

Minutes from 2006 Meetings

January 11, 2006

March 8, 2006

May 10, 2006

July 12, 2006

September 13, 2006

November 8, 2006

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 7 pm at The Kennett Area YMCA, 106 Race St. Kennett Square. Thirty-eight heartfelt community members joined in the community process of “bridging” on a rainy, cold evening.

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The next *Bridging the Community* meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 08, 2006 at 7pm at The Second Baptist Church, 132 S. Willow St., Kennett Square, PA. 19348. Phone Joan Holliday with questions or directions at 610-344-5550.

Jeanne Searers and Mike Pesce opened the meeting with a moment of silence. Mike shared the framework for Bridging and Jeanne the Principles. Mike Pesce reflected on his 10 years of involvement since high-school and how much non-duplicated community “good work” has come out of the “bridging process”, as well as the development of a stronger community---one that is getting to know each other across barriers.

Attendees introduced themselves (starting with the new attendees) and made their community offerings and/or requests:

- Holly Tyson (Kennett Farmer's Market) explained that she is excited about her new role in spearheading the Farmer's Market. She hopes to “bridge” with many community activities and make the market a lively place. Email: guerillacomposter@gmail.com
- Marta Beltran (Previous LCH employee) is looking for work. She is bi-lingual (Spanish and English) and has worked in a health clinic, ESL Program and Social Services. Phone: 610-869-4209
- Shannon Cortigine (HELP Street Manager) is new to the project the past two months. The strategic plan is finished and the project is moving forward. Email: smcortigine@comcast.net
- Sharon Metaxas (Director of Assisted Senior Program at The Life Center) is new and looking forward to learning more about the community. Email: share1met@aol.com
- Carol Ann George (International Language Specialist) is looking for ways to engage work in Kennett, and is also interested in volunteering in Kennett. She provides Spanish Language Training for the “Busy” Business Professional. Email: lflanguage@msn.com Phone: 610-444-1672
- Mercer Jones (Galilee UAME Church in Avondale) spoke of the church's intent to increase membership and expand involvement in the community. Email: mercerjonesk@aol.com

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 7pm at His Mission, 342 Birch St., Kennett Square, PA. 19348. Forty-four caring community members joined in the community process of “bridging”.

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The next *Bridging the Community* meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 7pm at Kendal at Longwood, 1109 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square. Phone: 610-388-7001. A Kendal bus will pick up community members in front of Bethel Church, 300 E. Linden St., Kennett Square at 6:30pm, then, stop in front of La Comunidad Hispana, 314 E. State St., and finally pick up members in front of The Garage on Union St., Kennett Square. Phone Joan Holliday for directions at 610-344-5550.

Margaret Valentine told us about His Mission, which is a “Home for the Homeless”. She receives referrals from the police, churches, hospitals and prisons. Her philosophy is not one of a “hand out”, but a “hand up”. She solicits funds and volunteers from the community and always appreciates prayers. She offered a prayer to open the meeting.

Joan Holliday shared the framework for Bridging the Community and Mike Pesce shared the Principles. Tom Hoehle and Mike Pesce facilitated the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves and made their community offerings and/or requests:

- Stephanie Hosea (Legal Aid) reports that they have free legal services for low-income individuals in the areas of landlord disputes, custody and divorce, as well as other areas. She will meet clients in Kennett for legal sessions. Email: shosea@lasp.org
- Rev. Urias B. M. Dixon (New Life Christian Fellowship Ministry, Inc.) is concerned about Liberia in West Africa. He is a native Liberian and makes two mission trips back a year. He presented the drastic need for youth education. \$100 will sponsor one child for one year for education. Phone: 610-563-3727
- Aida Garcia (Director of Social Services at La Comunidad Hispana) welcomes parents to LCH for Parenting Classes held every other Friday from 10:00 to 11:30am. Call the agency for more details: 610-444-4545. Email: agarcia@lchps.org
- Bill Forsythe (Colorado brother of Peg Baker) was attending the meeting to experience the process of “bridging”.
- Roselena Simmons (Mary D Lang liaison for Latino parents) is promoting more education of the Latino parent in the events and processes that go on at school, and their active participation in PTO and other activities. She feels there has been great progress. She is always looking for

volunteers to help with homework with the Latino children after school. Email: RoselenaSimmons@aol.com Phone: 610-444-2041

- Lisa Guizzetti (COAD) provides materials and presentations on drug and alcohol prevention. Email: lguizzetti@coadgroup.com Phone: 610-363-6164 Ext. 314
- Jose Guzman (Friend of Rev. Patrick Seyler) was attending with his friend Rev. Patrick to find out about "bridging".
- Karen Flad (School Nurse of Avongrove High School) was invited by Joan Holliday and she is interested in starting a "bridging" process in Avondale. Email: Kflad@avongrove.org
- Lou Wonderly (A builder, who is working under the auspices of St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Unionville) spoke about the affordable Senior housing that he has been involved in building in Jennersville. He is now working on a fourth set of units for Seniors who have an annual income below \$25,000. He encourages interested members to get on a waiting list. He also would like to support affordable Senior housing in Kennett area. Email: wonderly@kennett.net Phone: 610-383-3934
- Perry Price (Youth Counselor at The Garage) spoke of the many programs they offer youth. He is leading a group for middle-school through high-school young men called "The Huddle". He also expressed loving Kennett and his fiancé, Tonya Tynes, who will be married in December 2006 Email: plprice3@yahoo.com Phone: 302-383-8121
- Mike Pesce and Lindsey Sweet (Migrant Education) reminded us of the upcoming Soccer Tournament on May 20, 2006 at Upland Country Day from 9:00am to 4:00pm. They need volunteers to help with set-up and lunch and be side-judges. They also would like everyone to attend and experience the joy of 125 elementary migrant students from age 7yrs. To 14yrs play their hearts out as *Ninos de Valor* Email: , lindseys@cciu.org, michaelp@cciu.org
- Lenda Carrillo (Kennett Area YMCA Outreach Coordinator) told us about the Borough Camp to be held June 14-17, 2006 for youth K-6th grades. She would like applicants and volunteers from 4:30-5:30pm, 5:30-6:30pm, 6:30-7:30pm. Email: lcarrillo@ymcabwv.org Phone: 610-444-9622 ext. 17
- Joan Holliday (CCHD Public Health Nurse) read the community invitation from Marge Wolfe, Kennett's Borough Manager: "As part of the Healthy Communities Initiative, the Borough of Kennett Square has arranged for Mark Fenton to discuss "walkable communities" (bicycling and walking) on May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Clay Room at the Kennett Fire Department." Joan also reminded the group that Operation Warm is ready to accept new sites for coat distribution and interested groups may email: patti@operationwarm.org
Email Joan at: dochollisy@aol.com

