

Bridging the Community was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, the day after 911! Over 50 community members attended the meeting with a great desire to come together as community after the tragic day of 911. Meeting was held at the Kennett Area Senior Center. No minutes were taken.

Bridging the Community was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. Minutes cannot be located.

Minutes from 2001 Meetings

January 10, 2001

March 7, 2001

May 9, 2001

July 11, 2001

September 12, 2001 - see note on previous page

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BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

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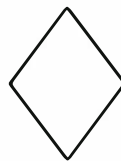
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Clarke Green and Kathy Cramer as co-facilitators welcomed each and all. Rev. Bob Thomas led the invocation. Mike Solon, the new principal at Mary D Lang Elementary School welcomed us and told us that 50% of the students are Latino, 30% are Caucasian, and 20% are African American. New members attending our meeting were introduced and asked what brought them to the meeting. (See list of names at end of minutes).

The following community sharing took place:

Elizabeth Radastl from COAD told us that she is the new coordinator (replacing Laura Skillman) of the *Communities that Care* Program; She introduced Erin Galloway, who will be our Community Mobilizer. Later in the meeting Chief McCarthy told us that this youth prevention program is funded by the state and has designated federal funds. He spoke about it not replacing *Bridging the Community* and that it would be a branch of the tree of "Bridging". Once a community assessment has been done by *Communities that Care*, the findings will be brought to the "Bridging" meetings to see where funds could be best targeted. He explained that volunteers are the key element and the funds would be available to support successful existing programs or to develop new ones where the voids were identified. **Every one is invited to a community meeting on February 1, 2001 at 7:30 pm at The Kennett Middle School.**

Sue Siensa explained that she runs a Unionville High School Peer Outreach program as a volunteer. She also is organizing a three-day leadership

workshop for youth entitled YOUTH TO YOUTH "EXPECT THE BEST" to be held January 26, 27, & 28, 2001. She is looking for youth to sign up.

Ellen Lake from the Red Clay and Brandywine Valley Associations would like to provide more school-based programs. They will have scholarships for youth summer camp as last year.

Marge Mecca, Principal of St. Patrick's School states she would like to "bridge" and will try to get more people involved in volunteering with the larger community.

Dave Haradon and Richard Tait introduced themselves as Outreach Committee for Church of The Advent and wanted to become a part of the "Bridging" meetings.

Jake from the Historical Commission told us about the train display at the History Station on Broad St. They are interested in displaying private collections of community members. The Station is open every Saturday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Chris Pickell, Elementary School teacher at Greenwood told us about the after-school tutoring process that is taking place at Buena Vista from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night. They need more tutors.

Sgt. Chris Martin was introduced by Chief McCarthy and told us he would be the new Patrol Supervisor and attend training with *Communities That Care*.

Laura Fin, Maureen Harrington, Carol Illingworth, Berta Rains and Judy Smith are community members, who are attending "Bridging" for the first time.

Chris Plumley is a high-school student, who was introduced by Rich Pesce as the first youth in our area to be on The American Cancer Society Board. He will be the organizer for Relay for Life in June at Unionville High School.

Doug Harris shared that he will be the chair for Unity Day in June. He took the baton from Bill Buffington, who started it with others. Doug is interested in generating an active volunteer base.

Rich Pesce, Borough Committee Member said the Borough is always looking for volunteers to participate on their committees, i.e. zoning, park etc.

Positive examples of our vision being “lived out” were given by MYKE, Study Buddies (Joan Holliday read a thank-you note from one of the Study Buddies to YMCA for Christmas gifts), Chester County Futures, (Feb. 1 is sign-up time for 8th grade students to have a mentor for 4 years, and After the Bell (a new session is starting next week).

Bob Walton told us about Friday Night Buddies, where nearly 40 youth attend to have dinner prepared by Bob and to play games.

Anne Humes brought a picture of a Kendal resident baking cookies for the Study Buddies.

Jamie Evans is promising that the Kennett area will have a computer literacy program started in our community through his business.

