

## **Minutes from 1998 Meetings**

January 14, 1998

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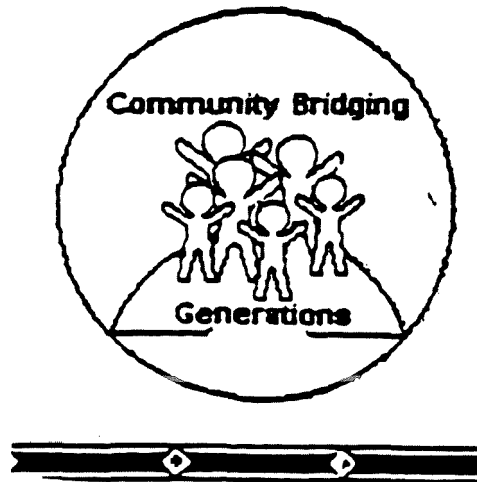
April 22, 1998

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# COMMUNITY BRIDGING Generations



The sixth meeting of **COMMUNITY BRIDGING GENERATIONS** was held at LaComunidad Hispana, 219 Birch St. on January 14, 1998 with fifty-two community-caring members attending.

Rev. Marvin Williams from 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church led the invocation.

In line with our goal to learn about our community and to hold our meetings at different sites in the community, Anita O'Connor, Director of LaComunidad Hispana welcomed everyone to the Center.

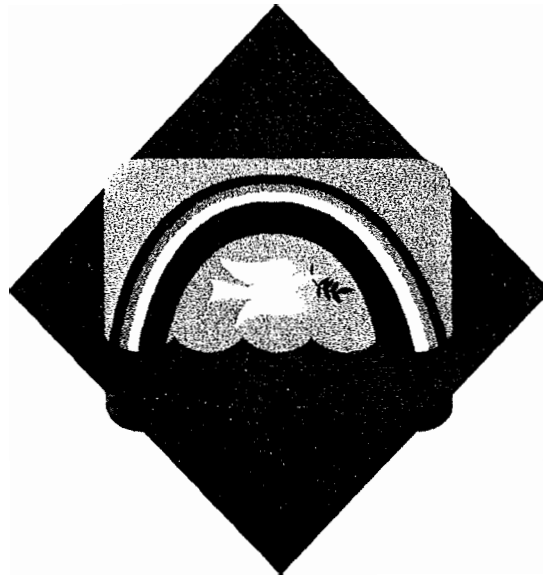
Mrs. O'Connor gave an overview of LaComunidad Hispana's services and emphasized that the services are available to ALL low-income members of our community.

Joan Holliday gave an overview of the framework and principles that **COMMUNITY BRIDGING GENERATIONS**. They are as follows:

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Kennett Square: Every Day A Better Place  
To Grow Up In and Grow Old In

Coming From the  
Heart  
(volunteering)



**GOAL:**  
Investing care and time  
in our community's  
human resources

Ongoing Processes

**Mentoring   Tutoring   Coaching   Storytelling etc.**

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

1. Community is our starting point—our lowest common denominator. Each person is as important as the next in the larger context of community.
2. This group belongs to community and we will operate as an OPEN FREE process.
3. We each are responsible for playing a role that best matches our heart-felt energy and builds ongoing community relationships/vitality.

4. We will focus on and encourage processes that work on potential and positive energy.
5. We will keep our community interactions dynamic and all inclusive. (We will meet at different meeting sites every 6-8 weeks.)
6. “Coming from the heart is free”. In our work to repotentialize our community (mentoring, tutoring etc.), we will add no infrastructural burden.

Jim Wilson from Mentoring Youth In Kennett (MYKE) gave an overview of the ongoing mentoring process. He spoke as “believer” that meeting with a child for 35-45 minutes a week can make a difference in helping a child develop and become an achiever. Dottie Wilson spoke to the time it takes to build trust with a child and the value that can be gained for the child and mentor. So far, twenty-two mentors have been going into Mary D Lang Schools. Starting in February, the effort will move into New Garden Elementary. **MORE MENTORING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.**

Marsha Malchione introduced three Study Buddies from The Presbyterian Church who all spoke about the value of tutoring and the meaningful experience for both the student and the tutor. **They have on an average 18 students attending weekly on Monday eve from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Rev. Marvin Williams reported that The 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church has had a student tutoring process going on for two years. They have on an average of 16 students attending on **Tuesday eve from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.** They also invite the parents in for certain events.

Mayor Charles Cramer reported that the Study Buddies at New Garden UAMEC on Linden St. meets every **Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.** They had 16 students this past week.

**STUDY BUDDIES NEED USED COMPUTER AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES.** CALL Leaders of each effort: Marsha Malchione, Rev. Marvin Williams or Mayor Cramer.)

**OTHER MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES AND EXAMPLES:**

Elizabeth Rhoads told us about the opportunity to be a mentor with Chester County Futures. This is a time and money commitment with one student throughout high-school and through the first year of college. The aim is to support a student in achieving a college education.

Avery Bass was introduced as a mentor of “high risk” teens.

Terry Wallace was introduced as a mentor of a teen mother who wants to move forward in a college education and life skills.

Alice Peters from the **Inter-generational Literacy Tutoring** reported that **they have 32 Hispanic students who need help with literacy**. She explained that they meet the needs of the students—which ranges from helping someone study the material for obtaining a driver’s license to full literacy tutoring. She also emphasized that this process provides the opportunity for “bridging” with the Hispanic culture.

Courtney Michner a Senior Student at Kennett Square High-School is into the planning stages of setting up a process for a group of caring High School students to “bridge” with the Middle School Students around focus on their goals and staying away from drugs.

Ted Sevick from Unionville Serves will “bridge” Unionville High School Student volunteers with the Study Buddies Process.

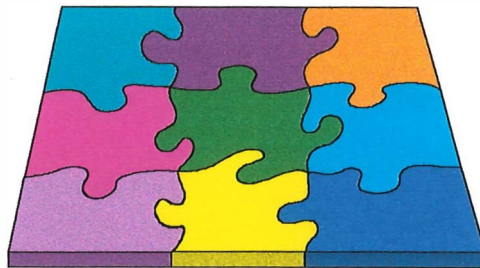
Laura Deckman from the Kennett Area Senior Center will update the list of Seniors who will “Share Stories” with the Kennett School Students. They will provide the list for teachers who are interested in having a “Story-teller” attend one of their classes.

**ALL NOTES FROM MEETINGS and volunteering opportunities WILL BE KEPT AT THE LIBRARY AND CAN BE COPIED BY THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE A COPY.**

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 7 pm at The Westminster, 210 S. Broad St. (red doors). Please bring a new person to share the experience of community.**

# COMMUNITY BRIDGING Generations

## KENNETT SQUARE COMMUNITY



Celebration of the **Uniqueness** of each piece *March 1998*

**Inter-connecting** to bring strength, effectiveness and wholeness to our community

*Next meeting 4/22/98 2nd Baptist Church  
132 S. Willow St. K. Square, PA.*

The seventh meeting of **COMMUNITY BRIDGING Generations** was held at Westminster House, 210 S. Broad St. on March 4, 1998 with fifty-four community-caring members attending.

