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**NLC NEWS**

**States Cut \$2.3 Billion in Aid to Cities and Towns**

State revenues to cities were cut by approximately \$2.3 billion for fiscal year 2004, a 9.2 percent decrease from 2003, according to a new study by the National League of Cities. The percentage decrease is the largest in at least a decade.



These actions continue a longer-term trend of decreasing federal and state commitment to cities - an unraveling of the intergovernmental partnership. This trend, if it continues, threatens to undermine government's ability to deliver the goods and services Americans need.

To gauge the impact on cities, the National League of Cities conducted an analysis of state budget cuts in 2003 and 2004, as well as a historical analysis of state and federal aid to cities.

Among the findings:

- ◆ Cuts in state revenues for cities were reported in 24 states in 2003 and 2004.
- ◆ In 13 of the 16 states where revenues for cities were not cut, revenues grew marginally, at rates of less than 3.0 percent.
- ◆ These changes amount to a 9.2 percent actual decline in state revenues for cities between 2003 and 2004, totaling \$2.3 billion.

The actual decline in state revenues in 2004 is a dramatic shift from fiscal and historical trends. Revenues rarely decline. For more information on Kentucky statistics and to review the full NLC report entitled "Fiscal Crisis Trickles Down as State Cut Aid to Cities," go to [www.nlc.org/nlc\\_org/site/files/pdf/statelocfisc.pdf](http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/files/pdf/statelocfisc.pdf).

**Now Online: Tips from NLC on Preparing for Public Health Emergencies**



Officials from the National League of Cities met with public health experts in Toronto and with American public health experts to learn how to prepare for SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and other biological threats. As a result, the League issued a list of tips to help your city be prepared.

Foremost, the recommendations emphasize developing an organized plan, a chain of command and collaborating with county, state and national authorities in planning. Another sobering component is that biological weapons are terrorist threats and should be included as cities develop comprehensive homeland security plans.

To read these recommendations in their entirety with planning and action steps, go to the National League of Cities website at

**FRONT PAGE NEWS**

**DO YOU INSPIRE YOUR COMMUNITY? City Leaders Need to Connect**

*“Liberty means responsibility.”*  
- George Bernard Shaw

Engage: promise, pledge, commit, in gear. Engage is a word that evokes some very powerful images. When we engage, we bring passion, heart, and soul to our commitment. Civic engagement is one of the current buzzwords among talking heads throughout the country. It is the essence of the NewCities Foundation's mission.

One of the bedrocks of our national heritage is civic engagement - the pledge, promise, and commitment of the citizenry to our political system; yet, multiple studies and surveys - including our own preliminary findings - tell us that multitudes are not "in gear" when it comes to active involvement in civic activities. Although civic engagement is not measured by voting statistics alone, it is an indicator of our commitment to the democratic process. In Kentucky's most recent primary election held in May 2003, for example, only 18 percent of registered voters even bothered to show up.

Why are we disengaged? Discontent, disinterest, apathy, and unfulfilled promises are some reasons given in studies from North

Carolina to California. How do we change this trend? The process works both ways. Civic leaders - from candidates for political office to site-based school councilmembers - should be mindful that engagement goes both ways. When those who would lead us seek to engage us, they must deliver on the promise, the pledge, and the commitment that they make to serve us. When citizen leaders fulfill their engagement promise, the citizens will "get in gear." People "connect" when leadership affects "me and mine".... and that's what civic engagement is all about.

For more information about the NewCities Foundation or building civic engagement, contact Tad Long, NCF Senior Advisor for Business Development at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3739 or [tlong@klc.org](mailto:tlong@klc.org).



**Election Day is November 4, 2003**

**Where have all the voters gone?**



Photo courtesy of the Carter Center

*During an election last year, people walked for miles and stood in line for hours to vote in the Pujebun district, Sierra Leone, Africa.*

- ◆ Twentieth Century records show voter turnout hovering around 75 percent during the 1902 presidential election.
- ◆ In countries such as Japan and Germany, 89 percent of the potential voters go to the

polls. In fact, most democracies have about 80 percent voter participation.

- ◆ In a global context, the average US voter turnout in the post-World War II era ranks below 137 other nations in elections for heads of state.\*
- ◆ In Kentucky's May 2003 primary election, only 18 percent of registered voters participated.

