

Minutes from 2002 Meetings

January 15, 2002

March 18, 2002

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Bridging the Community held a meeting on Tuesday, January 15th, 2002 at The Garage/Youth Center on Union Street across from The Kennett Paper. 44 enthusiastic members attended with over 15 being new members.

The meeting was announced on the front page of The Kennett Paper and Joan Holliday had called some to remind them of the meeting. Participants were asked to leave their email addresses for Joan Holliday to remind them of the next meeting time.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2002 at the same place, The Garage.

The group agreed that Monday was a better night for meetings. Starting this year, *Bridging the Community* will meet the third Monday of every other month.

We started with a moment of silence in honor of peace and understanding in our community.

Janet Strike, Youth Director gave the group the history of The Garage/Youth Center. It was started as a non-profit by members of Willowdale Chapel with the mission of serving high-school youth and positive youth activities. It is currently opened three days a week from 3-6pm. Groups that serve the youth are encouraged to talk to Janet Strike about signing up for times to use the building. Noody Smith recalled when this site was an operational garage and it serviced the buses in the area.

Joan Holliday presented the framework and principles for *Bridging the Community*. (see previous minutes) and invited new members to introduce themselves and tell them what brought them to the meeting.

The responses ranged from the entire Pugh family attending because their oldest daughter had started attending four years ago and they wanted to continue the volunteer work she had started to Eileen Beck stating she came to "find" the area she would be best suited to contribute to the community.

Following are the efforts that would like to "bridge" with the community:

The community "Learn Spanish" effort by Tom Hoehle has now evolved into Spanish-speaking persons teaching Spanish and English-speaking persons speaking English to each other. Someone called it "Bi-lingual Bridging". Everyone invited.

Frank told his story of coming to this area and starting a Mexican Restaurant at 202 and Brintons Lake Rd. He is looking for ways to transport Mexican help to his restaurant.

Heidi Bryan presented her Suicide Prevention effort that she would like to bring to The Kennett area.

Richard McIntyre and Bill Pugh introduced themselves as the renters on the top floor of The Center on State St. They are in the business of fund raising.

Eileen Evans presented The Hospice program and told of the training that was recently provided for the Kennett teens and coordinated by Joan Holliday.

Joan Holliday passed out The Smoke-Free Dining placemats made by Kennett Migrant Education students.

Sarah Green announced that she is now outreach coordinator at the YMCA. Her number is 610-444-YMCA Ext. 17.

Nancy Clegg is looking for financial sponsorship for Peer-to-Peer Leadership workshop. She spoke highly about this program for Kennett and Unionville.

Doris Rochester and Don Filer spoke about their Study Buddies experience. David Anderson and The Rotary sponsored children's attendance at the play put on by the Kennett Theatrical Society—"Dick Whittington and His Cat".

Catie Howell, high-school Senior student invited people to draw on Kennettic Energy for community projects.

Claire Murray told about the Farmers Market that will have presentations by different organizations in the community at some of their booths. She gave an open invitation to anyone who would like to take this opportunity to engage the community.

Todd Palmer announced that he is now an employee of Migrant Education.

Anita O'Connor told everyone about the Martin Luther King Bread Breaking Breakfast scheduled for January 21, 2002. The mission is to promote community peace and harmony. She also spoke about the puppet workshop that will be conducted to make puppets to be used at Cinco de Mayo celebrations this year.

People broke up and "bridged"

Many wonderful examples were given where people started to bridge with the resources they needed or received contact information for areas they needed help.

The meeting ended with spirits high and people staying around to continue communing.

Bridging the Community Meeting on 1/15/02

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Heidi Bryan, (Feeling Blue), Suicide Prevention Committee, email: FeelingBlueSPC@aol.com
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Tom Hoehle brought Frank Manela---Opening a Mexican Restaurant at Brintons Lake and Rt. 202

Janet Strike, The Garage Youth Center, Phone: 610-925-0191, email: janetstrike@msn.com

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Bridging the Community held a meeting on Monday, March 18, 2002 at 7pm at The Garage/Youth Center on Union Street across from The Kennett Paper. 34 enthusiastic members attended with 9 new attendees.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at His Mission at 342 Birch St., Kennett Square, PA 19348. Two high-school students will be preparing dinner to be served at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7pm.

We started with a song "Gather Round" written by Dennis Melton and sung at The Martin Luther King Breakfast this year. Kenyatta Rochester helped lead the singing. The Garage also had a youth band playing in the background, and the Bridging group was able to enjoy the sounds of the creative youth during the meeting.

Joan Holliday thanked Robert Smith for setting up the chairs for the meeting and being a part of a Study Buddies Hero project. Joan presented the standing framework for the meeting and Anita O'Connor presented the principles. She used the analogy of "Stitching Our Community" and reported that the quilt squares that were started last fall are currently being assembled into a Kennett Community Quilt. (This represents how we value the parts and the whole.)

Janet Strike gave everyone a history of The Garage, which opened in the fall of 2001. She also reported on the after-school tutoring program that they will be starting. Volunteers are needed. A training will be offered by Mrs. Martin from UHS. Call Janet Strike at 610-925-0191 to sign up.

Everyone introduced themselves per suggestions of Barbara DeCarlo. There were two special attendees from Wilmington, DE and two from Littleton, Colorado.

