

Minutes from 2007 Meetings

January 10, 2007

March 14, 2007

May 9, 2007

July 11, 2007

September 12, 2007

November 14, 2007

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 from 7 to 8:30pm at the Kennett Police Station, Broad St., Kennett Square, PA. Fifty-four spirited persons came out on a cold night to join in the process of community “bridging”.

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The next *Bridging the Community* meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 7pm at Genesis Health Ventures on the corner of State and Union Sts. Kennett Square, PA. For directions or more information call Joan Holliday at 610-344-5550.

Facilitator, Tom Hoehle welcomed everyone and asked us to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, honoring this public building. Chief Albert McCarthy told us about the building, where we were meeting. In 1975 the front of the building housed the Rescue Squad. In 1988, the borough obtained the building and the Chief led the remodeling of the building. The entire police department moved in from across the street in 1995 and the building continues to house the department. The downstairs room was added to provide a community room for meetings and education. Chief McCarthy's philosophy of policing is PREVENTION! He told several stories of how he works with the youth to “learn their lessons” towards moving forward in a positive direction.

Peg Baker shared the Framework and Jeanne Searers the Principles for *Bridging the Community's* meetings and ongoing work

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

- Becky MacLean (Longwood Rotary Club-- incoming President) is attending to learn more about how the Rotary can “bridge” with the community.
Email: rmacLean@fultonbank.com
- Cindy Loveland (Brandywine Valley Assn.) is here to learn more about the community.
Email: cloveland@bva-rcva.org
- Elizabeth Garduno (MCH/Kennett Square Family Center) told us that the office has recently opened. They are located at 637 Millers Hill Rd., Kennett. They provide home visiting and parent education to families with children ages 2-5 years old to promote early childhood development. They also have parent support groups, resource referrals, and health insurance enrollment. Email: ksfamilycenter@ccmchc.org, or Phone: 610-925-4631.
- Roberta Consentino (Legal Aid of Southeastern PA) told us about the exciting outcome of the September 2006 Bridging meeting, where her sister made a “bridge” with Stephanie Hosea, who announced that her agency was looking for a part-time bi-lingual employee. Roberta is now working for Legal Aid. Email: berta@gamil.com

“Listening to All The Voices---Towards Building Community: It is conceived as an ongoing process where all people who live, work and visit Kennett Square are invited to reflect on the potential of our town and help it to grow as a community. Email:

Ca.krawczyk@verizon.net; Phone: 610-444-3215 & Joan Holliday at **dochollisv@aol.com**

- Jeanne Searer (Kennett Area Senior Center) told us about The Life Center name change back to the “Senior Center”. She thanked everyone who helped with the Breakfast with Santa, which had Church of the Open Door, La Comunidad Hispana, Penn State Extension and The Garage as partners. They collected over 1,000 toys and served over 452 people at the breakfast with left-over toys to give to other agencies. She is requesting volunteers to help move furniture on 01/13/07 at 1:30. They also need a volunteer to answer phones at the front desk and have two job openings. Email: **jsearer@lifecenterpa.org**
- Holly Favino (Amnion Pregnancy Crisis Center Counselor) told about the need for youthful, small women size maternity clothing. They also need cribs. The Center provides counseling and tangible help to pregnant women, and offers a broad-range education programs related to healthy youth development for interested community groups. Email: **hfavino@amnion.org**
- Joan Holliday (CCHD Public Health Nurse) reported that the discussion that was held last Bridging meeting led to Chief McCarthy and the Code Enforcement Office identifying the best place for a Maintenance shed on East Linden Street and now the Longwood Rotary will provide the shed. Joan told about the MLK CommUNITY breakfast being sold out. Joan also told about ACTIVATE Kennett Square’s Healthy Kid’s Day to be held on 04/14/07 to promote exercise and good nutrition and healthier life styles. She needs groups to develop programs for this event. Email: **dochollisv@aol.com**
- Laura Jackson (Historic East Linden Project) requested housing for next summer for two college interns, who would work on East Linden with landscape. Contact Shannon Cortigine. Email: **smcortigine.abh@comcast.net** or Laura Jackson at Email: **tenjacks4u@aol.com**
- Gail Newbold (London Grove Friends Meeting) told us about “Alternatives to Violence Project-Personal Growth Workshop” to be held at London Grove Friends from 02/16-18/07. Cost \$35. Email: **gnewbold@kennett.net** or phone: 610-869-3455
- Theresa Bass (Historic East Linden Street Project President) told us that the facade treatment is beginning on East Linden. New water lines will be installed soon. The residents will have another GALA. They now have a newsletter. She thanked the broader community for its great support. Email: **trbass15@aol.com**
- Peg Baker (After the Bell) told about the need for volunteers for the after-school enrichment programs for Kennett middle school. Email: **Sb29stnj@aol.com**
- Paul Schroeder (La Comunidad Hispana Education Coordinator) is requesting three ESL teachers; one for Oxford, West Grove and Kennett. The classes will be starting in February. The commitment is twice a week and it can be a volunteer or paid job.

