

## **Minutes from 2000 Meetings**

January 12, 2000

March 8, 2000

May 10, 2000

July 12, 2000

September 13, 2000

November 8, 2000

## BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

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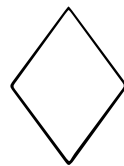
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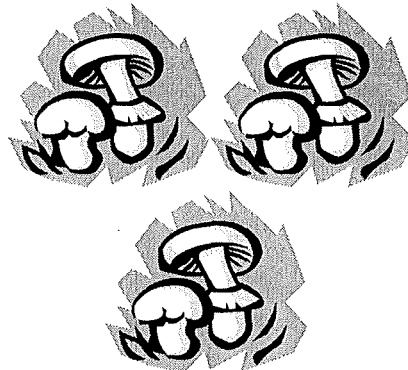
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Our meeting began with an invocation by Father David Benz of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Father David gave us a short history of the church. The Church recently celebrated its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The school was built in 1927 and currently has 250 students and is looking for land to build a new school. There are 1,400 families registered and approximately 4,000 members. St. Patricks is part of a five church mission, who supports the Hispanic Catholics through providing space for Hispanic Masses, CCD classes and more.

New members attending our meeting were introduced and asked what brought them to the meeting. (See list at end of minutes).

*The Study Buddies*, MYKE, *Community Gardens of Chester County*, *After the Bell* and *Good Neighbors* each gave reports of expanding and deepening their processes. They also told us about their successes in bridging with other similar life processes.

*Bridging the Community* members went caroling for the third year as promised, in spite of the rain on December 20, 1999.

Dr. Larry Bosley (former superintendent of Kennett schools) told us about his work with James Bond to reach the “have nots” in technology. He told us about the conference he will be heading involving a five state radius. Call 610-388-6682

Chief of Police, Albert McCarthy told us about the police department’s idea of having two available computers in an open room off the back of the police station. They would like to provide support to individuals who do not have a computer at home.

Sue Yocum showed us the finished copy of her new educational book for elementary students entitled Let's go to a Pennsylvania Mushroom Farm. There are 2,000 copies printed and there will be a reception at the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library on January 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Bob Holliday, SCC recruiter for Census 2000 strongly urged everyone to get the word out about filling out the census paper that arrives at each home. He pointed out that Southern Chester County has been greatly under-reported. He reinforced the idea that The Census Bureau is dedicated to confidentiality and technologically has a totally walled off system from all other government programs. He provided materials and spoke to people at the time we had our bridging discussion.

The following paper was passed out and the group went about the room talking to each other to discover ways to bridge with each other and reinforce and build on each other's efforts.

**Millenium MIRACULOUS MUSHROOMING OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Bridging the Community 1/12/2000**

1. **Census 2000** – Volunteer to get the word out. Work full or part-time as a census worker. Call 610-380-9816 and ask for your local recruiter, Bob (Doc) Holliday.
2. **Adult Literacy Program** at Library---Discover the power of friendships through learning language together. Call Alice or Sue at 610- 444-9118.
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9. **LaComunidad Hispana**—Share in the mission of improvement and empowerment of our vulnerable community members. Call 444-4545 to volunteer.
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17. **Community Conflict Negotiation Week-end.** Join in the planning for a week-end workshop to learn the process of Negotiation. We want a broad representation from our community. Call Joan Holliday 610-358-0686, Julie Hawk at 610-486-0298 or Catherine Casti at 610-444-9622 Ext. 20

The following bridges were made:

1. Susan Goldsworthy, from Chester County Community Gardens bridged with George Lewis around volunteer gardeners from Crosslands.
2. Dedra Brison bridged with Parenting Buddies and would like to address the needs of the young parent, who is struggling. She also would like to help the young adult male, who is at risk and spoke to Chief McCarthy about some possibilities.
3. **Esther Rochester announced that she is studying for her GED and bridged with the Census 2000 to study for the test for enumerator.**
4. **Cheryl Bojorenson saw possibilities for bridging some of her West Grove community's efforts with ours.**
5. **A good number of people bought Sue Yocum's newly published book.**
6. Many people had interactions about Census 2000 with Bob Holliday and will take their information back to their agencies and areas of contact.
7. Mara Volkommer bridged with the Study Buddy programs to reach potential youth for scholarship membership at the YMCA.
8. Diane Long from Delaware told us about her Healing Gardens. She bridged with Community Gardens of Chester County.

