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Lexington's Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum Special MLK, Jr., and Black History Exhibits through January and February

by Yvonne Giles

At Lexington's own Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum, January begins the year with an exhibit in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Displayed items include two books: a first edition of *My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Coretta Scott King, and *Bus Ride to Justice*, the autobiography of civil rights attorney, Fred D. Gray, Sr. Mr. Gray, a life-long friend of Rosa Parks, served as the attorney during the Montgomery Bus Boycotts (his book will be available for purchase).

The museum will also acknowledge Kentucky's leaders in the civil rights movement 142 years ago. Less than three months following the ratification of the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery forever, Kentucky leaders called a conference and in November of 1867 delegates from forty counties gave voice to their concerns about civil rights inequities in the state. They sought the right to vote, to testify against whites in court, to fair taxation, to assemble without interference, to travel on public transportation without unfair treatment and harassment and to seek support of better educational

opportunities for newly freed African Americans.

The Hathaway museum has enjoyed many successes since opening its doors on April 1st, 2007. Since the museum's opening we have had visitors from eleven foreign countries, thirty-one states and twenty-one Kentucky counties.

During February's Black History Month, all the museums in the Lexington History Center are teaming to present displays honoring African Americans who contributed to Lexington's history.

The Lexington History Museum will feature attorneys practicing when the Courthouse Building was constructed in 1898. The Renaissance Pharmacy plans a panel of information about W.H. Ballard, pharmacist and other medical professionals. And the Public Safety Museum will highlight African Americans who served in the police, fire and emergency response departments.

The Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum is located in the Lexington History Center at 215 West Main Street. Museum hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 12 noon to 4 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE MUSEUMS:

www.hathawaymuseum.org
www.lexingtonhistorymuseum.org
www.pharmacymuseumky.org
www.lexingtonpublicsafetymuseum.org

At age 9 when Isaac Hathaway heard there were no busts of his hero Frederick Douglass, he said "I am going to model busts of Negroes and put them where people can see them." He then spent his career--as a sculptor, educator, and designer of commemorative coins--creating images history might have otherwise overlooked and putting them where people could see them. ■

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Meet more Board Members

Since August The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice has benefitted from a reinvigorated Board demonstrating diversity in talent, background, and age. The September issue of *Peaceways* featured a number of biographical sketches so our readers might get to know our Board and their specific areas of interest and concern. We are pleased to add one more member to our board, Chester Grundy (whose many accomplishments and areas of service to the community are only hinted at in his brief notes below).

This month we are featuring a number of Board members not included in the September issue.

All are welcome when the Board meets the first Wednesday of every month at 112 N. Upper St. (see notice on page 7).

Chester Grundy

Age: 60

Issues of Peace and Justice you care about most: I am broadly concerned with all matters related to global peace and social justice. I am especially concerned with and committed to those issues of social justice which are impacted by race, class and gender.

Skills and experiences you hope will aid your work with the Council: I have extensive experience as a cultural worker. I am skilled with all aspects of event organizing and planning (planning, promotion, production, etc.).

Type of work you do (and profession if relevant): I am a university administrator; I provide a broad range of services and support to University of Kentucky students, primarily those from diverse cultural backgrounds. I also teach the History of Jazz in UK's Discovery Seminar Program.

Spouse's Name: Ann

Children: Tulani, age 30 (attorney with Littler Mendelson Law Firm); Saida, age 25 (Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan, majoring in Sociology and Women's Studies).

Birthplace: Louisville, Ky.

Years in Kentucky: most of my life.

Schools you attended: University of Kentucky; graduate and undergraduate.

Rosie Moosnick

Age: 43

Issues of Peace and Justice you care about most: I suppose if I have to pinpoint an area it would have to be looking at how our community is marked and defined by race, ethnicity, class, and religion.

Skills and experiences you hope will aid your work with the Council: I am a sociologist by training. I have long looked at the intersection of race, class, and gender in a traditionally academic manner. I have tried to challenge students, for example, to talk about UK basketball not just for the quality of the team, but instead to examine the racial dynamics being expressed in and around the sport. In my research I have also tried to explore boundaries. In my book *Adopting Maternity* I review oral histories I conducted with white women who adopted children of another race and/or nationality.

