezvous and week's touring in Alaska with the HI-Toledo group.



Photo provided by the HI-Regina Hostel

The hostel's interior is both spacious and homey, as well as clean. There are four dormitory-style rooms, for a total of eighteen beds, plus one family room (second floor) and one private room (first floor). Guests can bring their own sheets or rent them for \$2; lockers are \$1 per use. Facilities include a paneled library filled with travel information, a lounge with cable TV/VCR, free internet access, a fully equipped kitchen with large dining/meeting room adjacent, and laundry. Another nice feature is the large porch with seating, picnic tables and a grill along one side of the house. Something that I have never seen in another hostel and thought was a terrific idea was the well-stocked travel store. There we discovered all sorts of goodies that proved especially suitable for the camping portion of our trip, including a hard-to-find, small-sized container of environmentally friendly laundry detergent.

In this hostel and others in Canada, I was impressed with their emphasis on environmentalism

(which I have generally found lacking in the U.S.*). For example, throughout the hostel there were signs to remind guests about the impact that humans have on the earth and suggestions for being ecofriendly, such as:

- Save 19 litres of water per minute [when] the tap is off. Only turn the tap on when rinsing.
- A 5-minute shower uses up to 50% less hot water than a bath.
- It takes more than 600,000 trees to make the newspapers North Americans read on Sunday alone.

The hostel purportedly offers in-house activities/programs and walking tours, international dinners and cooking classes, and travel talks, as well as discounts for local attractions and restaurants; I say purportedly because unfortunately we weren't there long enough to check into specifics or participate.

Regina is the training center for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; it also has a renowned symphony orchestra, along with many museums and galleries, among them the MacKenzie Art Gallery, which is very close to the hostel. Cheryl and I had a lovely morning walk over to the nearby Wascana Centre, an urban park with bicycle and hiking trails. We opted for the 4.4 km blue trail that encircles the manmade lake, and then took a quick peek inside the elegant Saskatchewan legislature building in that same park. On our way out, we were startled to see plug-ins for cars along the sidewalk, which we at first thought might be for electric cars, but later found out were necessary in order to be able to start cars left out in the cold all day—brrrr!

The hostel is open from the first of February to December 23. Check-in hours are from 7 to 10 AM and 5 to 10 PM., with extended hours in July and August. To make a reservation, go to HI-Canada's website (hihostels.ca) or call 306/791-8165.

Anne Burnham

** Improvements in this area are imminent. HI-USA has informed me that it is in the process of finalizing its "Resource Guide for HI-USA Sustainability Standards," which promotes environmentally responsible hostel operations in the areas of energy, water, recycling, air quality and education. The Sustainability Action Statement reads: "We will constantly strive to operate our hostels in an environmentally responsible manner, working towards sustainability. We will measure our impacts, and communicate our progress and practices to the hostel community and the community as a whole."*

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All events are open to the public; newcomers are always welcome.



President's Message

It's been a busy six months for the board and officers. But not as busy as the next six months will be. Every member of our board is involved and engaged. It's a pleasure to work with all of them.

I want to thank Jennifer Jarrett for chairing our new Development Committee and taking on this year's line-up of special activities in honor of the 75th anniversary of hostelling in the United States. After serving as president, Jennifer deserved a rest, but instead she jumped back in with both feet. She also serves as treasurer for our region! That's dedication.

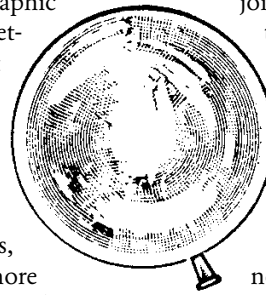
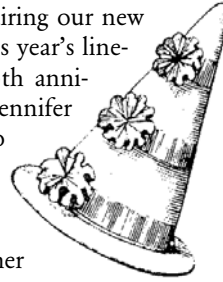
Thanks, too, to board vice president Renée Dallas. Renée has a lot of energy and ideas, which she's putting to good use as the new Membership Committee chair. Expect to see a lot of activity from her committee, especially in the area of campus outreach.

Some more thanks are in order: To our newest board member, Andrew Schumann, for agreeing to chair our Finance Committee; to Judith Wilkinson for chairing this year's Nominating Committee; to Gerry Getz, our treasurer, for taking such good care of our funds; to Jamie Olmstead, our secretary; and to all our committee chairs and bike tour leaders. HI-TA would not be what it is without their efforts.

I saved a special thank you for last: A very big thanks to Anne Burnham, long-time editor of this newsletter. This is Anne's last issue, as she has decided to "retire." I have seen HI council newsletters from across the country and none compares to *HI-Ways* for good, interesting writing and sharp editing. With Peter Tubbs handling the graphic design, we have had a winning team delivering a superior quality newsletter for some time. I cannot thank Anne enough for taking on a task that very few would volunteer to do.

Anne's well-deserved retirement, of course, poses a challenge for the board to fill some pretty big shoes. We've decided to use the opening to rethink all of our communications and are considering several options. They include increased use of online communications, more frequent mailings to let you know about upcoming events and, perhaps, a less frequent newsletter. Whatever we decide, the result will be even more communication. As a communications professional myself, I know that nothing is more important to maintaining a vibrant organization.