There was a discussion about where to go to take Spanish lessons. It was agreed that this could be a powerful community process—starting up a local Spanish class or setting up partners from Anglo and Latino culture to build relationships and learn language. We will encourage community members, who are interested and “coming from the heart” to initiate the process.

#### New member's attending;

1. Cheryl Bjorenson (4-H), 242 Woodcrest, West Grove, PA, 19390, Phone: 610-869-9271
2. Fred Wissemann (St Patricks), 287 Longview Lane, Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-4601
3. Catie Howell (KHS), 504 Irwin St., Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-6145
4. George B. Lewis (Church of the Advent), 92 Crosslands, Kennett Square, Phone: 610-388-1281
5. Donna Lewis, (Kennett Community), Phone: (W) 610-444-5573 and (H) 444-9155
6. Kathleen Jones (Domestic Violence Center of CC), P.O. Box 832, W. Chester, Phone: Daytime—610-344-5637 and other 610-431-3546
7. Lee Anderson (Psychologist), 260 Kennett Pike, ChaddsFord, PA. 19317, Phone: 388-1920 or FAX 610-388-6617
8. Mara Volkommer, (Kennett YMCA), 101 Race St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444 9622 Ext. 26
9. Bob Holliday, (Census 2000 Recruiter), 515 Webb Rd., Kennet Phone: 610-358-0686
10. Barbara Pope, 260 Kennett Pike, ChaddsFord, Phone: 610-388-6613 or FAX 610-388-6617
11. Chief Albert McCarthy, Kennett Police, Phone: 610-444-0501
12. Laura Skillman, (COAD, 930 E. Lancaster Ave., Exton, 19341, Phone: 610-363-6164
13. Ashley Austin, (Christ Temple Study Buddy) 477 Pemberton Rd. Kennett
14. Claire Russell, (LCH) ESL Classes, 223 Birch St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-4545
15. Laura Allen (Community), 702 Wickersham Ln. Kennett, Phone: 610-388-3740
16. Marge Knightly (St. Vincent D Paul), 1089 Baltimore Pike, Phone: 610-388-7555
17. Iris Ayala (Healthy Start), LCH, 223 Birch St., Kennett Phone: 610-444-7650
18. Alex Vaerget, 33 Sherwood Drive, Avondale, 19311, Phone: 610-268-8252
19. Father David Benz, St. Patricks Church, 212 Meredith St. Kennett, Phone: 610-610-444-2128
20. Jabbar Mendez (Study Buddy), Linden St., Kennett
21. Paul Masuda (Kennett Rotary)—invited by Rich Burrows, Phone: 610-444-1820
22. Mr Kuzo (St Patricks)
23. Dianne Long, 2902 Conrad St., Wilmington, DE. 19805 Phone: 302-652-5988

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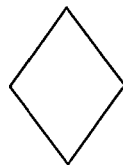
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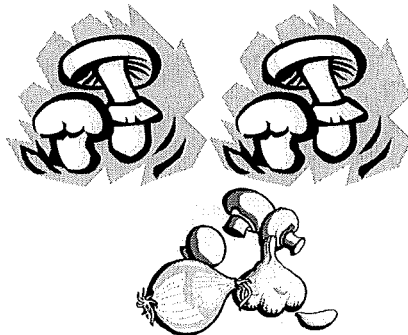
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The following reports validated the bridges that are being made in our community:

- 1.) Mr. Bob Smith has been asking community businesses and clubs to donate money for snacks for *Study Buddies*. He has helped them bridge.
- 2.) Jackie Smith expressed appreciation for the police department bridging with Bethel Church *Study Buddies* and talking to the children about their role in the community.
- 3.) *Good Neighbors* attended the meeting to bridge with a grass roots financial budgeting group organized by Salil Gutt.
- 4.) Carolyn Duke, a UHS student spoke about the bridging she does with the Hispanic students as a tutor for the *Tutoring Program at the Kennett area*



YMCA. The tutoring process is now moving into building friendships. An Hispanic student was invited to give a talk for a Unionville class as the result of this program.

