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Restorative Practices

Training Leaders to Implement Restorative Practices for Youth

by Rebecca DiLoreto

On October 10 the Kentucky Center for Restorative Justice and the Children's Law Center sponsored "Restorative Practices: A Statewide Symposium Training Leaders to Implement Restorative Practices for Youth." The event was hosted by Spalding University in Louisville. The session featured two national speakers: Ted Wachtel, educator and founder of the International Institute of Restorative Practice (IIRP), and Sujatha Baliga, director of the Restorative Justice Project for the National Council for Crime and Delinquency. More than 150 attorneys, school personnel, community advocates, court personnel and experts in restorative justice attended.

Attendees participated in two breakout sessions to hear from local restorative justice experts including Linda Harvey and Mariam Levy from Restorative Justice of Lexington; T. Kerby Neill, a child psychologist; Libby Mills, director for Restorative Justice Louisville; Judge Steven Mershon; Dean Susan Duncan, University of Louisville Law School; and Eileen Blanton from Peace



Joan Brannon and the Sacred Drum Ensemble opened and closed the "Restorative Practices" symposium held at Spalding University in Louisville. According to her website, drummingworks.com. Joan respects the drum as a sacred instrument that utilizes rhythms for celebration and as a tool for communication, empowerment and community building.

Education in Louisville. Barbara Conner and Vince Mattox, Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) made a presentation on the importance of being aware of our cultural conditions.

Restorative Justice is an approach to discipline that moves away from a punishment driven model to a model that restores harmony to all those affected by the hurtful acts. The basic three pillars of Restorative Justice focus on: first, who has been harmed? Second, what are the needs

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Where are the Heroes?

by Billie Mallory, MSW

In a Nov. 17 op-ed piece in the Lexington Herald-Leader David Christiansen made an appeal to elected leaders to "find the courage to stand against the mob" mentality of verbally attacking those who are homeless, mentally ill or addicted. That could include many who have lost their way in this world, such as youth escaping abuse, elderly being dumped by family members, people with mental illness being turned out by hospitals, or individuals with physical and mental handicaps who have limited resources or the ability to manage such. The situations and stories, as well as the need, are endless.

The Central Kentucky community is fortunate to have many social services and programs to support those who are able but those resources are limited and often targeted towards specific populations. We are grateful for caring churches, faith groups and individuals who extend themselves to fill some of

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Sujatha Baliga, one of the keynote speakers at the "Restorative Practices" symposium, answers a question in the final panel discussion of the day. L-R: Barbara Conner of FCPS; Libby Mills, Restorative Justice Louisville; Sujatha Baliga, Restorative Justice Project [California]; Spalding President Tori McClure; Linda Harvey, Juvenile Restorative Justice, Lexington; Kerby Neill, board member, CKCPI; Eileen Blanton, Peace Education Program, Louisville; Vince Mattox, FCPS.

Community reviews location of night shelter

About 100 people met at Central Christian Church in Lexington to give feedback about five potential sites for the Community Inn, a night shelter in Lexington that houses an average of 75 people each night. The conditional use permit issued to Emmanuel Apostolic Church by Lexington's board of adjustment has been revoked, requiring the church to find a new location for its ministry of sheltering the homeless, according to pastor Elder James McDonald.

The locations being considered include 353 Waller Ave., 1400 N. Forbes Rd., 1353 W. Main St., 166 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., and 219 E. Short St.

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions and write comments and were asked to indicate a preference by placing a sticker on the locations's display board. A sixth option was "Scattered Housing," which would open smaller shelters in a variety of places

throughout Lexington.

The Waller Ave. location received the most votes, although written comments pointed out the proximity of several schools, including Picadome Elementary and Lafayette High School, and that its distance from downtown could be a hardship for the target population of the project.

The location on Martin Luther King Boulevard had the second highest number of votes. According to Ginny Ramsey, co-director of the Catholic Action Center, the location is favored by residents of the streets. Favorable comments centered on its accessibility to day shelters, feeding programs and public transportation. The location of schools and its limited size were mentioned as drawbacks. "Scattered Housing" received no votes.