Have a great summer. We'll be looking for you at our special anniversary events, our regular programs and our bike tours.



Scott Carpenter

Photo Contest

Start compiling all those travel photos taking up space on your hard drives, and select your favorites for an HI-TA photo contest! In honor of the 75th anniversary celebrations, the contest will be hosted on HI-TA's Facebook Group page, and prizes will be awarded at the annual meeting in October! Categories for entries are as follows:

- Biking*
- Nature*
- People*
- Culture*
- International hostels*

You may submit up to five photos in each category! To participate, email your entries to me, with categories specified, and I will then post them on Facebook. Those unfamiliar with that site are welcome to email me with their questions. Those already on Facebook are invited to join the group and check out the entries as they come in for the upcoming vote in September! I encourage everyone to become familiar with the page. It is a great resource for members to communicate and stay up to date on our events, as well as share pictures and information from our many events with one another. Don't be deterred if you're not familiar with Facebook! You can still participate by sending your pictures to me at jamieo28@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing all your travels in my inbox!

Jamie Olmstead

HI-Ways

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HI-TA's 75th Anniversary Celebration

In 2009, supporters of hostelling throughout the world are celebrating the 100th anniversary of hostelling. Here in the U.S., we also have the opportunity to celebrate the 75th anniversary of hostelling in the United States. HI-Toledo is proud to be kicking off an ambitious year of activities to mark these milestones, and is adding new programs and expanding existing ones in order to reach more people than ever in our council area.

Since I joined the HI-Toledo board, and probably long before that, we have had an ongoing discussion about creating a TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM that would encourage people to travel and to utilize hostels, especially in conjunction with community service projects. With this anniversary year, I am pleased to announce that the HI-Toledo board has created the Travelships program. Each year approximately \$1500 will be budgeted to pay for hostel overnights for groups and individuals. Funds will be awarded based on an application and approval by the Travelships Committee, chaired by Renée Dallas and Andrew Schumann. HI-Toledo has already committed to underwrite a Girl Scout troop's visit to Malabar Farm Hostel in May and is accepting applications from other interested parties. To receive a copy of the Travelships application, please contact Renée or Andrew at their email or phone number listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Our Girl Scout connections expand again this year, with HI-Toledo volunteers creating four COMMUNITY WALLS with Girl Scout troops as part of the Girls Reaching Imaginative Places (GRIP) program. This year troops in the public housing complexes of Lawrence, Ravine Park, Elmdale and Northern Heights will have the opportunity to participate in this national program that integrates a hands-on arts project with community appreciation and self-worth exercises. Thanks to Programs Chair Judy Wright and her dedicated volunteers, Audrey Johnson, Renée Dallas, Jamie Olmstead, and Judith Wilkinson, for going above and beyond to offer this experience to young women in our community, as they commit more than



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thirty hours of their own time per wall!

The other major initiative that is being expanded this year, and planned as an ongoing commitment of HI-Toledo, is the "ADOPTION" OF THE MALABAR FARM HOSTEL. During the weekend of July 31st, a team of volunteers will make needed improvements to the hostel. In addition, HI-Toledo is planning a major purchase for the hostel. Renée Dallas, Judy Wright and Andrew Schumann are the con-

tacts for this work weekend. Please refer to the Malabar Farm article on page 7 for more information and let them know you want to participate!

Needless to say, it won't be all work this year. We have some fun activities planned to reconnect and engage our members and supporters. Our ANNUAL MEETING on Saturday, October 18th, will be taken up a notch. Scheduled to take place at Pearson Metropark (also celebrating 75 years!), it will highlight the experiences of our alumni and the accomplishments of our organizers and volunteers through the years with storytelling, the culmination of an online photo contest and other activities. HI-Toledo Secretary Jamie Olmstead will coordinate the PHOTO/VIDEO CONTEST (see p. 2).

You will also be able to show your support for HI-USA and HI-Toledo by acquiring new LOGO ITEMS that will be available at bike rides, such as bike jerseys (refer to p. 6), green HI bags, and more.

Finally, we ask you to mark your calendar now for a special ANNIVERSARY PARTY on Sunday, August 16th. In observance of National Hostelling Week, it will be our council's celebration of hostelling's 75th and 100th anniversaries. In addition to a bike ride and dinner, we will have a birthday cake, bonfire and silent auction of recreation and entertainment items to fund the programs we are kicking off this anniversary year: Travelships, Community Walls and the Malabar Farm work weekend. Join us for this celebration of HI-USA and HI-Toledo! (See your invitation on the back cover.)