Vice Principal, Ray Fernandez reported on the National Youth Summit on Crime Prevention in Washington, D.C. that Asia Bryant, KHS and himself attended. He said that Asia will be a presenter at a Culture and Diversity Workshop to be held at KHS on April 20 from 8am to 4pm.

Vince Ghione, Gwynn Fitchett and Linda Tice presented "May Is Magic In Kennett". Friday, May 3 is the annual arts competition. Saturday, May 4 is the Street Art Exhibit and Sunday is Cinco de Mayo Festival. Volunteers are needed. A flatbed is needed for the bands.

Ellen Muentner from The Mushroom Festival is looking for volunteers.

Joan Holliday told about Unity Day, which will take place on June 15, 2002 at The Anson B Nixon Park. She reflected on the town of Kennett having festivals as its value-adding process with three festivals in the span of four months.

Anita O'Connor told about the MLK monies, which are available for new initiatives that support peace and harmony within the community. Applications are available and they are to be submitted before March 31, 2002. Call: 610-344-5550 for more information.

Beth Cranage from Crime Victims' Center told about the Prevention Programs she conducts for Elementary Schools.

Glenn Nelson told about the two scholarships available through Recreation and Parks for a Wilderness Camp this summer.

Joan Holliday announced that the next "Communities That Care" meeting will be held on April 17th from 7-8pm at The Kennett High School.

Maribel Gonzalez-Lopez told about the new MANA organization that supports the empowerment and development of Latino women. All community members are invited to become members. The next meeting will be April 25, 2002 at 6pm at The Kennett Area YMCA.

Sarah Green reported on the scholarships that the Kennett Area YMCA offers.

Dan from Big Brothers and Big Sisters said there are twenty-five SCC children waiting to have a volunteer join them.

The group then mingled among each other and "bridged", while the band played on.

Bridges made:

- Gwynn Fitchett from Kennett Student Arts got offers for two flatbeds.
- Ray Fernandez had several interested members in the Cultural Diversity workshop
- Ed Klinge "bridged" with the Kennett Students Arts effort to explore ideas for Wilmington, De.
- Jo Klinge from Wilmington, De. "bridged" with The Underground Railroad effort to make connections in the Delaware area.
- Joan Holliday received a special prayer book from Rev. Navarro.
- Four members asked for applications for MLK grant.
- Eleanor McKinstry asked for The Path of Potential Reader #6 to use for her HOPE group
- Beth Cranage agreed to do a prevention program for the Wednesday Study Buddies at Bethel Church.
- Ellen Muenther gave applications to Joan Holliday to encourage Mexican restaurant owners to participate in Mushroom Festival.
- Harshad Dodia spoke to Joan Holliday about getting more involved with the MLK grants funding support.
- The Underground Railroad was asked to have a display at May Is Magic weekend and for the Mushroom Festival.
- Many members took applications for tutor program at The Garage and issues of The Path of Potential.

New Members:

Gwynn Fitchett, Kennett Student Arts, Phone: 610-274-8698

Beth Cranage, Crime Victim's Center of Chester County, Phone: 610-692-7420.

Jo Klinge, Wilmington, De. 302-478-4541

Ed Klinge, Wilmington, De. 302-478-4541

Betty Englick, (Women's World Vision), 10867 W. Dumbarton drive, Liettleton, Co 80127, Pheon: 303-979-9091.

Dee (Private School for Inner City Children in Co.), Phone: 303-979-9091.

Eleanor McKinstry, HOPE (grieving group) held at Senior Center, Phone: 610-444-6120.

Dan from Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Phone: 610-436-4275

Jean Sears, LCH Volunteer Coordinator, Phone: 610-444-4545

Bridging the Community was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 6:30pm at His Mission at 342 Birch St., Kennett Square, PA 19348. Two high-school students prepared and served a mushroom and meat lasagna dinner at 6:30pm. The meeting started at 7pm with 50 well nourished attendees participating. There were 20 new members at this meeting. (Minutes of each meeting is kept at Bayard Taylor Library in a white book behind the desk labeled *Bridging the Community*.)

We started with an invocation from Mrs. Margaret Valentine, His Mission Director. Tom Hoehle shared the framework for *Bridging the Community* for the past four years.

Frank Lawless, Jim Malchione and Jean Gallagher were presented with "Chef Spoon Awards" for their great work providing the community meal. Kiara and Kiana presented them with art pictures from the Bethel Church Study Buddies. The students told us that they did this for a Graduation Project and that they really enjoyed it. They responded to the idea from Joan Holliday, to Mrs. Gallagher, their home teacher, who served as their mentor. A representation of the whole community was the recipient at *Bridging the Community* meeting at a homeless shelter. They worked on the purpose and objectives of the event, budgeting, cost pricing, menu making, set-up, raising money for food items, preparation, serving and clean-up. Everyone thought they should get an "A" for their efforts. Applause!

Joan Holiday presented Dora Navarro with a framed picture of the newspaper article of The Kennett Community Quilt, which she sewed together and quilted. Everyone thanked her for the role she played in this meaningful and symbolic representation of our vision and our Kennett community.

