

Measures and Milestones

Panelists and Moderators

Steven Beshear is a native of Hopkins County, Kentucky, and graduated from Dawson Springs High School in 1962. He attended the University of Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1966, and the University of Kentucky Law School, from which he graduated in 1968. After working at White and Case in New York, New York, from 1968 to 1970, Mr. Beshear returned to Kentucky in 1970 and joined a local law firm. In 1973, he won a seat in the House of Representatives in the Kentucky General Assembly and served three terms. He was elected to the office of Attorney General and served from 1979 to 1983. Mr. Beshear served as Lieutenant Governor from 1983 to 1987.

Bill Bishop is associate editor of the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. He writes a column three days a week on the paper's editorial page. Mr. Bishop graduated from Duke University in 1975. He worked as a reporter at *The Mountain Eagle*, in Whitesburg, Kentucky, and as a free-lance writer in Louisville. He and his wife owned and operated *The Bastrop County Times*, a weekly newspaper in Smithville, Texas, from 1983 until 1987. He came to the *Herald-Leader* as an editorial writer in 1988. Mr. Bishop taught a course in rural development at the Sanford Institute for Public Policy at Duke University, where he was senior journalist in residence, and, in 1996, he was the Ford Foundation writer in residence at MDC, Inc., a rural development think tank in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

John Bowling has been a successful private businessman for thirty years. He has been Mayor of the City of Danville since 1986 and is a present board member and past chair of the following organizations: Kentucky League of Cities, Bluegrass Area Development District, Southern Municipal Conference, and Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation (Founding member). Mayor Bowling presently serves as Secretary of the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts and is currently a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 54th District.

Michael Bransford is a resident of Fulton, Kentucky, and was born in South Fulton, Tennessee. He is married to Carol Bransford and has two children: LaShaun, 15, and Shameka, 9. Mr. Bransford is presently employed at Excel Manufacturing of Kentucky in Fulton. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a former Police Officer for St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Bransford serves as a member of the Fulton County Quality Community Council and Fulton City's Code Enforcement Council. He also serves as Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.

Judith G. Clabes, a newspaper editor since the 1970s and more recently a corporate executive for The E.W. Scripps Co., is the president and chief executive of the Scripps Howard Foundation. The foundation was created in 1962 to promote excellence in journalism through scholarships, grants and an annual awards program. The foundation also financially supports literacy and volunteer programs in communities where Scripps does business, and administers the corporate giving program. Mrs. Clabes joined Scripps in 1971 as coordinator of the newspaper in education program at the Evansville (Ind.) Printing Corp. She later was community affairs director and associate editor of *The Evansville Press* before being promoted in 1978 to editor of *The Sunday Courier & Press* in Evansville. She became editor of *The Kentucky Post* in Covington, Kentucky, in 1983. In 1995 she moved to the Scripps corporate headquarters in Cincinnati and became special projects director for the newspaper division. She has been a trustee of the Scripps Howard Foundation since 1990.

Charles W. Coates, City Manager for the City of Bowling Green, has 30 years of service in local government with 27 of those years in the position of city manager. He has served as Bowling Green's City Manager for over 20 years. Prior to that Mr. Coates served as City Administrator in Muscatine, Iowa, an independent city. Before moving to Iowa, Mr. Coates was employed in the office of the City Manager in Saginaw, Michigan, with his last position being that of Assistant City Manager. He gained extensive experience in collective bargaining procedures while in Saginaw. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (1965) and a Master of Public Administration (1966) from the University of Michigan. He attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia in 1994, served as Chairman of the 1982 Conference of the International City Management Association, and is a member of the Kentucky City Management Association. He is a member of the Bowling Green Rotary Club, serving as President in

1995-1996 and Assistant District Governor, 1996-1997. Mr. Coates served eight years with the United States Marine Corps.

Brenda Cockerham holds a B.S. (1981) and an M.S. (1994) in Vocational Education, specializing in Home Economics, both from the University of Kentucky. She has 2,000 additional hours in three "Gainful Employment" areas. She has worked for the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for 11 years: two years in Pike County and nine years in Johnson County.