Cities can help educate citizens about the importance of voting. To get more information on ideas that can increase voting, visit [www.stateofthevote.org](http://www.stateofthevote.org) or [www.kysos.com](http://www.kysos.com).

\* Information provided by the KY State Board of Elections

## THE LAST WORD FIRST

### Want Something Better? It Starts With You!



As we approach the November elections, it is interesting to reflect on public service. Voting, of course, is the public affirmation of democracy's gift to us. By the same token, representative government that results from that democratic voting process is ours to accept or change as the process allows.

Voting itself is only the tip of an iceberg that runs much deeper and traces its beginnings to an earlier engagement of the citizenry. Presumably, then, they come to the polls with sufficient knowledge to make informed choices. If current voting patterns are a true indication of how seriously we take this charge, we are, of course, in deep trouble.

Statistics clearly scream that fewer people are voting. There are an ample number of suspects: apathy, partisanship run amok, single-issue agendas and, unfortunately, the media with its cynical investigative eye fixed on even the best intentioned of political candidates.

But we, as society, must bear responsibility as well. We must become engaged in the process long before voting occurs. That is the necessary involvement by citizens in gathering the information they need to make those critical informed decisions.

It is clear to me that people hunger for something different from what they are getting in the way of public service. But, no matter their approach, it boils down to citizenship and the fact that as citizens, we are not demanding better from our leaders and from ourselves. Perhaps Pogo's oft-quoted cartoon philosophy is true: "We have met the enemy and it is us."

In other words, if you require better leadership and vision from your elected officials, you have a citizen's obligation to get it. Likewise, if you don't like the government you are getting at any level - local, state or federal - it is pretty clear who's at fault. Yet we continue to arm ourselves with the usual array of excuses - too busy, too weary, too scared or, perhaps, too turned off to engage at any level except to complain.

Could it be that 9/11 ushered in yet another era?

Suddenly it has become fashionable to talk about citizenship and what it means to care about one another. In a recent Kentucky survey that is probably not far off the mark for other states as well, we say that we want a safe and caring community more than anything else.

It can happen. Naive as it sounds, it can happen. But it begins today, now, with you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia L. Lovely  
Executive Director and CEO  
Kentucky League of Cities

## LAW ABIDING

### An Update on Local Voting Laws

Voting on city issues is usually confined to even numbered years, as stipulated by Kentucky's Constitution. But there are exceptions. Special circumstances can require some cities to have candidates and issues on the ballot in 2003.

Here is a look at some local issues that can be voted on in odd-numbered years:

**Voting to fill vacancies in office** is perhaps the most common off-year election issue. Determining if an election is required depends on when a vacancy occurred and whether the city has partisan or non-partisan elections. If a vote takes place, the individual is elected only to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. The person doesn't wait until January to take office, but assumes duties immediately after the results are certified.

Some cities may have placed a **special ad valorem tax** on the ballot. KRS 65.125 authorizes cities to enact such a tax to provide funding for a specified city project, program or service - but only if voters approve its purpose and its rate.

Even though non-city residents do the voting, **annexation elections** obviously carry great importance to cities and current residents. When a city wants to annex a certain area without the property owner's consent, only voters in that area decide. More than 45 percent of those who vote must favor annexation for it to pass. If annexation is rejected, the city cannot attempt it again for five years.

A **property tax recall vote** can occur when a city tries to raise property taxes in excess of 4 percent of the revenue produced by its compensating tax rate. A petition by at least 10 percent of the city voters is necessary to place the portion of the tax producing more than 4 percent on the ballot. Before the vote takes place, a city has the opportunity to roll back the rate to avoid the recall vote.

Citizens can also **vote on changing the form of city government** as authorized by KRS 83A.160. A petition signed by at least 20 percent of the city's voters in the last presidential election is required. If the majority ultimately votes for a change, the current form of government remains in effect until the terms of the then-sitting legislative body members expire. Usually, the next regular election will be for a legislative body that operates under the new form of government. For more information on this or other legal issues, contact J.D. Chaney at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3719 or [jchaney@klc.org](mailto:jchaney@klc.org).

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### I.D. Cards Can Save You Money!