Tom Hoehle asked each person to introduce themselves and identify their community effort, Following are the new initiatives:

Janet Strike encouraged everyone to go over to The Garage Youth Center to enjoy the activities of the youth. They still need more computers for their study lab. They have started their tutoring after school and several other youth groups have started. Call Janet at: 610-444-6464.

Maureen Drewes reported about The Kennett Underground Railroad Center@ The History Station, 505 S. Broad St., Kennett Square having an Open House on May 19 from 1-4pm. For more information call: 610-444-0169 or 610-347-2237.

Robert Smith from the Hope Chatham Lodge Masons told us that they will be selling fried fish and chicken (take-out or sit-in) on June 8, 2002 from 10:30am until they sold out. They support the Bethel Church Study Buddies and would like support from the community for their fund raiser.

Laurie Sbzoke, Penn State Extension encourages people to call her at her office at 610-696-3500 to get involved with youth service projects. She helps with programs throughout the county.

Nonie Casaccio from CCIS can be reached at FCassacio@Chesco.org to answer any questions about Child Care Resource and Referral Services and Subsidized Child Day Care Programs. Her phone number at CCCYF is 610-344-5741. She is also looking for interested Home Day Care Providers.

Matthew Grieco is the new owner of Foulk Funeral Home in West Grove. He can be reached at 610-869-2685. Matthew graduated from Kennett High School in 1992. He has the only locally owned funeral home between ChaddsFord and Oxford area.

Kyle Evans, a UHS Student told us about the Community Conflict Negotiation Training Workshop presented by UHS Students at The Garage on May 31, 2002 - 7:00pm to 10:00pm & June 1, 2002 - 8:00am to 6:00pm. A broad representation of the community is encouraged to attend. Call Nancy Clegg at CTC at 610-925-0240 to sign up or give names.

Mary Anderson, 2nd Baptist Church told about the MLK grant they received to provide a reading and literacy program for high risk youth. It will be started in July and flyers will be distributed. Call Mrs. Ruth Williams at 610-384-3243 if interested.

Nancy Clegg, Mobilizer for CTC reported that they now have a Mentor Coordinator for the high-school and will be hiring a Volunteer Coordinator. Their next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2002 in the evening. Call Nancy Clegg at 610-925-0240 for information.

Gerry Zippilli from MYKE said the elementary mentoring program is running effectively with three mentor coordinators; one at each elementary school. He would like to recruit more mentors for the fall. He can be reached at his new number at: 610-524-1061.

Mary Plumley continues to look for recruits for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She also is organizing Relay for Life, which is an overnight Cancer Walk Fundraiser to be held at Unionville High School on June 14-15, 2002. For The Food Cupboard she needs drivers for two hours every Friday to transport baked goods from Entenmanns back to Kennett. She can be reached at: 610-444-1447.

Miguel Perez, Special Needs Student at UHS said he is looking for a basketball hoop and a bike. Immediately Marlene Drewes said she has the basketball hoop and Jean Gallagher has the bike!

Tom Hoehle continues to lead the Spanish and English Conversational Process held at The Kennett Area Senior Center every Thursday eve from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Anyone is invited who would like to learn either language. Call Tom Hoehle for more information at: 610-308-9768.

Ellen Lake from the Myrick Conservation Center is looking for Camp Counselors, both high-school and college students. Call Roby Wood or Ellen Lake at 610-793-1090 to apply. Also, if youth would like to harvest the food please call

Dan Kerpaniski from Big Brothers and Big Sisters said they are making progress in bringing together children with their big brother or sister and are always looking for referrals and matches. He can be reached at 610-436-4275.

Marshall Newton, *After the Bell Program*, will need more volunteers---Middle School is growing from 600-900 students next year and they do not want to turn students away.

Glenn Nelson told about the two scholarships available through Chester County Conservation Camp Board for July 14-20, 2002. He can be reached at: 610-444-0571.

Flyers were passed out announcing the Kennett Farmers market opening Friday, May 10th. It will be open from 3pm to 7pm. Claire Murray can be reached at 610-869-8696 for community members interested in displaying other venues or would like to be a vendor.

Doug Harris reported about Unity Day, which will take place on June 15th at The Anson B Nixon Park from 12pm to 4pm. Enjoy culture through food, dance and music. Call Doug at 610-719-8488.

The group then "bridged" while enjoying the delicious desserts provided by the two chefs.

Bridges made:

- Basketball hoop and bike from Maureen Drewes and Jean Gallagher to Miquel Perez
- Gerry Zippilli and Nancy Clegg committed to helping bring the mentoring process to Kennett students from K-12. MYKE will work with elementary students, CTC will work with high-school students and the middle school will be the next phase.
- Doug Harris asked Kyle Evans to have a booth at Unity Day advertising their LINK program and their Conflict Negotiation process.
- Detra Brison agreed to be a driver for The Food Cupboard
- Dora and Daniella Navarro agreed to translate Avondale Study Buddies flyers into Spanish.
- Joan Holliday gave name to Nonie Casaccio for potential Home Day Care Provider.
- Juanita Perez will receive the booster chair for her son, Mark Anthony from Shawn Godfrey.
- Several people signed up for The Conflict Negotiation workshop.
- Mary Anderson received donated children's books for the summer reading program.
- Betty Maxwell received a bed she has been need for a long time from LCH.
- Mrs. Valentine received money donations for His Mission from meeting attendees.
- Joan Holliday and Esther Rochester passed out The Path of Potential Readers with articles about the community's work.
- Dorca Gamble and Mary Plumley "bridged" around Boy and Girl Scout programs.