Type of work you do (and profession if relevant): Currently, I am working on an oral history project about Arabs and Jews who opened shops in Kentucky. I feel it is essential to combine art

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and activism, and hope to do so with this oral history project.

Something else we might like to know about you: I worked with a professor/veterinarian, Rueven Yagil, in Israel, who was trying to artificially inseminate camels and I routinely had my hand (rather my arm) inside a camel...if that is something else to know about me!

Spouse's name: Ted Schatzki.

Children: Louis Schatzki and Helena Schatzki.

Birthplace: Lexington.

Years in Kentucky: All of my life minus 6 years!

Schools you attended: Transylvania University, BA, University of Kentucky MA and Ph.D.

Larry L. Johnson

Age: 49

Issues of Peace and Justice you care about most: I am most interested in issues related to respect, and the fair just and equal treatment of people of all religions and races beginning with African Americans. I say, "beginning with African Americans," because the very roots of racism was a construct to discriminate against African Americans. And until you deal with the roots of racism, no other race will be safe from discrimination.

I feel that our communities should be free of prejudice and discrimination, and members of our community free to possess and express their individuality within the confines of a fair public policy and legal system.

Skills and experiences you hope will aid your work with the Council: On Board of the Humanitarium, Center For Culture and Diversity for 12 years, Facilitated Race Relations Dialogue groups in Lexington for six years, and served 4 years as the Chairman of the Lexington Commission on

Race Relations.

Type of work you do (and profession if relevant): I am Director of Community Collaboration Initiatives for Partners For Youth Inc. I work to facilitate and support collaborative efforts to increase positive development opportunities for youth, especially economically disadvantage young people, and to prevent juvenile delinquency. This work includes being Coordinator of Lexington's Disproportionate Minority Confinement Initiative, which works to eliminate potential for bias in the juvenile justice system and reduce risk factors through community building.

Birthplace: Lexington, KY.

Years in Kentucky: 49 year resident.

Schools you attended: Bryan Station High School, Lexington Technical Institute (now known as Bluegrass Community and Technical College), and the University of Kentucky.

Joan Braune

Age: Early twenties

Issues of Peace and Justice you care about most: Workers rights and fair trade, peace/antiwar, immigrant rights. I am representing the Catholic Newman Center on the CKCPJ Board.

Skills and experiences you hope will aid your work with the Council: I was President of a campus Amnesty International chapter for three years at University of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, Texas). One of our larger projects was organizing annual delegations of students to the School of the Americas protest in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

I am on the editorial board of the psychology journal *Reclaiming*

Children and Youth, which advocates non-violent, compassionate approaches to working with "at risk" youth.

I am currently involved in campus activism at University of Kentucky, on a range of issues: restoration of voting rights to former felons (in my position as co-chair of the Coalition for Voting Rights), immigration and human rights and a living wage campaign, among other issues. During the summers, I return to Texas, where I am involved in immigrant rights campaigns and other activism in the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas.

Type of work you do (and profession if relevant): I am a doctoral student and teaching assistant in Philosophy at University of Kentucky. (My activism and my study of philosophy are related. I am a member of the Radical Philosophy Association, and some of my major philosophical interests are the philosophy of Karl Marx, critical pedagogy, and philosophies/theologies of liberation.)

Something else we might like to know about you: I have lived in six states. I come from an activist family: my great-grandmother got into trouble for redistributing grain to Russian peasants before the revolution, my grandfather got arrested for protesting bomb shelters and was a lawyer for draft resisters, and my parents are life-long peace and justice activists. I belong to two religions, I write awful poetry in my free time, and my favorite novel is Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath."

Birthplace: Seattle, Washington.

Years in Kentucky: Almost two.

Schools attended/attending: University of the Incarnate Word, University of Kentucky.



Who are the Homeless?

According to the McKinney-Vento Act, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, or individuals [who] are in a temporary shelter, institution, or in a place not designed for human habitation.”