Dr. Forsythe has spent 19 of his 23 years with the Tennessee Valley Authority working in Kentucky. His primary interest is in helping promote sustainable development. Dr. Forsythe has worked in natural resources management and research, environmental education, and economic development. He played a key role in the United Nations establishing the Mammoth Cave Area and Land Between The Lakes Area Biosphere Reserves in 1990 and 1991. After serving in Southeast Asia with the Air Force, Dr. Forsythe received his bachelors from St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota, in 1972. Upon receiving an EPA Fellowship, he went on to receive his masters in fisheries science in 1973 and his doctorate in environmental science in 1978, both from Michigan State University. Dr. Forsythe enjoys cooking and visiting his lake retreat in northern Minnesota.

Jeanne Gage has over 13 years of experience in community development. Her background includes public policy research, fund-raising, strategic planning, organizational development and community organizing. She is certified by the National Development Council as an Economic Development Finance Professional. Prior to her current position, Ms. Gage was associate director of Eastern Kentucky University's Center for Economic Development. Ms. Gage has served in a number of volunteer positions, including two years as president of the League of Women Voters of Kentucky. She has a degree in philosophy from Berea College. Ms. Gage is director of sustainable communities at the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (more widely known as MACED) in Berea, a regional organization which provides opportunities and resources to help citizens build sustainable, healthy, equitable, democratic, and prosperous communities in Kentucky and Central Appalachia. Since its creation in 1976, MACED has combined research and policy analysis with technical assistance and financial investments to stimulate development that benefits low income households.

Dr. Lorraine (Lori) Garkovich is a Professor of Rural Sociology in the College of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky. She holds both a B.A. and an M.A. in Sociology and a Ph.D. in Sociology/Demography, all from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Garkovich has been with the University of Kentucky Department of Sociology since 1976.

Thomas E. Gish, a native of Letcher County and a resident of Thornton, is editor and publisher of *The Mountain Eagle*, a weekly newspaper published in Whitesburg. He has won a number of awards, including the Citizen's Advocate Award presented by the Ralph Nader Foundation, the University of Arizona's John Peter Zenger Freedom of the Press Award, and a special Environmental Policy Institute award for contributions to the reduction of strip mining and other environmental issues. Mr. Gish is a member of The Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame and a University of Kentucky graduate.

George W. Graves is executive director of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, a private, independent, statewide public-policy organization based in Frankfort. The Center is a partner with the University of Louisville in various ventures, including a new live, hour-long public-radio program, "state of Affairs." Mr. Graves is the on-air host of the show, which is broadcast over WFPL 89.3 FM in Louisville and focuses on current issues. The Center also published the bimonthly *Kentucky Journal*, cosponsors the Shakertown Roundtable, arranges internships at the Legislative Research Commission and elsewhere in state government, conducts a legislative effectiveness survey, organizes political debates, and establishes policy councils to tackle some of our toughest statewide issues such as constitutional reform, selection of judges, and health care. During a 23-year journalism career, Mr. Graves was a reporter and editorial writers for the Louisville newspapers and a writer and editor at *The Hartford Courant* in Connecticut. He has a graduate degree in management, and he held a fellowship at the University of Michigan. Mr. Graves teaches English part time at the University of Kentucky. He has traveled and studied in Europe and Japan.

Daniel Hall, Assistant to the President for University Relations, oversees governmental and public relations for the University of Louisville. He is an attorney with experience in private practice specializing in corporate law and has seven years of legislative and political experience working in Washington as top assistant to former Congressman Ron Mazzoli. Mr. Hall currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, and the Public Radio Partnership. Dan has a keen interest in the areas of education, law, and civil rights. He is an alumnus of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School.

Dr. Ron Hustedde is an Associate Professor in the Rural Sociology Department at the University of Kentucky and has extensive experience in public deliberation, conflict mediation, and curriculum development. He has published numerous articles on conflict resolution, conflict mediation, and public deliberation. Dr. Hustedde is a charter member of the Kentucky Chapter of the Community Development Society and is on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Mediation Center. In addition, he is on the National Faculty for the Kettering Foundation's Public Policy Institutes.

Dr. Betty S. King is part of the Pulaski County Visioning Steering Team and is serving as principal investigator for the Kettering Foundation field research project on the Pulaski County Visioning process. She is wrapping up her fifteen year as a Pulaski county extension agent for home economics. Starting in January, she will be assuming responsibilities as Extension Specialist in Rural Economic Development with the University of Kentucky.