Jennifer Jarrett

Portage River Bicycle Tour

Sunday, June 28th

Woodmore High School, Elmore

The Portage River Bicycle Tour is HI-TA's first major bike event of the year. Join us on a tour of scenic rural roads along the Portage and Toussaint Rivers. With clearly marked routes of 10, 31, 62 and 100 miles, this tour offers distances for riders of all skill levels, from novice to expert. Each rider receives a map of the route, a Portage River 2009 patch, snacks and drinks at designated rest areas, plus the famous Portage River Festival lunch in Elmore. SAG vehicles assist in case of emergency or non-repairable breakdown. Pre-registration is \$20; registration the morning of the event is \$25. Discounted prices are available for children. Check-in is between 7:00 and 10:00 AM. Long-distance riders should start early. Entry forms are available in area bike shops, libraries and YMCAs, as well as from the ride brochure at www.hitoledo.org—or phone Ray Squire at 419/243-7680.

Not a bicycle rider? You can participate as a volunteer at one of the rest areas or at the registration table. At least twenty volunteers are needed. Contact Ray today!

Pat Squire
Tour Co-director

Metroparks Bicycle Tour

Saturday, July 18th

Fallen Timbers Middle School, Whitehouse

We invite you to join us on this annual tour of Lucas County Metroparks—and when you register, why not register a friend, too? Again this year, the lunch stop is at Farnsworth's Roche de Bout shelter house. The 100-mile route includes back roads in Fulton County. Depending upon which route you choose (15, 31, 62 or 100 miles), you can visit Secor, Farnsworth, Oak Openings and Blue Creek Metroparks, as well as the Fallen Timbers Monument. All of these places are gems that add to the joy of riding country roads connecting the parks, not to mention the scenic Maumee River that offers a great place for relaxation with friends along the way. Complete information and entry forms are available in area bike shops, libraries and YMCAs, as well as from the ride brochure at www.hitoledo.org. Our goal this year is to have 300 registrations—together we can make it happen!

If you are unable to cycle that day, how about calling Judy at 419/410-0087 to volunteer a few hours of your time? We will accommodate your schedule as best we can. One of the advantages of volunteering is getting to meet interesting people who share your love of cycling and the outdoors. See you on July 18th!

Judy Wright & Renée Dallas
Tour Co-directors

Hostelling International – Toledo Area – June Calendar

June 2, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet at Lane's End Farm, 8602 Pilliod Rd (off Albon Rd). Bike to favorite ice cream stop.	15 miles – C ride	Mary Lou Leonard	419/865-5795
June 4, Thur 8:30 am	Pat's Garden Ride Meet at Fallen timbers Monument, off the Stitt Rd/Jerome Rd exit from US-24, just west of I-475. Destination: Pat Gooch's garden. Bring bag lunch to eat there.	25 miles – C ride	Ray & Pat Squire	419/243-7680
June 9, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet at South Toledo YMCA, off Woodsdale Ave @ A.W. Trail. Ice cream stop in Maumee.	15 miles – C ride	Marcia Roby	419/382-0883
June 11, Thur 8:30 am	Bike With Cheryl Meet at Fallen Timbers Monument, off the Stitt Rd/Jerome Rd exit from US-24, just west of I-475. Food stop: Subway in Whitehouse.	30 mi – B ride	Cheryl Sexton	419/868-1424
June 13, Sat 10:00 am	Clyde to Elmore Ride Meet at the gazebo in downtown Clyde, OH. next to gazebo in trail parking area. Bike paved North Coast Inland Trail to Fremont, roads thru Fremont, then continue on newly paved Trail to Elmore. Restaurant lunch in Elmore before returning on Trail to Clyde. Joint ride with Silver Wheels club.	44 mi – C ride	Gary Porter	419/621-1998
June 15, Mon 6:30 pm	Board Meeting KENT branch library meeting room – 3101 Collingwood Blvd, corner of Central Ave. Parking lot in rear, off Central Ave. Please note, NEW DAY of WEEK for Board meetings.		Scott Carpenter	419/346-7858
June 16, Tue 5:30 pm	Progressive Dinner Meet at Linda's house, 8743 W. Bancroft, (between Centennial & Crissey Rds). Bring a dish to share—salad, main dish or dessert. Bike to a different home for each course (17 mi total). Non-cyclists welcome (they drive food to ride stops).	17 miles – C ride	RSVP to Linda Wheeler	419/517-4514
June 18, Thur 8:30 am	Ride, Pot-Luck & Swim 10119 Lewis Ave., 1.5 mi N of Temperance, MI. Bike ride followed by potluck picnic and swim back at the Smith's. Bring a dish to share and swim suit.	30 miles – C ride	Judy Smith	419/340-8061
June 23, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet at Fallen timbers Monument, off the Stitt Rd/Jerome Rd exit from US-24, just west of I-475. Bike to a favorite ice cream stop.	15 miles – C ride	Tom & Nancy Verner	419/878-6440
June 25, Thur 8:30 am	Grand Rapids Ride Oak Openings Metropark, Mallard Lake. Restaurant stop in Grand Rapids.	25 miles – C ride	Mary Lou Leonard	419/865-5795
June 28, Sun 7:00 am	33rd Portage River Bicycle Tour Registration opens at Woodmore HS in Elmore, OH. Map, marked route, patch, SAG, snack stops, lunch at Portage River Festival. \$15 pre-reg; \$20 day of event. Discounts for kids. See article in this newsletter	10/31/62/100 miles	Ray Squire	419/243-7680
June 30, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet at Ft. Meigs, Perrysburg. Bike to a favorite ice cream stop.	15 miles – C ride	Gary & Jan Samples	419/874-7369