- 5.) Alice Peters from The Adult Literacy Program at the library showed us a newspaper article of one of their success stories. She spoke about needing more tutors who can bridge with the program.
- 6.) There will be a Conflict Negotiation workshop held this month and will bridge a cross-section of the whole community. The goal is to build the capacity in our community to be peace-makers in time of conflict.
- 7.) Sue Yocum continues to get speaking engagements to talk about her educational book around the mushroom industry and is bridging with other communities.
- 8.) Fred Deckman, Kennett Area Senior Center told us about their Story-Telling group and how it has recently bridged with the schools to give a talk on the depression.
- 9.) LaComunidad Hispana told us they will be hiring a Volunteer Coordinator and will be looking for many levels of volunteers.
- 10.) Doug Harris, new director of The Center told us about the spirit of the Center and the importance of our sharing information collectively. He also invited us to The Center for our July *Bridging the Community* meeting.
- 11.) Brian Wright from The Chip Program asked to bridge with any agency or entities who qualify for insuring underinsured children.
- 12.) It was reported that the request at the last meeting to have a Spanish class taught in our community has been met by the YMCA providing an 8 week course starting on March 15, 2000 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

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The following bridges were made:

1. Anne Humes passed out slips to identify their volunteer effort. She intends to make up a directory of volunteer opportunities for Kendal at Crosslands residents. Many people filled them out.
2. The Food Cupboard needed drivers to bring food to the Center. They got volunteers who signed up at the meeting.

3. *Study Buddies* at Christ Temple got two young men tutors, which was considered a real need. (Dedra Brison made a trade: a driver for the Food Cupboard for a young man *Study Buddy*.)
4. Anita O'Connor suggested we all bring a young male between 20 and 30 years to the next *Bridging* meeting to bring them into the circle of volunteerism. *Big Brothers* is also seeking this volunteer group.
5. MYKE bridged with Bob Smith to become a mentor in the elementary schools.
6. Chester County Futures and Boy Scouts would like to be included on the list of volunteer opportunities.
7. Sue Yocum made a bridge with Penn State Extension and hopes to find volunteer gardeners to help her second graders do their gardening project.
8. The Kennett Police bridged with the Presbyterian Church *Study Buddies* and will provide snacks and a talk.
9. Joan Holliday and Tedi Barclay will explore ways to bridge the several clubs with those children in need.
10. Several people signed up for the Conflict Negotiation workshop.

### **Announcements:**

The Penn State Cooperative Extension is implementing an educational/leadership initiative in Chester County migrant Mexican and immigrant communities. They are in need of financial support and volunteers.

We all were encouraged by Alex Verget and Clarke Green to help the After Prom work crew on Sunday afternoons at the old Jamesway building.

March 25, 2000 is Clean-Up Day in the borough. Bring rakes and shovels at 8 am to Borough building to be assigned a job.

### **New members attending on March 8, 2000:**

- 1.) Ellie LaMotte, (*Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Chester County*), 21 W. Washington St., Suite D., West Chester, PA. 19380 Phone: 610-436-4275
- 2.) Mary Plumley, (*Pack 24 Cub Scout, Troop 24 Boy Scouts*), 138 S. Walnut St. Kennett Square, 19348, Phone: 610-444-1447
- 3.) Jay McGinley, (*Community*) 120 Cloverly Lane, West Chester, PA. 19380, Phone: 610-430-3476
- 4.) Becky Roemer, (*KHS Student*) 209 E. Linden St., Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-444-5964
- 5.) Abby Downey and son, (*Adult Literacy Tutor*) P.O. Box 736, Unionville, PA. Phone: 610-444-0752
- 6.) Suzanne Pusey, (*MYKE*), 310 N. Broad St., Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-444-0752

- 7.) *Brian T. Wright*, (*CHIP Program, AETNA US Health Care*), Phone: 610-722-6609
- 8.) Bruce Mitchell, (*Chief of Fire Company*), 301 Dalmation St., Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-3473
- 9.) Carolyn Duke and mother, (*UHS Student*), 837 Marlborough Spring Rd., Kennett Square, PA. 19348  
UHS Phone: 347-0199
- 10.) Tony Cadwalader, (*The Kennett Paper*), 116 S. Broad St., Kennett Square, PA., Phone: 610-444-6590
- 11.) Lois Maharg, (*The Kennett Paper*), 116 S. Broad St., Kennett Square, PA., Phone: 610-444-6590
- 12.) Luis Carlos Fernandes, (*LCH*) 223 Birch St., Kennett Square, 19348, Phone: 610-444-4545
- 13.) Shawn Godfrey, (*Kennett Teacher*), 327 Maple Dr., Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-925-0959
- 14.) Doug Harris, (*The Center Dir.*), 106 W. State St., Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-444-8188
- 15.) Mabel Thompson, (*Community*), 437 E. State St., Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-444-3919
- 16.) Cathy Cramer, (*Mary D Lang Teacher*), Union St., Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-444-6260
- 17.) Milek Rochester (*Study Buddy*), South Willow St., Kennett Square, Pa., 19348, Phone: 610-925-1996
- 18.) Gus Carmona Ernst, (*Migrant Education at KHS & Soccer League*), South St., Kennett Square, PA, 19348, Phone: 610-444-6620
- 19.) Barbara, (*Anne Humes friend at Kendal*), Main Number at Kendal: 610-793-1927
- 20.) Salil Gutt, (*Chester Springs*), Phone: 610-827-9381
- 21.) Mitch Watkins, (*Good Neighbors*) 200 Whitstne Rd., Kennett Square, PA. 19348,  
Phone: 610-347-0529
- 22.) Clark Green (Boy Scouts) attended previous meetings, Phone: 610-444-9212

