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KLC guests, executives and staff at the KLC inauguration parade reception.

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KLC Welcomes New Administration with Inaugural Reception

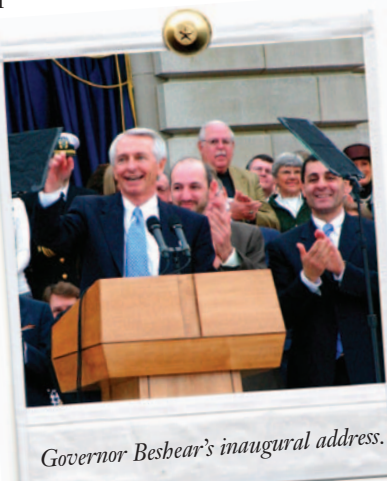
KLC welcomed city officials, legislators and other dignitaries during the KLC December 11 gubernatorial inaugural reception along the parade route in Frankfort.

“Just as we have in the past, we will continue to work with the new administration representing the best interest and the brightest possible future for Kentucky cities,” said Sylvia L. Lovely, KLC executive director/CEO.

“Cities are the state’s real economic engines,” Lovely went on to say.

The parade reception was held at the KLC Frankfort office at 104 Battle Alley. The location is situated just past

the Capital Avenue bridge and provided a perfect venue for viewing the inaugural parade.



Governor Beshear's inaugural address.

“Some of our members have never been to our office, so we thought it would be a good way to familiarize them with the local office as a resource in Frankfort,” said Bill Hamilton, deputy director, KLC insurance and finance services. The KLC government advocacy team is based at the Frankfort office and members are encouraged to drop by anytime, especially during the legislative session.

During the afternoon inauguration ceremony Dawson Springs Mayor Stacia Peyton was the first speaker to

welcome the Governor to office, followed by Frankfort Mayor Bill May and other dignitaries. Later, Governor Steve Beshear said Kentucky has stood still while others have moved ahead. He said he hopes Kentucky can lead the nation in areas like alternative energy and adventure tourism, and he said we must improve education, health and workforce development in order to foster and attract business.

“Kentucky was America's first frontier...I believe we can make Kentucky America's next frontier,” said Beshear.

“We have some heavyweight issues this session,” said Williamstown Mayor and KLC President Glenn Caldwell. “I hope city officials will step up and speak out, particularly on finding solutions to the health insurance and pension crisis as well as finding additional overall revenue sources for local communities.”

“From Hazard to Dawson Springs, it's time to get things done.”

Governor Steve Beshear during his inaugural address



KLC Board, executive members and staff at the inauguration.



ANNUAL CORNERSTONE PARTNER ISSUE >>>

KLC Cornerstone Partner Program is a Benefit to Member Cities

Over the past year the KLC Cornerstone Partner Program has retained and attracted more than 50 companies that want to do business with our member cities. By participating in the program partners enjoy numerous sales and marketing opportunities to get the word out about their products and services. The result is exposure for participating partners and added resources and competition for our member cities. Businesses join the program by paying fees in one of four Cornerstone Partner levels - limestone, slate, granite and marble - each of which provides a range of benefits. Proceeds derived from the

program help to underwrite KLC member programs including the KLC Convention & Expo as well as year-round training.

SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE!

“The Cornerstone Partner Program is our primary way to connect city-friendly businesses with the people they want to reach,” said Robin Cooper, KLC director of member services. Cornerstone Partners will play a bigger role in the upcoming Kentucky Municipal Environmental Health and Safety Association meeting in March 2008.

While KLC is not in a position to endorse the particular products and services offered by its Cornerstone Partners, we do encourage our member cities to consider our Cornerstone Partners when the need arises. Through their support of KLC these businesses recognize the value of targeted marketing to cities, and we are proud to connect them to you.

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'The Little Red Book of Everyday Heroes' Receiving National Praise



Daniel Pink and Sylvia L. Lovely

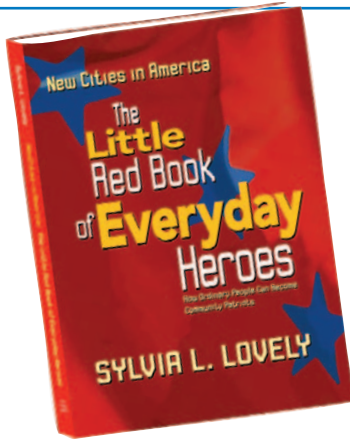
Author Sylvia Lovely, KLC executive director/CEO and president of the NewCities Institute, and Phil McHugh, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank, presented *The Little Red Book of Everyday Heroes* to Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana for their efforts in community service (photo right). *The Little Red Book of Everyday Heroes* is Lovely's second book, and was underwritten by Fifth Third Bank. The book was launched in October 2007.