Rev. Steven Gutridge from The Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

In line with our goal to learn about our community and to hold our meetings at different sites in the community, Rev. Gutridge gave a history of the Westminster House (Utilized by several denominations before the Presbyterian Church bought it) and of the Presbyterian Church's mission and activities.

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We shared the image Sue Yocum presented at a recent School Board Meeting. "I want you to envision a puzzle. It comes in a box called Kennett Square—A community. Tucked inside this box of course are many, many pieces. We have started to arrange the pieces into small groupings that will eventually form a complete picture of the Kennett Community interacting and best of all working together!"

Fred Deckman and Kathryn Brown told about the new effort being led by the Kennett Area Senior Center, under the guidance of Veronica Farinola. The name of the pool of speakers is "Voices of Experience". Fred and Kathryn gave a short summary of the experience they had in Mr. Hart's classroom sharing stories about the 1950s, which was the subject being studied in Social Studies. **Story-Telling** will continue to be a process CBG will encourage.

Marcia Malchione reported on the ongoing interest and spirit of Study Buddies at the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Unionville Serves High School Students gave a report on 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church Study Buddies held on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. They spoke about being more involved in community through this process and appreciated the sign language they were learning from Mrs. Ruth Williams. Sharon Garrick gave a report on Study Buddies at Bethel Church held on Weds. From 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Between fifteen to twenty students attend and about eight high-school students. Mrs. Equilla Boyce was representative from Bethel Church.

Anna Anderson announced that a Study Buddies will start on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm at Christ Temple. Mrs. Sanora Springfield from

Marcia Malchione invited everyone to the performance, "Make Us One" on March 8, 1998 at 7:00pm. A combined choir and drama put one by the Presbyterian Church and Christ Temple.

Joan Holliday and Brent Grant gave an overview of the framework and principles that **COMMUNITY BRIDING Generations**. They are as follows:

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Mt. Taber Church in Avondale expressed an interest in starting a Study Buddies. Unionville Serves as well as Kennett High School students will be linked up with these two efforts.

Gerry Zippilli from Mentoring Youth In Kennett (MYKE) reported that MYKE has moved into the New Garden Elementary. They now have seven new mentors. Mary D Lang is still operating with twenty-two mentors. Barbara DeCarlo, Principal of New Garden Elementary spoke of the value of mentoring in the schools and how the students quickly develop an ongoing relationship with their mentors.

Joan Holliday reported that Courtney Michener had met with Mr. Calhoun, Kennett Square High School Principal and was in the process of starting a mentoring effort in the Middle School with a cross-cultural team of about six.

The Kennett Square High School play, "Crazy Kamp" will be shown on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Melissa Merkel is looking into having a special showing for the Senior citizens whereby they will be escorted to the Kennett High by High School Students. This is their effort to continue their ongoing relationship with the Seniors after the successful Junior/Senior Prom in the fall.

Anita O'Connor will initiate an effort with Church of the Advent to explore an effort whereby Church of the Advent families would **mentor Hispanic families** in the community. The purpose would be to "bridge" the two cultures in a way that caring, understanding and integration is enhanced.

Joan Holliday announced that The Kennett Paper will provide a space for any of us to write a story about a "heart-felt" effort in Kennett Square. It would be a time to recognize the efforts and people in the community who are working on the positive and potential side of community.

David Andersen from Interact and Senior at Kennett High School will be starting a video on *Community Bridging Generations* efforts and Mayor Cramer offered to help with some of the filming.

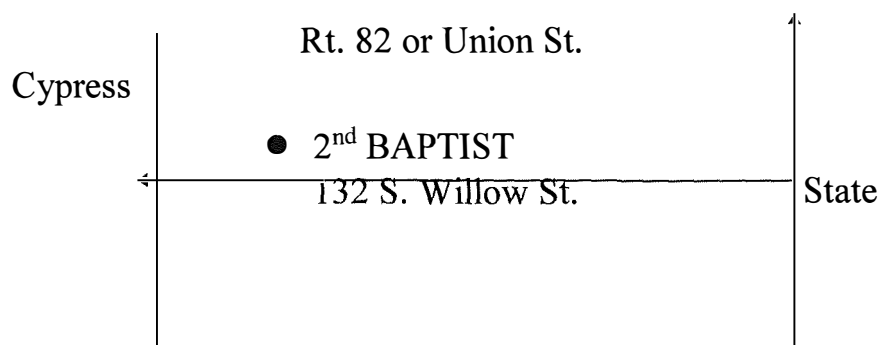
Bill Buffington spoke about his committed interest in supporting a High Steppers Marching Team in Kennett Square. Mrs. Ruth Williams will be contacted to help organize interested youth.

Inter-generational Literacy Program still needs more tutors. They are getting responses from *Community Bridging Generations* outreach.

**NEW IDEAS FOR ENHANCING OUR EVOLUTION:**

1. Study Buddies take more opportunities to “bridge” into the other Study Buddies. There are four sites with unique natures and processes. “Bridging” into other sites will help build community vitality and interactions.
2. Barbara DeCarlo spoke about the elementary schools having many computers that are not being used in the evening. She will explore ways to open the building up for use with supervision.
3. Marcia Malchione reported that Dr. Bosley, Rev. Gutridge, Joan Holliday and herself met to develop the idea and proposal for an Internet Service across all the Study Buddies, Senior Center and LaComunidad Hispana. Services and computers will be donated by community donors. The hope is to have this up and running by September of 1998.
4. Mayor Cramer introduced Commissioner Andrew Dinneman. The Commissioner encouraged us to organize a day event “Kennett Square Commits To Kids”. On this day there is a ceremony of commitment, organizations that are presenting events, and work projects i.e. Fixing up play grounds.
5. Rev. Navarro spoke about the importance of learning the Spanish language to work with and welcome the Hispanics into our community.
6. Commissioner Dinneman spoke about 14,000 Chester County residents experiencing hunger. He encouraged us to think about getting involved in his project of growing gardens and working with farmers to provide a certain portion of food for the hungry in our county. Three high-school students signed up for involvement in this effort.
7. Bill Buffington announced that Unity Day will be on June 6, 1998 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING: Second Baptist Church, 132 S. Willow St. Kennett Square, PA 19348 on Wednesday, April 22, 1998 at 7 pm.**



**Hope Chatham Lodge--Bridging the Community Volunteer Opportunities 07/11/01**

**Vision: Kennett Square: Every day a better place to grow up in and grow old in.**

*Working Together As "The Kennett Family"*

**1. Red Clay Valley Association** - Summer environmental camp, scholarships available.

Volunteer opportunities for groups, including work in our organic vegetable garden - produce is donated to the Kennett Food Cupboard. Contact Ellen Lake, Education Director for more information 610-793-1090.

**2. Communities That Care**—Youth and Community Building Program. Call Erin Galloway at 610-444-9385, email: Kennettctc@kennett.net

**3. After The Bell**—Add to the Enrichment of this exciting Middle School After-School-Program Volunteers call Peg Baker at 610- 444-0962

**4. Study Buddies**—Have fun learning together. (Tutoring for elementary and middle school youth)

- Monday night at Presbyterian Church---6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Call Marcia Malchione, Phone: 444-3720. Friday Buddies call Tom & Sandy Bahel at 610-444-5784.