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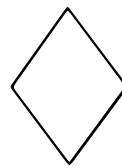
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Before our meeting began, Joan Holliday announced that *Bridging the Community* has completed a healthy three-year cycle; the community has embraced it as an essential model for community regeneration. She announced that we will now move from Joan Holliday and Anita O’Connor co-facilitating the process to two new community members. Clarke Green and Ryan McCloud will co-facilitate for a spell and then we will look for others. The idea being: *Bridging the Community* is a pure community process and not identified with certain people; it belongs to all of us and each of us can share the roles to make it happen. Our guidance for staying on track is our framework and our principles.

Our meeting began with an invocation by Margaret Valentine, Founder and Director of His Mission. Peggy Brock gave a report on the history of His Mission. It is a non-profit corporation which operates a soup kitchen and shelter for the needy and homeless. It started in October of 1986 as an extension of a soup kitchen that was held at Bethel Church. A fire destroyed the building in 1996 and it was rebuilt with operations resuming in November of 1997. In 1999, His Mission fed 30,000 people meals and provided 10,000 bed nights. They also provide clothing for needy children, assist people in locating permanent homes and help jobless people find work. They provide transportation to hospitals and jobs. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at the facility weekly and other types of community service work are provided.

New members attending our meeting were introduced and asked what brought them to the meeting. (See list of names at end of minutes).

Following are the items discussed for revitalizing our community:

1. Sarah Green, the new Volunteer Coordinator from LaComunidad Hispana introduced herself and said that she would like to generate volunteers for inside the agency and for outreach programs.
2. Mary Flores, chair for Relay for Life for the team started three years ago, *Community Committed Caring* introduced herself and asked for volunteers for the Cancer 24 hour walk on June 17&18, 2000.
3. Pastor Navarro presented Joan Holliday with a decorative plate from Mexico for being his community friend. He stated that "I would like to be part of the community just as all of you." Joan accepted the plate on behalf of the community as an expression of the "Hispanic dancing energies" that enrich our town.
4. Sue Yocum presented the *Read Across Kennett* program to be held on June 5, 2000 from 5pm to 7pm. The community is invited (mentors, teachers, parents, volunteers, police etc.) to walk to three different sites; the Library, Presbyterian Church and the YMCA to read with the kids. Participants will read for one-half hour and then walk to the next site. (Mary D. Lang, New Garden and Greenwood are participating).
5. Linda Mackey-Greig introduced herself as heading up a non-profit organization. Her organization recycles new building materials that otherwise would be wasted and distributes them where needed.
6. Nancy Clegg from The Presbyterian Church told us about Friday Buddies where students have a dinner cooked by Bob Walton and then play games or do art and drama projects with adults and their "buddies". They teach values and give hope and encouragement.
7. Claire Russell reported that the ESL classes are growing rapidly. She encouraged us to dispel the myth that Hispanic people are unwilling to learn the English language. Her students were unable to attend due to final classes. She will share the community's goodwill. Claire also thanked Mr. Karkosac for opening up the school buildings for classes. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Anita O'Connor for her 50<sup>th</sup>.
8. Loretta Perna brought two middle-school and one high-school Migrant Education students to experience the "joy of community".
9. Officer Bob Clark from New Garden said he is a visible figure in New Garden Elementary and runs a Gang Prevention Program (It includes the DARE process and goes broader). He has 200 bicycle helmets that he can give away free on May 13, 2000 from 11 am to 2 pm at New Garden Elementary.