The Little Red Book is a compilation of stories about people who have made a difference in their cities.

"Anyone can be part of a community solution," said Lovely. "The people featured in the book saw a need, got off the couch and did something."

The Little Red Book will also be used as a teaching tool for students. The NewCities Institute forged a relationship with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to help raise the civic capacity of Kentucky by engaging students in concepts and activities around civic leadership.

The book has already received acclaim among state and national readers. In fact, Lovely's growing influence on civic and community issues impressed internationally renowned author and thinker Daniel Pink, who posed with her after he provided keynote remarks at the November National League of Cities Congress of Cities event in New Orleans. Pink, who provided a written endorsement for *The Little Red Book*, is widely regarded as an expert in business,



technology and economic transformation.

Lovely said, "Some projects are big and some are small, but all of the people featured in the book are transforming their communities by simply seeing what's possible and taking action."



Sylvia Lovely, Amelia Donner, Natalie Pope, Maureen Dreckman, Stephanie Mekus and Phil McHugh

Nicholasville the Latest to Create Local Buzz around NewCities Initiative!

The NewCities Institute (NCI) is at work in cities across the Commonwealth and across the country. Currently, NCI is helping the following organizations and communities "see the possible" for building economic vitality and quality of life.

Nicholasville and Jessamine County have received tremendous media in the last month about their recent collaboration with NewCities. For more information on NewCities contact NCI Director of Public Affairs Bobbie Bryant at bbryant@newcities.org or 888-352-0922.

Current NewCities Institute

engagements include these organizations, just to name a few:

- ♦ **NewCitizen Madisonville-Hopkins County**
- ♦ **NewCitizen Morehead**
- ♦ **Nicholasville Streetscape Renewal Project**
- ♦ **Kentucky State University-Regional Stewardship Program**
- ♦ **Urban Solutions Center** in partnership with KLC and the **University of Louisville**
- ♦ **Leadership KCTCS** - in partnership with KLC and the **Kentucky Community and Technical College System**



Sylvia Lovely encourages a Madisonville citizen to contribute her thoughts.



Table discussions were energetic as people discussed what they want for their community in Nicholasville.

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NLC Members Approve National Municipal Policy on Federal Issues Facing Cities

Go to www.nlc.org to review the National League of Cities 2008 National Municipal Policy (NMP), which was approved by NLC members at their November Congress of Cities. The website also includes

summaries of NLC's seven key advocacy committees including Public Safety and Crime Prevention; Energy, Environment and Natural Resources; Transportation Infrastructure and Services;

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The channel includes monthly newscasts, conference and training presentations and a variety of timely Internet-based programs. It also features interviews with local officials on key issues affecting cities across the nation.

With the channel NLC intends to elevate awareness of city issues with the growing web-based news audience as well as trigger dialogue among web-based news and media bloggers.

[FROM THE FIELD]

▶ **Mt. Sterling Mayor and KLC Board Member Gary Williamson** has been named Chairman of the Gateway Area Development District.



▶ On November 26 **Mayor Brad Collins** was honored at a special retirement event held in the Morehead-Rowan County Conference Center in downtown Morehead. Collins, past president of the Kentucky League of Cities, served the city for a total of 16 years, 12 as mayor and four years as a councilman. Of the many tributes paid to Mayor Collins current **KLC President Glenn Caldwell, mayor of Williamstown, and Neil S. Hackworth, KLC deputy executive director** presented the mayor with a plaque from the Kentucky League of Cities noting his many accomplishments.

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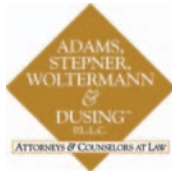
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Learn more about the KLC Cornerstone Partner Program at www.klc.org > Partnerships/Initiatives > Cornerstone Partners.

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If you would like to recommend a company with a product or service that you have found beneficial, let us know so we can introduce them to the benefits of the Cornerstone Partner Program. Contact Tammy Penna at 1-800-876-4552 or tpenna@klc.org.



Cornerstone Partners Play Active Role in KLC Convention & Expo

As the largest annual concentration of city officials in Kentucky, the KLC Convention & Expo brings together hundreds of decision makers. And as the KLC Cornerstone Partner Program continues to grow,

the partners themselves play a key role in the event. "We want their convention experience to have value, just as we want our delegates' experience to have value," said Tammy Lyons Penna, KLC member services and expo administrator.