- Rev. Patrick Seyler (United in Faith—Episcopal Lutheran Mission) now has an office at 220 S. Birch St., Kennett to hold counseling sessions. He is holding a Community Consultation on Sunday, June 4th, 2006 from 2:00-4:00pm. Everyone is invited. He also would like to offer this site for the September “Bridging”. Rev. Seyler has an event for migrant families at The Garage on May 21st at 2:30pm and has his first service at Church of the Advent at noon on June 11, 2006. Email: ccartisans@hotmail.com
- Holly Favino is a counselor (Amnion Pregnancy Center) located at 645 E. Baltimore Pk., Kennett. They offer counseling for women with unwanted pregnancies, and many forms of educational school programs, which promote healthy relationships. Email: hfavino@amnion.org
- Theresa Bass (Historic East Linden Street Project Board President) told us about the very successful community building and fundraising event on May 06th bringing in over \$23,000 and selling 240 tickets to the GALA and Silent Auction at The Red Clay Room. She thanked the community members for their great support. Email: trbass15@aol.com
- Jeanne Searers (Activities Director at The Life Center) told us about the Garage Sale at the Life Center on June 3rd from 9:00am to noon. Tables available to the public: \$25 inside, \$10 outside. There will be a Flower Show on August 8th from 11:00am—2:30pm. There also will be a Volunteer Luncheon on June 6th starting with a program at 10:30am and lunch following. They need volunteers to serve the Volunteer Seniors. A seminar for Adult Children and Aging Parents will be held on May 20th from 9:00 to 11:30am. Call Jeanne at: Call 610-444-4819.
- Jessie Cocks (Church of the Open Door & Spirit and Body Resources) reminded us of Hub of Hope for HIV affected on July 22nd in Phoenixville. She also invites friends to her home on May 12th for a concert.. Email: jessiecocks@comcast.net
- Maria Zavala, (KHS Senior) has been chosen as the National Representative for the Hermanitas in Chicago. She will be a Political Science major at Penn State Main Campus in the fall. She reports that the UNIDAD Service Group at Kennett is open to community volunteer projects. Call Maria at: 610-925-3791.
- Giselle Consentino (BVA) told us the deadline for scholarship applications for BVA Summer Camp is May 12th. Email: gisellec@bva-rcva.org
- Linda Jacobi (Kennett Library Literacy Program) told us that ESL classes at Mary D. Lang will be held July from 9:00-11:30am Monday through Thursday and Tuesday through Thursday at night from 6:30-9:00pm. They always need volunteer tutors. She is happy to report that she has brought down the waiting list with adding 22 new tutors recently. Email: ljacobi@ccls.org
- Holly Tyson (Kennett Farmer’s Market) told us that the market will start May 19th and continue every Friday until some time in October. She brought fresh garden lettuce, as a snack for tonight. They are open to having tables with community information at the market.
- Email: guerillacomposter@gmail.com.

- Peg Baker (After the Bell) told us that that they are now planning for next year, which is their 8th year in session. They need volunteers to help with the after school sessions that are held and ideas for different programs to be presented by a volunteer. Email: Sb29stnj@aol.com

The group then mingled and “bridged” for twenty minutes. Here are the “bridges made:

- Abigail Morgan (Inverbrook Farms) “bridged” with Migrant Education, Theresa Bass with the 4-H group on East Linden Street and Jean Searers around planting Community Kitchen Gardens with each group.
- Linda Jacobi (Kennett Library Literacy Program) “bridged” with Lenda Carrillo (Kennett Area YMCS) around flyers to be passed out for Borough Camp. She also “bridged” with Stephanie Hosea (Legal Aid) for flyers and “bridged” with Lou Wonderly around becoming an ESL teacher.
- Rev. Urias B.M. Dixon “bridged” with Joan Holliday and Theresa Bass and received financial support for youth education.
- Karen Flad (Avongrove HS School Nurse) “bridged” with Joan Holliday around starting a Bridging group in Avondale. She also “bridged” with Lisa from COAD, Giselle from BVA, and Holly from Amnion to bring programs into Avongrove HS.
- Jeanne Searers “bridged” with many people around engaging the events at The Life Center and received four volunteers to help with the Volunteer Luncheon.
- Mike Pesce and Lindsey Sweet “bridged” with Tom Hoehle, Jessie Cocks and others around volunteering for the migrant elementary Soccer Tournament.
- Perry Price “bridged” with Mrs. Valentine to have youth volunteers at His Mission. He “bridged” with Jeanne Searers who has identified a Senior math tutor for the Youth at The Garage and “bridged” with Giselle around the BVA Leadership Summer Camp for the youth, who attend The Garage.
- Mary Anderson “bridged” with Migrant Education to provide books for their summer program.
- Lenda Carrillo “bridged” with Lindsey Sweet and Tonya Tynes around Borough Camp
- Aida Garcia “bridged” with Suzanne Hazzard , Tonya Tynes and Theresa Bass about inviting parents to the Parenting Classes at LCH. She also “bridged” with Lou Wonderly around housing.
- Suzanne Hazzard “bridged” with Holly around the Farmer’s Market and with Joan Holliday around the date she will receive five loaves of fresh bread that she bid on at the Historic East Linden’s Street Silent Auction.
- Holly Favino (Amnion Pregnancy Crisis Center) “bridged’ with Mike Pesce around programs for Kennett High School.

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Rev. Marvin T. Williams, Pastor of 2nd Baptist reports that a church was built in 1893 and then, was rebuilt in 1995 after a fire. He extends an open invitation to the community to attend their church services. Rev. Williams led us in prayer. He invited us to partake in the snacks provided by the church.

Mike Pesce shared the framework for Bridging and Principles with humor and appreciation.

Attendees introduced themselves and made their community offerings and/or requests:

- April Veness, (Professor at University of Delaware) invited by Bill Pugh and is attending to experience the "bridging" process.
- Beth Doty (Executive Director of Pendcader Hundred Community Center and ordained Presbyterian minister) is interested in the learning about the "bridging" process and was invited by Bill Pugh.
- Walker Brown (Kennett Community & Bethel Church) invited by Joan Holliday and he is interested in hearing more about the community. Email: walkerb@comcast.net
- Barbara Brown (Church of the Open Door & Campus Ministry) invited by Joan lives in West Grove yet participates in Kennett activities. Email: barbara_brown1@verizon.net
- Jeanette Page (Kendal) invited by Peg Baker. She volunteers for *After the Bell* and is interested in how to volunteer in the community. Email: Page20011@msn.com
- Carolyn Wonderly (Cartmel resident) invited by Mary Dugan. She belongs to NGA, which is an organization that provides clothing for needy families. Phone: 610-388-3934
- Noel Scharon and Mr. Scharon, and partners Marta and Manuel Rodriguez from LaMichoacana (Ice Cream Store) invited by Tom Hoehle are interested in becoming more involved in the community. Email: nolydatian@aol.com

in a way that children during the summer are 'bridging' with groups---making their experience more diverse. Phone: 610-388-3364.

