

**Leadership Central Kentucky
Scott County Day
November 19, 2008**

Scott County Day for Leadership Central Kentucky started out at the Thomas and King Leadership Training Center on the eastern campus of Georgetown College. Christie Hockensmith, current President of the Scott County Chamber of Commerce, greeted LCK class members, welcoming them to Georgetown. Chamber Executive Director, Jack Conner, reviewed the day's busy agenda. Class members Charles Silas and Zan Rexroat selected Scott County Judge Executive, George Lusby, as the most influential leader. While Charles distributed a Bio, Judge Lusby proceeded to tell the class great things about Scott County that all wished he had more time to tell them about. Judge Lusby listed the current economic crisis, cost of funding the jail and a dependable water supply as the three most prominent issues facing Scott County today.

Kicking off the agenda, Helen Carroll, Manager of External Affairs Toyota (TEMA), led a presentation on Vision 2015 and the different regional initiatives that are ongoing in Northern Kentucky. Rob Rumpke, President of Bluegrass Tomorrow described his group's efforts in working on issues regionally in the Bluegrass area. Following a brief break, the group boarded a bus for a tour of Scott County. As the bus rounded the bypass on the south side of Georgetown, the class viewed the skyline of downtown Lexington. Hospital Director, Barry Papania, described the growth and expansion of the Hospital Emergency Room area as we did a slow drive-by of the Scott County Community Hospital. Along the route Jack Conner pointed out various landmarks, some old and some new. (Library, Post Office, Garth Elementary, Royal Spring, Courthouse, Georgetown College, Lanes End Business Park)

Lunch at Toyota was next on the agenda, and it was delicious. While wrapping up lunch Grover Hibberd, Vice President Georgetown College, described the history of water issues in Scott County and ongoing efforts to build a water reservoir on 1,400 acres already purchased by Scott County. A tour of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, KY, the most fantastic manufacturing plant in North America followed lunch. Toyota manufactures the best selling Camry, the Camry Hybrid, Avalon, Solara, and the new Venza. "Kaizen", the process of continuous improvement, was on display throughout the tour as guide gave example after example of how production processes are improved by team members on a daily basis. Allan Robertson and Francis O'Hara gave a spirited review of KCTCS and a new Career Technical School currently under construction.

After boarding the bus, the class wisped off to Georgetown/Scott County Regional Airport on the eastern edge of Scott County. Jim Calloway, CEO of Whitaker Bank and longtime airport board chair, gave a history of how the airport came to be through regional cooperation with Bluegrass Airport, county, state and federal agencies. A major expansion is now underway to be complete in time for the 2010 World Equestrian Games. After extensive questioning on airport drug trafficking from class member Mendall Coffman (economic times are tough!), the class boarded the bus for the trip back to Georgetown College for a final panel discussion. John Cooper of Capital Link Consultants, Kim Menke, Manager Community Relations, Toyota and Dave Roberts of Scott County United Bank, answered questions and discussed many economic issues impacting Scott County. The discussion focused on topics such as agriculture, taxes, population growth, housing trends, recreation, the arts and education. With a full day behind them, the class departed Georgetown full of regional cooperation examples but realizing the many challenges that lie ahead.