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The following sheet was passed out for phone number contacts:

Mary D Lang Elementary--*Bridging the Community* Volunteer Opportunities 01/10/01
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After The Bell—Add to the Enrichment of this exciting Middle School After-School-Program
Volunteers call Peg Baker at 610- 444-0962

Chester County Futures—Provide support for high-school student’s reaching their goals. Call Susan Monroe at 610-384-1777. Meet Nancy Clegg—Outreach Coordinator

YMCA—Join our teens at the new Teen Center. Help Marisela Valenzuela reach youth and families who are eligible for YMCA scholarships. Call 444-9622

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

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

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Volunteers call Jim Wilson at 610-388-7551 or Gerry Zippilli at 610-388-6594.

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 tutors please call Loretta Perna at 610-444-9029 or Joan Holliday 610-344-5550.

The Food Cupboard 515 S. Broad St.—Feed the hungry. Open Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 pm. Volunteers call Luella Binkley at 925-3556.

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

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

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

Pack 24 Cub Scout, Troop 24 Boy Scouts—Volunteer or refer to Mary Plumley at 610-444-1447

Penn State Extension—Volunteer in many arenas. Call Laurie Szoke at 610-696-3500.

Communities That Care—Youth Prevention and Community Building Program. Call Erin Galloway at 610-363-6164

In the large group, the following were shared as some of the “bridges” that were made:

1. Chris Plumley received several suggestions and names for Relay for Life.
2. Doug Harris had some people sign up to work on Unity Day.
3. Joan Holliday “bridged” with Kendal for cookies for Bethel Study Buddies, dental program with school nurses, connected a donated copier from borough to a local church and received volunteer names for tutoring programs.
4. Chief McCarthy told us that the skateboard discussion was reopened with the possible funding from the state.
5. Anita O'Connor encouraged us to “bridge” beyond our area and attend the Martin Luther King March on Monday at West Chester University.
6. We were encouraged to listen to WCOJ (1410) at 10:00 am every Monday to learn about our town. Mabel Thompson told us about the history of the name, “Circling the Square”
7. Ellen Lake made connections for her school programs.
8. Sue Siensa put faces with names and received the good news that she had 15 Kennett students planning to attend the youth leadership conference.
9. Kennett Night Rotary signed up individuals to speak about their volunteer efforts at their Monday night meetings.

New Members Attending 1/10/10 Meeting at Mary D Lang

Erin Galloway, (Communities That Care Mobilizer) 930 E. Lancaster, Exton., PA. 19341, Phone: 610-363-6164 email: ergal@earthlink.net

Elizabeth Radastl, (COAD CTC) 930 E. Lancaster Ave., Exton, 19341, Phone: 610-363-6164

Carol Illingworth, (Community), 10 Woodchuck Way, 19348, Phone: 610-388-3900, email: carolgibson@att.net

Chris Pickell, (Greenwood Teacher), 6021 West Chester Pike, Newtown Sq. Phone: 610-251-5210, email: cpickella@kcsd.org

Lou Mandich, Kennett Historical Commission, Phone: 610-444-0446

Jake, Kennett Historical Commission, Train Display, Phone: 610-742-7752

Marge Mecca, Principal St. Patricks, Phone: 610-444-3104

Christ Plumley, (American Cancer Society, Relay for Life), Phone: 610-444-1447 Email: RishingGuru13@aol.com

Dave Haradon, Church of The Advent, Phone: 610-347-0356, email: haradon@chesco.com

Richard Tait, Church of The Advent, Phone: 793-3032, email: rhtait@aol.com

Ellen Lake, Red Clay and Brandywine Valley Assoc., Phone: 610-793-1090, email: lakewood@bva-rcva.org

Sue Siensa, Peer Outreach Unionville HS and MS, Phone: 610-347-0429.

Sgt. Chris Martin, 115 N. Broad St., Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-0501

Mike Solon, Principal at Mary D Lang, Center St., Kennett, Phone: 610-6260

Judy Smith, Community, Phone: 610-347-1695

Berta Rains, Laura Fin, Maureen Harrington, Kenyatta Rochester, Mrs. Albert McCarthy and three Kennett Middle School and one elementary student were community members who did not sign up.