Other federal agencies interpret this definition to include only those persons who are on the street, in shelters or those who face imminent eviction (within a week) from a private residence or institution. They do not include multi-family or multi-generational households living in overcrowded situations or those families living in substandard or unsafe dwellings.

Two trends largely responsible for the rise are a growing shortage of affordable rental housing and an

increase in poverty, largely due to earnings below a living wage.

Though studies show that most homeless individuals tend to be males, the largest growing populations among the homeless are now youth (under age 18) and families with children (under age 5).

There is no single reason for homelessness, but a myriad of contributing factors characterize our current homeless population: victims of domestic violence, veterans (nearly 40% of men on the street), persons with mental illness and addiction disorders, or any combination of these.

Another little known fact is that many of those who are homeless are actually employed, but earn less than enough to afford housing at fair market value and related living expenses.



Local realities

Most of the national trends affecting homelessness (see article above) hold true on a local level as well. According to the 2007 Point in Time Homeless Count in downtown Lexington (based on a walking tour of shelters, transitional housing and known habitats on a given night in January), there were 1,123 individuals (according to the definition found in the McKinney-Vento Act), counted as homeless, in what was most likely a very conservative account. It was also just a snapshot of the large picture of homelessness in Lexington.

Lexington is fortunate to have numerous resources that exist to address the many needs of the homeless, though most are overcrowded and tapped to their limits, particularly in the winter months when many more seek indoor shelter -- as recent headlines indicate.

This fall a Citizen's Summit examined current needs, existing resources and best practices to respond to demand and address the complex issues contributing to homelessness.

For more information or to offer your input contact the Commissioner of Social Services, Merlene Helm at 258-3800 or <http://www.lfucg.com>.



Bring 'Em Home -- To What?

by Billie Mallory

As part of our Iraq Summer events a number of us participated in a 24-hour vigil in Phoenix Park. We met many people from all walks of life with various opinions and perspectives, and we experienced some unexpected interactions.

Many of the individuals in the heart of downtown Lexington are homeless veterans from past wars and military actions. They are the living casualties that suffer from post-traumatic stress, alcoholism or drug addiction, and any other combination of psychological disorders that keep them from the mainstream of society. They are the walking wounded that returned home from serving their country but never quite found their place. Or maybe their place is to remind us of the ongoing casualties of our nation's lack of conscience.

Unexpectedly, many of these veterans joined our efforts by holding signs, creating art, or “having our backs,” staying throughout the night, participating as valuable contributors to our cause.

Those of us who normally walk quickly past and divert our eyes from “those people” got to know a few of them by name. They helped us realize that we need to go beyond just bringing our troops home. We also need to provide quality medical care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, job training, affordable housing, and sustainable employment. We must also give them a home in our hearts and minds while we help them become productive members of our society by walking beside them -- not just passing them by.



Facts and information reprinted from the National Coalition for the Homeless, June, 2006, Fact Sheet #3 and the Point in Time Walking Count, 2007 LFUCG. Information researched and submitted by Billie Mallory.

AmeriCorps: Service to America

AmeriCorps and VISTA (sometimes referred to as the domestic Peace Corps) is a network of non-profit organizations, public agencies and faith-based groups that meet critical needs in education, the environment, public security and other human service areas through the use of trained members serving in their own communities.

One of those partnering agencies in Kentucky is the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky (HHCK) which administers Getting Things Done for Kentucky. The goal of this AmeriCorps program is to create, find, rehabilitate or maintain suitable housing for individuals or families in existing, local programs serving both the homeless and those in need of safe, decent and affordable housing.

In Lexington five Americorps members serve in four local agencies: Habitat for Humanity, Lexington Rescue Mission, Volunteers of America, and Bluegrass Literacy. Each member provides 1,700 hours of service, coordinates community service projects, recruits other volunteers and educates through public speaking opportunities.

Perhaps your community group or service organization would like to learn more about AmeriCorps' Service to America and its local impact on homelessness by contacting one of the agencies mentioned above, or by calling Billie Mallory at 255-9339. She can also describe opportunities to make donations towards matching grants.