- Tuesday night at 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church---6:30 to 7:30 pm. Leader: Mrs. Ruth Williams, Phone: 563-0486

- Wednesday night at Bethel Church --4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Leader: Esther Rochester, Phone: 925-3564 or (w) 444-9924 or (w) 444-8860

- Thursday night at Christ Temple---6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Leader: Anna Anderson, Phone: 444-3879

**5. MYKE (Mentoring Youth In Kennett)**---See the world through the eyes of a child. Take 45 minutes a week to mentor a youth in Kennett's elementary schools. Volunteers call Jim Wilson at 610-388-7551 or Gerry Zippilli at 610-388-6594.

**6. Bridging the Community Tutoring Program (YMCA)** High school students who need help with schoolwork will be matched with a community volunteer tutor. Interested adult and high school students call Loretta Perna at 610-444-9029.

**7. Buena Vista Homework Club**-----Help Latino children with homework in grades K-6 in their neighborhood meeting room. You do not need to speak Spanish. You just need to know your "ABCs". Please call Chris Pickell at 610-283-2007 or email: cpickell@kcsd.org

**8. The Food Cupboard** 515 S. Broad St.—Feed the hungry. Open Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 pm. Volunteers call Mary Plumley (w) 610-444-1440

**9. LaComunidad Hispana**—Share in the mission of improvement and empowerment of our vulnerable community members. Call Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Green at 444-8308.

**10. Community Gardens of Chester County**—Build friendships and neighborhoods through gardening. Call Susan Goldsworthy at 486-6110

**11. Kennett Area Senior Center**---Bridge with our wise elders. Call Kathy Lyons at 610- 444-4819.

**12. Good Neighbors**—Offer your skills to repair senior homes. Jay Malthainer at 610- 274-8449.

**13. Even Start**—Share in the spirit of literacy. Call Linda Rigler at 610-444-0679.

**14. Tick Tock Early Learning Center.** Read to the young ones. Call Carrie Freeman at 610-268-8134

**15. Adult Literacy Program** at Library---Discover the power of friendships through learning language together. Call Alice or Sue at 610- 444-9118.

**16. Pack 24 Cub Scout, Troop 24 Boy Scouts**—Volunteer or refer---Mary Plumley at 610-444-1440

## ***THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS of BRIDGING GENERATIONS***

**Jim & Dottie Wilson (Mentoring MYKE) 40 Windemere Way 19348 H. 388-7557**  
**John & Denise Wood (Mentoring MYKE) 29 Lansdale Lane, 19348 H. 388-2653**  
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**Sue Calio (LITERACY MENTORING) P.O. Box 730 19348 W. 444-9118**  
**Alice Peters ( same as above) H. 347-0171**

- **Marcia W. Malchione (STUDY BUDDIES Presbyterian Church) 20 Penn Oak Lane 19348 H. 444-3720 W. 268-2117**
- **Rev. Marvin Williams (STUDY BUDDIES 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church) 132 S. Willow St. 19348 W. 563-0486**
- **Mayor Charles S. Cramer Sr (STUDY BUDDIES/New Garden UAME on Linden St.). 424 Birch Street 19348 W. 444-0501 H. 444-5638**
- **Sharon Garrick (Hospice Dir. New Garden Study Buddies) 431 S. Walnut St. 19348 W. 444-8055**
- **Rev. Mark Avery ( STUDY BUDDIES Christ Temple) Birch St. 19348 W. 444-5581 H. 444-1882**

**Mary Lou & Dave Thomas (Senior Volunt.) 201 W. Linden St. 19348 H. 444-0669**

**Mary L. Anderson (Second Baptist) 430 South Walnut St., 19348 H. 444-4199**

**Anna Anderson (Daycare in Home) 800 Park Ave, 19348 444-3879**

**Gail Graham (KASC) 427 S. Walnut St. 19348 W. 444-4819**

**Daryl Hall (D & B Hair Cuttery) 327 E. State St. 19348 W. 444-6536**

**Dr. Larry Bosley ( School Superintendent) 300 E. South St. 19348 W. 444-6600**

**Linda Rigler (Even Start Program) Kennett Middle School, 19348 W. 444-0679**

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**May Duncan (Mary D Lang Special Ed Teacher) 251 N. Union St. H. 444-6269**

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**Larry McGrath (YMCA) 747 West Cypress St. 19348 W. 444-1930**

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**Jody Shoemaker (Friends) 120 Marshall Buck Rd. 19348 H. 444-2848**

**Susan Cole (K Sq H.S. Teach.) 114 N. Village Ln. Chadds Ford, 19317 H. 388-6512**

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**Ernie Kirk (Martial Arts) 316 E. State St. K Square 19348 W. 444-8960**

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**Avery Bass 116 N. Union St. 19348 H. 444-5165**

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**NEW MEMBERS on 1/13/98**

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**Sandy Marshall (Unionville Community Service), Phone: 793-4480**

**Heidi Bowman (WCU student teacher at Mary D Lang), Phone: 268-0244**

**Gerard and Melissa, (Unionville Serves),**

**Samoan and Collie (Kennett Paper),**

**Laurie Malchione (KHS), Phone: 444-3720**

**Gabby, Corey, and Mika Medina (Study Buddies), Phone: 444-4608**

**Ryan (Emily's friend)**

**Debbie Rochester, Phone: 444-6190**



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## A Community Revival

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At noon, October, 24th, Make a Difference Day, high school students from Kennett Square and Unionville, PA met with the town's mayor, the borough council president and other community members to celebrate the first ever initiative taken by youth to engender community spirit. The Volunteer Fair held the previous day was a culmination of months of work, manifested by the list of over 500 people who had volunteered to help their town. The "Chip & Dip Initiative" was born out of a desire to bridge all members and cultures of Kennett Square, and to respond to recent newspaper articles criticizing the town for its lack of spirit. Due to the enthusiastic support from local schools, organizations, the town council, and many concerned individuals, we have managed to give Kennett a boost out of its "malaise" and light a spark in the heart of the community.

The Chip & Dip Initiative was a one-day event held in the center of Kennett Square that united school students, merchants, and community members in a mutual task. Over 40 volunteer organizations gathered in the streets to set up booths displaying what they contribute to the town. Participants included the local Senior Center, the YMCA, the Hispanic community center, the Mission, the Friends' Nursing Home, and High School organizations, as well as myriad tutoring and mentoring opportunities. Each booth was equipped with information, sign-up sheets, and a distinctive combination of chips and dip.

The promise of new understanding of the community drew many people out of their homes and businesses that sunny afternoon, and relationships began to form among community members. People of all ages saw that there is a community in Kennett Square that they can be a part of, and began to form a relationship with the town. Elementary students toured the neighborhood, visiting the post office, library, police station, and even paid the mayor a surprise visit. Not only did residents stop by to investigate, but community leaders ventured from their own tables to talk with other organization representatives. The event was simply phenomenal, far surpassing the expectations of both the mayor and the core committee.