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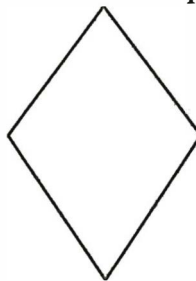
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Clarke Green and Joan Holliday, as co-facilitators, welcomed each and all. Rich Pesce, Borough Council Member told us we were in the room that Borough meetings are held the first and third Monday of every month. Community members are welcome, with the exception of special work sessions. The building holds offices for the Borough Mgr., and Public Works. There are records of the history of homes in the area. Taxes and water bills are paid here.

Clarke Green and Tyrone Rochester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Issues 1,2,3 of **The Path of Potential** were passed out. It was pointed out that this Grass Roots Reader holds the philosophy and thinking that underlies Bridging the Community process. Several community members have written articles and all are welcomed to reflect about the value of "working from potential", when one takes on a community role and write articles for The Reader.

New members introduced themselves and told what brought them to Bridging (See list of new members at end of notes.)

Good News and Needs shared:

Joan Boydell told us that Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center is located on Miller Hill.

Tom Hoehle and Salil Gutt told us about the Financial Planning service offered at La Comunidad Hispana starting March 19, 2001 with no charge. There will be a workshop every Monday evening and one-on-one financial counseling on Thursday eves. This effort is collaboration with Villanova University, first National Bank, State Farm, YMCA and LCH. So far 50 people have signed up.

Buena Vista Homework Club has about 24 students attending and they need more tutors. Chris Pickell also asked for chaperones for his 5th grade's Read-A-Thon sleepover at Greenwood Elementary on April 20th.

Barb DeCarlo, Principal of New Garden, told us of the fire that destroyed the home of a family of 9. She requested used furniture.

Anne Humes delivered freshly baked cookies from Kendal to The Study Buddies this past month.

Richard Tait from Church of the Advent asked us to think of a community volunteer project that his church could perform on a Saturday in late May. Also, the Human Services Committee is open for grant proposals up to \$2,000. **Please FAX requests for volunteers to 610-347-0599**

Sue Siensa told about the successful Youth to Youth Conference that “bridged” Kennett, Unionville and Avondale students. She introduced Jenny a Peer Mentor. They would like to continue to bring students into both processes. Sue also leads an AlaTeen session at Church of the Advent—for students who have family members with alcohol and drug problems. Call her at 610-347-0429.

Mary Plumley needs drivers for The Food Cupboard to drive to Entemann’s on Friday afternoons.

Detra Brison introduced her friend, Jean from Avondale who wants to start a Study Buddies in Avondale.

Patty Hillkirk told us about Camp Dream Catcher, a camp with HIV/AIDs children. They are in need of more camp counselors and help.

Michelle Tomeo, Mushroom Festival Volunteer Chair, gave an overview of the festival and asked for volunteers to sign up.

Peg Baker reports that After the Bell is in its eighth cycle since it’s beginning and that the interest and participation grows.

Linda Tice, (Merchants Association) told us about the Art Festival to be held on April 14th. There will be High-school student artwork and they will be judged. There also will be chalk art on the street for the elementary students.

Erin Galloway told us about Communities That Care. They have decided to move ahead to the survey. There next meeting will be 3/15/01 at 5:30 pm.

Anita O’Connor told us about a group of 90 International Foundation representatives visiting us on 5/1/01. She said that they were interested in hearing about the Bridging the Community process and how this helps a community work together.

Joan Holliday will organize a Planning Group made up of each segment of the community to compose and perform a 15-minute song/drama to this group.

Anita O'Connor also told us about Cinco de Mayo Festival to be held on its actual day of May 5, 2001. She explained that the battle at Pueblo was the victory of Mexico over France and it distracted the French from the US, which helped our country become a "United" States.

Susan Goldsworthy needs a utility trailer for her Community Gardens work.