Several months ago Divine Providence, Inc., the umbrella ministry of the Catholic Action Center, the Community Inn and Divine Providence way, began investigating the acquisition of Lorillard Lofts, which would enable many outreach efforts to come under the same roof. There were complaints about the plan from nearby neighborhoods and Mayor Jim Gray recently announced that the city would not support such a move.

Members of the Urban County Council were invited to attend the meeting, but none were present. Bill Sallee, manager of planning services for LFUCG, answered questions about the needed zoning; Sheriff Kathy Witt was on hand to answer questions about public safety.

Following a period of investigation Linda Harvey called the group together to close the session. She offered her expertise as a mediator to facilitate an ongoing process. "There are many groups here who need to be heard and we understand that," she said. "We're looking for an answer and hopefully something positive will come out. As a community we can address the issue so that people don't feel alienated, but let's not leave without hope. Together we can make something good happen here."



Ben Hancock (wheelchair) represents the Street Voice Council at the Nov. 4 listening session.

The Walking Dead by Billie Mallory

They shuffle eerily down the street,
being careful that eyes never meet.

They are invisible and discreet
—blank-eyed strangers—another dreaded day to greet.

They move stealthily from place to place,
searching for food, shelter or just a quiet space.

The simple things just too difficult to face—
faceless strangers—least of the human race.

They look like empty shells with a raging mind,
their broken spirits—no place to find.

Day to day—it's a survival grind—
tormented strangers—their demons to bind.

They are the walking dead, mere survival is all they strive,
seeking a place of solace to thrive.

To 'Home Sweet Home' they never arrive—
homeless strangers—living but not really alive.

Dr. Williams discusses his book, answers questions

Research uncovers previously unknown activity of the FBI and Chicago police department concerning conspiracy, files about Dr. Martin Luther King and the organization of the Rainbow Coalition.

by Janet Tucker

Dr. Jakobi Williams spoke about his book, *From the Bullet to the Ballot: The Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party and Racial Coalition Politics in Chicago*, to a full room at Wild Fig Bookstore. Williams talked about the little-known story of the Illinois Black Panther Party and what caused them to be labeled “the most dangerous threat” by the FBI.

On November 1, 1968, Fred Hampton had a meeting with Bob Lee. Hampton, one-time president of the NAACP Youth Council, was the charismatic leader of the Black Panthers in Chicago. Bob Lee, from Houston, was a YMCA VISTA volunteer working in a poor white community. While it did not carry that name until later, the Rainbow Coalition was conceived in that community and built the coalition with several groups, including the Young Patriots (a white Appalachian migrant community, one of the poorest Chicago), the Young Lords (Puerto Rican), and Rising Up Angry (an ethnic white community), Vietnam veterans, and members of Students for a Democratic Society.

On April 4, 1969, one year after the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, the coalition held a press conference which put the Chicago Daley “machine” on notice that “you can no longer divide us by race, control our communities and control our votes.”

The idea of the “rainbow coalition” came from a Kentuckian, Charles Geary a migrant from Horse Branch, Ky. He obtained buttons that had been thrown out by the Nixon-Agnew presidential campaign and painted over them a multi-colored striped pattern to represent the various groups that they represented, prompting Hampton to name the group the “Rainbow Coalition.”

The Chicago Black Panthers provided, as did Panthers nationally, the “survival” programs: free breakfast programs for children, free medical clinics, etc. The Chicago BPP helped other groups replicate programs in their areas. This grassroots

organizing style resulted in the Black Panther Party being labeled “the most dangerous group in America” by the FBI.

Dr. Williams was able to use, for the first time, Chicago police files about the group that had been previously sealed. He discovered that the files called Hampton “more dangerous than Martin Luther King ever was,” and revealed that the FBI and Chicago police conspired to assassinate Hampton.