- Jenna Fitchett (Fitchett Chiropractic) would like to get more involved in the community.
- Martin Rodriquez (Boy Scouts of America—Outreach Coordinator) is bi-lingual and would like to generate more troops and recruit more volunteers for the Soccer Leagues.
Phone: 610-696-2900 Ext. 20
- Gaby Perez (7th Grade Student at KMS) is interested in learning more about the community.
Phone: 610-869-6470.
- John Eppinger (Boy Scouts of America, Assistant District Commissioner) is looking to recruit two unit commissioners. He introduced his new wife, the former, Pam McGinnis (Migrant Ed Teacher). Email: jreppie@yahoo.com
- Brenda Flax (Historic East Linden Project) expressed appreciation for being at a “Bridging” meeting. Phone: 484-732-8325
- Catherine Anderson (Equine Veterinarian and parent) is interested in learning more about the community. Email: kmanderson@dol.net
- John Lawanga and Quinn Anderson (Upland Country Day School) are interested in stepping into the community. Email: kmanderson@dol.net
- Sheila Miller (Kennett resident) was attending to “experience” “bridging” and discover ways she can be more involved. Email: samiam2964@aol.com
- Patrick Seyler (United in Faith) relayed information for Jessie Cocks: Playback Theatre for Social Justice is putting on a performance, *Playback for Change/Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King* to be held at the Unitarian Church in Germantown on Sunday 01/14/07 from 7 to 8:30pm. United in Faith is looking for assistance with money donation for a bus driver and gas for a joint program with Penn State Extension. The new Boy Scout Troop with Migrant Ed and United in Faith is growing in membership. Email: unitedinfaith@comcast.net

Other community members made their offerings or requests:

- Carol Krawczyk (Community Planning Commission) told us about the follow-up she had after the last meeting. She read the report from the “Listening Project”, which was done around 1997 through Church of the Advent, and she thought it was a valuable process. Chief McCarthy validated that moving forward with the Kennett YMCA came out of the Listening Project and commented, “Look at what a need it is filling!” Carol shared that she had met with Joan Holliday and together they will work with youth from 1-12th grade to mentor them in conducting an interview process, which will “listen to community member voices” across a whole spectrum of the community. The hope is that this will result in a summary document, which the youth will present to Borough Council--Reflection Questions: 1.) How do you experience the spirit of Kennett? 2.) What is missing in our town that could bring forth more of that spirit? 3.) What ideas do you have for building our community? Joan and Carol have a meeting with the superintendent to discuss ways to involve students. Carol asked Bridging attendees if they would be interested in being interviewed. The process will be called:

Spanish Conversation classes will start 01/19/07 on Friday from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Email: pschroeder@lchps.org Phone: 610-444-4545

- Schenay Miles (Agent for Community Care Behavioral Health) 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 told us about the Health & Wellness Expo for African Americans on Saturday, 04/21/07 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at 1525 E. Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville, PA. FREE and lunch provided. Volunteers and exhibitors needed. Email: sadlersn@ccbh.com or call: 1-866-622-4228 & en Espanol 1-866-229-3187.
- Matie Johnson (Home of the Sparrow) told us about their Home Share program for homeless and low income women and children. They include a host of life-skill education and counseling. Call: 610-647-4940. www.homeofthesparrow.org

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

- Pam & Richard Carter “bridged” with Laura Jackson about providing a room for a summer HELP intern.
- Diana Rarig and Tom Hoehle “bridged” around a book exchange.
- Gail Newbold had four conversations about the “Alternatives to Violence Project”.
- Richard Carter “bridged” with Peg Baker around volunteering for After the Bell
- Holly Favino “bridged” with Gary Blair around the Youth Detention Center and providing “Youth Talks” related to healthy growth and development. She also “bridged” with Schenay Miles around the African American Health and Wellness Expo about making a presentation. She “bridged” with Joan Holliday, who will contact the MOM’s Club about donating petite maternity clothing to Amnion.
- Roberta Consentino “bridged” with Paul Schroeder about becoming an ESL Teacher
- John Lavanga “bridged” with Jenna Fitchett around talking to his Upland County Day class about her work in chiropractic medicine.
- Gaby Perez “bridged” with Jeanne Searer about her photo with Santa.
- Sylvia McGonigle Barreiro “bridged” with Pam Eppinger around the Migrant Ed Soccer tournament being held at Upland Country Day School in May 2007. Sylvia also will be the “bridge” for potential volunteer soccer coaches from Upland for Migrant Ed.
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with Becky MacLean from the Longwood Rotary around the tool shed purchase for East Linden St. She gave two donated MLK Breakfast tickets to Anna and Mary Anderson. She “bridged” with Jenna Fitchett and Sylvia McGonigle Barreiro about providing special programs for Healthy Kids Day. She also offered The Path of Potential Reader---pointing out that they carry stories of the philosophy behind Kennett’s good work.
- Jeanne Searer “bridged” with Martin Rodriquez around the evolution of Boy Scouts development in SCC. She also “bridged” with John Lavanga, who was inquiring about possible volunteer jobs at the Senior Center for youth.