What began as an inchoate vision involved old and new community members, brought life back into the streets, and demonstrated that our youth cares about the future of Kennett Square. We have learned about the spirit that exists in our town of 10,000, while taking the initiative to foster that spirit. In gathering committed volunteers to contribute to the community, we have taken a one-day event and turned it into a process that will perpetuate itself to make a difference for many years to come.



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**NEXT MEETING: Wed., June 24, 1998, 7 pm at Church of the Advent,  
Union & Fairthorn Rds. Kennett Square.**



An UMBRELLA organization of volunteers, reaching out to all members and aspects of the community and inviting them in. Working on potential and positive energy for the whole community with no infrastructural burden.

Our VISION: “KENNETT SQUARE—Every day a better place to grow up in and grow old in”.

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The eighth meeting of COMMUNITY BRIDGING Generations was held at Second Baptist Church, 132 S. Willow St., on April 22, 1998 with forty-eight members attending. Joan Holliday and Anita O'Connor co-led the meeting.

Rev. Marvin Williams from Second Baptist led the Invocation.

Rev. Williams told us that the Second Baptist Church had been located at this site since the late 1800s. He reiterated their mission of “having doors open to community” and that all churches in the community shared the unified mission of bringing people into a Christian way of life and community.

Our meetings follow this flow and framework:

1. Learning about the site where we are attending the meeting and introducing new members. (*Coming together as a heart-felt community*).
2. Celebrating the successes and contributions of the volunteer efforts in the community. (*Communing*)
3. Brainstorming ways to build and bridge relationships in the community—new and learning about and joining with current activities. (*Spontaneity*)
4. Socializing after the meeting and ‘*Living our vision in real time*’.

## **CELEBRATIONS:**

We celebrated the completion of a rewarding and successful first year, which started in April of 1997. Over twenty-six different community entities have joined the effort: Friends Meeting, Church of the Advent, Bethel Church, Willowdale Hispanic Church, Unionville High School, Government Representatives, Chester County Health Department, Kendal, Crosslands, Cartmel Retirement Communities, Businesses of D&B Cuttery and Kirk Martial Arts, YMCA, Second Baptist Church, Christ Temple, Kennett Area Senior Center, Presbyterian Church, Kennett Library, The Kennett Paper, Mary D Lang, LaComunidad Hispana, Kennett High School, Kennett Middle School, New Garden Elementary, Even Start, Chester County Futures, Mt. Tabor in Avondale

Groups and teams were recognized for their contributions this year—High-School Involvement in the STUDY BUDDIES Tutoring Process included students from Kennett and Unionville High School. The four STUDY BUDDIES in process are: Presbyterian Church on Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm, Second Baptist on Tuesday evening from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, Bethel Church on Wednesday evening from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and Christ Temple on Thursday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

MYKE has over 31 mentors in Mary D Land and New Garden Elementary Schools. The trio of men involved were recognized as a team.

VOICES OF EXPERIENCE have had three speaking engagements and are inviting community members to join. They have approx. eight members.

## **BRAINSTORMING—SHARING NEW AND CURRENT COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR HEART-FELT PARTICIPATION:**

1. Even Start: Two hundred children will attend Mary D. Lang for summer school for five weeks. (Pre-school to grade five). Volunteers are needed to help develop reading and verbal skills.
2. Even Start will offer a Career Exploration/"New Choices" program to enhance employment in the community. No cost.
3. Contributions are needed to continue Even Start's literacy expansion.

4. Sue Yocum is willing to share the reading list for the students during the summer and have MYKE continue their involvement with the students over the summer.
5. May 16—Kennett Run and Walk. Someone could organize a group of us to participate.
6. Borough Clean-up on April 25th. Meet at Harrington's at 9am—to noon.
7. Twenty-four hour Life Rally for Cancer. June 19-20. Teams 12-15. Held at Unionville High School Track.
8. Hispanic Family Mentoring is progressing. There is a desire to bring Hispanic art into the community.
9. We need a Performing Arts person attending our meetings.
10. May 2<sup>nd</sup> D&B Cuttery is inviting us to a Pig Roast—to celebrate soul food of African American culture.
11. On May 19<sup>th</sup> the four Study Buddies will attend the Wilmington Blue Rocks game. Mayor Cramer is contact person at 444-0501 or 444-5638.
12. We have a weekly newspaper article in The Kennett Paper under Community. Every person is invited to write an article of her/his experience of working on the potential in community—bridging and working together on our vision. Also LaComunidad Hispana welcomes articles for their newsletter on building community.
13. This Saturday Indians from South Dakota will present a show at Anson Nixon Park—2pm to 5pm.
14. Migrant Education would like a store front to display photography work of students. Kennett Area Senior Center offered their center and other businesses to be approached.
15. There is the possibility of becoming International Internet Buddies. Proposal for computers in Study Buddies is in process and hopes to be a reality by September of 1998,
16. Head Start is a place to volunteer in the summer—Story-Telling.
17. Mexican Festival in Sept. 1998 at Anson B. Nixon Park.
18. Samantha Keith will be National Honor Society president next year. The hope is to continue the tradition of the Junior/Senior citizen Prom.
19. David Anderson still hopes to complete a video on this group.
20. Kirk Martial Arts is sponsoring a Leukemia Fundraiser—April 25 from noon to 3pm.
21. We need more representatives from Kennett businesses. To be followed up by Gail Graham and Gerry Zippilli.
22. Unity Day at Anson B Nixon Park is on June 6, 1998 from noon to 5pm.

**NEW MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Loren Pearson (School Psychologist) Phone: 444-6611

Rev. Granville Dennison (Pastor of Bethel Church) Phone: 215-329-2695

Eileen Evans (Migrant Education) Phone: (H)524-5829, (W)524-5651

Esther Rochester (Bethel Church Study Buddies Leader) Phone: 444-1179

Margaret Hall (Study Buddy), 197 Thompson Rd, KSq. Phone: 444-4452

Four participants from Kirk Martial Arts

Violetta Rodriguez (Student and daughter of Carmen Rodriguez/HeadStart)

Katie Yocum (Sue Yocum's daughter)



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## A Community Revival

*Bridging the Community*

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The Chip & Dip Initiative is a one-day event on Friday, October 23, 1998 in the streets of Kennett Square. The whole community is invited to set up tables on State Street, sharing what their business, church, or organization **contributes** to the town. School students, as well as those who live and/or work in the area will be given the opportunity to donate their energy, time, and resources to these efforts, bringing a larger sense of **Community** to Kennett Square. Each booth will provide chips and dip as an added incentive for participants to volunteer. (Please keep dip in ice cooler.) Prizes will be awarded for the most popular dips, but the community is the entity that truly benefits.

The Community Revival will be held on  
**Friday, October 23, from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM**  
to coincide with National Make-A-Difference Day.  
Its success could earn Kennett Square national  
acclaim and as much as a \$10,000 grant for use in  
efforts to better the community.

If you are interested in  
Setting up a Booth, Advertising, Donating Supplies, or Volunteering,  
please contact:

Joan Holliday: 358-0686 \* Mike Pesce: 444-4883 \* Laura King: 925-0765

The Chip & Dip Initiative was started by students concerned about creating a revival in Kennett Square. Assisted by the *Bridging the Community* Committee, we have risen to meet the challenges presented to them by their community. Please help our dream become a reality.