10. Ryan McCloud celebrated the county-wide outstanding project award given by USA today and Daily Local for Kennett Youth's *Colors of Kennett* Make A Difference Day Project. Ryan, Emily Thomforde and Hayden Olenik explained the dimensions of the project.

11. Sue Monroe, Chair of Chester County Futures spoke about the success of the program and would like more mentors. She praised Elizabeth Rhoades for her success in helping her student receive acceptance into Immaculata college.

12. Councilman, Rich Pesce spoke about the need for more drivers for the Food Cupboard because the good news is that Entemanns bakery has doubled their donation to the community.

13. Jay McGinley from West Chester expressed an interest in doing his counseling internship in this area, working with parents of young children.

14. Reverend Dennison spoke about the importance of "bridging" and that his church supported the Study Buddies and saw the need for everyone to become involved. His family has been around the Kennett area for over fifty years.

The following paper was passed out and the group went about the room talking to each other to discover ways to bridge with each other and reinforce and build on each other's efforts.

## **STEPPING UP & OUT INTO OUR COMMUNITY- Volunteering Opportunities**

### **Bridging the Community 5/10/2000**

1. **Read Across Kennett Night**--Encourage literacy as a community on Monday, 6/5/00 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Walk to and read at sites around Kennett. Call Sue Yocum: 610-444-6260
2. **Unity Day**---Celebrate our community's diversity and culture! Anson B Nixon Park on 6/3/00
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The following bridges were made:

1. George Lewis reconnected with Susan Goldsworthy with a gardening project and expressed the importance of “trying again” if the first effort different work. He also made other bridges.
2. Jay McGinley “bridged” with Barbara DeCarlo, Principal of New Garden Elementary and he may have an arena to do his internship.
3. Joan Holliday “bridged” with Norman Quinn, BoyScout, who would like to lead the Core Team for Make A Difference Day Project in the fall of 2000 to carry on the legacy of the past two years of high-school students leading a community-wide volunteer effort.
4. Sarah Green, LCH Volunteer coordinator “bridged” with willing volunteer Janet Maxwell as well as with other efforts to build her volunteer resource pool.
5. Doug Harris stated that he is working on having at The Center, volunteer opportunities available in the community. He will be “bridging with our meetings to make that available to all. Also, it can be the source to announcing the place of our next meeting.

6. Mrs. Valentine and Good Neighbors “bridged” with Linda Mackey-Grieg around building supplies for His Mission.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

**New members attending on May 10, 2000:**

1. **Officer Bob Clarke (New Garden Twp Police), Phone: 610-268-2907**
2. **Mary Flores (Financial Mgr. LCH), Birch St., Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-8308 Ext. 11**
3. **Rudy Karkosak (Superintendent Kennett), South St., Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-6602**
4. **Harriet Wentz (BUA), Environmental Education & Stewardship, Phone: 620-793-1090**
5. **Linda Mackey-Grieg, (Recycled New Building Materials), Phone: 610-384-7434**
6. **Nancy Clegg (Presbyterian Church Friday Buddies), Phone: 610-444-2378**
7. **Sarah Green (LCH Volunteer Coordinator), Birch St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-8308**
8. **Jim Haag (LCH Board), email Jhaag@voicenet.com**
9. **Sue Monroe (CC Futures), Phone: 610-384-1777, email: smonroe@ccfutures.org**
10. **Marie Watson (New Garden Church), Linden St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-5247**
11. **Anthony Winters (Study Buddy), Linden St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-5247**
12. **Norman Quinn (Eagle Scout Project), Phone: 610-444-0530**
13. **Patty Olenik (Community), 112 Interlochen Ct. Avondale, Phone: 610-268-4160.**
14. **Miriam Snyder, (Neumann music student), State St., Kennett, PA.**
15. **Mrs. Dennison, (Pastor’s wife Bethel Church), Phone: 610-215-329-2695).**
16. **Officer Bob Holsworth, (Kennett Police), Broad St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-0501**
17. **Laura Fraser (Friends), 1511 Painters Crossing, ChaddsFord, Phone:**
18. **Peggy Brock (His Mission Secretary), 342 Birch St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-2559**
19. **Lucero Benites, ( Kennett Migrant Ed HS Student)**
20. **Maria Ines Guerrero (Kennett Migrant Ed MS Student)**
21. **Areceli Perez ( Kennett Migrant Ed MS Student)**

## BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

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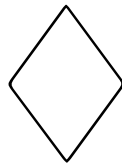
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**Principles:**

- In our efforts, we will “come from the heart”.
- In our efforts, we will be a community with open doors. (No infrastructural burden and no funding for the overall Bridging process.)
- In our efforts, we will work on the positive, potential side.
- In our efforts, we will not worry about who gets the credit---it is “Community First”.
- In our efforts, we will be bridging and reinforcing others’ efforts to strengthen our community.
- We will unite around the miraculous mushrooming of care so that our love is felt in all the mushrooms that are sold across the country.