"We continuously receive input from our Cornerstone Partners about

what would be beneficial to their businesses and weigh their needs with the best interest of our members," said Penna.

In October 2007 the KLC Convention & Expo hosted 146 exhibitors, most of which were Cornerstone Partners. This number - the most ever - included new

features such as large equipment displays and a vendor showcase. "We want to try new concepts for the convention and exhibits," said Penna. "KLC members are always our first priority, and the Cornerstone Partner Program helps us provide new opportunities before, during and after the convention."

▶ [ONLINE TRAINING]



It's not too late to take the **KLCIS Online University** FREE course on winter driving. Go to www.klc.org and click on the "KLCIS Online University" icon.

PREVAILING WAGE INFORMATION

The Kentucky Department of Labor now offers a free prevailing wage (PW) training program for groups or individuals. Training sessions may be held at your facility for your staff or be combined with other organizations. The standard presentation takes about one hour plus time for questions.

The following subjects are covered in the presentation:

1. What qualifies as a PW project
2. Requirement to report a PW project
3. Bid date considerations
4. How wage rates are determined
5. How to access PW rates
6. Identify different project classifications (highway, building, heavy, etc.)
7. Correct wages, who is responsible
8. Conflict resolutions, PW investigations

For more information contact Robin Young or Jim Zimmerman at the Kentucky Department of Labor at 502-564-3070.

▶ [MEET ME AT KLC]

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Callie Dezarn
Insurance Assistant
Joined KLC December 2007

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▶ [STAFF KUDOS]

LEGAL

Whitney Crowe, a KLC law clerk, was recently appointed to the University of Kentucky Law School Moot Court Board. She joins fellow KLC employee **Lee Wilson**, who is President of UK Law's Moot Court Board.

In addition, **Andrea Shindlebower** was elected President of the Greater Lexington Paralegal Association (GLPA) and **MacKinnon Andrews Butler** was elected Continuing Legal Education Chair for the GLPA.

INSURANCE

Congratulations go out to **Marty Nemes**, **Zilda Henson** and **Linda Shearer** in KLC Insurance Services for passing their Associate in Risk Management 54 exam. This is the first step toward an ARM designation.

EXECUTIVE STAFF

KLC Executive Director **Sylvia L. Lovely** was elected to serve as a representative on the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors at this year's Congress of Cities. She was one of only four directors chosen to represent state municipal leagues on the Board along with executives from Colorado, Connecticut and Nevada leagues.

IN MEMORIAM

Commissioner Tim Hall
City of Wheelwright, died November 24, 2007

Councilmember James Beaumont
City of LaGrange, died December 12, 2007

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REMINDER FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Your government has been invited to participate in the 2010 Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program. The program gives local government officials an opportunity to review addresses the U.S. Census Bureau will use to deliver questionnaires for the 2010 Census. For more information call 1-800-511-5822.



▶ [SHOW ME THE MONEY]

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CABINET GRANTS

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Reimbursements

Transportation enhancements are transportation related activities that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, historic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure.

TE activities must relate to the surface transportation system in function, proximity or impact. Projects range from restoration of historic transportation facilities to construction of bike and pedestrian facilities, landscaping and scenic beautification and the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff.

The only applicants eligible for this funding are state and local government agencies. Facilities and/or services provided are to be on a nonprofit basis. This is a reimbursement program, not a grant program.

Deadline: Intent-to-apply applications are due January 31, 2008

Information: <http://tea21.ky.gov/>

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Eligible applicants for this funding are state and local government agencies and local school boards. Applicants must demonstrate an ability to meet the requirements of the program. Projects by nonprofit organizations and school organizations are required to be in partnership with a state or local government agency or school board.

Deadline: January 1 through March 15, 2008

Information: <http://www.saferouteskentucky.com/>

Support for Fire and Emergency Management

FEMA offers three grant programs for fire departments, fire districts and emergency medical service organizations. The grants, which have been reauthorized through 2010, are administered by the national Preparedness Directorate of FEMA.

Deadline: Not announced for 2008- check online

Information: www.firegrantsupport.com, call FEMA at 1-866-274-0960 or request information at firegrants@dhs.gov

Grants for Sustainable Construction Projects

The Holcim Foundation presents funds to urban planners and others who advance the values of sustainable construction. Grants total \$2 million.

Deadline: February 29, 2008

Information: holcimawards.org