*If you give a man a dip, chances are, he'll ask you for a chip.*

**PROJECT TITLE: "Bridging the Community"—Chip and Dip  
Volunteer Initiative**

**Description of what we plan to do:**

Our Purpose: To enliven the multi-cultural community of Kennett Square to come together as volunteers in order to make "Kennett Square---Every Day a Better Place To Grow Up In and Grow Old In".

We will hold a one day event on Friday, October 23, 1998 in the streets of the town of Kennett Square, PA. (population 10,000) inviting members of our community to set up tables on the sidewalks of main street and present what each business, church, and organization contributes to the community. Old and new volunteering opportunities will be identified at each table and community members will SIGN UP for work throughout the year. For extra FUN---each table will offer a favorite ethnic chip & dip to be taste-tested.

High-School students will organize the entire event with the support of *Bridging the Community* members. The schools will come down to visit to "get to know the community" and high-schoolers are encouraged to sign up.

On October 24, 1998 the high-school students will compile a complete list of the volunteer opportunities and applicants and present our Revitalization Committee with the information in a formal presentation and celebration. If we are awarded prize money, we would like to donate the money back to our Revitalization Center (currently being built) for the ongoing promotion and support of community volunteerism---so the circle goes on.

**Primary volunteer type:** Community-wide

**Number of volunteers expected** (Hopefully the whole community)

**We are seeking more volunteers** Anyone may join us who lives in the area.  
**New Volunteers** may contact email: dochollisv@aol.com

We expect our mayor, superintendent of schools, County Commissioner and other local celebrities to join us.

**NAME: BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY**

Organization: Kennett & Unionville High School Students, c/o Joan Holliday  
515 Webb Rd., ChaddsFord, PA. 19317

Daytime phone: 610-358-0686 E-mail address: dochollisv@aol.com

**PLAN:**

Introduce *Chip & Dip Initiative* idea at **Bridging the Community** meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

Chip and Dip Team along with **Bridging the Community** members make contacts in September and finalize mid-October.

**Contacts:**

**Mike Pesce:** Mayor Cramer, Dr. Bosley, Mr. Calhoun, Chief McCarthy(Police) Leon Spencer, and Mr Falini and businesses  
Phone: **444-4883**

**Ian Carrins:** Businesses Phone: 444-1968

**Ryan Bowers:** Businesses Phone: 444-5273

**Laura King:** School-based contacts Phone: **925-0765**

**JC Navarro:** Fire Company, VFW, His Mission Phone: **444-2980**

**Seth Moser:** Logistics and Publicity. Phone: **444-2613**

**Emily Thomforde:** Ideas/Design and The Kennett Paper Phone: **444-9171**

**Molly Earle:** Churches, Lacomunidad Hispana, YMCA, Literacy Program, Rotary, Lions, PYCA, Chester County Futures Phone: **444-4927**

**Lindsey Pugh, Katie Fronig and Ben Perry:** Bring in *Unionville Serves* and bridge with Unionville superintendent and schools.

**Ryan McMahon**—President of Unionville Serves: **347-6739**

**Mia Kang**—Business Phone: **444-9621**

Joan Holliday: Resource/Cheerleader and the bridge with **Bridging the Community** effort. Phone: **358-0686**

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**APPROACH:** Invite a business, church or organization to join the effort.

**Instructions:**

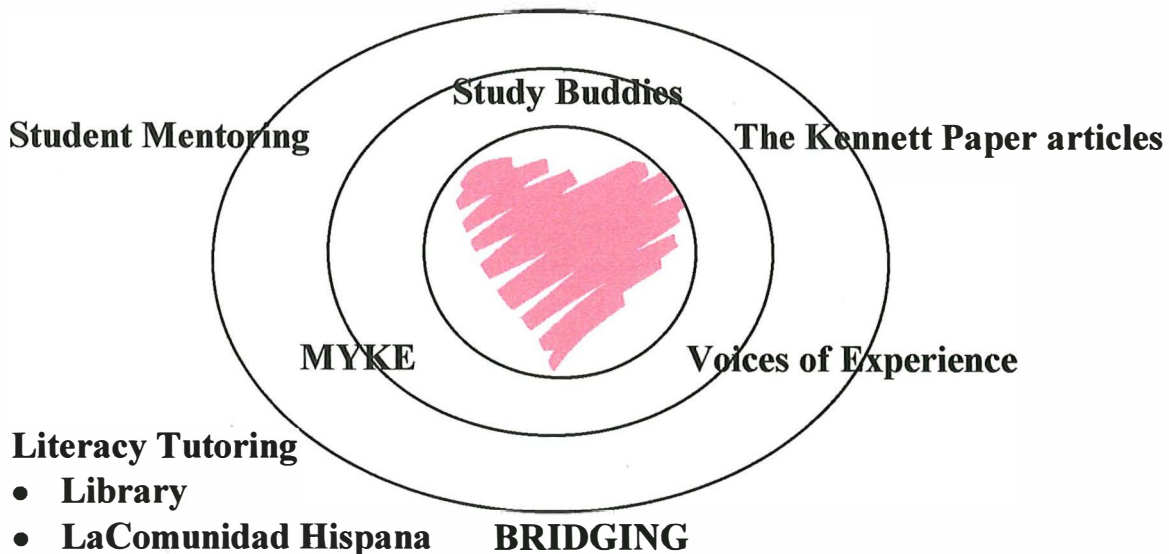
1. Show up on State Street at 10:00am on 10/23/98 with a card table.  
**SET UP ON SIDEWALK IN ROPED OFF AREA.**
2. Display in some fashion what your service contributes to the Kennett area community.
3. Have a paper identifying volunteer opportunities (if you'd like future volunteers.) **SIGN-UPS!**
4. Offer a "special" chip and dip at your table. To provide a safe food environment keep dip in iced cooler.

## **COMMUNITY BRIDGING Generations**

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 1998 7 pm  
at Kennett High School in the auditorium.**

**Our Vision: "Kennett Square: Every day a better place to grow up in  
and grow old in"**

**COMMUNITY—"Coming from the heart"**



**We are an umbrella organization reaching out to all members of the  
community and inviting them in to volunteer and network-----TO BUILD  
COMMUNITY.**

**We work on efforts that bring forth potential**

**We have no funds; just heart**

**We ARE continually moving forward and growing**

**At our meetings, we introduce the new site and members, celebrate  
successes, learn about events we can "bridge" with in the community,  
dialogue about new ideas, and socialize to make natural connections.**

The ninth meeting of COMMUNITY BRIDGING Generations was held at  
Church of the Advent, Union and Fairthorn Rds. On **June 24, 1998** with forty  
members attending. Joan Holliday and Anita O'Connor co-led the meeting.  
Catherine Townsend led the invocation and Joan Wylie gave a short history  
of the church, which started in 1880 The Church of the Advent outreach  
committee will work closely with CBG.