Sylvia Lovely has served as the KLC Executive Director/CEO of the Kentucky League of Cities since 1990. Prior to that, Ms. Lovely served as Director of Intergovernmental Services, staff attorney and lobbyist for KLC for two years. Ms. Lovely directs the activities of 40 staff members at the KLC headquarters in Lexington in a variety of service areas: insurance for cities in liability, property, unemployment, workers compensation and health; bond and investment pools; information services; legal assistance; training and education and many other services. The Kentucky League of Cities is a statewide association consisting of 347 member cities. In her capacity as KLC Executive Director/CEO, Ms. Lovely serves on a variety of boards and commissions, in an effort to enhance and maintain the leadership role of Kentucky cities and makes numerous appearances throughout the state on behalf of cities speaking on a variety of topics including civic involvement and entrepreneurship in cities. She has been appointed to several positions across the state and currently serves as Chair of the Kentucky Health Purchasing Alliance Board re-established by the 1996 General Assembly Session in Senate Bill 343; as Chair of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, a non-profit group established to foster public discussion on a variety of vital topics; and served on the Kentucky Tax Policy Commission formed by former Governor Brereton Jones, established to review and recommend change to Kentucky tax policy. She is excited about a new program to revitalize Kentucky downtowns, Renaissance Kentucky which Governor Paul Patton has as a joint venture with Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Housing Corporation, and the Kentucky Heritage Council. She also serves as a member of the Board of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Lovely is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and is licensed to practice in Florida and Kentucky. She resides in Lexington with her husband, Bernie, and two sons, Ross and David.

Mary Helen Miller, during 20 years in state government, served as Secretary of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Chief Executive Assistant for Internal Affairs for Governor Martha Layne Collins, Legislative Liaison and Chief Administrative Officer for Governor Brereton C. Jones, Governor's Alternate for the Appalachian Regional Commission, and Assistant Director for Committee and Staff Coordination at the Legislative Research Commission. She is a retired schoolteacher. Ms. Miller has served on the boards of directors for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, the Louisville-Jefferson County Airport Authority, the Waterfront Development Corporation, the Shelby Development Corporation, the Western Kentucky University Alumni, the Shelby County Community Foundation, and the Shelby County Community Theatre. She holds a B.A. from Western Kentucky University and is a graduate of Leadership Kentucky. She and her husband have two children.

Dr. Penny Miller is an Associate Professor and the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Political Science at the University of Kentucky. She received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. Ms. White is a member of the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, the Kentucky Long-term Policy Research Center Board of Directors, the Kentucky Center for Public Issues Board of Directors, and the Kentucky Women's Leadership Network. She has served as Chair of the Kentucky Commission on Women and a member of the Kentucky Supreme Court Gender Fairness in the Courts Monitoring Committee and has been a TV, radio, and newspaper election analyst for Kentucky and national stations and publications. Ms. White is the co-author of two books, *The Kentucky Legislature: Two Decades of Change* and *Political Parties and Primaries in Kentucky* and author of *Kentucky Politics and Government: Do We Stand United?*. She was a member of the National Women's Advisory Committee for Clinton and Gore. She and her husband, Bob, have two adult children and two granddaughters.

Stephen H. Miller is a native of Hardin, Kentucky, in Western Kentucky. He, his wife, and two children have resided in Fleming County, Kentucky, for the past 20 years. Mr. Miller attended Western Kentucky University and Murray State University. He received his B.S. in Urban Planning from Murray State University. He is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Miller is the Executive Director of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District in Maysville, Kentucky, where he has been employed for 20 years. Before being named Executive Director in 1986, he held the positions of Transportation Planner, Economic Development Specialist, and Assistant Director. Mr. Miller is the immediate past chair of the Kentucky Area Development District Director's Association, and has served as a member of the Kentucky Workforce Partnership Council, the Kentucky Municipal Law Center Board of Overseers, Maysville-Mason County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Kentucky Advisory Council on the Homeless.