- Pam Eppinger “bridged” with Kathleen Anderson around a field trip to her veterinarian practice for migrant ed students.
- Jenna Fitchett “bridged” with Giselle Consentino about developing a forum/arena where single professional community members could meet and become more of a community.
- Elizabeth Garduno “bridged” with several people with Family Center information. She also “bridged” with Kathleen Anderson, who will donate books for the Center.
- Giselle Consentino “bridged” with John Eppinger about opportunities for Boy Scouts at the BVA.
- Quinn Anderson “bridged” with Giselle Consentino about their mutual love of nature.
- Carol Krawczyk “bridged” with 9 community members, who have agreed to be participants of the “Listening to the Voices” process.
- Jacelyn Gleber from Chester County Community Dental sent information about free dental sealants for children ages 6-13yrs. On Saturday, 02/03/07. For an appointment call: 610-383-3888

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Facilitator, Tom Hoehle welcomed everyone and asked us to join together in a moment of silence in respect for the person, who lost his life in town yesterday with a semi truck incident. Lisa Salamon, Genesis employee, told us about Genesis Health Care having its Headquarters in Kennett Square. 600 employees are housed either in this building, or in the building at 148 W. State St. and the other on Broad Street. The new building being built on the corner of Broad and State will have 175 employees, moving the employees from 148 W. State St. Genesis has 220 nursing homes in 13 States. Michael Walker, a native of Kennett is the founder. He is no longer the owner of the corporation. Lisa may also be contacted to apply for local grants. Her email is: Lisa.Salamon@genesishcc.com. Her phone is: 610-444-8433.

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- Roberta Constantino (Legal Aid of Southeastern PA) recounted her story about the outcome of the September 2006 Bridging meeting, where her sister made a "bridge" with Stephanie Hosea, who announced that Legal Aid was looking for a part-time bi-lingual employee. Roberta is now working for Legal Aid. Roberta made a "bridge" with Paul Schroeder from LCH at her first Bridging meeting in January. She signed up to be an ESL teacher. She brought her class to Bridging tonight. She had each student introduce him/herself. Email: berta@gmail.com
- Ruben Bedolla has lived here since 1999. He would like to get involved in the community. His phone number: 610-444-3935
- Jose Padilla and Rosaura Padilla are learning English and would like to help the community. Phone number: 302-654-1049
- Mario Gonzalez lives in Landenberg and practicing his English. Phone: 610-255-4692/
- Debbie Matsinger (Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center RN) told us that she is a new hire to help provide STD services. Phone: 610-444-7172. Email: Dmatsinger@amnion.org

- Maria Mata (Kennett Family Center) told us about their services to support parents and families. They are looking to enroll interested families with children 2-5yrs. Phone: 610-925-4631. Email: ksfamilycenter@ccmchc.org
- Dr. Jodi Parsons (The Cottage Family Chiropractic Center) told us about the new business she and her husband, Greg are opening at 116 E. Street Rd., Kennett. They would like to get involved in the community. Phone: 484-889-9853. Email: chirojodi@yahoo.com
- Jacquelin McKenzie (Retired teacher) was invited to attend a Bridging meeting by Nancy McGreevy. She is looking for a volunteer role that will connect with her "heart". Phone: 610-444-4010. Email: jmckenzie19@comcast.net
- Richard and Barbara Johnson (Historic East Linden Project) were invited by Joan Holliday to learn about the news in town. Phone: 610-444-2527.
- Dawn Lagunas (Creating Our Future Leaders) told us about the Youth Leadership Series she is setting up in West Chester starting April 11th. Any group interested in holding sessions in their community may call: 610-345-1282. Email: dawnlagunas@verizon.net
- Rev. Carlos Navarro and Rev. Patrick Seyler told us about the new committee which has been formed to plan the Seventh Cinco de Mayo celebration in town on Sunday, May 06, 2007 from noon until 5pm. They are asking for sponsors and would like help soliciting funds. Phone: 610-444-5225 or email: unitedinfaith@comcast.net Rev. Carlos Navarro also told us that he will be running for Kennett Borough Council this year on the Democratic ticket. Phone: 302-766-4698. Email: jcnavarro_us@yahoo.com
- Andy Jenkins (Longwood Rotary) introduced his wife, Lauren Jenkins. Email: friendlaurenj@msn.com

Other community members made their offerings or requests:

- Esther Rochester (East Linden Study Buddies) told us about the weekly Wednesday after-school tutoring program from 4 to 6pm. They are in need of tutors. Call: 610-444-8860
- Jessie Cocks told us about the Sacred Sound Workshop with Ash Dargan, which will be held at her home on Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 11am to 4pm. She also told us about the Hadley Memorial Fund Free Lectures to be held on March 19 at UHS at 8pm James Elmes-Crahall on "Understanding the Language of Spin: News, Politics and PR" and April 2 at 7:30pm at UHS with Donald L. Barlette & James B. Steele on "Critical Condition: "How Health Care in America became Big Business and Bad Medicine". She announced that there will be a special prayer service held outside of the building tonight, after the meeting, around the location the Kennett man died yesterday. Jessie is also running for Kennett Borough Council on the Democratic ticket. Phone: 610-444-6333. Email: jessiecocks@comcast.com

