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Early Retirees Reinsurance

Wabash has received certification to participate in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP). The ERRP is a Federal program that was established under the Affordable Care Act. Under the ERRP, the Federal government reimburses Wabash for some of the costs of health care benefits paid on behalf of, or by, early retirees and certain family members of early retirees participating in the plan. By law, the program expires on January 1, 2014. Under the ERRP, Wabash may choose to use any reimbursements it receives from this program to reduce or offset increases in plan participants' dues, co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance, or other out-of-pocket costs. As a plan participant, you may experience changes that may be advantageous to you in your health plan coverage terms and conditions, for so long as the reimbursements under this program are available and Wabash chooses to use the reimbursements for this purpose. Wabash may also use the ERRP reimbursements to reduce or offset increases in its costs for maintaining your health benefits coverage. This may increase the likelihood that Wabash will continue to offer health benefits coverage to retirees and their families.

Grandfathered Plan

Wabash believes the plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. As permitted by the Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when the law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Act that apply to other plans, but must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Act. You may contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 866-444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform or U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at www.healthreform.gov for protections that do not apply to the grandfathered health plans.

Honoring Wabash Volunteers

A group of Wabash volunteers recently celebrated their 12th anniversary of service to Wabash Association where veteran volunteers joined with newer members to recognize their service. If you received this newsletter in the mail, ***their hands have touched your life*** preparing this newsletter for mailing.



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The Banner Blue News

Any crafts associated with Wabash Association may submit articles or announcements to Janet Rolofson, Editor, janet@wabashcannonball.org.

Inclusion is subject to space available and appropriateness as determined by Editor and management.

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Medicare Members With Diabetes

Effective September 1st, Neighborhood Diabetes began handling diabetes testing needs for test strips, lancets, lancing devices and control solution for our Medicare members. You must contact Neighborhood Diabetes at 866-784-5647 to enroll. If purchased through Neighborhood Diabetes these items will be covered in full without any co-pay or deductible from you. Please have your Medicare card available to answer a few questions. Neighborhood Diabetes will contact your physician for information, fill your supply order and file your claim with Medicare and Wabash.

Quality People Serving Quality People



The newest member of the Wabash Clinic team is LPN, Mary Troxell, who came aboard with over thirteen years of nursing experience.

Mary and Randy, her husband of thirty-two years have four children and five grandchildren. A jewel herself, Mary creates various jewelry and accessories in her spare time.



Sam Abbate
Everett Abel
Robert Akin
Paul Anderson
Cuma Barker
Verniece Barkley
Elva Barnes
Lydia Barnhouse
Billy Bentley
Larry Boyer
Irma Brand
Glenn Briggs
James Buck
John Davern

In Memory

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Dale Han
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Virginia Jones
Patrick Lavin
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Florence Neel
Kenneth Nikolas
Patrick O'Brien

Betty Oyler
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George Riedel
Keith Shannahan
Wilbur Sharp
Ronald Stock
James Tadlock
Stanley Vitek
Antoinette Wells
Edward Winter
Ralph Yates
Lloyd Yearns

Wabash extends condolences to family members of Wabash members who have recently passed away. Life can be the same after a trinket has been lost - but never after the loss of a treasure.

Dependent Coverage

Qualified dependent individuals whose coverage ended, or were denied coverage, or were not eligible for coverage because the availability of dependent coverage of children ended before attainment of age twenty-six are eligible to enroll in Wabash. Contact Membership Services at 800-888-9161 to request enrollment before January 1, 2011.

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2011 Dues Information

A welcome savings in prescription and medical claims expense in the first nine months of 2010 has led the Board of Managers to retain monthly membership dues at the current levels (shown below) for calendar year 2011. We encourage you to use our automatic payment program to automatically withdraw your dues from your bank account. Please call the Association at 1-888-800-9161 to arrange this.

Plan #	Plan Name	Monthly Rate
2	Active (secondary)	\$122
3	Active Other	\$535
4	Disqualified / Disability	\$485
6	Retired or Union (secondary)	\$122
8	60/30 Upgrade	\$175
9	Medicare Supplement (\$1,000 drug benefit)	\$210
10	Medicare Supplement (no drug benefit)	\$140
11	Spouse of Retiree (secondary)	\$127
12	NS/Wabash Family - 1 dependent (secondary)	\$115
13	NS/Wabash Family - 2 or 3 dependents (secondary)	\$170
14	Associate Member Standard	\$255
15	Associate Member Optional	\$425
19	Retiree Under 65 years	\$572
21	COBRA with Active Benefits	\$430
23	NS/Wabash Family - 4 dep (secondary)	\$212

2010 Flu Clinic

Once again, the Wabash Mobile Flu Clinic went "down the track" to give 435 flu shots to members in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois.

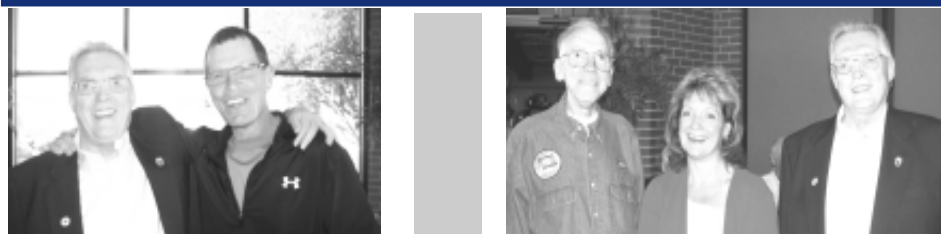
Members shown: Jim Matheny (bottom lt), Richard Frank and wife Tracy (center), Clarence and Viola Montgomery (top rt), and Grover Flannin (bottom rt).



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Retiring Board Members Reception

A reception was held on September 28th to honor retiring Board members Mr. Bill Chabak and Mr. Steve Speagle for their over thirty years of combined dedicated service to Wabash.. Shown in the photos below Mr. Speagle and Board Chairman, Mike Patrick (lt) and Mr. Chabak, Administrator, Tamara Bivins and Mr. Speagle (rt). The photo below shows Board members, Paul Stewardson, R.C. Smith, Steve Stone, Eric Ashley, Mike Patrick and front row, Bill Chabak, Rick Hayden, Steve Speagle, Tim Hunt and Jeremy Jones.



Pledged To Life & Health

The Wabash website (www.wabashcannonball.org) contains updates and standard information such as:

- Privacy Notice
- Summary Annual Report
- Women's Health Notice
- Pharmaceutical Information
- Member Handbook Changes