Rita Mitchell is a 1976 graduate of Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, and holds a B.S. degree with a double major in journalism and speech. From 1976 to the present, Ms. Mitchell has been employed as a journalist/photographer for *The Fulton Leader* in Fulton, Kentucky. Since 1985, Ms. Mitchell has also worked as a freelance public relations provider. In May, 1997, Ms. Mitchell was a presenter at the Tennessee Valley Authority Quality Communities Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This fall she was one of four Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange team members from Rotary District 6710 visiting District 1220 in England. Since November, 1995, Ms. Mitchell has been a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee, which carries out TVA Quality Communities Initiatives program in Fulton. She was a two-term president of the Fulton-South Fulton Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Mitchell was a co-recipient with husband, William Mitchell, of the Chamber of Commerce 1997 Industry of the Year Award for Fulton Publishing Company. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church and has two children: Ben, 16, and Morgan, 10.

Ron Payne was selected by the City Commission of Owensboro, Kentucky to hold the office of City Manager. He served as Director of Finance & Administration for the city from September, 1993, until taking office as City Manager on February 1, 1997. Previously Mr. Payne served 14 years with the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, first as Controller and Deputy City Auditor and eventually as Director of Finance. He was Owensboro's City Auditor from 1975 to 1979 and also worked for the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand. Mr. Payne is a certified public accountant. He holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Brescia College and a Masters of Science in accounting from the University of Tulsa. Mr. Payne is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Kentucky City Management Association, the Owensboro Rotary and serves on the Board of Directors of the Owensboro Riverport Authority.

Dr. Mark Peterson is an Extension Specialist in Community Development with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. A native of Iowa, Mark came to Arkansas with his wife and two daughters in July of 1989. Prior to that, Dr. Peterson was a community development specialist with the University of Missouri Cooperative Extension Service. A past board member of the international Community Development Society, Mark chaired a Marketing Committee which initiated a marketing/strategic planning effort that addressed major issues facing community development and the CDS through the year 2000. In honor of support of their community development efforts, the Ponderoso

Community Betterment Association named their county road, "Mark Peterson Drive." Dr. Peterson received his Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis and Administration from St. Louis University. He is a past chairman of the Network for Leadership Opportunities, an organization dedicated to fostering leadership development opportunities for the citizens of Arkansas. Dr. Peterson has traveled to 20 countries and given professional papers or consultations in several states as well as Germany, Italy, Peru, and Canada. He is the author of "harnessing the Power of Vision: Ten Steps to Creating A Strategic vision and Action Plan for Your Community", as well as other publications. He and his wife Pamela have two children, Rebecca and Katherine. His hobbies include reading, gardening, and fishing.

Dr. Rona Roberts is Managing Partner of Roberts & Kay, Inc., a firm committed to fostering democratic practices in workplaces and communities. Dr. Roberts works with clients in three sectors on issues including managing complex public decisionmaking, developing leadership and management capacity in communities and community organizations, and designing, conducting, and analyzing focus group research on public issues. Before founding RKI, she worked as a management consultant, directed the Office of Kentucky legal Services Programs, and served in the Philippines with the U.S. Peace Corps. Her community affiliations include Actors' Guild of Lexington, Kentucky, Women's Leadership Network, Lexington Citizen Summit Steering Committee, and the Museum of Culture and Diversity.

Jeanette Rogers is a native of Eastern Kentucky and has spent several years working in rural community development, both as a volunteer and as staff. She is currently a MACED employee in the Sustainable Communities Initiative, serving as Director of Community Development for the Owsley County Action Team. She has a B.A. from Lincoln Memorial University and in the past has worked as a paralegal, literacy coordinator, and also as regional coordinator for the Prichard Committee. She and her son, Sam, live in Booneville, Kentucky.

Phil Scharre is a Community Development Specialist with the Tennessee Valley Authority's Economic Development Group. He is located in Knoxville and has worked at TVA since 1980. Mr. Scharre provides technical assistance to local, regional, and state organizations in the TVA region in planning and implementing a variety of economic development and leadership development activities. He is responsible for TVA's Quality Communities Initiative which combines total quality improvement principles with strategic planning for economic development. This work has focused on assisting community or regional groups undertake a strategic planning process that helps them build leadership and teamwork, assess their needs, evaluate economic trends, establish goals, outline recommendations for action, and implement projects. This work is typically with rural communities in the seven-state TVA region. Mr. Scharre has also assisted community and regional leadership development programs and designed and facilitated training workshops for economic development organizations. He has managed TVA's administration of infrastructure grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission and has served as a strategic planning consultant to the National Rural Development Partnership. Mr. Scharre has a masters degree in Urban Planning from the University of Tennessee, a bachelors degree from Eastern Kentucky University, has completed the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma, and has received training in total quality management and team facilitation methods. He is a native of Louisville, Kentucky.