Clarke Green pointed out that volunteering that "comes from the heart" can move in and about the volunteer arenas in the community to become more connected with the whole community. This is about being a dynamic process not a fixed program.

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- 19. Town Festivals**---Join in the revitalization of our town. Call Evie Soliwoda at 610-444-6020

In the large group, the following were shared as the “bridges” that were made:

1. Mary Plumley got the drivers she needed for The Food Cupboard.
2. Barbara DeCarlo told us of the many offers of furniture she received for the Fire Victims.
3. Chester County Futures “bridged” with Chris Pickell to do a Clean-Up day in Kennett around the railroad tracks.
4. Lou Dennison said he was ready to be a Camp Counselor and “bridged” with Camp Dreamcatcher.
5. Susan Siensa said that she “bridged” with La Comunidad Hispana for Ala-Teen.
6. Carolyn Illingworth “bridged” with the Cinco de Mayo volunteer work.
7. Joan Holliday received offers from Elizabeth Rhoades, the Senior Center, New Garden Elementary and Kathy Cramer to start the planning for the Foundations.
8. Esther Rochester would like to lead the Study Buddies Blue Rocks Night this year in May.

New members attending 3/07/01

Marianne Kane, (St. Patrick's), 705 Wickersham Ln., Kennett Square Phone (h) 610-388-7712, (w) 610-444-3104

Kristina Mace, (St. Patrick's), 19 Denise Dr., Thorton, PA. 19373

Esther H. Cidis (Kendal), 22 Inoleton Circle, Kennett, Phone: 610-388-9175, dcidis@aol.com

Tom Hoehle, (First National Bank) 524 Circle Dr., Havertown, PA. 19075, Phone: (h) 610-789-3038, (w) 610-692-14995

Jenny Saro, (UHS Peer Outreach), Phone: 610-444-0205, JSSmiley@000@aol.com

Michele Tomeo, (Mushroom Festival), Phone: 610-932-3835, Mtomeo@phillycoke.com

Joan Boydell and Mr. Boydell, (Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center), 610-525-1557, amnion@libertynet.org

Linda C. Tice, (Kennett Merchants Association), Kennett Jewelers, West State St., Kennett, Phone: 10-444-5595

Emidio Falini, (Borough Council President), Kennett, Phone: 610-444-3484

Maribel Gonzalez, (Migrant Education), Phone: 610-268-2414, email: MGL86@aol.com

Patty Hillkirk, (Camp DreamCatcher), Phone: 610-925-2998, email: campdreamcatcher@kennett.net

Jeffrey Darman, (Kennett Borough Councilman), email: ksboro@kennett.net

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Our twenty-fifth meeting was held on Wednesday, May 09, 2001 at 7 pm at D & B Hair Cuttery, 331 E. State St., Kennett Square, Pa. 19348. Forty-six committed community members attended, while others were at a Memorial Service for a 17 yr. community youth.

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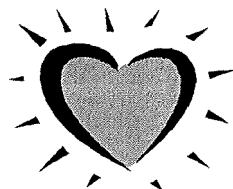
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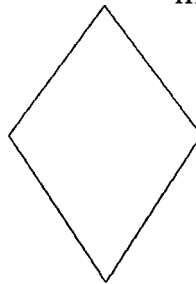
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Clarke Green and Joan Holliday, as co-facilitators, welcomed each and all. Clarke Green recognized the sad news that a 17 yr. old community member, Cameron Logan was killed in a car accident. All the youth and school staff were at the Memorial Service this evening. We had a moment of silence to honor Cameron. Daryl Hall told us that the Hair Cattery was previously a Hardware Store and a bakery in the 1950s. Daryl has been at this site for 3 years and 6 years in Kennett Square. He is known for his famous wall of photos and his annual pig roast at Anson B Nixon Park for his patrons with an attendance of over 500.

Fran Durynski told us about the Mushroom Festival Committees plans to identify four Social Services in the area to receive the proceeds from the festival and the volunteers will vote on the recipient.

Clayton Wood from State Farm Insurance told us about the upcoming opening of an office in New Garden Shopping Center.