- Susan Rzucidlo told us about a community program that is designed for teens with disabilities. They are engaging the youth in volunteer activities and helping them be “givers” in the community. They meet at Friends Meeting. She would like volunteers to assist at the sessions. Phone: 610-344-6265. Email: srz@dol.net
- Holly Favino (Amnion Pregnancy Crisis Center Counselor) told us that The Center provides counseling and tangible help to pregnant women, and offers a broad-range of education programs related to healthy youth development for interested community groups. Email: hfavino@amnion.org
- Giselle Constantino (BVA Educator) told us about the summer camp scholarships that she has available for low-income families with youth 4-16 years. She has applications for any interested community members. Email: gisellec@bva-rcva.org
- Stephanie Hosea (Legal Aid) told us about their services for the low-income related to work disability, family law, landlord issues etc. Phone: 877-429-5994. Email: shosea@lasp.org
- Joan Holliday (CCHD Public Health Nurse) told us about ACTIVATE Kennett Square’s Healthy Kid’s Day to be held on 04/14/07 to promote exercise and good nutrition and healthier life styles. She needs groups to develop programs for this event. Also, she received a request from a Lincoln University student who needs free or reasonable rent in Kennett from 05/15/07 to 08/15/07 while she helps Penn State in a gardening project. Also, Joan relayed that the “Listening to All the Voices” process has taken off, and several people in the room, who had signed up to be interviewed will be called soon. Email: dochollisv@aol.com
- Julie Tydryszewski (The Garage) told us how 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. She put out a request for mentors. Email: olenik5@comcast.net to pass on message.
- Daniel Riehl (Chester County Peace Movement) told us about the Movement to Impeach, Peaceful Peace Demonstrations, and he offered a video for residents to borrow. Email: danyre@verizon.net
- Janice Taylor (Anson B Nixon Park) told us that the 19th Red Clay Valley Stream Clean-Up will take place on Saturday 03/24/07. To help in the Kennett area, meet at Anson B Nixon Park at 8am and the work will go on until noon. Email: jbt5483@verizon.net
- Jeanne Searers (Kennett Area Senior Center) told us about the Volunteer Luncheon to be held on 04/26/07 to honor the volunteers. They will have there 2nd Annual Dinner at Red Clay Room on 08/19/07. They are looking for a full-time bi-lingual bookkeeper and manager and a part-time bi-lingual manager for week-end rental of the Center. Phone: 610-444-4819
Email: jsearer@lifecenterpa.org
- Pam Eppinger (Migrant Education and Boy Scouts) told us about this year’s Soccer Tournament to be held on 05/19/07 at Upland Country Day School. It will involve about

150 youth. She needs volunteers for the actual day and to solicit sponsors for beverages and other supplies. Email: pamm@cciu.org

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- Sylvia McGonigle Barreiro (Upland Country Day School) is looking for approximately 10 scholarship students for a Summer Arts Program for students who have finished the 2nd through the 5th grades. Email: sbarreiro@uplandcds.org
- Matrice Johnson (Home of the Sparrow) told us about their Home Share p\Program for homeless and low income women and children. They include a host of life-skill education and counseling. Call: 610-647-4940. www.homeofthesparrow.org
- Diana Rarig (Friends of Tennis) told us about the scholarship program for tennis camps for students 7-14 years old. The applications need to be in by 03/30/07. She has applications. Phone: 610-444-6685. Email: dleina@gmail.com
- Tom Hoehle told us about the Community Jamboree, which will be held at the New Garden Park on Rt. 41 from 7am to 2pm on 04/21/07 Tables may be reserved for crafts or yard sale goods with a minimum donation of \$20. This will benefit the United Way of SCC. Phone Chris Black at 484-614-1089. Email: cjb5099@psu.edu

The group then mingled and “bridged” for twenty minutes, enjoying the snacks provided by Genesis Health Care. Following are the “bridges that were made:

- Julie Tydryszewski (The Garage Part) “bridged” with Giselle Constantino who will be a mentor at The Garage. She “bridged” with Stephanie Hosea (Legal Aid) about some students having difficulties with a landlord. She “bridged” with Amnion to set-up a presentation for their “Girl Talk” presentation. She “bridged” with The Family Center to donate four children’s computers from The Garage.
- Mary Anderson (Kennett Area Senior Center) “bridged” with several people around helping with the Volunteer Luncheon and with Maria Mata (Kennett Family Center) about ways to “bridge” with the Senior Center.
- Daniel Riehl (CC Peace Movement) “bridged” with several people about viewing the film he offered as well as requests for his Peace bumper stickers.
- Jessie Cocks “bridged” with Kennett Are Senior Center, Mary Anderson about helping out. She also “bridged” with Holly Favino and Debbie Matsinger (Amnion Pregnancy Crisis Center)
- Holly Favino “bridged” with Dawn Lagunas (Youth Leadership) and with Sylvia McGonigle Barreiro about helping with the Soccer Tournament.

- Stephanie Hosea “bridged” with Daniel Riehl about translation services if Roberta is not available.
- Sylvia McGonigle Barreiro “bridged” with Tom Hoehle, Ruben Bedolla and others around helping with the Soccer Tournament.
- Dianna Rarig “bridged” with Barbara and Richard Johnson around helping recruit students for the youth scholarship tennis camp.
- Pam Eppinger “bridged” with Lisa Salamon for Genesis grant funds for the migrant Boy Scouts. She also “bridged” with Matie Johnson around the Home Share Program.
- Maureen Drewes (Underground Railroad) “bridged” with Historic East Linden Project about having a joint Potluck dinner on 06/23/07 at Bethel Church to get to know each other better and to see how they could partner.
- Giselle Constantino (BVA) “bridged” with many people and passed out over 30 applications for BVA scholarship summer camp. She also “bridged” with Jacquelin McKenzie about being an instructor at BVA.
- Theresa Bass and Esther Rochester “bridged” with Sylvia McGonigle Barreiro, who provided the Study Buddies at Bethel Church books and tapes that students had made, reading out loud the same books.
- Schenay Miles “bridged” with Esther Rochester and Joan Holliday about attending the African American Health Expo.

Everyone was invited to go outside the building for the prayer and healing service in honor of the man, who died yesterday.