- Daniel Riehl (Community) expressed his strong interest in the Peace Movement and told us of the efforts of Pacem en Terra, Kendal at Crosslands, and University of Delaware. The Kendal group carry Peace signs at Union and State St., Kennett every Friday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the winter and an hour later when the time changes. For more info email: danyre@verizon.net
- Diana Rarig (Phillips Mushrooms) told us about a March on Capitol Hill, March 15th to address the current bill pending in Senate about immigration and penalizing persons and agencies who serve the undocumented. Also, she told us about a Town Hall Meeting with Andrew Dinniman and Michael Sturla on March 9, 2006 at 7:30pm.
Email: dleina@gmail.com
- Jeanne Searers (The Life Center) introduced Anita O'Connor, the new Director of The Life Center. She explained that they worked together at La Comunidad Hispana and once again she is very pleased to be working with Anita. Email: jeannecrew491@hotmail.com
- Anita O'Connor (ED of The Life Center) told us that the Center is open to many levels of volunteerism. She also has information on two job positions for low-income retired employees. Email: aconnor@lifecenterpa.org
- Theresa Bass (President of Historic East Linden Project) told us that the residents are holding a GALA/Fundraiser on May 6th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. This will include a Silent Auction, an ad booklet and a special program. Tickets are selling for \$35. The purpose is to raise money for the residents, who cannot come up with the funds to give the 10% match for the State Façade Grant. Everyone is getting involved in helping each other.
Email: trbass15@aol.com
- Joan Holliday (Public Health Nurse) told about Cinco de Mayo to take place on May 07, 2006 from noon to 5:00pm. Antoinette Gomez has taken the lead and the effort is being led primarily by the Mexican community. They need mentors and support on the day of the event. Contact Antoinette Gomez---Email: agomez242002@yahoo.com

Joan also told the group about the monthly *Each and All Dialogue Group*, which meets the first Wednesday of every month at Friends Meeting, Sickle and Union St. It starts at 7:45am and ends promptly at 9:00am. Each and all are welcome to reflect on our living philosophy of *peaceful, progressive, inclusivity*. The group discovers ways to "seed processes" to evolve our community life. Email: dochollisv@aol.com

- Barbara Brown (Church of the Open Door) told us about the Prayer and Bible Study that is held every Wednesday at Bethel Church, 300 E. Linden St., Kennett. All community members are welcome. Also, there will be a "HUB of HOPE" workshop at The Life Center on March 18th from 8:30am to 1:30pm, which will address HIV/AIDS Prevention.
Email: barbara_brown1@verizon.net

- Sandra Stansbury (Pastor of Galilee U.A.M.E in Avondale) wants to help her church become more involved in the community. Email: sjwbutcher@yahoo.com
- Abby Morgan (West Grove Community) invited by Claire Murray just returned from Argentina and wants to get more involved in community volunteerism. Email: Abbydigit@gmail.com
- Richard Carter (Kennett community) invited by his wife Pam Carter.
- Rev. Patrick Seyler (Lutheran Pastor at Church of the Advent) told us about an event sponsored by The Church of the Open Door. They will show the movie CRASH on Sunday, March 26th at 5pm at The Life Center, 427 S. Walnut St., and then have dialogue afterwards. There will be food.
For Patrick: he is looking for a site with one private room in the community (beyond the church arena) to do spiritual counseling. Email: ccartisans@hotmail.com
- Giselle Consentino (BVA) told us about the Red Clay Valley Clean-up on Saturday, March 25, 2006. Go to Anson B Nixon Park at 8:00am. Also, she has scholarship applications for BVA Summer Camp. Email: gisellec@bva-rcva.org
- Mary Dugan (UGRR) reported that The Kennett Underground Railroad has temporarily moved to The Historical Society on Creek Rd., ChaddsFord. She also is looking for persons who will give oral histories about Platersville and Moonlight Park. A video is being produced about the Grey Sox, a black baseball team in the 1940s and 50s and she needs more information. Email: maryd@kennett.net
- Janice Taylor (Anson B Nixon Park & KARE) reinforced need for BVA Red Clay Valley Clean-Up. She also has a booklet with Kennett Area Resources available in English and Spanish for agencies to give their clients. Email: jbtaylor@localnet.com
- Juan Avila (Musician) told us that he will be performing his original "*The Armadillo: A Latino Fable*" at People's Light & Theatre on Monday, March 13, from 6 to 8pm. It is free and has hearty snacks. Email: juanavilamusic@yahoo.com
- Lindsey Sweet and Mike Pesce (Migrant Education) shared their excitement about their "Gang Prevention from Potential" effort---a Soccer League for Kennett Elementary students. They will have a Soccer Tournament on May 20, 2006 at Upland Country Day from 9:00am to 4:00pm. They need someone to coordinate the lunch they are providing and set-up. They also are requesting service projects for the youth in the summer, so they can also give back to the community. Email: , lindseys@cciu.org, michaelp@cciu.org
- Lenda Carrillo (Outreach Kennett Area YMCA) told us about Healthy Kids Day on 4/08/06 from 10am to 1pm on State and Broad St. in Kennett. Email: lcarrillo@ymcabwv.org
- Ann Humes (Kendal) expressed an appreciation of the "bridging process" and the beautiful diversity in the room. She has a strong interest in helping the Kennett community organize

- Laurie Szoke (Penn State Extension) told about the need for funding the salary of a Mexican woman, who graduated from Penn State in Human Development and has the talent and the passion for working with the vulnerable Mexican families in the area.
Email: las7@psu.edu
- Ruth Williams (2nd Baptist Church) told us that the Study Buddies group that meets on Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm are growing up, and she would like to recruit new students. She expressed an interest in working with a diverse group of students.
Email: marvinwilliams1960@verizon.net
- Chief Albert McCarthy (Chief of Kennett Police) told us that he comes to Bridging meetings to get “recharged”, as his police job exposes him to difficult situations.
Email: kspdchief@kennett.net
- Claire Murray (Farmers Market) told us that Holly Tyson is now leading the effort at The Farmer’s market. They are open to having tables with community materials and information. The Market will open on May 19th from 2:00pm to 6:00Pm. Holly’s email is: guerillacomposter@gmail.com. Claire Murray’s email: Claire@inverbrook.com

The group then mingled and “bridged” for twenty minutes. Here are the “bridges made:

- Mike Pesce (Migrant Ed) “bridged” with 1.) Ruth Williams to bring Mary D Lang migrant students to Study Buddies on Tuesday eves. 2) He “bridged” with Abby Morgan around her South American experience, and ways for her to volunteer in Kennett. 3.) He “bridged” with LaMichoacana, who will provide ice cream for the Soccer Tournament. 4.) He “bridged” with Giselle from BVA around scholarship applications. 5.) He “bridged” with Carolyn and Louis Wonderly around Jennersville Luther House for migrant elementary students weeding gardens at their facility. And, Mike thought he had a few more “bridges” which would show up when he sat down and reflected.
- Jane Paige (Kendal) volunteered to help at the Soccer Tournament.
- Mary Dugan “bridged” with Walker Brown, who will be interviewed for the oral history around Platerville and the Grey Sox era.
- Juan Avila “bridged” with many people around his upcoming performance.
- Jeanne Searers reminded attendees that Juan Avila, Rev. Patrick Seyler and Jessie Cox will be leading a drumming session, *Spirit Rhythms* at The Garage from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on March 10 and 24, April 7, 21 and May 5 and 19. Everyone is welcome! Contact Jessie Cocks at her email: jessiecocks@comcast.net
- April Veness (University of Delaware) “bridged” with Juan Avila about doing a performance at a college Latino event.
- Rev. Marvin T Williams invited us all to a choir night at his church—“Joy Night” to be held on 3/14/06 at 7:00pm
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with Anna Anderson around a mutual community friend who died this week and explored ways to support her children left behind.
- Giselle Consentino, Janet Taylor, Diana Rarig “bridged” with many around their flyers.