On December 4, 1969, his apartment was raided in the middle of the night and Hampton was shot as he slept. Dr. Williams stated, “It was not a shoot-out; it was a shoot-in. Ninety-nine shots were fired, all police rounds. Seven people were shot, and Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were killed.”

This tragic event did not stop the initiative. The concept and organizing strategy continued, resulting in the victory of Harold Washington over Daley in Chicago and making Washington Chicago’s first black mayor. Wikipedia states of that campaign, “In the February 22, 1983, Democratic mayoral primary, community organizers registered more than 100,000 new African-American, Latino, and poor independent white voters.”

Jessie Jackson went on to trademark the “Rainbow Coalition.” Many of its tactics were gleaned by David Axelrod and used in Barrack Obama’s campaigns. The slogan of the original Rainbow Coalition, “Got to have hope to create change and got to have change to create hope” has been reinvented several times over.

Dr. Williams appearance on Sat., Nov. 9 was sponsored by the Restoration of Voting Rights Coalition, Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and the Lexington branch of the NAACP. It was held in support of voting rights for former felons in Kentucky, which is one of only three states that takes away voting rights for life from one convicted of a felony. In the words of Fred Hampton, “The beat goes on!”

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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Sun. Dec. 1

Operation Turnout, a forum to introduce attendees to the candidates who are running to replace Kathy Stein in the Kentucky State Senate: Michael Johnson, Reginald Thomas and Reginald Maloney. 3:30 pm, Greater Liberty Baptist Church, 330 Chestnut St., Lexington. The special election is scheduled for Dec. 10. For more information, email operation.turnout.forum@gmail.com

Tues. Dec. 3

Wild and Scenic Film Festival. Kentucky Theater, Lexington. Sponsored by Kentucky Heartwood. Volunteers needed to screen films and assemble sponsors. www.kyheartwood.org.

Wed. Dec. 4

Human Rights Day. Free showing of *Five Days to Change* sponsored by the Kentucky Division of the United Nations Association. Kentucky Theater, Lexington, 7 pm. Film tells the story of the historic Hague Appeal for Peace and Justice, when 10,000 people from 100 countries gathered to envision a future built on peace, social justice, and care for the earth. This riveting account is narrated by Martin Sheen. Special arrangements have been made with LexPark to discount the \$3 parking fee in the Helix Garage to \$1.50 for patrons of this event. Bring your token from the garage when you come to the theatre and it will be validated for the discount.

Tues. Dec. 10

"Caroling for a Cause." Lexington's Street Voice Council invites the community to carol at Triangle Park, 7:30 pm-9 pm. Hot chocolate, candles and musical accompaniment will be provided. Community members are invited to join with the Street Voice Council to give a holiday gift to Lexington.

Fri. Dec. 6

Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, activist and author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, will speak at 6:30 pm, St. Peter Church, 153 Barr St., Lexington. The event is a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Wed.-Fri. Dec. 18-20

Faith and Community Christmas Store. A coalition of people of faith in central Kentucky will gather at Southland Christian Church, Richmond Road location for the event that provides holiday gifts for families in Lexington. Please note that the dates for 2013 are different from those on which the program has traditionally been held. To volunteer or make a donation, call 859-514-7210.

Sat. Dec. 28

A second **"Caroling with a Cause"** will be held at Triangle Park, 2:30 pm-4 pm. All are invited to join the Street Voice Council in an on-going holiday gift to the community of Lexington. Micheal Stoops, director of community organizing for the National Coalition for the Homeless Community, is planning a trip to Lexington between Christmas and New Year's Day and has been invited to join the caroling event. A gathering and reception is planned for the date when Michael will be in Kentucky. Watch the Catholic Action Center Facebook page for more information.

Wed. Dec. 31

Good Giving Guide Challenge. Last day to donate to CKCPJ through the challenge. To donate, go to goodgivingguide.net.



Mon. Jan. 20

Lee Daniels' The Butler, One World Films, in celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The film will be presented at 2:30 pm at the Kentucky Theater, 214 East Main St. and is free and open to the public.