Addendum: In response to the question to the group about where they consider the Kennett Square gathering places, the following were mentioned:

- The Garage
- The Farmers Market
- La Michiocana Ice Cream
- The Kennett Area YMCA
- McDonalds
- The American Legion Hall
- The Library
- Schools
- Churches
- Genesis Health Care for meetings and community events
- Harrington’s Coffee Shop

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Facilitator, Tom Hoehle welcomed everyone and asked us to join together in a moment of silence. Daryl Hall, owner of D & B Hair Cuttery told us that he has been in town for twelve business years and four years at this location. He has a full-service salon. The building also houses the Hope Chatham Lodge's meeting room upstairs. The building housed Head start for several years. Daryl Hall's phone number is: **610-444-6536**

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- Chief McCarthy spoke with pride about the successful Cinco de Mayo festival held on 05/06/07 in the streets of Kennett. He also expressed appreciation for "bridging", which echoes the friendliness that he experienced in Kennett in the 50's and 60's. He was on duty tonight, so had to leave. Email: kspdchief@kennett.net
- Jaclyn Gleber (Chester County Community Dental Center) is a dental hygienist who promoted the services at the Dental Center. Their mission is to reduce the disparities in dental health care by providing preventive and basic dental services, education, and outreach programs to low income, uninsured and underinsured children and adults in Chester County. Phone: 610-383-3888. Email: Jaclyngleber@comcast.net
- Don Price (Executive Director of CC Community Dental Center) is attending the meeting to learn more about the community. Phone: 610-388-3888.
- Bert Rothenberger (Volunteer Habitat Steward for Critters) is seeking help for maintaining a trail around for the Greenwood Elementary School Outdoor Classroom Project. He can use volunteers this summer to keep the trail clean and needs donations of several sorts---i.e. 80 cubic yards of wood chips. Phone: 610-388-0704 Email: bfrothen@comcast.net
- Gary Entrekin (Chester County MHMR Administrator) would like to get to know the community better to help his clients "bridge" into the community. He also is encouraging

different faiths to have services for this special group--Faith Inclusion Network for Disabilities.
Phone: 610-344-6265; Email: gentrekin@chesco.org

- Lupe Torre (Independent Contractor) told us that she has “come back home” after living in the area for twenty years, then moving to Florida. She would like to gain access to smaller companies in order to provide training services for minorities towards increased growth and development.
Phone: 215-964-9969; Email: ltorre@monifa.com
- Leticia Ortiz (Teens Networking with Teens and The Aguilas, a Spanish Mexican Dance Group) spoke of the fun she is having being involved in the community.
- Marisella Rodriguez (TNT and The Aguilas) also is happy to be involved and told about The Aguilas performing at Cinco de Mayo festival.
- Gaby Perez (7th Grade Student at KMS, TNT and The Aguilas) is always open to volunteering in the community. Phone: 610-869-6470.
- Sherry Broomell (Kennett resident) is interested in learning more about Kennett and was invited by Anna Anderson. Phone: 610-444-5004; email: sbroomellj@aol.com
- Carrie Avery (Chester County Youth Center) works with young women at the Center. She is interested in having groups come in to “bridge” with this group. Carrie also lives in Kennett. Phone: 610-793-5910; email: cavery@chesco.org
- Melanie Chadwick (Retired School Teacher) is always trying to learn more about the community and searching for the “right niche” for her to “come from the heart”.
- Jerry Poe (Kennett Area YMCA Facilities Manager, Licensed Minister, who goes to Haiti, as well as a Mobile Home Landlord, providing housing for low-income families.) He is interested in learning more about how he can help in the community. Phone: 610-842-6521; Email: bopoe@yahoo.com

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- Julie Tydryszewski (The Garage Youth Center) told us that The Garage is looking for mentors for next fall and also told us that they are going to be open every day during the summer in the afternoons. Art Classes will be taught. More information at www.garagreyouthcenter.org
Phone: 610-444-6464.
- Joan Holliday (CCHD Public Health Nurse and Community Advocate) encouraged attendees to take the two available “The Path of Potential Readers”---especially highlighting the importance of reading the articles on the “teening process”, emphasizing that our community will continue to flourish if we access the teening process through challenging them to take on new efforts and be leaders beyond our protecting them and “keeping them busy”. Joan also told about the authors of The Path of Potential Reader, “Developing Planetary Ethics” and that they will be in town for a dialogue session on Friday, June 22nd from 9am to noon. Phone: 610-344-5550; Email: dochollisv@aol.com