In an effort to assist your city in reducing costs, KLC is issuing government identification cards for all Kentucky **elected** city officials. The I.D. card enables the cardholder to obtain discounted government rates on products and services nationwide. If you did not receive your card at the KLC Convention, be watching your mail in the upcoming weeks for your I.D. card.

If you have any questions, please contact Member Relations Manager Colleen Blouin at 859-977-3707 or [cblouin@klc.org](mailto:cblouin@klc.org).

## KLC FACTOID

There are 46 cities in Kentucky whose name ends in "ville." That's one out of every 10 cities.

There are 15 "burgs," 11 "towns" and 24 cities with names ending in "ton."

Source: KLC Resource Center

## CITY PEOPLE

### Profile of a Leading Man



Paducah Commissioner  
Robert A. Coleman

Commissioner Robert A. Coleman, a true southern gentleman, has lived a long life of leadership and service to his community. After 26 years of dedication to the City of Paducah, Commissioner Coleman is the city's longest serving elected official, winning his first election in 1973. His

true mark of dedication: Commissioner Coleman simultaneously served the United State Postal Service and the city as an elected official during those 26 years.

Educated at Paducah Community College and the University of Kentucky's Center for Labor, Education, and Research, Commissioner Coleman serves in numerous volunteer organizations. He has been a member of the Kentucky Crime Commission, Chairman of Four Rivers Behavioral Health Center, on the W.C. Young Community Center Board of Directors, Chairman of the Paducah Power Systems Board of Directors and he currently serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Board of the Kentucky League of Cities. He is also the president of the Kentucky Black Caucus of Locally Elected Officials (KBC-LEO).

Commissioner Coleman was deeply inspired by the mentorship of his cousin, W.C. Young, who served as administrative assistant to Governor Ed Breathitt in the '60s. It is with Mr. Young that Coleman learned the importance of civic engagement and volunteering in local campaigns. He was also deeply inspired by former NAACP President Curlee Brown, who emphasized the importance of voting by stressing that

African Americans carry their NAACP card in one pocket and their voter registration card in the other.

Coleman also poignantly remembers his grandfather's death, and how he found his 1916 Voter's Certificate among his belongings - 50 years prior to the civil rights legislation. All this speaks of a time when every American placed a high priority and value on voting and being involved in the electoral process.

"Serving as an African American elected official has its challenges," said Coleman. "It requires an extra amount of ability and you have to be sensitive to the needs of a deprived people." Coleman stressed that you must possess strong negotiation skills as you "voice the desires of the people and bring to center stage the things that are neglected, knowing that at the same time you are improving your community."

Coleman is proud of his record in engaging African Americans in Paducah, with orchestrating their active involvement on Paducah's Water Works, Electric Plant, and Civic Beautification boards. He was also instrumental in African Americans obtaining employment with the city. Paducah's first African American police chief, fire chief and personnel manager were all hired during his tenure.

When asked about his vision for KBC-LEO, it is no surprise that Coleman emphasizes voting as a key mission. Tackling predatory lending and providing home ownership opportunities are other areas of focus for the organization. Coleman likens KBC-LEO to the Congressional Black Caucus and would like the organization "to have a voice and place at the table to affect positive results, not only for African Americans, but all Kentuckians as well," he said.

### Got Something to Say?

The Kentucky League of Cities is always looking for great story ideas for *KLC Direct*, *City* magazine, our website, and our regular feature in *Kentucky Monthly*.

Go to [www.klc.org](http://www.klc.org) and click on 'Tell the Story.' To provide feedback on *KLC Direct*, email us at [tjohnson@klc.org](mailto:tjohnson@klc.org).

## CITY POSTCARD

### A Look at the City of Russellville



**Mayor:** Shirlee Yassney

**Population:** 7,149

**Location:** Logan County, in south central Kentucky. Russellville lies 30 miles southwest of Bowling Green.

**History:** Russellville was established in 1798 and was named after Revolutionary War General William Russell. On March 20, 1868, the Southern Bank of Kentucky, located downtown on Main & 6th Streets, was the site of the first documented bank robbery by the infamous Jesse James Gang. Notably, the City of Russellville has more places listed on the National Register of Historic Places than any other city its size in the state of Kentucky.