New Members:

Juanita, Miguel, Jose and Mark Anthony Perez, 722 Lafayette Street, Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-444-4293.

Kiara Mendez (Bethel Church Study Buddies)

Kiana Crampton (Bethel Church Study Buddies)

Matthew Grieco (Foulk Funeral Home Inc.), West Grove, PA 19390, Phone: 610-869-2685.

Frank Lawless (KHS Chef), Phone: 610-274-8830

Jim Malchione (KHS Chef) Phone: 610-444-7223

Jean Gallagher (Kennett Homec Teacher)

Jesus and three His Mission Boarders, Phone: 610-444-1482.

Kyle Evans (UHS) Conflict Negotiation Workshop, Phone: 610-388-7919

Dora Navarro, (Migrant Education) Meredith Street, Kennett Square, PA., Phone: 610-444-2980

Daniella and Samual Silva, Phone: 610-444-2980.

Nonie Casaccio, CCCYF, 601 Westtown Rod, Suite 310, P.O Box 2747, West Chester, PA 19380, Phone: 610-344-5741

Gerry and Gail Zippilli's new phone number is: 610-524-1061.

Girl Scouts: Call 1-800-355-3847. Ask for Kristine Parkes, Camille Richardson or Abbey Hazlett.

Bridging the Community was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2002 at 7:00pm at The Kennett Friends Meeting at Sickle Street and Union Streets, Kennett Square, PA. Forty members attended with eleven new attendees. (Minutes of each meeting is kept at Bayard Taylor Library in a white book behind the desk labeled *Bridging the Community*.)



The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:00pm at The Kennett Area Senior Center, 427 S. Walnut St., Kennett Square, PA 19348. Phone: 610-444-4819. Tom Hoehle encouraged us to invite community members into the circle of hope and inspiration that Bridging meetings provide for each and all.

We started with a moment of silence in concert with spiritual practices of this site. Jodie Shoemaker told us that that the building we were in was built around 1985 and The Friends had moved from the site where the Bayard Taylor Library stands today. She told us that there was a meeting going on downstairs in the Meeting House and we were welcomed to attend after our meeting to learn more about a Town Center with the library integrated into the plan.

Tom Hoehle and Joan Holliday facilitated the meeting and shared the framework and principles for *Bridging the Community* for the past four years.

Janet Strike told us about The Garage growing in numbers of students attending and in hours. The hope is to eventually have the site open afternoons and early evenings seven days a week for high-school students. They have had several bands and activities going on at The Garage. The Kennett Community quilt is currently being displayed at The Garage.

The attendees told us about their current efforts, new ideas and needs:

Tania Clinger from Communities That Care (CTC) told us that she is the new Mentor Coordinator for the program. Tania will be coordinating four mentoring programs. CTC focuses on prevention programs for youth in our community. **Their next meeting will be at new The Kennett Middle School on Wednesday, September 17, 2002 at 6:30pm.** Everyone is welcome from the community. . She is looking for adult mentors for 45 minutes a week. The mentor would meet the student during a study hall.

Carol Yetter is a new owner of the previous Scarlet House Bed and Breakfast. She was interested in knowing what was going on in the community.

Ofelia Ayylon is a Senior at Kennett High-School and would like to get more involved in volunteering.

Alma Santos is a new bi-lingual counselor for the Crime Victims Center. She would like to get the word out that she is available to the Latino population.

Laura Horsey is the new Chester County Futures Director. She is new to the area and is looking forward to partnering with other mentoring efforts in Kennett.

Nancy Wright is a new hire at La Comunidad Hispana to organized and implement a program for Life Skills. She is looking for ideas and partners.

Barbara Walsh is from The Hadley Foundation and is encouraging us to come up with ideas for enrichment programs for the community that the Foundation would fund.
Rich Pesce's neighbor arrive with Rich to learn about volunteer opportunities in the community so he can get more involved.

Susan Brydges is a licensed massage therapist and has offered her services as a volunteer to help raise money for non-profits, or community benefits.

Miguel Perez, and 8th Grade Student at Mary D Lang read us a letter that praised his efforts as a volunteer at The Kennett Area Senior Center. He said, "I really like helping people".

Ann Humes from Kendal at Crosslands is updating a Volunteer Guidebook that she developed about 2 years ago. She also said that eventually the data would be on a web site, with a link to a general Kennett site.

Hashad Dodia, Evening Kennett Rotary Program Chair read the new motto for the International organization. "Sow The Seed of LOVE". The emphasis is to "come from the heart" in volunteer work and to work from the grassroots on up. The Rotary members will continue to attend Bridging meetings to learn of meaningful volunteer opportunities within the community.

Anita O'Connor told us about the trip she took to Lima, Peru with Sarah Green as representatives of our areas Rotary Clubs. They served as interpreters in a Rotaplast Clinic, which did nearly 150 surgeries in a week for cleft palate and cleft lip children.
Anita also is looking for a leader who will chair the Community Puppet Project for Cinco de Mayo.