- Lenda Carrillo (Kennett Area YMCA) was on the committee for Cinco de Mayo and heard that there were over 6,200 people in attendance. She has applications for the summer SPLASH program for the Kennett area youth to learn swimming safety; applications for the Borough Camp, which is held for five weeks for borough youth from 6-12 year olds at 8:45 to 11:45am; and she is inviting community members to join a focus group with date TBA to discuss ways to use the new property near the current YMCA. Email: lcarrillo@ymcabwv.org
- Antoinette Gomez (CC Human Services and Church of the Open Door) told about the "Emotional Health and Coping Workshop" to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 9am to 3pm. Cost: \$25 with lunch included. Workshop Facilitator is Dr. R. Dandrige Collins. Phone: 610-444-2400; email: agomez242002@yahoo.com
- Ron Smith (Good Neighbors Home Repair Ministries) told us that youth will be working on twelve properties at the end of June with over seventy youth participants. They are looking for a location to house about 25 youth for sleeping at night. Email: RonMSmith1@aol.com
- Diana Rarig (Phillips Mushrooms Human Resources) told us about a Slide Show about the environment by Gerry Bricks Ph.D, The Climate Project on Thursday, May 31, 2007 from 7:30 to 9 pm at Unionville High School. Also, there will be an event to meet the Kennett Area Democrats with a Dukes of Destiny Band from 8 to 11pm. Remember to vote in the primary on 5/15/07. Diana spoke of the four candidates, Cocks, Miller, Navarro and Villicana running for Coalition for Good Government. Email: dleina@gmail.com
- Jenna Fitchett (Fitchett Chiropractic at 926 and Rt. 82) told us about the Singles Professional Network/Social Group that was started, as the result of Bridging. They meet the third Tuesdays of every month at 5:30pm. Contact Berta Consentino at: berta@gmail.com
- Andy Jenkins (Longwood Rotary) present with his wife, Lauren Jenkins told us about the many activities that the Longwood Rotary engages with this coming week-end being the Relay for Life. Email: friendlaurenj@msn.com
- Jean Searers (The Kennett Area Senior Center) told us about their Annual Dinner to be held on 08/19/07. They need volunteers, as well as they will need volunteers for the Mushroom Festival booth on 09/8-9/07. They are looking for a Rental Supervisor for Saturdays at The Life Center from 8am to 10pm, preferably bi-lingual. Phone: 610-444-4819; Email: jsearer@lifecenterpa.org
- Ann Humes (Kendal Community) told us that she is looking for opportunities for seniors to share stories and crafts with youth, preferably elementary students. Phone: 610-388-1199
- Mary Dugan (Kennett Underground Railroad) told us about the one-hour minibus tours with at step-on guide on Sundays, May 20, June 24, July 29, and August 26. Adults \$8, children \$4. Phone: 610-347-2237. Email: www.undergroundrr.kennett.net

- Sylvia McGonigle-Barreiro (Upland Country Day School) told us that someone at her school is looking for a seamstress to work 20 hours a week and that there is an Upland adult, who would like to help in the community this summer. Email: sbarreiro@uplandcds.org
- Salvador Villicana (CCHD employee with HIV Outreach) told us that he does testing in the mushroom camps, as well as does individual confidential testing. He is running for Borough Council on 05/15/07. Phone: 610-444-1062.
- Sonia Muckley (Rescue Animal Advocate) told us about "Save Diamond Walk" that will provide funds for a dog, who needs medical treatment, promising a high chance of recovery. The Walk will be held on 05/20/07 at 5:30pm at Anson B Nixon Park. She is asking for donations/sponsors, as well as participants for the walk, who also may bring their pet on a lease to walk. Phone Sonia on Mondays or Wednesday at 610-444-0387 to become involved. Email: auntson@hotmail.com
- Esther Rochester (East Linden Study Buddies) told us about the students and parents attending the Kennett Blue Rocks Night on 05/21/07. They need transportation, as they already have funds for the tickets and food, but no ride. Phone: 610-444-9924.
- Theresa Bass (HELP) told about the residents moving forward in becoming their own Resident's Association. She talked about the progress being made on restoring the home facades and now they are moving into home health and safety funds. They are planning a Bar-Be-QUE on 05/12/07 and a fundraiser GALA in the fall of 2007. Phone: 610-444-6735. Email: trbass15@aol.com

The group mingled for twenty minutes and made the following "bridges":

- Sonia Muckley "bridged" with many animal lovers and received over \$150 in sponsor donations. She continues to urge others to be involved at the walk.
- Lenda Carrillo "bridged" with Sherry Broomell, Anna Anderson, Joan Holliday and Esther Rochester around the YMCA camps and potential candidates. She also "bridged" with Carrie Avery about the YMCA doing programs at the CC Youth Center.
- Joan Holliday "bridged" with Carrie Avery about a KHS, who would like to do her graduation project at CC Youth Center and with Tom Hoehle around ways to invite residents to the upcoming visit of *The Path of Potential* authors, Terry Anderson and Sandra Maslow on 06/22/07.
- Antoinette Gomez "bridged" with Sherry Broomell, who knew someone who would benefit from the *Emotional Health and Coping Workshop*. She "bridged" with Gary Entrekin around the workshop and the Faith Inclusion Network for Disabilities. She "bridged" with Carrie around help at the CC Youth Center.
- Sylvia McGonigle Barreiro "bridged" with Linda Jenkins, who knew of a seamstress and with Diana Rarig and with Burt Rothenberger about families who would help out during the summer at Greenwood Elementary School Outdoor Classroom Project.

- Burt Rothenberger “bridged” with Lauren Jenkins, who has a horticultural understanding, who will assist in the project, as well as The Longwood Rotary.
- Esther Rochester “bridged” with several people around transportation. Van availability to be checked out by Jeanne Searers and Melanie Chadwick to help reimburse bus expenses if needed.
- Jaclyn Gleber “bridged” with Sue Rzuidlo about ways to introduce autistic children to the dentist through a tour at CC Community Dental Center.
- Ron Smith “bridged” with Daryl Hall about a possible location for the youth to stay during their Good Neighbors camp in June.
- Daryl Hall “bridged” with Carrie Avery about ways to work with the youth, who are looking for a career around barbering school.
- Theresa Bass “bridged” with several people around coming to the HELP Bar-BE –Que this coming Saturday.
- Ms Ophelia Bass “bridged” with Ann Humes around a Kendal resident providing story-time for the elementary students East Linden Street summer lunch program.
- Lupe Torre “bridged” with several people about possible businesses and will talk to Diana Rarig from Phillips Mushroom.
- Mary Dugan “bridged” with several people to pass out the flyers about the Kennett Underground Railroad Heritage Tours.
- Diana Rarig “bridged” with several persons around The Climate Project.