## **CELEBRATIONS:**

1. Study Buddies after-school tutoring is open in four different churches (See notes from previous meeting) The Study Buddies as a whole group attended the Blue Rocks game on May 19<sup>th</sup> and had a picnic at Anson Nixon Park on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. Parenting Buddies will be starting in September at Bethel Church. Voni Moore Mastovich from the Exchange Club will help organize with Esther Rochester.
3. MYKE will be moving into Greenwood Elementary School in the fall and will reach its goal of being in all three Kennett elementary schools. More mentors are being recruited. To date, they have 34.
4. Voices of Experience will be making videos of their talks and then bringing the same speakers into the classroom for dialogues with the students.
5. The Kennett Paper continues to print a weekly column *Bridging the Community* with articles from our volunteers.
6. The Kennett Paper will also have a weekly article simply written for literacy students.
7. Relay for Life (Cancer Charity) had a team of fifteen from Community Bridging Generations made up of high school students, all ages and ethnic participants. Emily Thomforde shared the poster she made for the event. Over \$40,000 was raised by the entire effort.
8. Daryl Hall from (D&B) put on a pig roast that several members of the community attended and appreciated as a community-wide social event.
9. Unity Day on June 6<sup>th</sup> was a success.
10. A family reading program has started at LaComunidad Hispana led by UHS Student Lindsey Pugh—This effort grew out of this meeting.
11. The YMCA has several free programs for the youth. Avery Bass/YMCA Teen Activities is the contact person, as his goal is to provide a space for youth as well as tutoring and mentoring for the youth.
12. Sue Yocum has set up a summer reading program for mentors to share books with their mentees during the summer.
13. Courtney Michener and others started a high-school students mentoring middle-school students—They hope to continue under new leadership.

## **NEW IDEAS:**

It was recognized that we, as a heart-felt energy field have done a fine job of providing nourishing, integrating and all-inclusive energies in our volunteer

efforts. It was suggested that along with these we bring forth the perfecting or challenging energies in our next pursuits.

1. We can work on “pride in workmanship” through our tutoring and helping develop good study habits. We can work on the discipline of a sport to challenge self and team development. We can challenge building life skills in all our peoples.
2. Good Neighbors---a group who does home repair would like to work with interested youth to mentor them in a trade. Jay Malthaner is the contact person.
3. Study Buddies along with tutoring will bring professionals in to discuss different interests—also get into different activities that mentor”perfecting a whole process”—i.e. making a sweet potato pie.
4. Diane Mao (with Joan Holliday) will discuss nursing and teach a first aid course for Study Buddies at Bethel Church in the fall.
5. The Guidance Office is a good source for identifying youth who may want to work on developing craftsmanship. All levels of students to be found.
6. High School Students, Mike Pesce and Ian Carins along with Elizabeth Rhoades will ask the business contingency to attend our next meeting to help generate more ideas for craft mentoring.
7. Start a Chess Club to develop the mind. (To be initiated by Avery Bass and Robin May at the YMCA).
8. Rotary Clubs—Vocational Service. Draw on them for mentors and ideas of how to start a craft/professional mentoring.
9. It was suggested by Elizabeth Rhoades to bring together the YMCA youth, the Rotary and Good Neighbors as the structure for starting an effort this year. We need an overall coordinating team.
10. Catherine Townsend will start a Parenting Buddies effort with an Hispanic family.
11. Sue Yocum has started a “Parents Enriching Parents” effort to bring together Aglo and Hispanic families around the gardening project.
12. There will be an Hispanic Family Day at Anson Nixon park on 8/8/98. Spanish interpreters are needed.
13. There will be a talent show at Anson Nixon Park on 7/26/98
14. We will invite Kennett High and Middle School Guidance Counselors to attend our next meeting in September.
15. Every one will be thinking of possible individuals to develop a leadership team for mentoring youth in a craft effort. Ideas to be shared at next meeting.

**NEW MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

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Laura King (KHS) 420 Highland Ct., Kennett Square, Phone: 925-0765

Ian Carins (KHS) and friend Phone: 444-1968

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Robin May (Art Historian) 1036 Glen Hall Rd., Kennett, Phone: 347-0751

Janet Shepherd (Kendal ) 8 Kendal Drive, Kennett, Phone: 388-1862

Jim Calhoun (KHS Principal) South St, Kennett, Phone:444-6620

Eric McClain (Community) Phone: 444-4205

Annette Bowers (Church of the Advent Outreach) Phone: 444-4496

Phil Duncan (Community)251 N. Union St. Kennett Phone: 444-6269

Peggy Newton (Ch of the Advent) 217 Fairville Dr. ChaddsFord H. 388-1303

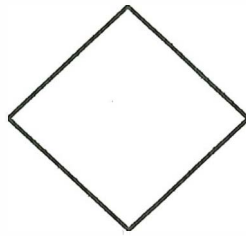
Diane Mao (Community) Linden St., Kennett Phone: 444-8938

# BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

## "COMMUNITY BRIDGING GENERATIONS"

Next meeting will be on Wednesday. November 18, 1998 at 7 pm at the Kennett Area YMCA on 747 W. Cypress St. Phone: 444-9622

**Our Vision: "Kennett Square: Every day a better place to grow up in and grow old in"**



Coming from the heart

Building a Community



*through*

Volunteering  
Mentoring  
Tutoring  
Story-Telling

Generating New ideas

Networking

We have no funds, board, officers, hierarchy---community is our common bond and denominator. Each person is appreciated and valued.

The tenth meeting of **BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY** (a new name usage) was held on September 9, 1998 at 7pm at the Kennett High School auditorium with sixty-eight lively community members attending. Joan Holliday, the KHS & UHS students and Anita O'Connor led the meeting. Dr. Larry Bosley gave a history of the Kennett Square high school building, which was built in 1929. The classes are growing each year.

Past attendees introduced the new people that they brought to the meeting.

## **NEW IDEAS:**

1. The KHS and UHS Students presented their Chip & Dip Initiative one day event for Friday, October, 23, 1998 in the streets of Kennett Square. (See flyer). **Bridging the Community** members will provide support in inviting community organizations, churches and businesses to attend.)
2. John and Denise Wood and Marshall Newton presented their project of starting an after-school program for middle-school students from 3pm to 6pm. They will pursue funding, develop a board and hire an executive director. They will start the effort January 1999 with a pilot and will continue the following September if successful. **Bridging the Community** can generate volunteers.
3. Sue Yocum presented her new idea of being a mentor for the profession of teaching by having a high-school Senior spend time in her classroom. Laura King signed up for the process by the end of the meeting.
4. Suzanne Whitaker from New Choices presented her career development program. Esther Rochester and Diane Mao presented Joan Holliday with a bouquet of flowers, a gift and card with appreciation for getting them involved in New Choices.