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July 2, Thur 8:30 am	Tail of Two Trails Ride Meet in Side Cut Metropark, Silver Lake parking lot. Restaurant food stop along the way.	31 miles – C ride	Gary & Jan Samples	419/874-7369
July 7, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet in Waterville, corner of Michgan St. & Waterville-Monclova Rd. (Kroger parking lot) Ice cream stop along the way.	15 miles – C ride	Celeste Grime	419/878-5156
July 9, Thur 8:30 am	A Favorite Ride Meet in Wildwood Metropark, Visitor Center. Bike to Swanton. Food stop at Mom's restaurant.	32 mi – B & C ride	Elvin Buchele	419/885-0528
July 11, Sat 2:00 pm	Arab-American Museum Tour Guided tour of the Arab American Museum in Detroit (http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org/). The tour will be 2:00-3:30 PM and cost \$8/person. Meet Jennifer at the museum or carpool from her house. Get location info when you make your reservation. Limit is 15 people, so contact Jennifer early to reserve your place (jjarret0628@yahoo.com). More info in Quick Notes.	Reservations:	Jennifer Jarrett	419/244-6794
July 12, Sun 8:00 am	Pink Flamingo Ride Side Cut Metropark, Silver Lake. Map & lunch. Must wear pink and register to participate. Registration begins at 7:30 am. More info in Quick Notes.	63 miles	Kathy Carnicom	419/460-2975



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July 12, Sun 9:00 am	Baby Flamingo Ride Side Cut Metropark, Silver Lake. Map & lunch. Must wear pink and register to participate. For Baby Flamingo riders, an optional 4-mile trail run/walk at 8:00 am. Registration begins at 7:30 am. More info in Quick Notes.	45 miles	Tom Biblewski	419/537-8887
July 14, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet at Fallen Timbers Monument, off the Stitt Rd/Jerome Rd exit from US-24, just west of I-475. Bike to a favorite ice cream stop.	15 miles – C ride	Tom & Nancy Verner	419/878-6440
July 16, Thur 8:30/10:00 am	Quarry Ride Two-stage ride. 40-mile (B) riders meet in Dunbridge, OH (town park) at 8:30 a.m. 20-mile (C) riders meet the group at 10:00 am in Pemberville (parking area behind shops on main street). Bring a bag lunch to eat in White Star Quarry Park. Additional stop for treats at Ideal Bakery on return trip.	40 mi/20 mi – B & C ride	Cheryl Smith	419/885-3332
July 18, Sat 7:00 am	Metroparks Bicycle Tour Registration begins at Fallen Timbers Middle School, Whitehouse, OH. Visit up to 4 metroparks. Map, marked route, patch, SAG, snack stops, lunch on all routes except 15 mi. \$15 (\$12 for 15 mi) before 7/10. Kids' discount. After 7/10, add \$5. See article in this newsletter for more info.	15/31/62/100 miles	Judy Wright	419/410-0087
July 20, Mon 6:30 pm	Board Meeting Sanger Branch Public Library, 3030 W. Central Ave., Toledo—meeting room just inside door.		Scott Carpenter	419/346-7858
July 21, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet at Ft. Meigs, Perrysburg. Bike to a favorite ice cream stop.	15 miles – C ride	Gary & Jan Samples	419/874-7369
July 23, Thur 8:30 am	Wood County Ride Bowling Green WalMart, S. Main St. & Gypsy Lane (SW corner of parking lot). Bring bag lunch to eat in a park along the way.	25 miles – C ride	John Isaacson/Pat Squire	419/352-5608
July 28, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet in Bancroft Center (just W of University Parks Trail) parking lot. Bike trail & roads to ice cream stop.	15 miles – C ride	Ray & Pat Squire	419/243-7680
July 30, Thur 8:30 am	Mystery Bike & Swim Meet at Lane's End Farm, 8602 Pilliod Rd (off Albon Rd). Mystery restaurant destination. Bring swim suit for optional swim after ride.	25 mi – C ride	Mary Lou Leonard	419/865-5795
July 31, Aug 1-2 Fri, Sat, Sun	Malabar Farm Hostel Work/Fun Weekend Malabar Farm State Park, near Mansfield, OH. Fun, fellowship & simple work projects. Reservation required. More info in Quick Notes.		Judy Wright	419/410-0087