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7 pm Willowdale Chapel, 675 Unionville Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348. Fifty-one community members came out on a sweltering hot thunder shower evening to join in the process of community “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 are found on this web site, and there is a copy of the minutes at the Kennett library.

**The next *Bridging the Community* meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7 pm at the Kennett Bayard Taylor Library, 216 E. State St., Kennett Square, PA 19348
Phone: 610-444-2702**

Facilitator, Tom Hoehle welcomed everyone and shared the process of a Bridging meeting. Pastor Greg Lafferty led us in a prayer, then told us about Willowdale Chapel. It started as a stone chapel in the late 1800s across the street. The existing building is about 50 years old. It is a non-denominational church and the goal is to live the Christian message. The church is refocusing and expanding their community outreach work this year. They are eager to “bridge” some more. Jeanne Searers shared the Framework, and Joan Holliday the Principles for *Bridging the Community's* meetings and ongoing work.

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

- Patti Olenik (Director of The Garage Youth Center) introduced the Willowdale Chapel parishioners---Molly Henry and her daughter, Sylvia, Steve Pebley; Jim Conkle and Dave Ellsworth. Phone number; 302-530-4878 or The Garage at 610-444-6464 or Email: olenik5@comcast.net
- Lindsey Sweet (Summer Intern at Friends of Farmworkers & Law Student at Rutgers University) introduced her colleagues, Theresa Rodriquez and Jackie Castaneda. They Email: lsweet@pegasus.rutgers.edu
- Karen D'Agusto (Girl Scouts) told us that they are looking for opportunities for the Unionville, ChaddsFord, Kennett Girl Scouts for community service. Phone: 610-793-4229; Email: kdagusto@aol.com
- Kate McCarney (Ken Kitay Services) is coming to learn more about the community and possible areas for volunteerism. Phone: 610-444-4700; Email: kmccarney@kennethmkitalaw.com
- Dr. Robert Stryker (Chiropractor) Longwood Corporate Center, North, 701 E. Baltimore Pike, Suite C, Kennett Square, PA 19348 is bilingual in English and Spanish and would like to serve the community when needed. If parents are receiving care from him, children under 18 years may be treated for no payment. His phone number to discuss further possibilities is: 610-444-8395

- Courtney Gunn (Girl Scout) is looking for her Gold Award project and would like to get involved in community volunteer projects. Phone number: 610-793-0428; Email: climbaway628@aol.com
- Cathy Gunn (Girl Scout mother) is attending to support her daughter and learn about volunteer opportunities. Phone: 610-793-0428
- Summer Hess (Program Director for The Garage Youth Center) tells us that there are Chester County Art Camps for elementary school children in the morning and for high-school students in the afternoon. They are looking for more high school attendees. The Garage is open every day and Thursday nights from 7-9pm. They are partnering with the YMCA to have swimming recreation at the YMCA. **They also will be holding a mentor/tutor training on Monday, August 27th from 6-9pm.** They are looking for tutors for the winter months one night a week for one-one-half hours. Phone: 610-444-6464, Cell484-947-4883. Email: summer.garage@comcast.net & www.garageyouthcenter.org
- Leon Thomas; (Leon's Barbershop Supper Club) told us about the weekly gathering and dinner they have with youth 8-15 years old at the YWCA, 123 N. Church St., West Chester where they teach youth Christian principles and life skills. They would like to introduce the idea to the Kennett community and invite anyone to attend one of their dinners. They see this as a way to "grow" healthy youth for the future. Phone: 610-692-7164; Email: coollee40@comcast.net
- Curley Briggs (Leon's Barbershop Supper Club) is here to share the process of youth development they are engaging in West Chester. He also does Car Detailing in West Chester. Phone: 484-612-8731
- Larry Butcher (Leon's Barbershop Supper Club) is here to "bridge" with the Kennett community around youth processes for youth development. Phone: 610-935-0673
- Gina Ralston (Upland Country Day School) is a teacher and alumni of Upland Country Day School. She told us about the 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk and Kiddie Run Supporting Autism Awareness on Saturday, September 15, 2007. They are looking for volunteers and participants. To register call Jen Martin Singer at 610-82-8896 or email at lainandterynsmom@verizon.net
Gina's phone number is: 610-716-3826; Email: gralston@uplandcnds.org
- Jari Santana (Holcomb Behavioral Health) is looking for areas for Holcomb's families to participate and get involved in the community. Phone: 610-388-7400; Email: Jsantana@holcombbhs.org
- David Ellsworth (Exelon & Willowdale Chapel) told us about the outreach that he has started between Unionville and Kennett. He spoke about the sometimes "unfavorable" rivalry that exists between the schools/youth, so he has started a

Soccer League for 12-16 year old boys. They have between 35-40 students and a "mix" from both Kennett and Unionville. They will have their first practice next Wednesday. They are in need of drivers. The practices are on Wednesday eve from 6-7:30pm.. Phone: 610-765-6780; Email: david-dellsworth@hotmail.com or dellswor@pwrteam.com