Jean Searers from La Comunidad Hispana sent the message that she is looking for a bi-lingual receptionist, trucks to transport items, volunteers for childcare for ESL classes, items for a fundraiser auction and volunteers who would like to make flyers.

Susan Brydges announced that there will be a Herbalist at The Farmer's Market on July 12th at 4pm.

Anson B Nixon Park needs volunteers for Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 27th.

Salvador Villicana does HIV testing and counseling within the community.

Doug Harris invited everyone to the summer concerts in Anson B Nixon Park put on by Turtle Dove Folk Club, who's motto is "Peace through music". Next concert on July 20th.

Joan Holliday told about the mentoring opportunities for MYKE. She has flyers from Gerry Zippilli to pass out. Also she announced that the editors of The Path of Potential Reader will be in Kennett on July 16th from 8:30am to 12noon at The Kennett Presbyterian Library. All are welcomed, who would like to engage a reflective dialogue process about our community. The Readers were passed out by Nijah Brison and Kenyatta Rochester.

Tom Hoehle told about the ongoing enjoyment of the weekly conversational English and Spanish group/*Intercambio* that meets at The Kennett Area Senior Center at 7:30pm every Thursday eve. He invites all those who would like to join---there is no infrastructural burden of books or sign-ups.

Rich Pesce said that The Food Cupboard is always looking for drivers to pick up food from Entemanns on Fridays. Joan Holliday suggested calling Noodie Smith to see if any of The Masons would have an interested in volunteering. Noodles' number is: 610-444-0221.

People mingled and "bridged". Following are the "bridges that were made:

Tom Hoehle reported that he now has two new community members who will attend Intercambio

Susan Brydges "bridged" with many individuals for her massage services for fundraising.

Vince Ghione "bridged" with Rich Pesce's neighbor who is willing to consider being the leader for the puppets.

Anita O'Connor also got the idea from someone to go to the new MANA organization for potential leaders, as their mission is to develop the leadership of Latino women.

The new Bed and Breakfast, Eileen Beck and Berta Rains will help volunteer with the Turtle Dove Folk Club.

Ann Humes "bridged" with Shirley Davis who will give her information for her volunteer guidebook.

Joan Holliday "bridged" with Paul Masuda to generate more participation at Bridging meetings.

Eileen Beck asked, "How do I explain Bridging to someone?"

Following are the responses:

"It is a place where volunteers meet and share needs and resources."

"You need to come and experience it to know for yourself."

"It is a place that energizes me and gives me new fuel to go back and do my work."

"It is a living, breathing community internet."

"It is a place of inspiration."

"It is a place to meet our neighbor and collectively meet the needs in our community."

"It is a place of LOVE."

"It is a place where things seem 'simple, direct and full of spirit'".

"It is a place I can find out how to access a resource as basic as a Spanish tape for my grandchild."

"It is about building community and enjoying each other."

New Members 7/10/02

Carol Yetter, 503 W. State St., Kennett Square, PA 19348, Phone: 610-444-0592.
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Ofelia Ayylon, 510 Center St. Kennett, Phone: 610-444-2008.

Nancy Wright, LCH, Phone: 610-444-4545, email: nwright@kennett.net

Tania Clinger (CTC Mentor Coordinator), Phone: 610-925-0691, email:
Regnilc65@aol.com

Lora Horsey (Chester County Futures), Phone: 610-380-7149. email:
horsey01@yahoo.com

Erica Newbold, Phone: 610-869-3455

Alna Santos (Crime Victim's Center), Phone: 610-692-1926

Barbara Walsh, (Hadley Memorial Fund), Phone: 610-444-1855

Susan Brydges, Phone: 610- email: SFBrydges@aol.com

Shirley Davis, (Member Greater Works Ministries). Phone: 610-444-3951

Rich Pesce's Neighbor. Rich's phone number: 610-444-4883

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:00pm at The Kennett Area Senior Center, 427 S. Walnut St., Kennett Square, PA. Sixty-two caring community members attended. Tom Hoehle started the meeting with a moment of silence for the victims and heroes of 9/11. The Kennett Community Choir presented the song, "We Have A Dream" written by Dennis Melton and also performed in West Chester at the Courthouse and Mendenhall Inn United Way Dinner for 9/11 ceremonies.

Next Meeting will be held at the new church in town; Kennett Community Church 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square, PA. 19348, Phone: 610-444-5722 on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at 7:00pm. (Meetings are every other month on the second Wednesday.)

Michele Cole gave a history of The Kennett Area Senior Center. The process was started by Dr. Barry Kanofsky and a small Senior group met at The Bayard Taylor Library from 1971 until 1985 when The Kennett Area Senior Center was built. The building was debt free in one year and is primarily run by community donations and volunteers. It has activities every day during the week for Seniors and an Adult Day Care program.

Joan Holliday asked the new members to introduce themselves. (See names and contact numbers for new attendees at the end of minutes.)

Judy Watkins, Boy Scout Troop 22, is Eagle Scout Project Coordinator and would like ideas for Eagle Scout projects that would make a meaningful difference in the Kennett area community.

Mark Rabidou, Boy Scout is looking for an Eagle Scout project in Kennett.