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Aug 4, Tue 6:30 pm	Pot Luck/Ice Cream Ride Smith's house, 10119 Lewis Ave., 1.5 mi N of Temperance, MI. Potluck picnic & ice cream after ride. Optional swim in Smith's new pool. Bring a dish to share & swimsuit.	15 miles – C ride	Dan & Judy Smith	419/340-8061
Aug 6, Thur 8:30 am	Give Me Liberty Ride Oak Openings Metropark, Mallard Lake. Bike to mystery restaurant location.	40 mi – C ride	Mary Lou Leonard	419/865-5795
Aug 11, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet at Lane's End Farm, 8602 Pilliod Rd, (off Albon Rd.) Bike to a favorite ice cream stop.	15 miles – C ride	Mary Lou Leonard	419/865-5795
Aug 13, Thur 8:30 am	Bike to Cabella's Meet at Rite Aide (5055 Alexis Rd.) in Sylvania. Lunch & limited browsing in Dundee.	50 mi – C ride	Carol Rider	419/865-9145
Aug 16, Sun 2:00 pm	Hostelling 75th Anniversary Party 8300 Whiteford Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI (north of Whiteford Center Rd). 2:00 pm 15-mile bike ride, followed by bonfire, barbeque & band. Silent auction. See invitation (back cover) for more info. RSVP to Jennifer Jarrett (jjarrett0628@yahoo.com) or Judy Wright (jawright@buckeye-express.com)		Ted & Judy Wright	419/410-0087
Aug 17, Mon 6:30 pm	Mail Party & Board Meeting Sanger Branch Public Library, 3030 W. Central Ave., Toledo – meeting room just inside door. Prepare newsletter for distribution. Board meeting follows.		Scott Carpenter	419/346-7858
Aug 18, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride Meet in Secor Metropark, Nature Photo Center. Ice cream stop along the way.	15 miles – C ride	Carol Rider	419/865-9145
Aug 20, Thur 8:30 am	Bike, Pot Luck & Swim 10119 Lewis Ave., 1.5 mi N of Temperance, MI. Bike ride followed by potluck picnic and swim back at the Smith's. Bring a dish to share and swimsuit.	25 miles – C ride	Judy Smith	419/340-8061



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Quick Notes

New Board Meeting Day

Starting in June, the board will be meeting on the third Monday instead of the third Wednesday of the month. Members and visitors are always welcome to attend meetings.

Rolling along the Hocking River Nelsonville to Athens, Ohio August 28th-29th (30th, optional)

We'll meet in Nelsonville on Friday (get exact time and location when you RSVP) to enjoy "Final Fridays on the Square" for special events and art displays at fifteen venues, followed by a short night hike on trails into the hills. On Saturday we will ride the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway to Athens, exploring the geology, plants, animals, and human history of the area as we follow the Hocking River. In Athens, enjoy fantastic food made with mainly local ingredients at Casa Nueva. Take a walk around Ohio University, the state's oldest college campus, and enjoy the uptown area before riding back to Nelsonville on the trail. Total distance will be approximately 30 miles of flat riding, with relatively little wind exposure. An additional short road ride on Sunday may be possible for those staying over on Saturday night.

Arrangements have been made to stay at the Hocking College dorms for \$15 per night per person (you provide bedding), or you may arrange your own accommodation. Hocking College has food service available on Saturday morning for \$7 per person. Friday night and Saturday night meals are on your own. Nelsonville has several eating options, from junk food to nice sit-down dining.

Let me know by July 10th to ensure your reservation (email preferred: sgrenerth@wcnet.org, or 419/306-7575).

Scott Grenerth

Arab American Museum Tour

Please join me for a guided tour of the Arab American Museum in Detroit (<http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org/>) on Saturday, July 11th. The tour, which will be from 2:00-3:30 PM, will cost \$8/person. Our guide will be staff member Janice Friej, who is also an HI-Michigan volunteer. You may either meet me at the museum or car-pool (12:20 PM) from my house in Toledo's Old West End. The tour is limited to 15 people, so reservations are required. Get directions when you make your reservation (jjarrett0628@yahoo.com or 419/244-6794).

Jennifer Jarrett

Women's Backpacking for Beginners

Learn backpacking basics at Oak Openings Metropark on Saturday, Sept. 26, and Sunday, Sept. 27, while you walk the 17-mile trail and camp out in the woods. Most gear and food provided. Over sixty women, ages 12 to 70, have completed this beginners experience. You can do it, too! Fee: \$100 + HI membership; scholarships available. For information and/or to register, contact Cheryl McCormick, leader, at 419/340-4005.

HI-TA Bike Jersey for Sale

HI-TA's first ever bike jersey will be available in time for the Portage River Tour on June 28th. The jersey can be purchased at all four HI-TA rides for 2009, and if we don't have your size, we can order it. The body of the jersey—lime green, medium blue and white—features HI's 75th anniversary logo (ringed in orange) and the names of HI-TA's four major bike events. Jerseys will be available in both men's and women's sizes for just \$55.00. Checks should be made out to "Hostelling International-Toledo Area." Be among the first to wear this unique jersey! Contact Patti Rapp with questions or to place an order: 419/250-0262 or ps00262@aol.com.



Looking for Other Disabled Riders

I recently met a disabled 40-year-old man who enjoys riding the Wabash-Cannonball Trail. Leland bikes on the trail often, especially on weekends, using a hand-driven machine and would like to encourage other disabled people to join him. He is currently building another hand-powered machine that he would be happy to loan out.