A thought-provoking film, it is part biography, part drama. Based in part on the life of Eugene Allen, the film uses the name of Cecil Gaines as the butler who served eight Presidents during his tenure as a butler in The White House. The time period covered the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam and other major events that affected the butler's life, his family, and American society in general.

Forest Whitaker is cast in the role of the butler, and Oprah Winfrey is his wife, Gloria. Other Hollywood notables in the film include John Cusack, Cuba Gooding Jr., Jane Fonda, Robin Williams, and Alan Rickman. Audiences will get an idea about how presidents felt about race relations and the civil rights movement.

The Butler is two hours and 12 minutes in length, and is rated PG-13. Parents should be aware of some hate crime scenes, portrayals of drinking, drug usage, smoking and language unsuitable for children. Call 859-266-6073.

Thurs.-Sat. Feb. 27-Mar. 1

Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington. Keynote addresses by Dr. Laura Pulido, Dr. Bruce Braun. Registration deadline, Dec. 2. See geography.as.uky.edu/dimensions-political-ecology-conference-2013

Sun. Mar. 16

CKCPJ Annual Peace Fair and Dinner, Fair, 5 pm, Dinner, 6 pm, speaker (to be announced), 7 pm. Imani Baptist Church, 1555 Georgetown Road, Lexington.

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Do you have an event that you would like to promote in Peaceways? Send information to peacewayseditor@gmail.com. Please send notification by the 10th of the month.

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the gaps with food, clothing and shelter. But even so, there is not enough to fulfill the tremendous needs of those who fall to the bottom. The issues that surround homelessness are complex and often call for multi-faceted levels of intervention by multiple agencies; rarely are there quick fixes or simple solutions.

Many readers who responded to the article seemed to attack David and others who advocate for the "least of these" with personal and ugly remarks, which is less than helpful and a distraction from the search for solutions. We, as voters and responsible citizens, have every right and obligation to hold elected leaders accountable as public servants, to serve all of our citizens including those who can't vote, who have no address, who have no income and lack the ability to represent their own best interests.

If not "us" who then shall speak for them? Those of us who have warm homes at the end of the day, hot meals on the table and a place to lay down our burdens; those of us putting our faith into action or having a conscience for justice are called to our "higher selves" to be the voice, to stand in for those who can't stand up for themselves and to hold our leaders accountable for what they say and what they can do.

The report on the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness that was released in January 2013 gathers dust as we speak of little that has been actually addressed. To date, as we know, a consultant has been hired to evaluate the state of our housing/homeless issue and to make recommendations for affordable housing funding options with an expected report forthcoming in January 2014. A proposed Homeless Office of Prevention and Intervention, recommended by that Commission, has yet to be put in place. Since that time, yet another study, the Social Services Needs Assessment, has been completed, and—not surprisingly—identifies many of the same priorities identified by the aforementioned commission and numerous others studies over the previous 20 years. Meanwhile, our homeless population continues to grow, other people in need fall between the cracks and are losing much-needed benefits but our leaders need to further study the problem rather than offer viable solutions. We should and must expect our city leaders to be the "heroes" and we/us/you/me—need to be the voices.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Board Meetings THIRD MONDAYS 7pm. More info: 859-488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace Every Thursday 5:30-6 pm at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell 859-327-6277.

Kentucky Migrant Network 1st Monday Noon-1:30 pm, Cardinal Valley Center, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Isabel Gereda Taylor itaylor@lexingtonky.gov, 859-258-3824.

PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered 2nd Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm. Support Group Meeting. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Lexington (Go to the end of the parking lot, and then in the side door). Info: www.pflaglex.org or email president@pflaglex.org or call 859-338-4393. Programs are followed by a question and answer session, support group discussion, refreshments. Family members, allies, and GLBT individuals of all ages are welcome.