Bunnie Shetron, CCHHealth Dept puts on programs for Lyme Disease Prevention and Promotion of Physical Exercise.

Pat Donnelly, CCHHealth Dept. conducts safety surveys in the home for families with children under 5 years and Seniors over 65 yrs. Free safety items are donated at the time of the visit.

Michele Cole, Activities Director for The Kennett Area Senior Center said their will be "Honor Our Heroes" ceremony and a Flea Market held behind The Kennett Fire House on October 6th. Jack Herkle will make a presentation about "Swing Dancing" on 9/13/02 from 10:30-11:30am.

Bev Rose, President of The Unionville Community Service group. They will be conducting a bike and coat drive in December. They would like to be asked to help out in projects in Kennett.

Tom Bahel, Presbyterian Church Study Buddies and Friday Buddies needs volunteers. He also announced that ESL classes are being organized by The Covenant Fellowship Church and will be held at The Amnion Crises Pregnancy Center (across from the Waywood Beverage).

The rest of the attendees were invited to share their ideas, good news, needs, etc.

Judy Smith announced the need for tutors at The Bayard Taylor Library for teaching English classes. No understanding of Spanish required. Call: 610-444-9118.

Tom Hoehle reports that the Inter- Cambio group, who together, learns English and Spanish will be holding a Fiesta on 9/14/02 from 3-9pm at The Kennett Area Senior Center. Call: 610-308-9768

Gerry Zippilli from MYKE is seeking mentors for the three Kennett elementary schools. He would like to regenerate the process. He now has a mentor coordinator in each school. Call 610-524-1061

Sue Yocum said there will an Open House for After the Bell Program on 9/16/02 at 7pm. She invites volunteers to contact Myrna Farina at 610-347-1833. Sue is also leading a "Read Across Kennett" program to be held 9/24/02, where youth and families visit various sites in the community and are read a story about "peace and harmony", funded by the MLKing Breakfast. Children will be encouraged to read and will receive free books.

Dave Haradon, Church of the Advent has applications for grants for meaningful community projects. The Outreach Committee also donated a pool table to The Garage. Call: 610-347-0356.

Matt Grieco, President of The Kennett Run announce that the group has over \$30,000 to donate to worthy community efforts. For applications call: 610-869-2685

Jean Searers, LCH Volunteer Coordinator needs: 1) A large truck and driver to pick up furniture from West Chester and deliver to families in Kennett. 2) Volunteer groups who will make giant puppets for Cinco de Mayo Festival. One person from each group needs to volunteer to watch a video instructing how to construct the puppets. 3) A volunteer who could teach computer skills at LCH to students on Saturdays. Call: 610-444-4545

Howard Porter, from Alliance for Better Housing, introduced Beth and Joanne from The Ingram Group. They are a privately owned company who has built 75 affordable apartments on Cedar Springs Rd. Applications are being taken for 1,2,3, bedroom apartments.

Laurie Sboke, Penn State Extension told us about The Fiesta Celebration that will be held in December. Groups are asked to put together a Care Package of food times and toiletries and must be delivered to Migrant Education Office in Toughkenamon, (610-268-2414) by 12/09/02.

Pam Carter from Ken Parc told us about the annual Halloween Hayride at Anson B Nixon Park the last Saturday in October. There will be a celebration of Marshall Newton's life. The event will be held on Sunday, October 13th from 4-8pm in the park.

The group took 20 minutes to "bridge". Following are the reported "bridges: made:

- The Affordable Apartments received many requests for applications. Tom Hoehle will announce the opportunity at his Inter-Cambio sessions and Anita O'Connor will get information out through La Comunidad Hispana.
- The Boy Scouts have several offers for projects.

- Gerry Zippilli signed up three people for MYKE and Sue Yocum agreed to be coordinator when Gerry is away in the winter months.
- The Senior Center “bridged” with Jean Searers for making Cinco de Mayo puppets.
- Bunnie Shetron and Pat Donnelley received several offers for health education interventions.
- Mark Grieco received five projects as potential grantees.
- Howard Porter and Tom Bahel “bridged” around the possibility of starting a Study Buddies group at the new affordable housing community room on Cedar Springs Rd.
- Bill Hollingsworth, Kennett Police, offered traffic control services to anyone having a large community event. He will help with “Read Across Kennett” event.
- Joan Holliday, Don Feyler and Dave Haradon “bridged” around support to an Avondale Study Buddies with “seed monies” from Church of the Advent
- John Pusey “bridged” with Jean Searers around the van for transporting furniture to Kennett
- Joan Holliday learned from Charlotte Taylor about the Countryside Exchange, which will be lead by International consultants in October in the Kennett area to give us a suggested plan for our next phase of community development.

New Attendees:

Tom Bahel/Study Buddies and Friday Buddies
Covenant Fellowship---ESL, email: tbahel@msn.com

Jo-Anne Le Piere, The Ingerman Group, 725 Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002, Phone: (856) 662-1730 and FAX (856) 773-0126, email: jlepiere@ingerman.com www.ingerman.com. Local call: 610-925-5133.

Beth Ellyn Mills, The Ingerman Group (same as above) Local call: 610-925-5133.