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Tom Hoehle, as facilitator welcomed everyone. Rich Lyle, Executive Director of Kendal, told us about the facility, which is a Continuing Care Retirement Community. Kendal Crosslands Communities is made up of Kendal at Longwood (the first, starting 33 years ago) Crosslands, Cartmel, and Coniston. There are approximately 900 residents and 500 employees. Now there are other Kendal communities stemming up beyond this area. Kendal was the initiator of The Caring Hands project, which identified needs of low-income Seniors in the local community. They are helping provide services to about 35 Kennett area Seniors. In the spirit of Friends, he led us in a moment of silence.

Joan Holliday gave a brief history of *Bridging the Community* and shared the framework. Tom Hoehle shared the Principles.

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- Tom Gallagher (Health & Wellness Coordinator and ACTIVATE Kennett) would like to invite community members into the activities related to the motto: “Move more, eat smart and create a supportive environment”. Email: tgallagher@ymcabwv.org
- Jeremy Searer (PSU Student) has his own house painting business and would like to have referrals for summer. Email: jcs402@psu.edu
- Lois Herr (PA 16th Congressional District) is running for Congress. She states: “Today’s leaders have forgotten the needs of those of us who worry about our health, privacy, our children’s access to education, our jobs.” She would like to address all of these with care and commitment. Phone: 717-367-0500 Web site: www.loisherr.us
- Ellen Good (Redesigning Retirement) is looking for a site to conduct workshops. Email: ellen@redesigningretirement.com
- Tara (WCU Student and Intern of BVA) is here to learn more about the community.
- Kiesha, Alexis, and Neija are members of The Stepping Team on Historic East Linden Project. They were coaxed to do a demonstration of their lessons.

- Maria Rodriguez (Project Salud) explained that the clinic is a bi-lingual and a nurse managed center, which focuses on migrant health and the vulnerable community. Email: mrodriquez@lchps.org Phone: 610-444-5278
- Pat Hunt (Kendal Resident for 5 years) does literacy tutoring and is a member of Kendal's Voices for Peace and Justice.
- Jeannette Page (Kendal Resident) participates in After the Bell program at KMS.
- Stephen Angell (Kennett resident for 8 years) volunteers in two prisons and assists in trainings for volunteers who conduct rehabilitation workshops. Phone: 610-388-3140
- Ms. Anderson (Kendal Resident) works at The Life Center Book Store in Kennette and performs as a Senior Reader at ChaddsFord Elementary. She is on the Friends Ministerium.
- Mary Thompson and Elsa Lichtenbery are Kendal residents.
- Kay Rosier (Kendal resident) was a volunteer at La Comunidad Hispana and now serves as a Spanish interpreter at Community Volunteers of Medicine.
- Dave (Kendal Resident) participates in the Peace Vigil on the corner of Union & State St., Kennett Square every Friday at 5:00pm. He is looking for others to participate.
- Helen Angell (Kendal Resident for 12 years)
- Marion Fuson (Kendal Resident) volunteer for After the Bell at KMS
- Mary Morgan (Kendal Resident) She will write an article about tonight's meeting for the Kendal Newsletter.
- Don Gallagher (Lititz, PA) is working on Lois Herr's campaign.
- Ruth Lusky (Kendal Resident) is a runner for Meals on Wheels.
- Penny Caccava (Kendal Resident) is a Hospice volunteer.
- A participant introduced himself as "A worn-out Friend".
- Martin Beer (Kendal Resident for 14 years) is our Sound and Light person this evening.
- Louise Belden (Kendal Resident for 22 years) works at the Literacy Program in the library
- Carolyn McLaughlin (Community Member) teaches ESL at the library and also had taught at LCH in the past.

- Krista Vanderbelt (Community Member) told us about the Lymes Disease Education and Support group, which meets on the 3rd Weds of every month at 7:00pm at Church of the Advent.
- Jean Keene (Kendal resident for 9 years) works with three Garden Clubs. She points out the pots of flowers on State Street in Kennett as evidence of their beautification work.
- Erica Muellenburg (Kendal Resident for 4 months)
- Coeey Chung (Kendal Resident) would like to get involved in volunteering.
- Rudi Steinberger (Historic East Linden Street Board, Editorialist etc.) who claims he “does nothing”. Others strongly disagreed. Email: rudistein@kennett.net
- Janet Shepherd (Kendal Resident for 14 years) has helped in the Mentoring Youth in Kennett program. Currently she is a Board member of Friends Home in Kennett and works on Voter Registration.
- Muriel Feraru (Kendal resident) spoke about her appreciation of the Special Seniors program at The Life Center in Kennett, where her husband received much assistance in the past.
- Dick Ernst (Kendal resident for 7 years) participates in the Peace Vigil in Kennett.
- Sandy Pfaus (Kendal Resident for 2 years)
- Joan Nicholson (Kendal Resident for 3 years)
- Tom Hoehle (First National Bank---Estate Planner) reflected on how inspired he feels by the Kendal resident accounts of their community volunteer involvement.
- Pastor Patrick Seyler (Lutheran minister, joined with Episcopal Church of the Advent) has opened United in Faith ministry at 220 Birch St., Kennett Square. He is pleased to report Shannon Cortigine and another person will be joining his staff to help provide social ministries. The flood caused 10” of rain. It is now cleaned up. He also told us about the Radio Program that will focus on issues in the community. It will be hosted on WCHE (1520) on Sundays from 4:00 to 4:30pm. He asked for our prayers for the Avondale Apartment residents, who are displaced due to flooding and also will need to be removed from 12 trailers that are unsanitary. Email: unitedinfaith@comcast.net. Phone: 484-880-8735.
- Laura Jonas (Kendal resident) is working with a Guatemalan church and is looking for a Sister Church in this area. Contact Joan Holliday at 610-344-5550 if any ideas.
- Ron Smith (Good Neighbors) spoke about this faith-based mission to do housing repairs for Seniors, to keep their homes safe, clean and dry. On July 17-21, 2006 they are holding their annual youth camp; they will work all week on three homes. 31 Senior High School students are involved. Good Neighbors will hold its annual fundraising dinner at Mendenhall on

9/28/06. There is no charge for the dinner, but participants will be asked for donations. If you would like to provide support through snacks and beverages for the camp or want to register for the dinner contact Ron at: 610-347-1695 or Email: RonMSmith1@aol.com