**Special Attractions:** Each October, Russellville is the site of the annual Logan County Tobacco & Heritage Festival. This event, now in its 47th year, celebrates the economic importance of the tobacco industry in Logan County as well as the rich history and culture of the area. Festival events include a reenactment of the Jesse James bank robbery, live music, an arts & crafts show, a downtown parade, and a fireworks celebration.

Russellville's Park Square (pictured) is the site of the Flying Fish Festival, which celebrates the arts in Logan County, and is held each April.

## TECH EDGE

### Reverse Auction Success Story of the Month: Newport Saves 29 Percent on Computers!



The City of Newport recently purchased 13 computer tablets through KLC's Ecuity online reverse auctioning process.

Anticipated cost of the tablets and accessories was \$40,000, or approximately \$3,100 each. The low bid in the auction was \$28,319, or \$2,178, a savings of 29 percent or approximately \$11,700.

For more information on the reverse auction or other IT programs for your city, contact Kirby Ramsey at [kramsey@klc.org](mailto:kramsey@klc.org) or Anthony Wright at [awright@klc.org](mailto:awright@klc.org) or by calling 1-800-876-4552.

## BIG IDEAS/INNOVATIONS

### Nominate a Woman Who Changes Lives

Each year, *Good Housekeeping* magazine and the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) honor women in government - elected or appointed officials, career civil servants, or members of the military - whose work exemplifies how government improves people's lives.

The top winner receives \$25,000 and six other winners receive \$2,500.

#### *Good Housekeeping*/Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Award for Women's Health

In addition to those awards, the *Good Housekeeping*/Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Award for Women's Health carries an award of \$25,000 for a woman in government whose work centers on women's health. This award will specifically highlight a woman in government whose program or achievement advances the status of women's health.

Obtain entry forms at the following websites-  
[www.cawp.rutgers.edu](http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu) or [www.goodhousekeeping.com](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com).

If you have questions about the nomination form or process, contact CAWP at 732-932-9384 ext. 231 or by e-mail at [kleeman@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:kleeman@rci.rutgers.edu).

## SHOW ME THE MONEY

### EPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Funds and Cleanup Grants

Once again, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering brownfield grants for assessment, establishment of revolving loan funds and cleanups. Applicants can be local government entities, nonprofit agencies and coalitions of such eligible organizations.

Note that this year the EPA will be strictly following the Federal Grants Competition Policy under EPA Order 5700.5. Therefore, they will not be able to have one-on-one discussions with applicants on their proposals, coach them on the guidelines or

review draft proposals. However, the EPA will still be able to assist in other ways. Draft fiscal year 2004 Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Funds, and Cleanup Grants (Brownfield Grants Guidelines) are available at [www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm).

Proposals must be postmarked or sent via registered or tracked mail to the appropriate Regional and Headquarters representative by November 17, 2003. (Note: States have expressed concern about the deadline and are petitioning the EPA to extend it.)

### Section 319 (h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant Funds

Do you have a brownfield project that adjoins a waterway? The Kentucky Division of Water (KyDOW) has \$3.5 million available for watershed restoration projects. The Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program of KyDOW is seeking projects that provide innovative and effective solutions to help control runoff pollution. Projects of special interest are those that develop

educational programs to reduce extensive pavement and other impervious surfaces, those that result in watershed restoration and innovative projects that show potential for reducing runoff pollution.

Additional details can be found at [www.water.ky.gov/nps/NPS\\_grants.htm](http://www.water.ky.gov/nps/NPS_grants.htm).

### KLC is at Your Service, with an Emphasis on Stewardship!

One example of good value for KLC members is a recent printing job. KLC invested in a high quality color copier in 2001. Since that time, KLC has saved

thousands of dollars in printing costs. For instance, the lowest quote on a recent job was \$2,077.18. KLC did the job in-house and paid only \$6.78 to have the piece cut!

## FROM THE FIELD

### Faster Than Running Water!



Mayor Fred Siegelman standing above the water tank

The 'Fastest Mural in the World' is complete, with three story high thoroughbreds racing around the **City of Versailles'** water tank. The hand painted mural, created by internationally renowned mural artist Eric Henn, covers 12,722 square

feet on a 2-million gallon tank and features eight thoroughbreds racing around the tank.

The entire project required 135 gallons of paint, 250 brushes and approximately 75 days to complete. It is clearly visible from the Bluegrass Parkway and is seen by thousands of travelers everyday.