Vince Ghione is a retired mushroom grower and active community festival organizer and volunteer.

St. Patricks Outreach Coordinator attended the meeting to get ideas for its involvement in the community.

Good News and Needs shared:

Lou Manich from The Historical Society told us about their recent recognition of the Underground Railroad with Mary Anderson as a member of the committee. He invited us to visit the museum on Broad St.

The Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center, 645 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square will have a Volunteer Training on June 1-2. Phone: 610-444-7172

Tom Hoehle told us about the Family Savings Program offered with La Comunidad Hispana's sponsorship and volunteers. The new approach they will take is traveling to sites where they are invited. They will tailor their presentations to the needs of the audience.

Tim/Everett Butcher told us about the new church outreach being established in Kennett on Cypress St. There will be a block celebration on 5/25/01 and an Open House on 6/15-16/01. They focus on building prevention programs for youth and being a resource to churches in the area. They have an evangelical foundation.

Richard Tait from Church of the Advent told us about the 14-passenger van that was donated to their church. Richard invited us to offer ideas for its use in the community.

Detra Brison announced that she initiated a Study Buddies at Galilee Methodist Church in Avondale. They have eleven students and eight tutors.

Claire Murray told us The Farmer's Market would open on 5/18/01 from 3-7 pm. Doug Harris will be providing music for the event.

Marisela Vanzuela, YMCA told us that there will be a Volunteer Day at the Community Pool on 5/12/01 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Susan Goldsworthy from Chester County Community Gardens told us that she is working with the landlord from Center Square apartments to work with the tenants to plant flower and vegetable gardens.

Nancy Clegg told us about a community project to clean up the area around the railroad tracks by The History Station. It has a "bridging" that includes over five different groups.

Chester County Futures is having mentor training on 5/23/01.

MYKE has created a Board of five members. There will be a mentor coordinator in each of the three elementary schools.

After the Bell had a dinner at the Middle school put on by the students for the volunteers.

Howard Porter told us that they still have monies to give out for first time homeowners at 1% interest. Phone number: 610-925-1880

Pam Carter told us that they are once again raising money for the park with The Community Tree. The amphitheatre is nearly completed.

Ellen Lake from BVA said that she has summer camp scholarships.

Linda Tice expressed gratitude for the help around the Street Art Festival. Over 300 students participated in the art entries. The festival next year will include music.

Anita O'Connor expressed thanks to all those involved in the presentation to The Council of Foundations and the Cinco de Mayo festival.

Joan Holliday reminded people about The Relay for Life, Cancer Society Fundraiser on June 15-16, 2001 at Unionville high school.

Bob Walton from Chester County Migrant Ministries encouraged people to donate beds and furniture those in need in the community.

D&B Hair Cuttery--*Bridging the Community Volunteer Opportunities 5/09/01*

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Building the Kennett family
A better place to live in
Where each and all are free

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We live our land’s philosophy
Peaceful, progressive, inclusivity
Our energy comes forth from the land
Inspiring unity.

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We are guided by our principles
The starting point will always be community
We freely go about our work
With no infrastructural burden

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Cause “coming from the heart” is free
We each have a role to play

Our eyes are on potential
We are Bridging Community

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Next meeting Wednesday, July 11, 2001, 7 pm at Hope Chatham Masonic Lodge, 120 S. Willow St. KSq.,

In the large group, the following were shared as the “bridges” that were made:

Bob Walton had three families promise furniture to Migrant Ministries.

Richard Tait said he received five ideas for the use of the Church of the Advent van. The Family Financial Assistance Program made a connection with The Alliance for Better Housing.

Tom Hoehle made a connection with the mentoring programs and will be out a notice to bank employees of opportunity.

MYKE and St. Patrick’s Church discussed the possibility of a mentoring program starting at St. Patrick’s School.

Pam Carter said she received possible funding opportunities and events for Anson B. Nixon Park.

Ann Humes bridged with MYKE and After the Bell Program with the idea of having an open house at Kendal to introduce the ideas for volunteer recruitment.