If you are retired or disabled, and if you would have time to go riding with Leland, please call him at 419/356-8700. He would greatly appreciate it.

Larry Lindsay

Blue Creek Service Project

On a beautiful mid-April day, our HI-TA group worked with Penny Wagner, Land Management Coordinator for the Metroparks, and Kyle Robinson, Land Management Crew, cleaning native wildflower beds at Blue Creek Conservation area, one of our developing metroparks. Plants are grown there and the seeds then distributed throughout the various parks.

The area was bustling with activity and we were glad to be among the many groups helping with this project.

Jan Samples



Front row: Pat Clinger, Jordan (Pat Gooch's neighbor), Pat Squire, Kyle Robinson; back row: Ray Squire, Charlie Helmick, Cheryl Smith, Pat Gooch, Gary Samples, Gerry Getz, Penny Wagner.

Travel Circle Flies High

This has been Travel Circle's most successful year since we started doing a Saturday program with the Metroparks. The first one according to Paul Hanson's records was in 1989, twenty years ago!! I started organizing it in 2001, when Paul moved to Florida. Over the years we have had great programs, all slide presentations until the more recent introduction of digital projectors.

Pat Squire gets the hike leaders for the one-hour hike or ski prior to the travel presentations and brings the free coffee, cocoa, tea and cookies. This year, because of Scott Carpenter giving prominence to this program on the first page of the Metroparks calendar for the three-month period and advertisements on WPOS FM every week, we had forty to sixty people at each program! Many thanks to all of our presenters, most of whom are HI-TA members, for making this our best year ever!

Mary Lou Leonard

Sign up for Email Notices

The HI-TA board urges all members to go to hitoledo.org and sign up to receive email notices. It's quick and easy and will ensure that you know about upcoming events. Your email address will be kept private.

Bike Events Information

HI-TA now has lots of information about bike events, both near and far, including the *2009 Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar*, which lists many events around the state. These are available at all HI-TA activities.

Paddle to the Symphony

On June 26th, the HI-Michigan Council will again offer a unique opportunity to travel to a Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert by canoe or paddle wheeler. Guests will cross Kent Lake to enjoy a DSO concert on the rolling, forested hills of Kensington Metropark in Milford, Michigan. Dinner will be served on the Kent Lake shoreline at 5 PM; the concert begins at 8 PM. Guests may choose one of the following packages:

Option #1 - dinner and canoe (adults only, \$30 per person)

Option #2 - dinner and paddle wheeler (adults/children, \$45 per person)

Option #3 - dinner and shoreside relaxation (adults/children, \$15 per person)

This special event will unite families, outdoor enthusiasts and music lovers while supporting the HI-Michigan Council in their effort to create global citizens through educational programs focused on cultural understanding. For more information, please call the Paddle Hotline at 248/336-8613.

9th Annual Pink Flamingo Bike Rides and Picnic

This is the only bike tour where riders must wear pink in order to participate! This year's Pink Flamingo and Baby Flamingo rides will be on Sunday, July 12th. They will both start at Side Cut Metropark—the 63-mile Pink Flamingo at 8:00 AM and the 40-mile Baby Flamingo at 9:00 AM. There will be an optional four-mile trail run or walk before the Baby Flamingo ride. Map, route and lunch will be provided.

Registration for both Flamingo rides opens at 7:30 AM in the Silver Lake area of Side Cut Metropark. Only registered riders will be provided a lunch. Any questions, contact Tom (419/537-8887, biblet@bex.net) or Kathy (419/460-2975, kc31953@aol.com).

Join Us for a Work/Fun Weekend at Malabar Farm

Sign up now to spend the weekend of July 30th through August 2nd with fellow HI-TA members. The cost is just \$50, which includes two overnights at the hostel (Friday and Saturday) and four meals (Saturday and Sunday breakfast plus Saturday lunch and supper). We will be hiking, biking and also doing a simple work project, not yet determined. Don't let the word "work" scare you. Whatever we do, we will do it together and it will be more like fun! (Just ask last year's participants.) Friday supper will be on your own, but we suggest dinner on the deck at the Malabar Inn, near the hostel. Saturday will include a barbeque, campfire and lots of down-on-the-farm relaxation! Carpooling is recommended. Please call Renée Dallas (419/320-7614) or me (419/410-0087) to make your reservation.

Judy Wright

Event Fliers Mailed Out

The biggest volunteer event of the year—the giant mailing and pizza party—was held the evening of Wednesday, March 25th, in Judy Wright's basement. Twenty volunteers prepared approximately 12,000 bike event fliers for mailing in record time. Many thanks go to Judy and the other volunteers.