## **CELEBRATIONS & ONGOING EFFORTS:**

1. Study Buddies resumes next week with Presbyterian Church on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm; Bethel Church on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.; Christ Temple on Thursdays from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm. **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED**
2. Voni Moore-Mastovich introduced the **PARENTING BUDDIES** effort that will begin at Bethel Church on September 23, 1998 at 6:30 pm. She is a full-time employee of The Exchange Club.
3. Sue Calio from the Adult Literacy Program invites volunteers---will work out arrangements with the high school student.
4. Anita O'Connor celebrates the Hispanic radio program, **RADIO AMIGO** that LaComunidad Hispana has organized with the help of the KHS Hispanic speaking students. The program airs on WCOJ on Sunday eves from 6pm to 7pm. Public Announcements may be given to

LaComunidad—444-4545 and they will be translated. Also, the Family Literacy Program continues with the organization of Lindsey Pugh, and the Literacy article in The Kennett Paper occurs weekly on the *Community* page.

5. John Wood reports that the MYKE Program, Mentoring Youth in Kennett has 32 students. They have moved into all three elementary schools and hope to recruit more volunteers this year to double their number.
6. Joan Holliday reports that the *Voices of Experience* from The Kennett Area Senior Center has a list of potential speakers with a wide variety of topics for the schools to draw on.
7. Avery Bass, Kennett Area YMCA reports there are ongoing programs for the teens at the YMCA and that there will be a Rock Group on 9/12/98 that has songs against drug use.
8. Remember the Mushroom Festival 9/18,19,20/98.
9. Rain date for The Chip & Dip Initiative will be Monday, Oct. 26, 1998.
10. Rev. Carlos Navarro was recognized for his 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday with a sung “Happy Birthday” and a gift of a Mexican doll and Mexican hot sauce.

### **COMMUNING:**

The rest of the time was spent communing with each other making volunteer connections, “processing” the new ideas and building relationships. Groups signed up for *The Chip & Dip Initiative*.

**SIGN-UPS for October 23, 1998**

- 1. Rich Pesce—BoyScout Troop 24**
- 2. Gail Graham—Kennett Area Senior Center**
- 3. Rich Burrows—Rotary, Quakers**
- 4. Gail Newbold—Children As The Peacemakers**
- 5. Elizabeth Rhoads---Chester country Futures**
- 6. Avery Bass—Kennett Area YMCA**
- 7. Anital O'Connor---LaComunidad Hispana**
- 8. Sue Calio---Adult Literacy Program**
- 9. Suzanne Whitaker—New Choices Career Re-Entry.**
- 10. Joan Holliday—Chester County Health Department, Tic Tock Early Learning Center, Help Counseling, Mission Santa Maria, Donna Sensenig, WIC, Migrant Ministries, Willowdale Chapel, Rev. Carlos Navarro.**

## **BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY ATTENDEES on 9/9/98**

**John & Denise Wood (Mentoring MYKE) 62 Kendal Dr., 19348 H. 388-2653  
Gail Zippilli (MYKE) 49-D Webb Rd., ChaddsFord, 19317 H. 388-6594**

**Mr. Calio and Sue Calio (LITERACY TUTORING) P.O. Box 730 19348  
W. 444-9118**

- **Marcia W. Malchione (STUDY BUDDIES Presbyterian Church) 20 Penn Oak Lane 19348 H. 444-3720 W. 268-2117**
- **Mayor Charles S. Cramer Sr (STUDY BUDDIES) 424 Birch Street 19348 W. 444-0501 H. 444-5638**

**Mary L. Anderson (Second Baptist) 430 South Walnut St., 19348 H. 444-4199**

**Gail Graham (KASC) 427 S. Walnut St. 19348 W. 444-4819**

**Daryl Hall (D & B Hair Cuttery) 327 E. State St. 19348 W. 444-6536**

**Mary Lou & Dave Thomas (Sr. Volunteer) 201 W. Linden St. 19348 H. 444-0669**

**Dr. Larry Bosley ( School Superintendent) 300 E. South St. 19348 W. 444-6600**

**Sue Yocum (Mary D Lang 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher) 857 Spruce Ave. West Chester, PA. 19380 H. 696-4795**

**Phil & Mary Duncan (Mary D Lang Special Ed Teacher) 251 N. Union St. H. 444-6269**

**Kathy Thorton, ( Mary D Lang Principle) , Center St 19348 Phone: 444-6260**

**Susan Cole (K Sq H.S. Teach.) 114 N. Village Ln. ChaddsFord, 19317 H. 388-6512**

**Emily Thomforde (Kennett Student) 612 W. South St., 19348 H. 444-9171**

**Joan Holliday (Public Health Nurse) 515 Webb Rd. ChaddsFord, PA. 19317  
H. 358-0686 W. 344-5550**

**Elizabeth Rhoads (CCF Mentor) Meetinghouse Lane Square, 19348 H. 388-2626**

**Anita O'Connor (LaComunidad Hispana) 223 Birch St. K Sq. 19348 W. 444-4545**

**Peg Baker (Friends Mtg.) 354 Calvert Circle, K Square, 19348 H. 444-0962**

**David Andersen (Student )47 Partridge Ln, K Square 19348 H. 388-7548**



**Mia Kang (Student) 600 W. south St. 19348 H. 444-9621**

**Brent & Marge Grant (Community) 13 Turkey Hollow Rd. K Square H. 388-6317**

**Rev. Juan Carlos Navarro (Willowdale Chapel) Rt. 82 & 926 19348 W.444-2670  
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**Marshall Newton(Ch of Advent)217 Fairville Dr. ChaddsFord, 19317 H. 388-1303**

**Tom Connors (Community) Phone: 793-2330**

**Janet and Bob Johnson (Presbyterian Church) Phone: 388-2656**

**Joan Wylie (Church of the Advent) Phone: 347-6629**

**Ben Parry (UHS Student) Phone: 486-6603**

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**Devon Bailey, (KHS) 261 W. Hillendalte Rd., Kennett , Phone: 444-1694**

**Jean and Tom Hutchins, 116 S. Walnut St., Kennett. Phone: 444-3213**

**Rich Burrows (Rotary), 229 N. Garfield St., Kennett Phone: 444-1820**

**Gail Newbold, 162 Hilton Rd. Cochranville, 19330 Phone: 869-3455**

**Ray Fernandez (KHS, Assistant Principal 515 Heather Rd., Exton, PA. 19341  
Phone: 363-1161**

**Ryan McLeod, (KHS) 611-1 Millers Hill, Kennett Phone: 444-6213**

**Suzanne Whitaker, (New Choices, Delaware Community College) Phone: 359-5232**

**Antonino Bowman, (KHS) N. Walnut St., Kennett, Phone: 444-1998**

**Voni Moore-Mastovich, (Exchange Club), Phone: 429-0634**

**Michael Gallio, (Community) Phone: 444-5649**

**JC Navarro Jr., (Fire Co. Volunteer) Meredith St., Kennett Phone: 444-2980**

**Seth Moser, (KHS), 444-2613**

**Molly Earle, (KHS), 444-4927**

**Ian Carrins two friends**

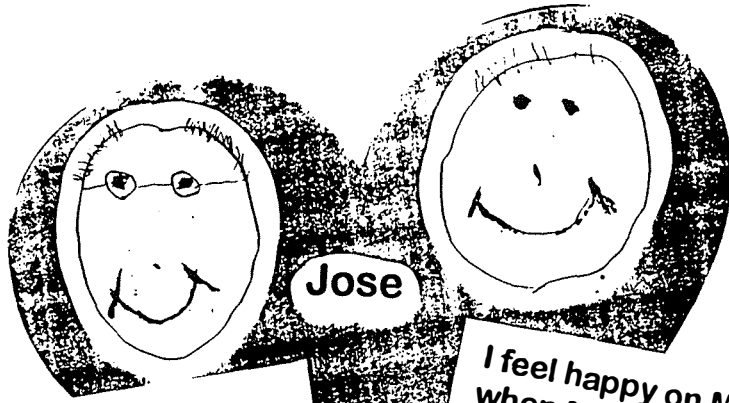
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**Lindsey Pugh's friend**