- Giselle Consentino (BVA) told us that she still has scholarships for 6 through 9 year olds for BVA Summer Camp. BVA also hosts a free music festival every Thursday eve (during the summer) at the Myrick Conservation Center at 7:30pm Email: gisellec@bva-rcva.org
- Aida Garcia (Director of Social Services at La Comunidad Hispana) She told about the summer leadership program for young Latino girls. Call Adriana at the agency for more details: 610-444-4545. Email: agarcia@lchps.org
- Anne Humes (Kendal resident and long-time attendee of Bridging) told about the role she played last year in providing lemonade and cookies for the youth in Good Neighbor's Youth Camp and hopes to generate some support at this meeting for this year. Phone: 610-388-1199.
- Jessie Cocks (Church of the Open Door & Spirit and Body Resources) told us about the Community Music Festival at Anson B. Nixon park on 7/15/06 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. She has flyers. On August 25 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, she will host a gathering at her home to introduce Lois Herr for Congress. She also is sponsoring Jamie Anderson concert at her home on 7/14/06. Call for reservations at 610-444-6333 or Email: jessiecocks@comcast.net
- Jeanne Searer (Program Coordinator at The Life Center) had 6 announcements: 1) There is assistance for low-income Seniors over 60 years---farmer market's vouchers and electric fans. 2.) The Life Center has been designated as the Center for Latino Seniors. They now have four employees who are bi-lingual. 3.) The Center is raffling off an original framed print of Andrew Wyeth's --Tickets are \$20. 4.) There will be a fund development Mushroom Dinner on 8/27/06. Tickets are \$25. 5.) They are having a raffle on a man's watch. Tickets are \$1.00. 6.) There will be a Garden Showcase on 8/8/06 from 11am to 2:30pm at The Life Center. Phone: 610-444-4819. Email: jsearer@lifecenterpa.org
- Peg Baker (After the Bell and Kennett Friends) expressed her sincere gratitude to the Kendal Community for their support of the After the Bell Program. She reminded everyone that Denise and John Wood along with Marshall Newton started this dynamic after-school program for middle school students in September of 1998. The program was featured in TIME magazine. The program continues. She also told us about the clothing distribution that Kennett Friends Meeting will be holding the end of August. Email: Sb29stnj@aol.com
- Joan Holliday (CCHD Public Health Nurse) introduced Esther Rochester, Mary Anderson and Anna Anderson as the pillars of the Study Buddies process, which continues in four churches in Kennett to provide after-school tutoring. Joan has flyers to give them, which announce the distribution of book bags by the Rotary on August 10th from 6:00 to 7:00pm. She also requested \$50 financial assistance for a health camp that is needed for one of her clients. Email: dochollisv@aol.com Phone: 610-344-5550

- Lisa Guizzetti (COAD) provides materials and presentations on drug and alcohol prevention. Email: lguizzetti@coadgroup.com Phone: 610-363-6164 Ext. 314
- Patti Olenik (Youth Director at The Garage) told us that this site is a restored garage that provides activities, tutoring and a computer lab for middle and high-school students. They serve over 150 students a week. She thanked individuals, who tutor, such as Tom Hoehle, and the Kendal and Crossland residents for their participation on MLK day. She introduced Idalia Ortiz (Chestnut College Junior), who was a recipient of The Garage programs and now is “giving back” this summer, along with some of her cohorts. Email for Patti: olenik5@comcast.net and for Idalia: ortiz1@chc.edu

The group then mingled and “bridged” for twenty minutes. Here are the “bridges made:

- Anne Humes “bridged” with Mary Anderson and Coe Chung to help provide lemonade and cookies for the Good Neighbors Youth camp.
- Muriel Feraru “bridged” with Joan Holliday to provide \$25 for the health camp and Tom Hoehle provided the other \$25.
- Salvador Villicana “bridged” with Lisa Guizzetti for COAD materials for his HIV testing outreach in SCC.
- Aida Garcia “bridged” with Jeanette Page, who will now volunteer at La Comunidad Hispana. (They also discovered that they both enjoy opera.) Aida “bridged” with Lois Herr to come visit LCH. Aida “bridged” with Coe Chung, who will provide budget help for LCH clients.
- Lois Herr “bridged” with many people who will distribute her campaign material.
- Jeanette Page “bridged” with Aida Garcia to provide ESL materials from Friends for Publishing.
- Patti Olenik “bridged” with Lisa Guizzetti (COAD) for materials for The GARAGE.
- Giselle “bridged” with Theresa Bass, Esther Rochester and Joan Holliday around scholarships for BVA.
- Jessie Cocks “bridged” with many people around her upcoming events.
- Jeanne Searer “bridged” with people who bought raffle tickets for the watch and will pass out Life Center flyers for upcoming events. Jeanette Page will post at Kendal and Esther Rochester will post at The Kennett Laundromat.
- Jeremy Searer “bridged” with Coe Chung around painting houses.
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with Study Buddies leaders for flyers around book bag distribution. She also “bridged” with Stephen Angell to obtain more information about his training in prisons. Joan Holliday distributed many **Path of Potential Readers**.
- Ellen Good “bridged” with Jeanne Searer, Ruth Stewart and Charlotte Taylor around a site for her retirement workshops.
- Patrick Seyler “bridged” with Laura Jonas, who will help serve as an interpreter when needed.

The evening ended with The East Linden Street Steppers doing one more dance/cheer. For information about Kendal Residents email Charlotte Taylor at: chart2728@verizon.net

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 7 pm at United in Faith Mission, 220 Birch St., Kennett Square, PA. Fifty-four community-minded participants joined in the community process of “bridging”.

Bridging the Community's web site is www.bridgingcommunity.com. Check out the Stories from *The Path of Potential Reader*. Announcements for the Community Calendar may be sent to Devin Zuczek at devin@vstech.net. Minutes of Bridging meetings may be accessed on this web site, and there also is a copy of the minutes at the Kennett library.

The next *Bridging the Community* meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 08, 2006 at 7pm at The Garage, 115 S. Union St., Kennett Square, PA. Phone: 610-444-6464

Facilitators, Tom Hoehle and Mike Pesce welcomed everyone. Tom informed us that PBS was filming the meeting and that the sign on the door was instructing us of the event and our consent to participate. Shannon Cortigine, member of United in Faith led us in prayer. Joan Holliday gave a brief history of the site where we were gathering, per information from Bill Taylor. It was the location of an ice house in the early 1900s. Ice was chipped from a pond in front of the current Kennett School District building. The site then became a Fresh Fish Market, followed by a Bread Store, Office for an Accountant, La Comunidad Hispana Offices and now United in Faith.

Jessie Cocks, member of United in Faith/Unidos en Fe shared the mission of the church: *“We are developing in the Kennett Square area as an all inclusive bilingual community in faith, which supports, sustains and connects those who thirst for God, for deep social change and for the care of the earth.”*

Shannon Cortigine continued to tell us that their goal is not to duplicate and to work closely with others. Because there is still a community need, they offer ESL classes, citizenship classes, basic education, Spanish classes for the English speaking and they are working with the 4-H Cooperative, especially with Teens Networking Teens (TNT)

Joan Holliday shared the Framework for *Bridging the Community's* meetings and ongoing work, and Mike Pesce shared the Guiding Principles.