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Aug 22, Sat 9:30 am	Annual Camp Storer Ride Meet at Camp Storer. (Directions & car pool info, call Judy). 27-mile ride in rolling Irish Hills. Lunch at restaurant on the lake.	27 miles – C ride	Judy Smith	419/340-8061
Aug 25, Tue 6:30 pm	Ice Cream Ride St. Mark's Church, 2272 Collingwood Blvd. Explore downtown & Old West End by bike. Ice cream back at the church.	15 miles – C ride	Ray & Pat Squire	419/243-7680
Aug 27, Thur 8:30 am	Bike to Blissfield Meet in Pacesetter Park in Sylvania (Sylvania-Metamora Rd, W of Centennial Rd). Bring bag lunch to eat in park.	30 miles – C ride	Mary Ann Radscheid	419/297-8697
Aug 28–30 Fri, Sat, Sun	Rolling Along the Hocking Nelsonville, OH. Fri evening: town arts festival & walk; Sat: interpretive bike ride on Hockhocking Trail to Athens, OH; Sun: optional bike ride. Optional overnight in Hocking College dorm (reservation required: sgreneth@wcnet.org 419-306-7575). More info in Quick Notes.	30 miles – C ride	Scott Greneth	419/306-7575
Sept 3, Thur 10:00 am	Maumee Bay Ride Meet in International Park, 1st parking lot. Bike to Maumee Bay State Park. Bring a bag lunch.	35 miles – C ride	Ray & Pat Squire	419/243-7680



Remember: All club-sponsored bike rides require cyclists to wear approved helmets.

A : fast pace 16 + mph B : fairly quick 14 + mph C : moderate 12 mph D : slow & short 8 mph

Volunteer Profile: Jennifer Jarrett

Where were you born and raised?

I grew up in Murray, a small university town in Western Kentucky with a football stadium that can hold nearly the whole town's population. It still has a walk-up Dairy Queen and a Sonic, the best fast food restaurant ever, and the thing to do on Friday night—still—is to circle the court square.

What career have you followed and what educational background led to it?

I have a bachelor's degree in Mandarin Chinese, which I have never used, and a minor in international refugee policy. I figure at some point it will become clear why I have this odd combination of skills! I have been working in nonprofit administration since I graduated from college. Nearly all of the skills I use on a daily basis in my job as a development coordinator for the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, I learned on the job in any one of several nonprofits here in Toledo or in Anchorage, Alaska, as a volunteer or paid staff member.

Tell us about your family (of origin and/or by marriage).

I am the youngest of eight kids, who are spread out from Alaska to North Carolina, with a concentration in Western Kentucky and West Tennessee. My 16-year old niece, Starra, has just moved to Toledo to live with me for the next few months, and I am having a great time showing her all the things that make Toledo a really nice place to live.

What are your interests?

I sometimes think I am the only member of HI-Toledo who doesn't ride a bike. I actually joined HI-Toledo because travel is my single greatest interest, and in order to maintain that habit, I have to travel on a budget. My other hobby of choice is ballroom dancing. I have been taking lessons for more than twelve years. I can guarantee the only time in my life when I was ever "trendy" was when *Dancing with the Stars* came out and I already knew how to dance!

Have you been involved with community volunteering?

I serve as treasurer for Toledo nonprofit Scrap4Art, a materials recycling and exchange program that makes appropriate resources and supplies available to educators, artists and crafters. In addition, I often work at concerts and other community events, especially those sponsored by other arts-related organizations.



What brought you to HI-TA? When?

I have been using hostels since college. Hostels offer the opportunity for individuals to extend and add new dimensions to their travel experiences. When the opportunity to join the HI-Toledo board came up, I accepted in part because I was looking for a community of travelers.

What has your involvement been with the Toledo Council?

Since joining the Toledo Council in 2004, I have served on the HI-Toledo board as secretary and president and presently am chair of the 75th Anniversary Committee. As a member of the board, I have been fortunate to attend regional and national meetings and also take advantage of the great training opportunities that the region and national council have made available. In addition to serving on the board of HI-Toledo, I serve as the HI-Midwest Region secretary/treasurer.

What have you liked best about HI-TA? What improvements could HI-TA make?

I am thrilled to see our growing support for helping people experience hostels and what travel has to offer. The Community Walls programs that we are doing with Girl Scout troops based in public housing, the Travelships program that we are just kicking off, and the support we are committing to the Malabar Farm Hostel—these are among the reasons I am proud to be a member of HI-Toledo.

Do you have a favorite hostel?

My favorite hostel is always the one I am in because it means I am traveling! Seriously, though, I had a great experience staying at the supposedly haunted Carbisdale Castle in Scotland, an HI hostel. I liked the fact that guests were given a remarkable amount of freedom to roam about and explore the place!

Tell us something that few (if any) HI-TA members know about you!

In 1993 I traveled to Ulan Baator, Mongolia, with several other women from Anchorage, Alaska, and helped to establish the first shelter for battered women in the country. The shelter is still in operation!



Early AYH (American Youth Hostels, the U.S. branch of Hostelling International) logos. From 1935-1937, the young children hikers appeared on posters and signs marking the way to hostels, as well as letterhead, handbooks and the *Knapsack*, a newsprint newsletter sent to members. In 1938 the logo changed to that of the young adult hikers.