Six Ways You Can Help

1. **Understand** who the homeless are in your community
2. **Respect** the homeless as individuals and respond with kindness
3. **Volunteer** at a shelter, soup kitchen, outreach program or mission
4. **Educate** yourself and others
5. **Lobby** local, regional and federal governments for effective solutions and resources
6. **Give** time, money, clothing, food, toys, personal hygiene items, winter wear

Adapted from: www.endhomelessness.com

Local Homeless Resources, Shelters, Opportunities

- Hope Center for Men and Women (also Hopemobile)
- Lexington Rescue Mission
- Catholic Action Center
- Kids Cafe/7th Street Center
- Nathaniel Mission
- Salvation Army
- Room in the Inn
- Volunteers of America
- Sonshine Missions
- Bluegrass Farmworker Health Clinic
- Feed the Hungry
- God's Pantry Food Bank

The National Low Income Housing Coalition has reported that there is no jurisdiction in the country in which a full-time minimum wage worker can afford fair market rent. In Lexington, such a living wage to provide for decent housing would equal \$11.96 an hour.

Additional Resources

Central KY Housing and Homeless Initiative, Inc.
130 W. New Circle Rd, Suite 110
Lexington, KY 40505
(859) 281-9402 www@ckhhi.org

Homeless and Housing Coalition of KY, 101 Burch Court, Frankfort, KY 40601 www.hhck.org
Sara Coppler, Exec. Director
Josie Kirker, Americorps Program Director, Laura Barrett, VISTA

Volunteers of America
Homeless Veterans Program
(859) 254-0149

Bluegrass Literacy
112 N. Upper St. (KCCJ office)
Lexington, KY 40507
(859) 255 9339 Billie Mallory, Housing Counsellor

National Alliance to End Homelessness
1518 K St. NW, Suite 206
Washington, DC 20005
www.endhomelessness.org

National Coalition for the Homeless
2201 P St. NW
Washington, DC 20037
<http://nationalhomeless.org>

Information researched and submitted by Billie Mallory. Resources listed are representative and not comprehensive.

FairWorks 2007 Season Report

by **Billie Mallory**

This was the Council's second year running the FairWorks fair trade program. Because we ran an extended 8-week holiday sales season, more outreach, publicity, and promotion enabled us to reach a wider audience than last year.

We began the season with scheduled alternative gift fairs at area churches and college marketplaces at Transylvania University and Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Promotional and educational opportunities opened up in local schools when we were invited to display and sell merchandise at their scheduled events.

Compared to last year when we rented storefront space, we had less inventory and there was very little overhead and few expenses except for registration fees and supplies.

We learned that being mobile was labor intensive, with constant packing and unpacking, loading and unloading, setting up and tearing down displays. But being mobile also took us to targeted populations who were frequently already familiar and supportive of fair trade, which meant greater sales with less time investment.

By far, our most profitable venues for sales were the alternative gift fairs at churches and fair trade sales at the colleges, yielding 90% of our sales.

Additional components this year were educational presentations, distribution of materials and more person-to-person contact to develop relationships for future promotion and marketing. There is a need to develop this market among consumer-conscious audiences, as well as to continue educating young people about the cul-

tural aspects and impact of fair trade.

Specifically, relationships have already been established with Lexington Traditional Middle School and with Sayre Schools, and contacts have been made with other public schools for future programming. Other relationships can be nurtured at the the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, Georgetown College and Lexington Theological Seminary, other private schools and churches. Further developing the connection with the Distillery District and other fair trade retailers might also be advantageous, as the local movement grows.

For more information, contact Billie Mallory at (859) 285-5211, mallorybillie@yahoo.com.



Fair Trade Presentations at Sayre School

by **Soreyda Begley**

During December I had the chance to do presentations to the Spanish classes at the Sayre School Middle School. The Spanish teachers Christa Green and Maggie Roll were interested in giving the students a chance to learn about lifestyle and culture in other countries and at the same time learn about fair trade and the conditions of the workers who

make products that they use daily. I spoke to eight classes, for about 45 minutes each. I also did a short presentation for the high school students and teachers during their weekly assembly. The response was very good, and the students seemed very enthusiastic to learn about working conditions in another country, daily life in Honduras, how I adapted to life in Kentucky. This shows me that fair trade

is a topic of interest to students, and discussions of fair trade can serve as a means of cultural interchange. In January, I have presentations scheduled for one of the Montessori schools and would be glad to hear from anyone wanting a presentation at their school.