Attendees introduced themselves and made their community offerings and/or requests:

- Logan Puck (La Comunidad Hispana) told us that he has moved here from Vermont to work as a Youth Coordinator for *Companeros en Marcha* (COMPAS). The goal of the program is to prepare high risk out of school youth to secure employment and increase their employability skills through VESL instruction and continuing education via GED and to learn the fundamentals of giving back to the community. To volunteer or make a referral call: 610-444-4545 or email: lpuck@lchps.org
- Linda Eckman (Spiritual Renewal Services of Chester County) learned about the meeting from Sylvia Barrios. She has started a Twelve Step Group for youth to support families and youth during troubled times. Email: LindaEckman@verizon.net

- Bill Steller (Phillips Mushroom, Longwood Rotary and Episcopal Church of the Advent) is here to learn more about ways that the organizations he has membership can help the community. Email: stellerw@kennett.net
- Susan Rzucidlo (MHMR Volunteer) has an interest in providing “bridges” with residents, who have children with autism. To contact her---call: 610-344-6265.
- Serafina Youngdahl Lombardi (Kaolin Workers Union) was the translator for Fidel Vasquez, who has been an employee of Kaolin Mushroom for 28 years. They came to learn more about community. Email: serafina3333@yahoo.com
- Trish Hazzard (Prudential Fox & Roach, Realtor) is looking for a volunteer project in town on 10/05/06 for about 25-30 volunteers. Email: psh1134@comcast.net
- Phil Gilbert(London Grove (Friends Meeting) is here to learn more about ‘bridging’ . Email: plgilbert@aol.com
- Andy Jenkins (Longwood Rotary) reports that this Service Group of 65 members meets once a week and is always looking for ways to support the community.
Email: ajenkins@duffnet.com
- Adrienne Nash (La Comunidad Hispana Social Services) is attending to learn more about the community. Email: anash@lchps.org
- Gary Blair (Chester County Youth Center) in Pocopson. They are always looking for ways to be a “good neighbor” through service projects. Email: gblair@chesco.org
- Salvador Garcia-Baeza (Community member for 25 years) He works as a mushroom picker at Modern Mushroom and has written his story in “Espejos Y Ventanas/ Mirrors and Windows”
- Stephanie Hosea (Legal Aid) brought Raphael Zavala, who reports he just received disability benefits with the help of Legal Aid. Stephanie requests that we get the word out that her agency is looking for a part or full-time Spanish/English interpreter in the West Chester office.
Email: shosea@lasp.org
- Kara Roman (Grad Student Intern at The Garage Youth Center). She is learning more about the community. Email: romank83@gmail.com
- Schenay Miles (Agent for Community Care Behavioral Health). She explains CCBH is the managed care organization in Chester County that authorizes behavioral health (mental health or drug and alcohol) services to eligible medical assistance members under Health Choices. She also told us about the Health & Wellness Expo for African Americans. They are starting a Planning Committee. If you are interested in participating, please call 610-594-2816.
Email: sadlersn@ccbh.com or call: 1-866-622-4228 and en Espanol 1-866-229-3187.

- Lenda Carrillo (Outreach for Kennett Area YMCA) needs 5 volunteers for Communities on the MOVE Walk on Saturday, 09/23/06 from 7:30am to 11:00am. Also anyone can register for the walk at: [www. Activatechestercounty.org](http://www.Activatechestercounty.org). Lenda is selling tickets for a YMCA scholarship fundraiser event on 10/03. They are \$10 or 3 for \$25. She needs to sell five tonight.
Email: lcarrillo@ymcabwv.org
- Esther Rochester (Study Buddies at Bethel Church) explains that tutors are always needed on Wednesday eve at 4:00pm. Also, she announced the Kennett Food Cupboard Open House on Sunday, 09/17/06. Phone: 610-444-8860
- Lisa Guizzetti (COAD) provides materials and presentations on drug and alcohol. There is a Recovery Expo on 09/30/06 at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Exton, PA. She is looking for volunteers for the FAST Program at New Garden Elementary, which focuses on family processes and relationship with the school. Email: lguizzetti@coadgroup.com
Phone: 610-363-6164 Ext. 314
- Ruth Williams (Second Baptist Church) has had Study Buddies for twelve years. She provides tutoring on Tuesday eves from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. She is interested in recruiting students and tutors. She also is interested in "bridging" her deaf granddaughter with a Mexican deaf girl, who is new to the community. Call: 610-384-3243.
Email: marvinwilliams1960@verizon.net
- Patti Olenik (Director of The Garage Youth Center) She tells us that Youth Center has a large meeting space for over 150 students each week from middle and high school. This is an area to socialize, study, to be tutored and to introduce new activities, i.e. break dancing. On 09/21/06 there will be someone from CHAD teaching sign language. Email: olenik5@comcast.net
- Sylvia McGonigle-Barreiro (Spanish Language Teacher at Upland Country Day School) told us that they are always open at Upland to provide meeting space and to have special events for youth outside of Upland. They provided the soccer fields this summer and are open to youth arranging to go ice skating this winter. Email: sbarreiro@uplandcds.org
- Jessie Cocks (United in Faith, Peace & Reconciliation Group, Quakers, Voters Registration for Democrats) In order to organize and elect Democrats, she is promoting a canvassing event, starting from her home at 500 Worrall Ave, Kennett Square on 10/07 and 10/28/06 from 10am to 1:30pm. Email: jessiecocks@comcast.net
- Anne Humes (Kendal Communities) promotes volunteerism within Kendal and is always open to new ideas for Kendal community involvement. She tells of the knitting lessons the women have given to young girls. Call: 610-388-1199
- On behalf of Bridging the Community, Joan Holliday presented Mike Pesce with a card and gift for his upcoming wedding 09/23/06. Joan told about Mike's "bridging" as a youth 10 years ago and how he continues to "work from potential" with the youth at Migrant Education. He will be moving to Washington DC. Joan's email: dochollisv@aol.com