The project was the dream of Versailles Mayor Fred Siegelman. "We are the horse capital of the world," said Siegelman. "We want everyone who drives by our beautiful community to know how proud we are of the magnificent horses with whom we share it, and of this uniquely Kentucky industry."

Private sponsors including many area horse farms underwrote the mural. No city funds were used. The project has received national attention including coverage on CNN.

### Hail to the Chief

Congratulations to **City of Lexington Police Chief Anthony Beatty**, who has been named Eastern Kentucky University's Outstanding Alumnus 2002-2003. Chief Beatty is a 1978 graduate of EKV and also holds a Master's Degree from Kentucky State University.

**Happy Birthday to Cave City, Kentucky**, celebrating 150 years as a city!

Know of a unique project worthy of honor? What about a city leader or employee who has been recognized for professional/civic accomplishments? Submit entries to "From the Field," by contacting Terri Johnson at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3784 or [tjohnson@klc.org](mailto:tjohnson@klc.org).

## MEET ME AT KLC

### Staff Profile

**John McGill**  
Senior Writer  
Joined KLC May 5, 2003



John McGill joined KLC as Senior Writer in May. Personally and professionally, his background is reflective of his diverse interests. He has authored three books, two on sports and one on leadership, served as senior editor for *AutoWeek* magazine and has worked for both the *Lexington Herald-Leader* and *Louisville Courier-Journal*. He has also worked in advertising and for a leadership/corporate training organization where he wrote scripts for such national personalities as Joan Lunden and Linda Ellerbee.

Originally from Ashland, John enjoys film, music, sports and Maui! Among his prized possessions are a photo, now in his KLC office, taken with Muhammad Ali when John interviewed him as a 19-year old sports reporter.

At KLC his responsibilities include regular contributions to *City* magazine, city profiles for *Kentucky Monthly* magazine, and a number of NewCities and KLC projects. Contact John at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3728, (859) 977-3728 or [jmcgill@klc.org](mailto:jmcgill@klc.org).

### Welcome New Staff

**Lynda Schwendeman**  
Administrative Assistant  
Joined KLC July 21, 2003



Lynda can be reached at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3725, or by email at [lschwendeman@klc.org](mailto:lschwendeman@klc.org).

## STAFF NOTES

Director of Research **Dag Ryen**, who serves as adjunct professor at the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, is also teaching a course in Kentucky Government and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond this fall.

Resource Librarian **Barb Pace** received her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky, as well as passing her written exam.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Educate, Celebrate, Participate

#### NOVEMBER

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| <p><b>6</b> <b>Trenching Safety</b><br/>Hodgenville Chamber of Commerce<br/>Hodgenville, Kentucky</p> <p><b>13</b> <b>Did I Say That? Tools for Communicating in Difficult Situations - Videoconference</b><br/><i>Live Site:</i> Kentucky League of Cities, Lexington, Kentucky<br/><i>Remote Sites:</i> West Liberty and Pikeville, Kentucky</p> | <p><b>14</b> <b>How to Sell Yourself: Winning Techniques for Selling Yourself...Your Ideas...Your Message</b><br/>University of Louisville<br/>Shelby Campus<br/>Louisville, Kentucky</p> <p><b>14</b> <b>KBC-LEO Meeting</b><br/>Still Bill's Restaurant<br/>Bardstown, Kentucky</p> |
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For more information or to register online, visit KLC's website at [www.klc.org/leadership](http://www.klc.org/leadership). With questions, contact Doreen Caines at 1-800-876-4552, or [dcaines@klc.org](mailto:dcaines@klc.org).

### MARK THIS DATE!

#### Does Public Speaking Scare You?

Everyone feels a little nervous when speaking in front of a crowd. This is especially true when dealing with the media. The Kentucky League of Cities is hosting a training session on "How to Sell Yourself: Winning Techniques for Selling Yourself...Your Ideas...Your Message" featuring nationally renowned speaker Arch Lustberg.

KLC's program will take place on Friday, November 14 from 9:00 pm to noon at the University of Louisville Conference and Training Center, Shelby Campus, 9001 Shelbyville Road, Founders Union Building, Room 218A in Louisville, Kentucky. This exciting and entertaining workshop is \$79 and offers three hours of credit for KLC's Public Officials Essential Skills Institute.