I can be contacted through email at soreyda@soreyda.com or by phone at 576-0924.



Events at a Glance

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 9:30-12:30 Pax Christi Catholic Church 4001 Victoria Way (location to be confirmed)	Damaged Environment, Damaged Health: Moral and Practical Recovery Workshop presented by Lexington Catholic Diocese Justice and Peace Commission -- free and open to all	for further information and to confirm details contact: Mary Alice Pratt 278-0833 or Rev. John Rausch 606-663-0823 jsrausch@bellsouth.net

NEW COMMUNITY COLUMNIST

CKCPJ Board Member Jim Embry has been selected as one of the Lexington Herald-Leader's new Community Columnists for 2008.

1st Wed. of the Month 7:00 p.m.	CKCPJ Board Meeting , KCCJ office, 112 N. Upper St. ● All welcome.	Rosie Moosnick 268-5260
1st Wed. of the Month 4:00-6:30	Franciscan Peace Center , 3389 Squire Oak.	Pat Griffin 230-1986
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.	
2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm	Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St.	Paul Brown (Chair) heme1588@yahoo.com
2 nd Wed. of the month 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	Dick Renfro 255-7029
3 rd Thursday of the month	Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King.	Janet Tucker 389-8575
TBA call for details	Kitchen Gardeners of the Bluegrass	call for details: John Walker 225-3866
for current activities and projects see website	Sustainable Communities Network for information see: www.SustainLex.org or call Jim Embry	Jim Embry, 312-7024
1st Monday of the month 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	Kentucky Migrant Newtwork , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road.	Miguel Rodriguez, Chair miguelug929@yahoo.com

● Denotes article in this issue containing more information.



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"How wealthy the wealthy are does matter. If we allow great wealth to accumulate in the pockets of a few, then great wealth can set our political agenda and shape our political culture — and the agenda and the culture that emerge will not welcome efforts to make America work for all Americans."
— Sam Pizzigati

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Bits and Peaces

Greetings from your new editor

In November your editor Michael Fogler bid you farewell after 18 years of faithful service to *Peaceways*. This month it is my great privilege to greet you as your new editor. I've read the newsletter for the past 10 years since my family and I moved to Lexington and am honored to now serve in this role.

My name is Gail Koehler. I'm a Quaker committed to justice and peace, a writer and editor who earned a Masters in English Literature from the University of Toronto and a journalism certificate from what is now Ryerson University. In Lexington I've taught writing classes at The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning and written freelance.

In the masthead box on the bottom of page 2 you'll find my contact information. Our **deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of each month**. I urge you to remember that we want to hear your voice in *Peaceways*. Tell us about upcoming events. Share your stories and experiences. Send us reports on the work you're doing to help make Central Kentucky, our nation, and our world become more just and peaceable. ■

How would you spend \$720 million? That's how much one day of the Iraq war costs

"...A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., April 1967

Forty years after the prophetic speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Riverside Church in New York City, the U.S. government continues the same destructive policies he spoke out against. The truth is that the money could be spent on meeting critical human needs.

That \$720 million-a-day* could provide:

- one year of healthcare coverage for more than 420,000 children
- over 95,000 new Head Start places for children
- homes for more than 6,400 families

To help spark a dialogue about how that money could be spent, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) has a new touring exhibit, the Economic Cost of War, an outgrowth of their acclaimed Eyes Wide Open exhibit about the human cost of the war and their campaign for a moral federal budget.

For downloadable resources and more information online, go to www.afsc.org/cost. To sign onto the petition, go to www.afsc.org/defund-refund-petition

*This estimate is based on the work of Nobel prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz and Harvard professor Linda Blimes, who estimate that four years of the Iraq war has cost \$1 trillion. The congressional Budget Office recently released a report with the same estimate.