Joan Holliday bridged with Nancy Clegg, who will write an article for The Path of Potential about the multi-faceted bridging around a community gardening project around The Historical Society building.

Linda Theis connected with possible funding sources for the Arts Festival next year and the possibility of becoming a foundation that provides scholarships for the arts.

The meeting closed with everyone singing The Bridging Community song.

New members attending 5/09/01

Fran Durynski, Mushroom Festival 2001, Phone: 610-268-2290

Clayton Wood, State Farm Insurance Companies SCC Representative, Phone: 610-490-2873

St. Patrick’s Outreach Committee President

Vince Ghione, Community, Phone: 610-388-7259

Tim/Everett Butcher, new church resource center on Cypress St.

BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

Our twenty-sixth meeting was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 7 pm at Hope Chatham Lodge, 120 S. Willow St., PA. 19348. Fifty-two committed community members attended.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 at 7 pm The Kennett Area Senior Center, 427 S. Walnut St., PA. 19348.

Our meetings always will be held the second Wednesday of every other month.

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.

Our Living Philosophy: Peaceful, progressive, inclusivity
Our guidance for staying on track is our framework and our principles.

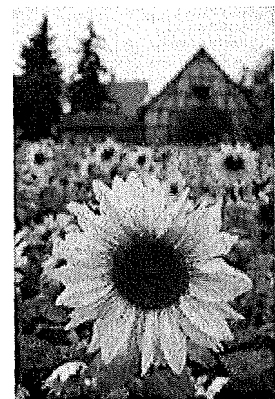
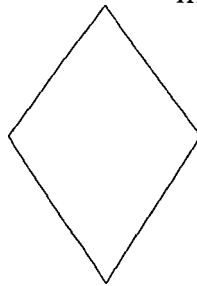
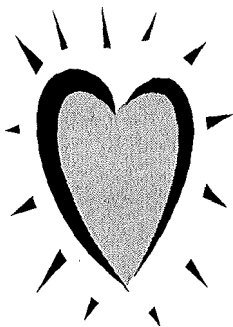
FRAMEWORK:

Our Vision:

Kennett Square---Every day a better place to grow up and grow old in

All coming from the heart

the town of
miraculous mushrooming of care



Each and all HAVE a role to take on
Initiators, tutors, mentors, teachers, spirit makers, bridgers, coaches

Principles:

- Start with community
- Come from the heart
- Keep our eyes on potential
- Each has a role to play
- No infrastructural burden

Clarke Green, Ryan McCloud and Joan Holliday, as co-facilitators, welcomed each and all. Rev. Marvin Williams led the invocation. Robert Smith, member of the Hope Chatham Lodge gave us a short history of the Masons. Prince Hall moved from Barbados to England and started the philosophy and practices of the Masons in 1783. It became a charter in 1787. In 1815, the Masons split into the black and white Masons. We have both groups in town and they work together on community projects. The building we were in had had a serious fire about 20 years ago and had been restored. The room we were in is available for rent. Head Start had previously rented the space.

Ryan McCloud colorfully presented our framework and principles with the children helping him demonstrate “the miraculous mushrooming of care”

New attendees introduced themselves.

Mary Hutchins, Director of The Kennett Revitalization Task Force told us that they are looking to start a new phase of the process and would like to generate more active community participation. Mary reports that Revitalization, the Borough and The Merchants Association are hoping to work together as one entity. Everyone is invited to the meetings the second Friday of every month in the basement of The Center, 196 W. State St., and Kennett Square. They need volunteers for the Brew Fest.

Les Pfeiffer reports that Rural Opportunities Migrant Education HeadStart is a nine and one-half month program and continues to grow. Looking for teachers.

Linda Mackey-Greig has established a for profit business called EarthMatters, Inc., whose mission is committed to conserving natural resources and landfill space by reclaiming and redistributing/selling unused building materials. She also works out exchanges between developers and non-profits. She is having an Open House on July 28th and invited everyone to attend at 130 E. Prescott Alley, West Chester. To contribute unused building materials or to find out about available materials contact at earthmatters@wchester.net

Ann Humes introduced her two guests from Kendal Meeting of Friends, who reports they are working on the low-income housing need in the area through discussions and sharing their wisdom. Ann also presented a photograph poster demonstrating a Nature Study conducted at Anson B Nixon Park and the idea was sparked and planned at the last Bridging meeting.