Contact Doreen Caines at 1-800-876-4552 for registration information. Don't miss this rare opportunity! To learn more about Arch Lustberg, visit [www.lustberg.net](http://www.lustberg.net).

## We Want to Hear from You!

To submit a story or commentary for KLC DIRECT departments, please contact the KLC staff listed or go to [www.klc.org](http://www.klc.org). For overall feedback, contact Terri Johnson at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3784, or [tjohnson@klc.org](mailto:tjohnson@klc.org).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A Challenge - Meet Me in Frankfort!



**Karen L. Cunningham**  
President, KLC Board of Directors and Mayor, City of Madisonville

I want to extend a very special thanks to Mayor Bill Nighbert for his strong and enthusiastic leadership during this past year. He not only traveled across the state to visit mayors and other city officials, he got us involved. It has been a pleasure to serve as a KLC officer with Mayor Nighbert. He has been an inspiration to all of us.

So, where do we go from here? This is a question often asked when we are faced with a difficult decision or unsure of what the future holds. As we begin a new year at the Kentucky League of Cities, I believe our future holds continued involvement in the state legislative process. Past President Nighbert did an excellent job of "rallying the troops" to make our presence as cities known in Frankfort during the last session. This is a battle cry we must continue to support. It is time city

officials walk the halls of Frankfort, attend Legislative Committee meetings and stay in frequent contact with legislators about the issues of concern to cities and our constituents.

I have thought that the Kentucky League of Cities organization is somewhat like a city itself. While the particular issues differ, the mechanism is the same. Cities throughout the state of Kentucky are constituents of the League just like each city has citizens in their community. The League staff works very hard on our behalf to help us address problems and situations that arise in our city. We as elected officials work to resolve problems in our city as well as plot a course for the future. Often as elected leaders, it is difficult to engage citizens to be active participants in the issues affecting a city. However, I have found that if an individual is personally asked to serve on a task force or board, they usually accept the assignment and do a great job in their respective position.

As KLC president, I challenge you to meet me in the halls of the Capitol as we continue to build a strong foundation for cities. I also challenge you to include your citizens in projects, committees and events in your city.



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## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Snapshots of Success!



“ Way to go KLC for keeping pace with the current and future needs of our cities and getting this information to the city officials at this conference. ”

- Terry Whittaker  
Councilmember, City of Elsmere



“ Great Convention! ”

- David Godsey  
City Clerk, City of Somerset

1. KLC Executive Director/CEO Sylvia L. Lovely presents Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson with the KLC 'Big Hitter' Award; 2. KLC Legislator of the Year Senator Richie Sanders ( R) with daughter Brooke Elizabeth and wife Leslie; 3. Jefferson town Mayor Clay Foreman with Gov. Paul Patton; 4. KLC staff Nancy Wylie (left) and Wilma Wilson with Williamsburg Mayor and KLC Immediate Past President Bill Nighbert at Parrot Paradise; 5. KLC President and Madisonville Mayor Karen Cunningham with the 'Madisonville Posse' prior to the Blues Other Brothers performance; 6. KLC Legislative Award Recipients (left to right) Rep. Brent Yonts ( D), Rep. Adrian Arnold ( D) and Rep. Steve Riggs ( D).

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Snapshots of Success!



“Motivating!”

- Connie Goins  
Administrative Clerk, City of Walton

“One of the best sessions (I have been to) in 28 years of convention.”

- Bill Goetz  
City Administrator, Fort Mitchell



7. Toby Burke, Special Assistant to President Bush with Mayor Karen Cunningham, Sylvia L. Lovely and Mayor Bill Nighbert; 8. Mayor Teresa Ann Isaac, LFUCG, with Hazard Assistant to the Mayor Charlie Hammonds and Hazard Commissioner Lou Ella Roll Farler; 9. West Buechel City Administrator Dale Georgel and wife Katie at Parrot Paradise; 10. Cornerstone Partners and Convention Exhibitors Paul Nesbitt, Ora Main, Judy Love and Wayne Simmons from Nesbitt Engineering in Blues Brothers glasses; 11. Congressman Ernie Fletcher addresses media questions after the KLC Gubernatorial Forum; 12. Dawson Springs Councilmember Ronnie Hensley with Attorney General Ben Chandler after the forum.