- Mike Pesce told about the need for coaches for soccer and scouting programs. The commitment would be once or twice a week from 3 to 5pm. Call Migrant Ed to volunteer at: 610-268-2427
- Gail Newbold (London Grove Friends meeting) told of her idea to have community Pot Lucks at their church and invite the broader community. The first one will be in November. She also us about the workshop that deals with social class and working through differences. It will be held at Pendle Hill on 10/27-29/06. Call at 610-869-3455 or email: gnewbold@kennett.net
- Jeanne Searers (Activities Director at The Life Center) told us about the Harvest COSECHA which will be held at the Avon grove Library. They are looking for school supplies for some of the migrant youth, who still do not have what they need for school. Contact Laurie Szoke at: las7@psu.edu On 10/16/06 at 10:30am at The Life Center there will be a Washington Legislative Update on Social Security and Medicare. The 2006 Holiday Bazaar & Craft Fair will be held on 11/03/06 and 11/04/06 fro 9am to 2pm. The Veterans Luncheon is 11/09/06. Email: jsearer@lifecenterpa.org
- Diana Rarig (Human Resources at Phillips Mushroom) tells us that she is promoting Registration To Vote and need volunteers. Also, Friends of Tennis has scholarships for youth from 7 to 18 yrs. The session starts 9/30/-11/05/06. She is looking for participants. Email: dleina@gmail.com
- Chief McCarthy credited the *Bridging the Community* process for helping to meet unmet needs and preventing duplication of community efforts. Everyone gave the Chief applause for the great work at The Mushroom Festival. Email: kspdchief@kennett.net
- Giselle Consentino (BVA) is looking for many volunteers on 09/30/06 from 8:30am –12:30pm at The Myrick Conservation Center for a Clean-Up Day. Also, she is raffling off two tickets tonight for the BVA Fundraiser to be held on 09/23/06. Call: 610-793-1090 or Email: water@bva-rcva.org or gisellec@bva-rcva.org
- Theresa Bass (President of Historic East Linden Project/HELP) told us that the project is moving forward with the monies now available for façade improvements. The Street Manager is organizing packages of 10 homes for contractors to bid on. The residents are involved in the planning process. Volunteers always welcome. Email: trbass15@aol.com
- Salvador Villicana (CCHD and Unidos en Fe) is selling the book “Espejos Y Ventanas/Mirros and Windows. His story is included, as well as Samuel Zavala and Salvador Garcia-Baeza Phone: 610-444-1062

The group then mingled and “bridged” for twenty minutes, enjoying the snacks provided by United in Faith.. Here are the “bridges made:

- Lenda Carillo (YMCA) “bridged” with Tom Hoehle for 3 tickets and Bill Steller for 2 tickets for YMCA fundraiser and sold all her tickets. She also handed out flyers for Communities on the MOVE walk.

- Giselle Consentino “bridged” with Mercer Jones, who was the winner of the BVA. fundraiser tickets. She also passed out flyers for Volunteer Day.
- Shannon Cortigine, Theresa Bass and Joan Holliday “bridged” with Trish Hazzard around developing a project for volunteers on 10/05/06 on Historic East Linden to prepare the street for the façade work.
- Mike Pesce “bridged” with Logan Puck from LCH around referrals for the Companeros en Marcha project. He also “bridged” with Giselle---providing Loretta Perna information for Hermanitas volunteer help.
- Lisa Guizzetti “bridged” with Mike Pesce around helping her with the FAST program at New Garden Elementary.
- Mary Anderson, Margaret Miles “bridged” with Jessie Cocks around Spanish classes, Playback for Peace and After the Bell.
- Logan Puck (LCH) “bridged” with Diana Rarig around helping with Voters Registration.
- Patti Olenik “bridged” with Tom Hoehle around finding a new mentor for the youth at The Garage.
- Shannon Cortigine “bridged” with the Longwood Rotary and learned from them that the best help for the HELP fall “Maintenance Fair” would be attendees at The Life Center.
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with Esther Rochester providing her with Vaccination Promotion baby bibs, which she will pass out at the Laundromat. (Remembering that the Laundromat is a great grass roots arena to communicate community information.)
- Salvador “bridged” with several people, who purchased his book. The three men, whose stories are in the book, signed the copies.
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with many people around The Path of Potential and the stories about the community and “Who Will Speak For Earth?”
- Many others passed out their flyers and pursued further understanding of the efforts being presented.

The meeting ended with PBS conducting a one-on-one interview with PBS Maria Rodriquez and Salvador Villicana and PBS Maria Rodriquez and Joan Holliday. Maria had questions related to how the *Bridging the Community* process aids the health of the migrant Mexican community. A documentary will be done on the subject of Community Mexican Health.

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, November 08, 2006 at 7pm at The Garage, 115 S. Union St., Kennett Square, PA. Thirty-eight community-minded persons came out on a rainy night to join in the process of "bridging"

Bridging the Community's web site is www.bridgingcommunity.com. Check out the Stories from *The Path of Potential Reader*. Announcements for the Community Calendar may be sent to Devin Zuczek at devin@vstech.net Minutes of Bridging meetings may be accessed on this web site, and there also is a copy of the minutes at the Kennett library.

The next *Bridging the Community* meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 7pm at The Police Station, Broad St. Kennett Square, PA. Phone: 610-444-0501

Facilitators, Tom Hoehle and Patti Olenik welcomed everyone and asked us to join in a moment of silence. Patti Olenik gave us a history of the site/The Garage Youth Center. It was an auto garage that was renovated five years ago to become a Youth Center for middle and high school students. The site serves over 150 students every week and has about 40 volunteers helping out. They receive financial support from over 300 families and 5 local churches along with grants and United Way funds.

Joan Holliday shared the Framework and Principles for *Bridging the Community's* meetings and ongoing work. She also passed out *The Path of Potential* at the end of the meeting for reference.

New attendees introduced themselves and made their community offerings and/or requests:

- Julie Tydryszewski (The Garage Part-time employee) told us that The Garage partners with CTC to provide mentoring and tutoring for middle and high-school students. They also have a Youth Advisory Board to promote youth leadership. Email: tydryszewski@msn.com
- Carol Krawczyk (Community Planning Commission) is an advocate for all community's voices being heard in the overall planning of the town's development. She also is a Board member of Historic East Linden Project. Email: Ca.krawczyk@verizon.net
- George Lewis (Church of the Advent Outreach Committee) would like to donate a mattress.
- Ceil Sheffy (ED of After the Bell) welcomes volunteers to provide extracurricular classes for middle school students after school. The rotations are only 6 weeks and the days and times are flexible. It is a great way to exercise one's creativity, while getting to know the youth of today. Email: afterthebell@kcsd.org
- Leslie Stauffer (RSVP of Chester County) helps match 55yr. and older volunteers with a volunteer opportunity. They also have a "Sock It To Us" project, which has collected over 2,900 pairs of socks for the vulnerable. Email: rsvp@familyservice-cc.org
- Richard King (Retiree from Dupont) would like to work with non-profits applying the strategic planning processes he has used in business. Bill Ritchie is his partner and they are at Bridging

to listen and learn about the Kennett area community. Richard's email: HRK001@yahoo.com and Bill's email: Ritchie.Bill@gmail.com

- Aline Frank (Community Member) has four children in the school systems and stays in close touch with the school meetings and events. She networks with other parents. She reports feeling very positive about the Kennett area school administrators.
Email: apfrank@verizon.net
- Bonnie Korengel (President of the Longwood Rotary Club) is here to hear about volunteer opportunities for The Rotary and ways they can be helpful to the community. She also invites new membership. Meetings take place at Longwood Gardens every Thursday at 6:45am
Email: bkorengel@dplus.net
- Dave Haradon (Longwood Rotary Club) also promoted the Rotary and its excellent membership, as well as promoted Church of the Advent's community grants---to apply in September in 2007. Email: haradon@chesco.com
- Tricia Quinn (Even Start) She was born and raised in Kennett Square and still lives here. She works for Even Start---a Family Literacy program that works with the adult and child within the family structure. They partner with Kennett schools and several other agencies. Volunteers are always appreciated. Email: LindaR@cciu.org or phone at: 610-444-0530

