

# Leadership Central Kentucky Jessamine County Day September 17, 2008

## Overview of the day's events...

The Day Chairs were Tim Vaughan, Tonya Crum, and Wayne Foster...

The Leadership Central Kentucky (LCK) 2008-09 class members met at 8:00am in the atrium of the Southland Christian Church ready and excited about what the day would bring.

Tonya Crum welcomed us to Jessamine County; she then gave an overview of the day's schedule.

Candis Williams and Shelby Horn presented four Influential Leaders of Jessamine county. The leaders, Nancy Stone (Chamber Director), RJ Corman and Clay Corman (Jessamine County Business men), and Jon Weese (Senior Pastor of Southland Christian Church), are folks that "make a difference in the quality of life" in the community both directly and indirectly.

Karen Bowman provided the class with information about Southland's new initiative called "Circles of Influence" which is a term describing their community-based volunteering efforts. Southland has partnered with local elementary schools, has started a free medical clinic in Jessamine County and works with local non-profit organizations.

The class broke up into three small groups for further discussion about Jessamine County's Transportation led by Nancy Stone, Planning & Zoning's Comprehensive Plan led by George Dean and Peter Beaty, and Economic Development which was led by Wayne Foster. We finished the meetings with a good overview of what is going on in Jessamine County in those three areas.



We then traveled by bus to the High Bridge Community where we toured the Kentucky Underground Storage and High Bridge Spring Water facilities located under thick rock-stone and housed in a cave. We saw where shelves of information were being stored as well as the bottling of spring water.

We had lunch at the High Bridge Park and from a scenic overlook we observed the Kentucky River below us and a train going across the High Bridge above us....what a spectacular view!

We toured the RJ Corman Airplane Hangar where Noel Rush (VP of Strategic Planning and Development) provided us information about the RJ Corman Railroad Group and their involvement with natural disasters where the rail road tracks had to be restored. He also told us of other RJ Corman ventures. RJ started as a one-man operation and is now a multi-million dollar organization.

We visited the new Career and Technology Center where we heard presentations from Ron Crouch (Director of the State Data Center) about Workforce Development, Aging and population trends, and what the numbers are telling us. Lu Young (Jessamine Co School Superintendent) then gave us an overview of the educational status in the community.