Tom Hoehle introduced his guest, Pastor David from Upper Darby. The two of them are considering starting a Bridging the Community process in their community.

David Haradon from Church of the Advent encouraged groups to apply for funding that is available through their church and to call for community use of their van.

Mabel Thompson told us plans for a Martin Luther King breakfast at the Red Clay Room on 1/21/02. The hope is to make it a yearly event.

Erin Galloway from Communities that Care presented a summary version of the grant proposal submitted for youth prevention programs. The group will need Bridging involvement and also to help create a kick-off for a volunteerism campaign.

Catherine Townsend invited people to call her about getting involved with the gleaning project this summer. Phone: 610-444-1851.

Tom Hoehle told us that volunteers and La Comunidad Hispana continue to offer a Financial Planning seminar and would like new groups to provide their services. He also has initiated a Conversational Spanish course that is held every Thursday evening at the Kennett Area Senior Center at 7:30 pm. The process is moving into half the time spent in English-speaking to help our Mexican community members, and half the time in Spanish-speaking to help our English community members.

Joan Holliday pointed out that each person in the room was taking on a "coming from the heart" role, even though they may not speak about it at the meeting. Joan used the example of Gail Zippilli who tutors a Mexican woman in English while she learns Spanish; she attends the Conversational Spanish classes, mentors a student and helps with Study Buddies.

Nancy Mohr told us about the progress and goals of the initial Revitalization Group for The Center. It is now a well-utilized building by non-profits and Mi Casa Su Casa of La Comunidad Hispana. The goal is to have the building be debt free and have the income rent provide funds for a Center Director's salary and to help fund

community events. Nancy encouraged everyone to visit The Center and to write on the community erasable board about upcoming events to keep the community informed and to help us all work in better concert.

Chief McCarthy told us about the borough and YMCA plans for building a Skate Board Park at the Anson B Nixon Park for the youth.

Marshall Newton reminded us of The Family Fun Day at Anson B Nixon Park on 7/28/01 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Doug Harris encouraged us to visit the Farmers Market and told us about The Turtle Dove Folk Club, whose mission is to create “peace through music”. There will be a concert on 0/29/01 at the BVA on 842.

**The following flyer was passed out and people mingled to create “bridges”:
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Shawn Godfrey and Mary Hutchins bridged around volunteers for the Brew Fest and the ideas of a First Night Event for New Years Eve 2002.

Marshall Newton got two volunteers for Family Fun Day.

Alice Peters and Tom Hoehle “bridged” to create a Financial Family Planning session at the library and literacy program.

Sgt. McCarthy got a “board” volunteer, Robert Smith to help with the skate board construction.

Ryan McCloud was updated on After the Bell after being away at college this year.

EarthMatters was linked with Maintenance at Kendal at Crosslands through Ann Hume.

The Farmers Market bridged with the Food Cupboard to receive surplus produce.

Joan Holliday and Dave Haradon “bridged” to start creating an event in October around Operation Warm, Communities that Care and the youth to have a town-wide “Mushrooming the Miraculous in Each and All”.

Reflections: The idea of the skate board and a community-based Conversational Spanish have been ideas that have frequently been brought up at Bridging meetings and now they are starting to bare fruit. This gives us faith in the “seeding process of potential”.

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KSRTF@Kennett.net

Charlotte Taylor, Kendal Meeting of Friends, Phone: 610-388-2698

Mary Hopkins, Kendal Meeting of Friends, Phone: 610-388-0770

Pastor David, Pastor of Upper Darby Church, email: cleud@libertynet.org

Harshad Dodia, Evening Rotary, Phone: 610-696-8014

Alexis Williams and Najah Brison, Bethel Church Study Buddy