Clarke Green and Ryan McCloud as co-facilitators welcomed every one. Rev. Carlos Navarro led the invocation remembering Anita O’Connor, Joan Holliday and Sue Yocum, community members who were on a Community Mexican Bridging trip. (Later it was reported that a prayer from Mexico was being given for the Kennett community about the same time.)

Doug Harris, Director of *The Center* gave an overview of this new building created by The Kennett Revitalization Task Force. It is a rental building for non-profits. Currently United Way and The Domestic Violence Center are in the building. The vision for the site is one of providing central space for community revitalization. One central space provides easier communication opportunities between agencies and better client access. *The Center* has a community bulletin board and soon will have an informational computer system integrating all the news about the community. The space the meeting was held in will become an arts and craft retail shop hosted by LaComunidad Hispana.

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**Following are the items of news and successes:**

The Mushroom Festival on Sept. 9-10.

- Sept. 9; Farmer’s Market, Brew Fest 2-6, Swing Party 6:30-10:30.
- Sept. 10; Street Festival, National Mushroom Cookoff, Town Tours and Mushrooms Around the World put on by LaComunidad Hispana.
- Tom Staller is the new president of The Kennett Area Senior Center.

- The Kennett Historical Commission is renovating the Train Station into an historical center and creating a network of trails to the park and the pool.
- The Boy Scouts, with the American Legion are starting a Venture Crew for boys and girls 14 to 17 yrs. First meeting August 10, 7:00 pm at the American Legion.
- Doug Harris and Doug Sterling are hosting, "Circling the Square", a new radio show on 1420 AM on Monday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:00am.
- The 2000 Relay for Life Cancer Walk held in June raised over \$135,000.
- La Comunidad Hispana is starting computer training courses this fall and is setting up computer labs along Old Baltimore Pike. Office Furniture needed. The Latin Dance at The American Legion last month was a social and financial success.
- After the Bell starts on September 26. It needs student and adult volunteers for one hour/week for a seven week session.
- Chester County Futures is recruiting 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders for the program.
- KenParc is hosting a Family Fun Day in the park on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed to read.
- The food cupboard needs drivers with their own truck or van for 3:15 to 5:00pm.
- The Kennett Jazz and Folk Fest will be Saturday, August 5 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Benefit Concert at the American Legion at 8 pm. Admission \$10.

The group then mingled to make "bridges" and to learn more about their community neighbors.

The meeting ended on a high note ready to move forward with new spirit and energy.

#### **New members attending on July 12, 2000**

1. **Clarie Murray, Phone: 610-869-8696**
2. **Mileidys Garcia-Barbon, (Kennett Area YMCA), Phone: 610-444-9622 Ext. 31**
3. **David Johnson, (BVA), Phone: 610-486-1137**
4. **Tom Steller, (Kennett Area Senior Center President), Phone: 610-444-3229**
5. **Rachel Wyatt (Formerly LaCasa Del Pueblo, In. Housing Coordinator), Phone: 610-444-9713**
6. **Paul Masuda (Rotary), Phone: 610-656-6233**
7. **Ellen Muenter (Mushroom Festival), Phone: 610-793-3203**
8. **Sally Warren (Kennett Historical Society), Phone: 610-925-0544**
9. **Nancy Mohr. (Kennett Revitalization Task Force), Phone: 610-347-1614.**

## BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

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Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 7 pm in the Club Room of The American Legion Hall, at the corner of State St. and Broad St. Enter from the alley—north side of the building next to the library.

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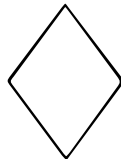
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Clarke Green and Nalen Jackson as co-facilitators welcomed each and all. Laura Jackson led the invocation. Sally Warren from The Historical Society told us that the Train Station was sold to them by PennDot for \$1. It will be used to house Kennett High School History. Sally Warren as a community member asked attendees to take an interest in the debate about the location for the library. She had petitions available to keep the library in town.