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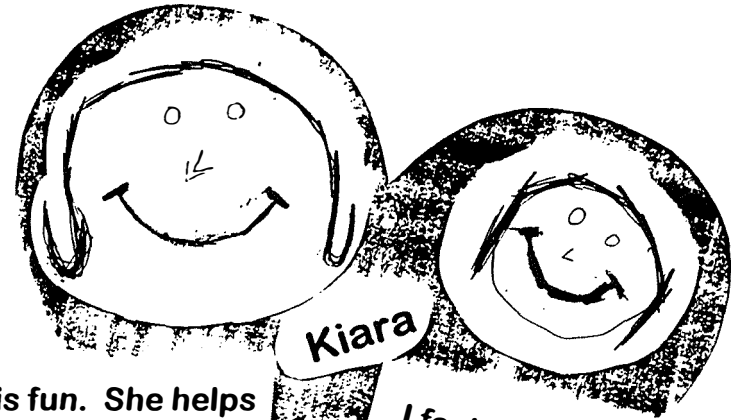
**Dori Carson (Community) Phone: 925-2551**



Jose

Mr. "H" shows me magic tricks. He has a neat book with pictures to make puzzles.

I feel happy on Mondays when Mr. "H" comes. I give him a big hug when he comes!

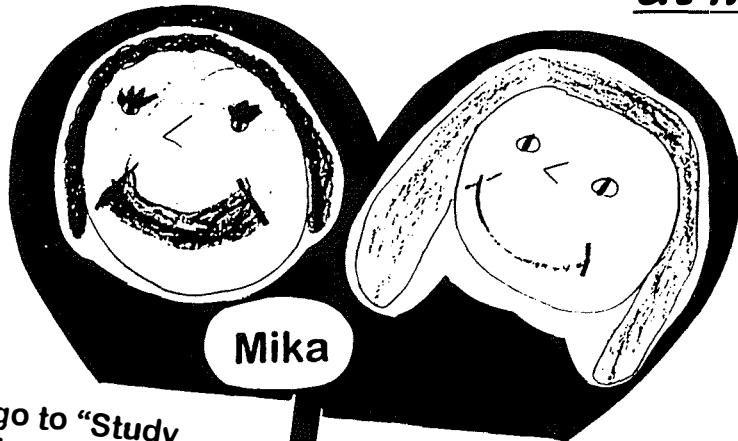


Kiara

Sharon is fun. She helps me with cursive. She lets me play on the computer.

I feel happy when I see Sharon parking her car. I got a 100 on my spelling test after working with Sharon at "Study Buddy". I was so proud!

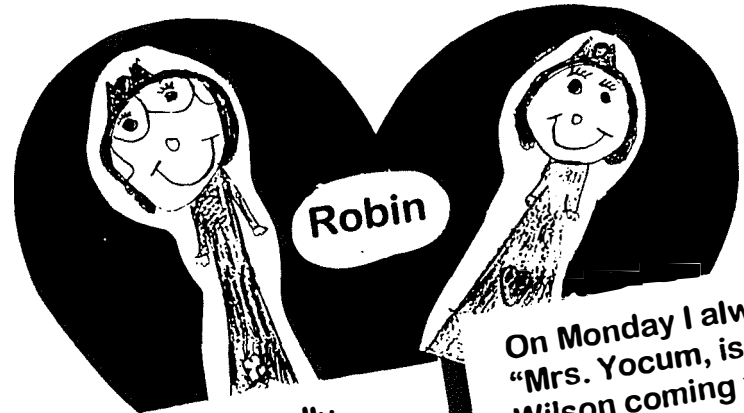
MYKE and Study Buddy at Mary D. Lang!



Mika

When I go to "Study Buddy" I get my homework done on time. My spelling tests are better now.

After I'm done my homework Miss Johnson and I draw together. She treats me nice. She is easy to talk to.



Robin

Mrs. Wilson is really nice. She brings games. She reads with me and helps me.

On Monday I always ask, "Mrs. Yocum, is Mrs. Wilson coming today?" I run up and hug her when I see her!

## BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1999 at 7 pm at Unionville High School, Rt. 82, Unionville, PA. Phone: 347-1600  
Caroling on December 9, 1998 at 7 pm. Meet at Friends Meeting at N. Union and Sickle Sts. Kennett Square, PA.

### Our Field of Endeavor:

To create a bridging process embedded with human dignity and freedom



in a way that calls forth the potential and uniqueness of each and all

so that we become a vibrant and harmonious community that is a living seed for a world at peace.



The eleventh meeting of *Bridging the Community* was held on November 18, 1998 at 7pm at the Kennett YMCA with forty committed members attending. Lisa Lightner from the YMCA gave us a history of the YMCA organization as well as a history of the new building. New attendees were introduced.

Joan Holliday reviewed the Purpose statement for our shared Field of Endeavor. She reflected on the Chip and Dip Volunteer Fair put on by the youth on October 23, 1998 and how they managed the entire event through the same principles that *Bridging the Community* has been guided by this past year.

**Principles:**

1. Start from a vision and purpose that is rooted in pursuing potential.
2. Fuel the purpose with our unique spirits and heart.
3. Do the right work and don't worry about who gets the credit.
4. Peacefully, progressively, include.
5. No added infrastructural burden.

The youth also reflected on the principles and spoke about the self and community fulfillment this way of working had for all of them.

The group was then broken into four subgroups led by Joan Holliday, Gerry Zippilli, Anita O'Connor and Marcia Malchione. Each group looked at ways that efforts and people could "bridge" and reinforce each other's efforts as well as plan for more joint efforts. The idea of sharing a common philosophy was the unifying thought that brought more coalescence to the group.

Reflections were shared after the subgroup about the experience of working in smaller groups:

1. Being in smaller groups helped us get to know each other better.
2. We found many ways we could reinforce and support each other's efforts.
3. We saw that this group is not about membership, but about people who care about creating a process whereby people across the community can come together to pursue the right and good things for the community.
4. We saw the journey was the most important thing.
5. We saw that we need to be thinking about who we need to invite in and make aware of our meetings to continue to progressively, include----

**Celebrations:**

Maria Mata was introduced as the winner of the Chester County Youth Community Hero award.

The Mayor received an award for Carrying the Torch---an award for good works in the community. The mayor encouraged all of us to continue good works.

**Announcements;**

World Aids Day December 1, 1999.

Cookie Walk at Senior Center on December 4, 1998

*After the Bell* passed out a Volunteer Response Form

MYKE needs mentors. Study Buddies and Adult Literacy needs tutors.

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