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In Memory

Wabash extends condolences to family members of Wabash members who have passed away (October 2014—September 2015). Life can be the same after a trinket has been lost—but never after the loss of a treasure.

Milburn Ball	Francis Davis	Lorraine Grospitz	Margie Miller	Ralph Rollins	Mary Yakey
Arthur Barrett	Shirley Dawson	Jerry Hill	Richard Moorehead	Nolan Ruple	
Othy Barringer	Mary Douglas	James Holtzclaw	Donna Morgan	Thelma Schaal	
Mary Becker	Phillip Dowdy	Gladys Karlas	David Mulvaney	Larry D Schopp	
Raynold Bof	Dennis Farrow	Christine Kaufman	Martin Norem	Kenneth Siddens	
Jimmie Bundy	C W Fox	Hazel Leaser	Mary Ann O'Brien	Robert Sorenson	
Jerry Coppinger	Donald French	Joan Leidy	Marian Oliver	Thomas Tallon	
Ruth Coppinger	Elvira Geragosian	Robert V McConnell	Bernard Olivieri	Ekner Westfakk	
Darlene Davis	Arthur Green	Melvin McGee	Marilyn Roar	Arthur Williams	

Funny how a melody sounds like a memory.

Wabash Management

Randy Thaxton, Board Chairman

Charles Cox, Vice-Chairman

Jeremy Jones, IMAW

R C Smith, Retiree Representative

Todd Clark, BRS

Dustin Gould, IBEW

Tim Hunt, NCFO

Gary King, BRC

Jason Shannon, BLET

Roger Snively, Alternate Retiree Rep

Tamara Bivins, Administrator

'Get On Board'

The Board of Managers of Wabash holds four meetings per year to manage, guide and direct the business, properties and assets of Wabash. Board action is taken after approval by the majority of the members of the Board attending a meeting where a quorum is present. Individual Board members may not act on behalf of the Board unless approved at a Board meeting.

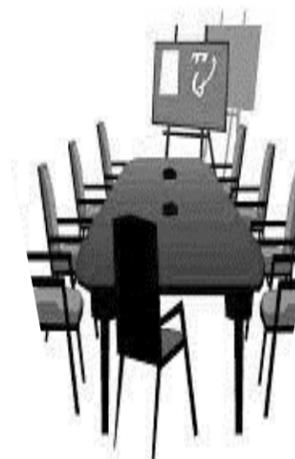
The Board includes one representative selected by the General Chairman representing each craft maintaining an affiliation with Wabash and employed by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

Every other year, the Board selects an individual retired member of the railroad crafts to serve on the Board for a term of two years, as well as a second individual (also selected for a term of two years) to substitute in instances when the first is unable to attend a meeting of the Board.

Every other year, the Board shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board and serve as a voting member of all committees appointed by the Board. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman presides over all meetings of the Board.

At the June Board Meeting, the Board will select a retired member and substitute to serve on the Board for a two-year term to represent retired members. Interested members on early retiree or Medicare supplemental plans may be considered by submitting the following information to the Administrator prior to June 1st:

- Name, address and qualifications
- A petition supporting your candidacy signed by no less than ten retired members in good standing.
- A short list of issues you would focus on if selected



Anthem Breach of Protected Health Information



The privacy and security of member’s personal and health information is a priority for Wabash. Most are aware that the insurance company Anthem disclosed that unauthorized parties gained access to protected health information in early December 2014. Wabash has been informed by our PPO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL (BCBS) that certain members who received care in Indiana, Missouri and Ohio may have been impacted by Anthem’s data breach.

The 600 affected Wabash members will be receiving notifications directly from BCBS and Anthem with more details and the offer of free credit monitoring and identity protection services. Anthem has dedicated a website, AnthemFacts.com where members can access additional information including frequently asked questions and answers. You may also call the Anthem hotline number *877-263-7995* if you have questions related to this incident. Information accessed did not include credit card or banking information or medical information but may have included addresses and social security numbers.

LDI Mobile Phone App

Our Prescription Drug Manager, LDI, is offering members access to personalized health information from anywhere. With the mobile app, members can:

- Show your doctor exactly what medications you are taking
- Have your medication history anytime
- Learn side effects and interactions
- Find network pharmacies by zip code or location



Get the App by searching LDI in either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Choose the navy blue LDI app and click “new user”.

Enter the required information, select a username and password and take advantage of the benefits your pharmacy plan offers.

Summer Holidays



Wabash Administration, Clinic and Fitness Center will be closed May 25th for Memorial Day and Friday, July 3rd for Independence Day.



Drug Update—New Brand and Generic Drugs



On February 17, 2015, the much anticipated generic Nexium(Esomeprazole) became available. The generic manufacturer, Teva Pharmaceuticals, holds a six month exclusivity arrangement on the production of the drug which does not allow competition resulting in a cost for the generic that is not materially different than that of branded Nexium.

As a result of the escalated cost of the generic during this six month period and the single source status of this drug, LDI will consider Teva prescriptions a Brand Prescription for the purposes of copayment administration. Nexium will also continue to remain a Formulary Brand Prescription during this time.

After the six month exclusivity period elapses on August 15, 2015, other manufacturers will enter the market, providing price competition. Based on historical experience, the price for the new generic will decrease by 80% or more, as it is no longer a single source medication. At that point, Esomeprazole will become subject to the Generic Copayment, and branded Nexium will become subject to the Non-Formulary Brand Prescription.

Other new drugs with generic forms available in February include Prestalia (hypertension), Cosentyx (psoriasis) and G-lyxambi (type 2 diabetes). As always, our goal is to provide members with the most cost effective alternatives for your prescription drug dollars.

Enhanced Cataract Benefits

The Board approved extended cataract benefits for members on the *Cannonball, Banner Blue and Medicare Plans*. Those members choosing to have corrective lenses implanted at the time of cataract surgery will be eligible for up to \$500 per corrective lens.



Updated Member Handbook

Handbooks are updated following each Board meeting in February, June and October. Updated handbooks are posted on the website (wabashcannonball.org) . You may always request a hard copy by contacting Member Services.