Old Faces introduced themselves and made their community offerings and/or requests:

- Lisa Guizzetti (COAD) provides materials and presentations on drug and alcohol.
Email: lguizzetti@coadgroup.com Phone: 610-363-6164 Ext. 314
- Patrick Seyler (Unidos en Fe, 220 Birch St., Kennett Square) provides Citizenship Classes; leads a Boy Scout/Cub Scout group of over 40 Hispanic youth from 7-11 yrs old; and holds classes for Kindergarten children and parents. They are looking for retired schoolteachers to help teach.
Activities: 1.) A concert---La Fiesta de la Posada at Church of the Advent on Sunday, 12/03/06 at 3pm. 2.) The second "Posada"/A Mexican Advent Tradition will take place on Friday, 12/08/06 at 6:00pm. Meet at The Kennett Square Friends Meeting House at Unions St. and Sickle St. Everyone is welcome! 3.) A spiritual service will be conducted on 12/01/06 from noon to 1:30pm for HIV/AIDS victims and families. 4.) The 4-H Extension and Unidos en Fe are working together in providing Care Packages for new migrant residents to our Kennett community. They will be assembling the packages on 12/07/06 from 9:30 to 2:00pm.
Email: unitedinfaith@comcast.net
- Sylvia McGonigle-Barreiro (Spanish Language Teacher at Upland Country Day School) told us that they are always open at Upland to provide meeting space and to have special events for youth outside of Upland. They are looking to provide a 2007 summer session for broader community/at-risk third to fifth graders and would like input from the community about what is needed and who should be invited. Email: sbarreiro@uplandcds.org

- Theresa Bass (President of Historic East Linden Project/HELP) told us that the project is moving forward with the façade improvements almost ready to be started. She asked the Rotary or other interested community members if they would help build a Community Tool Shed for the residents to share home maintenance tools. Email: trbass15@aol.com
- Joan Holliday (CCHD Public Health Nurse) announced that there would be Christmas caroling on Friday, December 1st with Mayor Leon Spencer. Meet in front of The Kennett Inn at 6:00pm and we will stroll the streets singing carols. Email: dochollisv@aol.com
- Suzanne Pusey (Mentoring Youth in Kennett MYKE) tells about the long-lived elementary school mentoring program. Adults, who are interested in spending 30-45 minutes a week with one child, are needed to help develop a child's interests and potential. Each of the three Kennett elementary schools has a coordinator. Email: suzpu@yahoo.com
- Jeanne Searers (Program Coordinator at The Life Center) told us that they would hold a Breakfast with Santa on 12/08/06 from 11:00am to 1:00pm and need volunteers. They will hold their Veteran's Luncheon on 11/09/06. They also are looking for some help with computers, as they are developing a Data Program to meet their funder's compliance standards. Email: jsearer@lifecenterpa.org
- Mary Dugan (Kennett Underground Railroad) told us about the Grey Socks gathering at The Life Center from noon until 4:00pm on 11/10/06. Anyone who would like to speak to a former (1940-50s) Grey Socks baseball player or has memorabilia from that period please come! Email: maryd@kennett.net
- Logan Puck (La Comunidad Hispana) is Youth Coordinator for Companeros en Marcha (COMPAS). The goal of the program is to prepare high-risk out-of-school youth to secure employment and increase their employability skills through VESL instruction and continuing education via GED and to learn the fundamentals of giving back to the community. To volunteer or make a referral call: 610-444-4545 or email: lpuck@lchps.org
- Chief McCarthy told us about coming to The Garage when he was a youth and was mentored by the mechanics with hands on experience. Email: kspdchief@kennett.net
- Joan Holliday announced that Operation Warm coats are available for distribution by Anna Anderson at Greater Works Ministries. Call: 610-444-3879
- Gail Newbold (Friends Meeting) told us about a speaker from the University of Delaware, who will speak about the Islamic Faith at London Grove Meeting on 11/11/06 at 10:40-11:40am. Email: gnewbold@kennett.net
- Schenay Miles (Agent for Community Care Behavioral Health) Schenay asked for this information to be included in the notes. CCBH is the managed care organization in Chester County that authorizes behavioral health (mental health or drug and alcohol) services to eligible medical assistance members under Health Choices. There will be a Recovery Day

event in Reading on 11/14/06. Email: sadlersn@ccbh.com or call: 1-866-622-4228 and en Espanol 1-866-229-3187.

The group then mingled and “bridged” for twenty minutes, enjoying the warm apple cider and gingersnaps provided by The Garage. Here are the “bridges made:

- Sylvia McGonigle-Barreiro “bridged” with Suzanne Pusey with ideas for the summer programs for at-risk youth.
- Richard King & Bill Ritchie “bridged” with Rusty McMullan and Patti Olenik about their idea to work with non-profits.
- Theresa Bass and Joan Holliday “bridged” with Chief McCarthy, Dave Haradon and Bonnie Korengel around the Community Tool shed idea. Chief will explore one option with an existing structure at the East. Linden St. garage, and the Rotary offered to purchase an already constructed structure from Lancaster as a second option.
- Anne Humes (Kendal) “bridged” with Anna Anderson around giving out the knitted hats and gloves with the coat distribution.
- Jessie Cocks “bridged” with Theresa Bass around providing guidance in Playback Theatre for the East Linden Street Study Buddies during Black history month.
- Jeanne Searers “bridged” with Phil Gilbert, Margaret Miles, Anne Humes and Joan Holliday around helping with the Santa luncheon. She also “bridged” with a community member around receiving help with the computer program needs at The Life Center.
- Logan Puck (LCH) “bridged” with Rev. Patrick Seyler around working together with At-Risk youth—each providing a distinct service.
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with Anna Anderson around the coats and also Mary Dugan about presenting her Underground Railroad project to the HELP committee.
- Carol Krawczyk “bridged” with Dave Haradon, who will provide information to her about the “Listening” project that the Woods conducted 10 years ago. She may be interested in conducting this once again in the Kennett community.
- Margaret Miles (a retired teacher) “bridged” with Patrick Seyler around becoming a teacher for the Kindergarten class at United in Faith.
- Gail Newbold “bridged” with Jessie Cocks and Patrick Seyler around the possibility of holding community dialogues around the topics of Immigration and Mexican culture.
- Leslie Stauffer “bridged” with Anne Humes and Ceil Sheffy with After-the-Bell about Volunteer opportunities. She also “bridged” with George Lewis around distribution of the socks. And, she made contacts for speaking engagements.
- Gail Newbold “bridged” with Patrick Seyler around the “Posada”.
- Many others passed out their flyers and pursued further understanding of the efforts being presented.