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm, Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St, Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, Chair, 859-951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wed Night GLSO discussion group 7 pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they've been quietly providing services to the GLBTQQA community for decades. More info, hours Pride Center is open and other links at: <http://www.glsso.org>.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky 2nd Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm, in the Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Childcare is provided. Contact President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or 859-797-2662.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth 3rd Thursday, 7 pm Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Ondine Quinn, 859-276-0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups Every Sunday 2:30-4 pm. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Call 859-272-7891 or go to www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Fall Program 4th Saturday 10 am-noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call 859-277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, it promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Movies with Spirit 2nd Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clay's Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 pm, film at 7.

Want your group's meeting listed here?

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Kentuckians Campaign for Immigration Reform and Legalization with Dignity

by Freddy Peralta

An interfaith vigil for immigration reform was a moving experience for those who attended. Representatives included members of Muslim, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faith communities who participated in the program that included with speeches, sermons, prayers and music, all in support of a just, fair and dignified immigration reform.

Rick Miller spoke at the vigil and wrote the letter that was sent to Rep. Andy Barr (6-KY). "We appreciate Congressman Barr's ongoing interest in the immigration reform issue and his openness to listen to all points of view," Rick said. "In that regard, we request an opportunity to meet with Rep. Barr at his earliest convenience so that we may exchange perspectives on the prospects for action on this issue in the immediate future. We believe that the time to act is now."

Several Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives have expressed support for the bipartisan bill, HR 15, and a majority of Americans—both Democrat and Republican—favor action by Congress to fix our broken immigration system.

Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District is diverse in its demographics, economic vitality, and political



"Corey Kennedy & Remnant" from New Birth Church of Christ Ministries in Lexington lead the rally with the hymn "We Shall Overcome," which was the song that helped unify African Americans during the Civil Rights movement.

philosophies. As Rep. Barr knows from his own campaign, his is not a district where extremes on either end of the political spectrum will dictate electoral outcomes. The people of the Sixth District look to their representative to work toward common sense solutions



Freddy Peralta, writer and photographer of this story, heads the Office of the Immigrant Solidarity and Information (contact him at OISIKy@gmail.com).



Several hundred people representing a variety of faith communities and ethnic cultures gathered in downtown Lexington on Oct. 30 for a peaceful vigil supporting immigration reform.

to the problems that face us. We count on Rep. Barr to join members of both parties who are striving toward a comprehensive solution to our immigration problems.

Previous dialog with Congressman Barr on this issue has been helpful to him and to his constituents, as we all work for the best solution. We would like to continue that dialog if he will agree to meet with us.

UK and Food Services

by Ann Livingstone

The number of students at the University of Kentucky increases every year but no additional food services or dining areas have been provided. The new student housing program includes a plan for healthy and nutritious food services, not just the fast food that constitutes much of what is currently available in the Student Center. Fast food may be fine for a lunch, but not for those living on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But who will cook and serve the food? Our much expanded and well-regarded UK Catering? Or will food provision be outsourced? If so, to whom?

A recent student forum raised many issues about likely bidders for the contracts including Aramark and Sodexo, both of which have a history of serious issues.

Aramark has fined by prison services for contract violations. The company has failed to feed prisoners hot food or served food that made them sick. In January 2009, Aramark agreed to a \$1 million settlement with the Keller school district in Fort Worth, Texas. In September 2008 they withdrew their contract with the Florida Department of Corrections, and were fined over \$241,000 in 2008 for contract violations, including insufficient staffing.

In 2010 Aramark was found to have overbilled the Kentucky Department of Corrections by \$130,000 per year. The Department of Corrections took them to court but why would the state consider hiring them again?

Sodexo had eleven universities and athletics departments across the nation end their contracts with them for various reasons in 2011. They have been taken to court for paying sub-poverty wages in the United States, and they have also been fined \$20 million by the state of New York for school-meal rebate fraud. Sodexo has also been accused of knowingly selling horse meat disguised as beef.

Can you imagine the headlines? *The Horse Capital of World sells horse burgers pretending to be beef at its*

flagship university.