William Holdsworth, Kennet Square Police, 115 N. Broad St., P.O. Box 5, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Office: (610) 444-0501, FAX: (610) 444-4267

Judy Watkins, Unionville Troop 22, Eagle Coordinator, Phone: (h) 610-388-6002 and (w) 610-558-0400. email: Judybwat@magpage.com

Mark Rabidou, UHS Eagle Scout Project, Troop 22, Phone: 610-347-6828 and email: LAX562@aol.com

Bev Rose,UHS Community Service: Phone: (610) 793-7630. email: Trose78849@aol.com

John Pusey, 310 N. Broad St., Kennett Square, PA., Phone: 610-444-0752

Sean Masuda, Paul Masuda’s son

Bunnie Shetron, CCHD, Phone: 610-344-6441

Pat Donnelly, CCHD, Phone: 610-610-344-6259

New Youth Attendees: Tara Currie, Nijah Brison, Yaritza Barrios, Juana Vasquez

Michele Coles, KASenior Center, 427 S. Walnut St., Kennett, Phone: 610-444-4819

Tom Hanes, Kennett Commons

Tina Ellor, Mushroom Festival

Joe Cordvano (invited by Paul Masuda)

Michael and Tina, Delaware Community College

Martha Werle, Kendal, Phone: 610-388-8024

Jan Morton, Kendal, Phone: 610-388-0844

Additional Contact Information:

Paul Masuda's email: psmasuda@aol.com

La Comunidad Hispana, (Anita O'Connor and Jean Searers) Phone: 610-444-4545

MYKE, Gerry Zippilli, Phone: 610-524-1061

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Study Buddies, Greater Works Ministries, Thurs., 6-7:30pm, Anna Anderson at 610-444-3879

Study Buddies, Avondale, Don Feyler, Phone: 610-388-7564

MOMs Club, Robin Krug, Phone: 610-925-3364

Alliance for Better Housing Counseling Services for Home Ownership, Call: 610-925-1880

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at 7:00pm at The Kennett Community Church, 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square, PA. 19345. Fifty-two spirited community members attended. Pastor Tony Stephens started the meeting with a prayer. He then asked attendees to remember back to shopping at Newberry's Store, the site where we were holding our meeting. Earl Jones and Chief McCarthy went back the furthest to 1956 and 1957. (It was believed the store opened in 1955).

The next *Bridging the Community* Meeting will be held at **The Kennett Presbyterian Church, 211 S. Broad St., Kennett Square (in the basement), at 7pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2003. (Meetings are every other month on the second Wednesday.)**

Joan Holliday and Tom Hoehle reviewed the five principles and framework for the guidance of *Bridging the Community* work.

Following are the new initiatives and needs shared at the meeting:

Anita Powell, a new pastor in town introduced herself and spoke of her church's ministry as being one of reconciliation. Her phone number is: 610-436-5144. She will be moving to town soon.

Mr. Yin introduced his wife, Jean Jin, who has opened a new oriental gift shop at 203 E. State St., Kennett Square. He invited everyone to shop and enjoy the reasonable prices.

Linette Vasquez introduced herself and her three friends, Idalia Ortiz, Nancy Ayallon and Anita Ayala from Unidad. This is a service organization at Kennett High School with the goal of uniting groups and taking leadership within the community. They are interested in volunteer projects in the community. Linette can be reached at: 610-444-5907.

Camille Richardson is from *Girl Scouts of Freedom Valley*. She would like to start more Brownie and Scout troops in the Kennett area. Her phone is: 610-933-7555 Ext. 247.

Bill Torian from *Delaware Community College* reports that he would like to do outreach in SCC. The Downingtown campus now has 3,000 students. He would like to make presentations to interested groups. The goal of the school is to work with the applicant to make it possible to attend college even with financial and other restraints. His phone number is: 610-251-0656.

Hannah Sturgis from *Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Inc.* explained that this is a large home and property to house Special Need Adults. Her phone number is: 610-935-0300.

Sally Jorlin, MOM's Club explained that this is an organization that supports stay-at-home mothers. They also get involved in community work. Her phone number is: 610-925-5499

Jessica Bandy, Ministry Assistant from the *Spanish Presbyterian Church in Toughkenamon* says they need help with tutors. Her phone number is: 610-444-0052

Patty Olenik, Volunteer Coalition Coordinator for *Communities That Care* announced the

CTC meeting on Tuesday, 11/19/02 at KHS Library from 7-8:30pm. She encouraged everyone to attend and get involved with programs that support the youth and their efforts.

Earl and Linda Jones are Board Members of the Underground Railroad and encouraged everyone to visit and become a part of the ongoing events. Phone: 610-444-6392

Wendy Bauchman from *Chester County Futures* is supervisor of the Kennett area at this time. The long-term mentoring program supports high-school students staying in school and moving onto higher education. Her phone number is: 610-458-5745

Bob Walton, *Migrant Ministries* told us (through an email) that the new Mexican residents moving to Kennett are in desperate need of beds and other furniture. His phone number is: 610-793-2806.

Howard Porter from *Alliance For Better Housing* said that the Cedar Wood Apartments on Cedar Springs will have people moving in very soon. He also promoted *The Turtle Dove Club*. Watch for the next events in the newspaper. His phone is: 610-925-1880.