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The following list was passed out and each group explained their upcoming activities.

### **THE RAILROAD STATION—Kennett: “Peaceful, Progressive Inclusivity” Volunteering Opportunities at Bridging the Community 9/13/00**

- 1. Make A Difference Day**—Join the youth of Kennett Square as they organize a leading-edge Community Volunteer Day on Sat., 10/28/00. The Theme: *We Are Family—Work, Play and Pray Together*. Call Norm Quinn at 610-444-0530. to sign up your family for clean-up, entertainment or prayer walk
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Additional announcements:

1. Brent Grant spoke about the Life-Time Achievement award dinner to be put on by Creative Grandparent and to talk to him about tickets.
2. Howard Porter from The Alliance of Better Housing told us that there are plans for building affordable housing in Kennett. He encouraged us to attend the Planning Commission meeting in October---watch newspapers for exact date.
3. The Charrette (An open community dialogue about the location of our library site) will be at the American Legion Building at Broad and State Streets on Weds. 9/20/00 from 4 pm until 9 pm.
4. There will be a Mexican Independence Day Celebration at Anson B Nixon Park on 9/17/00 from 2-6:30 pm. All are invited.
5. Clarke Green is leading an Outdoor Leadership group from 14-21 year olds.
6. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner on October 14, 2000 at the Presbyterian Church to benefit the Troop 24 Scouts.



7. Kathy Cramer, Teacher at Mary D Lang would like to introduce the elementary students to the spirit of volunteering. She is looking for ideas for jobs for the students.
8. The Needlework Guild collects clothing and would like to donate to a non-profit so they can distribute. Leona Souser is in charge. Her phone: 610-444-4126.
9. Sue Yocum will be keeping us informed about the Mayor's Challenge for Read Across America. Students will be asked to take on the challenge to complete lists of books they have read.
10. Alicia Tamargo from KHS is the Head of the Graduation Projects. She would like defined areas for volunteering to make available to her students.

We then mingled and "bridged" with each other.

**Bridges made:**

- Susan Monroe, Joan Holliday and Loretta Perna will work together in expanding the middle school and high school tutoring program.
- Kathy Cramer made several connections for her students for volunteering.
- Make A Difference Day group "bridged" with Friday Buddies and Kathy Cramer
- Many attendees signed the petition to keep the library in town.
- Gerry Zippilli contacted five new mentors through Detra Brision.
- Joan Holliday introduced Deb Shutika who was taking photos this evening for her documentary on Bridging the Community for her doctoral research project.
- Many people talked to each and learned more about each other's efforts.

The meeting ended with many still staying on to commune and "bridge".

**New Attendees:**

- Antonino Hill, (KHS), Phone: 610-444-8338
- Maria Vazquez, (KHS), Phone: 610-444-8025
- Nelson Velez, (KHS), Phone: 925-2887
- Kate Bergman, (Kennett Schools Social Worker), Phone: 610-636-1794
- Laura Jackson, (Community), Phone: 610-444-1114
- Nalen Jackson, (Community), Phone: 610-444-1114
- Pam Carter, (KemPark), Phone: 610-444-6443
- Bob Woodward, (Community), Phone: 610-793-3998
- Sue Woodward, (After the Bell Director), Phone: 610-793-3998
- Alicia Tamargo, (KHS Graduation Project), Phone: 610-444-0996
- Bob Walton, (Presbyterian Church), Phone: 610-793-2806
- Howard Porter, (Alliance For Better Housing), Phone: 610-925-1880
- Lou Mandich, (Historical Society), Phone: 610-444-0446
- Ruth Rochester, (Community), Phone: 610-925-3564
- Lou Dennison, (Bethel Church), Phone: 610- 444-2974 and Three members from Bethel.

## BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

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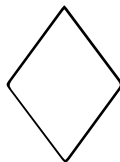
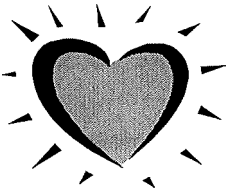
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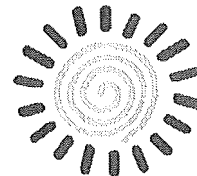
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- 15. **Tick Tock Early Learning Center.** Read to the young ones. Call Carrie Freeman at 610-268-8134
- 16. **Adult Literacy Program** at Library---Discover the power of friendships through learning language together. Call Alice or Sue at 610- 444-9118.
- 17. **The Center**—Take a tour and share town information. Call Doug Harris at 610-444-8188
- 18. **Pack 24 Cub Scout, Troop 24 Boy Scouts**—Volunteer or refer to Mary Plumley at 610-444-1447
- 20. **Penn State Extension**—Volunteer in many arenas. Call Laurie Szoke at 610-696-3500.
- 21. **Kennett Merchants Association**---Organize youth to make Christmas tree ornaments for our live Christmas tree in town. Call Joan Holliday at 610-358-0686
- 22. **Bridging the Community Caroling**—Meet at Friends Meeting on Monday, 12/18/00 at 6:30 pm.

The following good news was shared:

Michael Perna told us about the KEM Park plans to develop walking trails that will go from the YMCA to the park and pool. Eventually there will be 5 miles of trails. This effort takes a whole community cooperation and participation and he invited people to join the effort.

Jamie Evans, an independent business in town is working on bridging technology skill development with employers. He is currently running a program with State Farm Insurance and community students at this time.

Bob Thomas told us of the ecumenical Thanksgiving service to be held at the Presbyterian Church on November 22, 2000.

Kathy Cramer encouraged everyone to identify a community hero and submit it to her. This person will be recognized by The Kennett Consolidated School District.

Laura Skillman told us of the Community Cares group that will be starting to work in the community early next year. The purpose is to identify needs to be met in the community by a core group of people. They will work closely with Bridging the Community. Also there is a free training this November 18<sup>th</sup> for youth leaders.

Kathy Cramer reported the success of the youth-led Make A Difference Day, "We Are Family". Over 100 people attended. Art pictures made by New Garden Elementary were passed out for each person to take home. Also stories about "What Family Means to Me" written by the high school students were passed out.

Robin Krug from MOMs Club asked for ideas for her stay-at home MOMs to become involved with that integrates their small children.

Sue Yocum told us about the Mayors Challenge for children to increase reading. She and Jen Augustine are reading to young children every Friday at the library. She also told of her trip to Morolean, Mexico and the collaboration between the Kennett and Morolean Lions Clubs to provide literary works in Spanish. She introduced her new mentee, Catherine Rouseley Maxwell.

Sarah Green and Todd Palmer, from LCH strongly urged volunteer involvement. Todd would be willing to set up a cultural meal exchange with a Mexican family over the holidays.

Anita O'Connor told us about the Family Savings project at LCH to be guided by Salil Gutt (connected at a previous Bridging meeting); about the grant opening of MiCasa Su Casa, an international craft store on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000.

Positive reports were given by MYKE, CC Futures, Alliance for Better Housing.

Joan Holliday told the success story of Esther Rochester being homeless and within two weeks had an apartment fully furnished with the help of her determination and community.

The large group moved into smaller groups to “bridge”. The following bridges were reported as being made:

1. Gerry Zippilli bridged with Jamie Evans, who will look into the HIRE process---a bridge with business and high-school students who will not be going to college. Gerry also was trying to find a creative way to have MOMs group mentor elementary students.
2. Howard Porter bridged with The Trails group and will work with Michael Perna.
3. Ann Humes will connect with four volunteers at Kendal to meet the needs of several groups in the meeting.
4. Anita O'Connor made a bridge with the MOMs Club and the Mexican Support Group.
5. After the Bell, Marshall Newton connected with the American Legion to find appropriate candidates for scholarships.
6. Maureen Orlando connected with the Presbyterian Health Fair and will work to help the students with eye and dental problems receive treatment.
7. Clarke Green bridged with the effort to go to Friends Boarding Home and talk “guy things” with the older men.

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8. Faith Spence (CCIU Head Start/Family Comm. Specialist), 1530 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. Phone: 610-388-6800 X 232, FaithS@cciu.org
9. Sarah Cordivano (KHS Non-desicriminatory Unity group), 630 Linden Circle, Kennett, Phone: 610-444-9289
10. Catherine Rouseley Maxwell, 208 Kirkbrue Rd., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-7404
11. Jamie Evans (SanKofa Fech. Syst.), 110 E. State St., Kennett, Phone: 610-925-4977
12. Karen Ccampenelli, (Greenwood Elem), Phone: 610-388-5993
13. Todd Palmer (LCH Social Services Director), Phone: 610-444-5550
14. Jackie Smith's two foster sons and Vickie Dash-Slenskinski two children.