What is a contract worth when signed by a company with a history of contract violations? Is the cost of the needed oversight worth it? Among major issues at UK are finances, (being overcharged or defrauded are serious issues), and the university has made

special efforts to recruit minority students. If students become food service workers, as many do, could UK be seen as condoning sub-poverty wages?

The next move in this search for food services should be interesting.



CKCPJ is in the process of recruiting 900 applicants for the license plate pictured here. For each plate sold, CKCPJ will receive \$25. Applicants will pay \$25 and CKCPJ will send the money in one check to the Kentucky Department of Transportation when the campaign is finished. Information and money toward the specialty license plate goes to CKCPJ up front and money will be kept in a special fund just for this campaign.

At the completion of the successful campaign, the CKCPJ will begin to receive a portion of the funds from each specialty plate sold. Funds will be used to help schools integrate peace education into secondary school curricula, paying

particular attention to college and career readiness standards.

Sign up today at www.peaceandjusticeky.org and use your credit card (with a \$3 processing fee) with our secure Vanco Services website. Or you can request a paper application from us and mail it back with your \$25 check to CKCPJ today.

CKCPJ is also looking for places to set up sign-up tables, i.e., at local social justice organization event or religious gathering. Contact organizers at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com with ideas on how to get the word out about this beautiful specialty plate.

Restorative Justice

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of those who have been harmed? And finally, who has the obligation to meet those needs? This is unlike the traditional disciplinary or criminal model which asks: what law or rule has been broken, who broke it and what punishment do they deserve? The Restorative Justice approach is about relationships. It is about engaging and empowering people to repair broken relationships by holding offenders accountable to the harms they caused by engaging all parties affected by the crime, victims and offenders.

The symposium challenged those

in the commonwealth that work with youth on a regular basis to avail themselves to restorative practices, to instill in our youth not only the ability to read and write but enduring values to help them build healthy relationships.

The day challenged those in attendance to invest in strong communities and schools; to be committed to utilizing practices that bring a plan of accountability, healing for those who have been harmed, and full restoration to those who have caused hurt; so they may be productive members of our communities and strong leaders for our future.



“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.”
– Melodie Beattie (1857)

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News from LexingtonUnited, CKCPJ's peace education initiative

Laughter, Learning and Skills for Non-violence at Community Event

Youth participants at the “Aiming for New Heights” event enthusiastically announced their appreciation for Lexington United’s cooperative games. On Sat, Nov. 9, LexingtonUnited provided a brief introduction to cooperative gaming skills at an event titled “Aiming for New Heights” held at the University of Kentucky which honored local leaders of the civil rights movement. Other participating organizations included The NAACP, Urban League, Freedom Times Underground Railroad, The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, and the UK Martin Luther King Cultural Center. LexingtonUnited was supported by UK sorority and fraternity members at the afternoon break-out sessions. One of them sent this note afterward: “I was in the room with you all during the "Aiming for New Heights" event and I truly enjoyed it. You all are great in the way you had the kids interacting and becoming educated in community and team building. I just wanted to express my thankfulness for being placed in your room and you allowing me to participate.”



Gail Koehler

Grant Funds Spring Youth Leadership Camp



Courtesy of the Junior League

The Junior League of Lexington has a long tradition of community service and through their grant program, they identify, develop and assist other non-profits addressing needs within the league’s outreach area. LexingtonUnited recently applied for one of their community grants and was selected to make a presentation. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of two of our camp graduates we were chosen to receive the funds needed for our 2014 YouthUnited Spring Leadership Camp.

In addition to much needed financial support, Junior League volunteers have committed to help with our programming and will be used as adult mentors. Over the past several events, we have learned that youth game leaders benefit greatly from the support of adult mentors and we welcome the experienced volunteers that the Junior League will provide. The volunteers will attend a cooperative gaming mentor workshop and will be a integral part of our next LexingtonWins! Community Game night.

(L-R): William Anderson and Gail Koehler, LexingtonUnited trainers, and Laurel Martin, 2013 Junior League President, at the League’s presentation event on Nov. 15.