



## **Kent Community Foundation Board Strategic Planning Session Charts New Directions**

**Saturday, October 9, 2010** - Facilitator, Bonnie Boyle, led Kent Community Foundation board members through a strategic planning process at the Kent Commons Saturday. Suzette Cooke, City of Kent Mayor, and Becky Hanks, Retired - Kent School District, kicked off the planning session with an overview of the history and background of the Foundation. Both Cooke and Hanks were involved in the formation of the Kent Community Foundation in 1986.



During the session, board members reviewed the history and background of their organization, examined the foundation's mission and vision, and brainstormed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. By the end of the planning session, members had identified three broad strategies;

- Build fundraising capability and capacity
- Increase community awareness of KCF
- Build a sustainable organization structure

Board members formed three break-out groups to brainstorm the three major areas of focus and develop work plans for the future. Members will continue to refine the foundation's strategic plan with the aim of publishing a formal document by the end of 2010.



**Photos:** Top Right - Facilitator Bonnie Boyle

Above L to R - Gary Lee, Cathy Wahlin, Andrea Keikkala, Barrie Lane and Richard Balash

Center L to R - Lisa Voso, Bonnie Boyle, Al Orwiler and Merv Vincent

Right L to R - Gary Lee, Lisa Voso and ReBecca Alstrom