Billie M. Sebastian received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky. From 1988 to 1993, Ms. Sebastian worked with the Legislative Research Commission and the Development Subcommittee which designed the concept of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center. In August, 1993, she joined the Center's staff where she has worked with the *Scanning Kentucky* and *Visioning Kentucky's Future* initiatives. Ms. Sebastian has been a certified foster parent since 1988 and has served as First Vice President of the Kentucky Foster Care Association and twice a delegate to the National Foster Parent Association annual Conference. She is a past president of her local Humane Society, has served on the Board of Directors of two Kentucky Arabian organizations, and has served as event staff for 11 U.S. National Arabian Championship Horse Shows. Ms. Sebastian is a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Nancy S. Stone is the Executive Director of the Franklin-Simpson County Chamber of Commerce. Prior to her work there, Ms. Stone served on the broadcasting and news staff of Franklin Favorite-WFKN, Inc. She

is a Board Member of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives and West Kentucky Corporation, serves on the Consulting Committee for Communities of the Future, is a Site Visit Team Member of the Kentucky Industrial Development Council, and serves on the Barren River Area Development District Transportation Council. She has also served on the Boards of Directors of the Kentucky Council on Child Abuse, Franklin Simpson Memorial Hospital, the Simpson County School-Community Partnership, the Mammoth Cave Regional Foundation, and the Cave Region Matching Funds Committee. Ms. Stone has served as Chairman of the Simpson County Bicentennial Committee, the Simpson County Tourism Commission, the Simpson County Historic Properties Trust, and the Mammoth Cave Regional Foundation. She is a graduate of Portland High School in Portland, Tennessee, and attended Vanderbilt University. Ms. Stone is a graduate of Leadership Kentucky and the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development, and completed the University of Georgia Institute for Organization Management. She was recognized as the Woman of the Year in 1991 by the Business and Professional Women's Club, and received the School Bell Award from the Kentucky Education Association and the Community Service Award from the Simpson County Extension Service.

Rene F. True was appointed the Director of the Division of Research in the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development in September, 1995. Mr. True served three and one-half years as Deputy Secretary of the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet. He was twice elected Fayette County Property Valuation Administrator. Mr. True has owned and managed rental property, been a partner in a commercial real estate firm, operated his own seminar business, and currently represents a Lexington real estate firm as principal auctioneer. Mr. True graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and received his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Kentucky in December, 1995. He is a Kentucky licensed real estate broker and principal auctioneer. He received the Certified Kentucky Assessor (CKA) and Senior Kentucky Assessor (SKA) designations from the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet. Mr. True has presented real estate, appraisal, property tax and management seminar and courses for the International Association of Assessing Officers, Illinois Property Assessment Institute, Lexington Community College, North Carolina Institute of Government, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Realtors, Appraisers, private real estate schools and others. He has authored several professional articles and given numerous presentations to state and national conferences. He is married to Renee True and they have two sons: Brandon, 14, and Bradley, 9.

Alayne L. White is the Director of the University of Kentucky Institute on Women and Substance Abuse, which she established in 1993. Previously Ms. White was the director of a women's crisis center. She is a member of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center Board of Directors, External Welfare Reform Advisory Group, Healthy Start/Healthy Families Task Force, Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Work Group. Ms. White has served as President of the Kentucky Women's Political Caucus since 1996 and was a candidate for Kentucky's House of Representatives in 1992. She is a graduate of Leadership Kentucky and a founding member of the Kentucky Women's Leadership Network. Ms. White holds a B.A. from Centre College, and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky. She and her husband, Joe, have two sons.

Bob Whitmer graduated in 1975 from Centre College of Kentucky with a B.S. Degree in Applied Mathematics. He has served in various public and private sector positions, beginning his career as a school teacher and football coach at Owensboro High School. From there, he entered the private sector as a Manager at Green River Steel; then worked as the Human Resources Director for David Hocker & Associates, a major shopping center developer headquartered in Owensboro. His current responsibilities include overseeing all City properties and the public works, transportation and maintenance departments for the City of Owensboro. Bob served as chairperson of the Decision 2002 Committee.