2009 Spring Regional Meeting May 1-3, Chicago

The weekend, which started Friday evening at the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel open house, was appropriately titled "Peace, Love and Hostelling House Party Celebrating 100 Years of Hostelling Worldwide and 75 Years of Hostelling in the USA." About 200 people attended, including eleven Tanzanian women artists and their hosts from Toledo, who happened to be visiting Chicago that week. At the event there was a selection of free food from nearby restaurants, birthday cake and bunches of raffle/door prizes. The festivities featured DJ Bridget Knight with his international beat, an improv comedy set, and a tour of the hostel, followed by post-event excursions to Kingston Mines, including a pub crawl, and a traveler's documentary film screening of *A Map for Saturday*.



Back row: Jon Ridge, Executive Director of the Minnesota Council, and Paul Beno, Northeast Ohio Council; front row: Judy Wright, Jennifer Jarrett and Renée Dallas.

The 75th celebration continued Saturday morning with regional members cooking a pancake breakfast for all those staying at the hostel, which was at full capacity with mostly young travelers (bringing with them very healthy appetites). Many of you may not be aware that the Chicago hostel now includes breakfast with all of their overnights: toast, cereal, fresh fruit, muffins, juice and coffee.

Our meeting got under way at 11 AM Saturday. Each of our eleven councils had a representative present, with the exception of Lima, which we expect will soon be disenfranchised. We were very pleased to see Northeast Ohio present as they have been absent for a couple of years. In addition to our council representatives and executive directors, national staff members Blaine Franz, Eva Dillon and Russ Hedge attended.

The first focus on Saturday was "The Campaign for Hostelling," a three-year initiative to raise \$3 million from the friends and partners of Hostelling International USA. With a reminder that HI needs to make a cultural change towards fund-raising and recognizing that not all board members have the same skill or comfort with fund-raising, the national board explained its adoption of the AAA model: Ambassador, Advocate and Asker. National also announced that in June a new website will include a dynamic calendar where we can upload our own events, a PR film attracting those in the 20-30 age range, an opportunity to upload our own hostelling video and a strong Facebook connection.

We next focused on anniversary day planning. Each council shared what commitment it has made to one or more anniversary events. The national office is assisting with funding for these events and giving very helpful suggestions on how to make them special. Anniversary day celebrations are being held across the U.S., so I urge you to make every effort to attend our local event on August 16th.

After lunch we had board training on expanding our volunteer base, which included how to write volunteer job descriptions, as well as how to recruit, screen, place, retain, support and appreciate volunteers. We also did some interactive role-playing. We ended our meeting at 5 PM and then set out to enjoy the sights and sounds of Chicago.

On Sunday new VP Tricia Maloney called our regional business meeting to order. She recommended that, in light of all of our anniversary commitments, we not hold a fall regional meeting this year. She also suggested that in the future we have the training and business meeting on the same day, with an activity option planned for Sunday morning. There was much discussion about whether or not to hold a fall regional meeting; the final decision will be made following the June national council meeting. National reiterated that changes are coming to the organization, that consultants have been hired and that once their recommendations are in place, a task force will be formed to implement the changes. Council reports were given and I am proud to say that ours stood out as one of the best as far as the mission-based programs and activities that we offer. Minutes and a budget for this year were approved and an auditor chosen. The attendees thanked the Chicago Council for hosting the meeting and we adjourned about 11 AM. Jennifer Jarrett (board member and regional treasurer/secretary), Renée Dallas, Tina King and Sarah Orr (two Girl Scout staff members) and I thank the Toledo Council for giving us the opportunity to attend this worthwhile meeting.

Judy Wright

Transportation Enhancements in the Economic Recovery Package

The Rails to Trails Conservancy has lauded Congress for passage of stimulus legislation that contains \$800 million in transportation enhancements, the largest federal source of funding for walking and bicycling. Although this appropriation accounts for less than two percent of the total allocation in the bill, it stands to create tens of thousands of jobs and important transportation connections within communities. Furthermore, passage of this bill indicates that elected officials are starting to view active transportation projects not just as niceties but as necessities in America's future.

Kevin Mills, RTC vice president of policy, said in a February press release that the RTC is "very pleased with Congress for recognizing the wisdom of investing in active transportation. The immediate job creation will also deliver long-term benefits for communities by reducing traffic congestion, climate emissions, oil

dependence and obesity rates." This recent stimulus legislation supports the findings of an earlier RTC report, "Active Transportation for America," that noted that moderate investments in active transportation tend to yield high dividends, making them a cost-effective choice for policy makers. According to Keith Laughlin, RTC president, "Americans are seeking opportunities to walk and bike more, and drive less, particularly for short trips. With this funding, more Americans will be able to make that choice."

The RTC will be tracking the progress of individual communities in implementing hundreds of ready-to-go projects that will benefit from the recovery package. For more information about the immediate and long-term benefits of funding active transportation initiatives, go to www.railstotrails.org/atfa.

Anne Burnham

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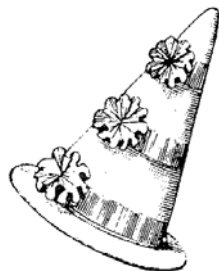
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2:00-3:30 PM - bike ride

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