Dora Martinez, *Rainbow Resources Connection* from *La Comunidad Hispana* spoke about the outreach she is leading in the area of access to health care for the least served. Her phone number is: 610-444-4545.

Nancy Wright, *La Comunidad Hispana*, Life Skills Worker spoke about the financial planning help given to interested community members on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30pm. She also would like support for a health fair that will be conducted 3/03 hopefully at the YMCA.

Barbara Walsh, from the *Kennett Area Senior Center* encouraged the community to come and visit the many programs the center offers. They welcome volunteers. The Kennett Area Senior Center's Phone number: 610-444-4819.

Ruth Williams from 2nd Baptist Church is collecting new summer clothing for Nigeria. She will be at her church on 12/07/02 at noon to receive the donations. Her phone number is: 610-384-3243.

Tom Hoehle celebrated the community-building taking place at the *Intercambio English/Spanish Conversational Class* held every Thursday evening at The Kennett Area Senior Center from 7:30pm to 9pm. Everyone welcome! His phone number is: 610-308-9768

Anita O'Connor, Director of *La Comunidad Hispana* told about the Martin Luther King Breakfast to be held 1/20/03 at 8am at the Red Clay Room. Bill Gray will be the speaker. Tickets are \$10. The purpose of the breakfast is to extend MLK's message of community peace and harmony. Anita's phone number is: 610-444-8308.

Jean Thompson, *Avondale Study Buddies* said she needs tutors for their session Monday nights from 5:30pm to 7pm. Her phone number is: 610-696-8312 Ext. 221

Detra Brison and Don Feyler have started a Study Buddies at *Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Toughkenamon* on Monday night from 6:30 to 8pm. They need tutors. Detra's phone number is: 610-268-2576.

Laurie Sboke from *Penn State Extension* said she needs a site to put together Fiesta Care packages on 12/12/02 for the Fiesta at The American Legion on 12/13/02. She would like others to join in making up fiesta baskets for the new Mexican residents. Her phone number is: 610-696-3500.

Gerry Zippilli from MYKE is still looking for more mentors for elementary students. He spoke of the win-win this process brings to those involved. His phone number is: 610-524-1061.

Gail Newbold from *London Grove Meeting* told about the speaker from South Africa on 11/17/02 from 1:30 to 3:30pm. She also invited everyone to the Quaker Meeting from 9:30 to 10:30am.

Peg Baker from *After the Bell*, is always looking for new volunteers to share their special talent or craft with the Kennett Middle School students after school. Her phone number is: 610-444-0962

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- Bob Walton received three beds for the new Mexican residents. The people will call him directly.
- The Girl Scouts "bridged" with Bethel Church Study Buddies and will explore starting a troop and a Steppers Group---a dream held for over four years. Esther Rochester and Yolanda to help be the organizers.
- Study Buddies in Avondale "bridged" for tutoring help from Unidat students.
- Maureen Orlando, Mary D Lang Nurse will join the Intercambio Spanish/English language group on Thursday nights.
- Gerry Zippilli, MYKE "bridged" with the MOMs Club, who will consider mentoring in the nearby elementary schools.
- Len Jorlin, who works for a company that makes solar panels for third world countries will attend the presentation at Friends Meeting to hear the South African speaker and make a connection around affordable heating help.
- Laura Sboke "bridged" with Peg Baker from Kennett Friends Meeting, who will provide space for assembling the fiesta baskets.
- Patty Olenik, CTC "bridged" with the Unidat students to help them be the first to join the new Kennett Youth Council.
- Delaware Community College made several connections and possible areas for further presentations.
- Joan Holliday was able to "bridge" the coats from Operation Warm Rotary Club with the church communities and individuals, who need them.
- The Unidat students visited Gin's Gift Shop after the meeting to identify potential Prom jewelry and Christmas gifts. They loved it!

New Attendees:

Linda and Earl Jones, 719 S. Garfield St., Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-6392. Email: LLJ412@aol.com

Jean and Mr. Jin, *Jin's Oriental Gift Shop*, 203 E. State Street, Kennett Square, Phone: 610-444-7488, email: xchng1016@cs.com

Pastor Tony and Jamie Stephens, Kennett Community Church, 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett, Phone: 610-444-5722, web site: www.kcchurch.org

Pastor Anita Powell, Phone: 610-436-5144

William H. Torian, Delaware Community College, Phone: 610-251-0656

Jessica Bandy, Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Toughkenamon, Phone: 610-268-3428. Email: jessio23@hotmail.com

Hannah Sturgis, Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Inc. Phone: 610-935-0300. Email: Hannah@camphillfdn.org

Yolanda Richards and Angela, Contact Esther Rochester for phone numbers at: 610-444-8860 at the Kennett Laundromat.

Camille E. Richardson, Girl Scouts of Freedom Valley, 100 Juliette Low Way, P.O. Box 814, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0814, Phone: 610-933-7555 Ext. 247. Email: CERichardson@gsvf.org
Dora Martinez, Project Salud Outreach, Phone: 610-444-4545

Len and Sally Jorlin, MOMs Club, Phone: 610-925-5499

Nancy Ayallon, Unidad, Phone: 610-444-3986

Anita Ayala, Unidad, Phone: 610-444-8457

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