- Mayra Zavala (Community Youth/8th Grade) is here to learn how she can get involved in her community. Phone: ; 610-925-3791; zavalamayra@gmail.com
- Rosaneli Zavala (Community Youth/2007 Kennett HS Graduate) is attending Bridging to learn more about her community. Phone: 610-925-3791
Email: Rosanelyzavala@gmail.com

Other community members made their offerings or requests:

- Sylvia Barreiro (Upland Country Day School) reinforced the intent that Upland Country Day School has to "bridge" with the broader community and they invite a broad spectrum of the community to attend the 9/1/5/07 Run and Walk. Email: sbarreiro@uplandcds.org
- Jeanne Searer (The Kennett Senior Center) told about their Second Annual Fund Raising Dinner to be held August, 10, 2007. Ticket cost is \$40. They are looking for volunteers to help set-up, serve and break-down. Phone: 610-444-4819; Email: jsearer@lifecenterpa.org
- Esther Rochester (Historic East Linden Street/HELP Study Buddies After-School Tutoring Leader) told us about the successful field trip to the Blue Rocks game in May and thanked Bridging folks for their help with transportation. She also told us that she is holding a picnic for the Study Buddies on Monday, July 16,2007 at 6:00pm at 300 E. Linden St., Kennett Square. They are looking for volunteers and also attendees to join in the fun. Finally, she announced that HELP will be holding their second annual fundraiser/GALA on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Red Clay Room. Ticket cost is \$35. They need help with fundraising and would love to have attendees. Call Esther at the Laundromat at 610-444-8860 and leave a message, or contact Theresa Bass, HELP Board President at 610-444-6735 or email: trbass15@aol.com
- Ron Smith (Good Neighbors Home Repair) told us about the continuing home repair work Good Neighbors is doing for the elderly with volunteer help and donated materials. They have an annual youth home repair event which will take place July 15-20th. They will be working on homes at 524 Center St., Kennett Square, 131 W. Cypress St., Kennett Square, 628 Creek Rd., Kennett Square, and 392 Hipkins Rd., West Grove. The 50 plus youth and 12 adults will be at these sites from Monday through Friday. They will be there from 8:30am to 3:30pm except for Wednesday and Friday, when they will be there 8:30am to noon. Ron invites community members to stop by and encourage the youth with snacks and beverages and to experience first-hand the joy of volunteerism. Ron promises to reimburse anyone, who provides the "goodies". Phone: 610-347-1695;Email: RonMSmith1@aol.com

- Peg Baker (After the Bell) is looking for volunteers for the fall. The sessions for the middle school students will be 6 week sessions. They need 125 volunteers each session. Anyone who would like share a craft or special skill with the students is invited to volunteer. It is a rewarding experience for the adult and enriching for the student. Also, she told us about the clothing drive that Friends Meeting will be holding the end of August. Phone: 610-444-0962 or Email: Sb29stnj@aol.com
- Joan Holliday (CCHD Public Health Nurse and Community Advocate) reported the success of Sonia Muckley's (Rescue Animal Advocate) "Save Diamond Walk" where funds were contributed at the May 2007 Bridging meeting. Diamond's treatment has been successful and she is on her way to recovery. Joan also spoke about the joy of having Lindsey Sweet attend this Bridging meeting, coming from Philadelphia in her new role as intern at Friends of Farmworkers. She was one of the first attendees of a Bridging the Community meeting in 1998. Phone: 610-717-2180. Work: 610-344-5550 or Email: dochollisv@aol.com
- Jenna Fitchett (Fitchett Chiropractic at 926 and Rt. 82) told us about the Singles Professional Network/Social Group that will meet at the Half Moon on July 18th. They meet at a different place the third Tuesdays of every month at 5:30pm. She also is looking for an Office Assistant for 30 hrs a week. She reports that ACTIVATE Kennett Square will be holding a walk-a-thon on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Anson B Nixon Park in the morning. Participants and volunteers invited and also asked to participate in the canned food drive. Email: jennafitchett@hotmail.com
- Harry Wackerman (The Kennett Senior Center Book Store) told about the "great" used book store at 113, S. Union St., Kennett Square. He invites everyone to "Eat In or Take Out" at Applebee's 815 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett and the Senior Center will receive 10% of the proceeds. Email: hwackerman@kennett.net
- Mary Anderson (Kennett Underground Railroad) told about the "bridging" potluck dinner they had with Historic East Linden Street Project's residents with the idea starting at a Bridging meeting. Phone: 610-444-4199
- Schenay Miles (Agent for Community Care Behavioral Health) 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 told us that the Health & Wellness Expo for African Americans has been set for April 19, 2008. Volunteers and exhibitors needed. Email: sadlersn@ccbh.com or call: 1-866-622-4228 & en Espanol 1-866-229-3187.
- Patti Quynn (Even Start) is looking for classroom space for fifteen kindergarten students for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Phone: 610-444-0530; Email: pquynn@aol.com
- Perry Price (Community Member) is looking for ways to be involved with mentoring youth. Email: plprice3@yahoo.com

- Theresa Rodriquez & Jackie Casteneda (Friends of Farmworkers) told us that they represent the legal rights of documented and undocumented migrant workers and are involved in community outreach and education. They are willing to make presentations to community groups. Theresa's Phone: 215-733-0878; Email: trodriquez@friendsfw.org or Jackie at Phone: 610-246-8625; Email: jackie.castaneda@gmail.com or work email: jcastaneda@friendsfw.org

The group mingled for twenty minutes and made the following "bridges" while enjoying ice cream from La Michoacana:

- Tom Hoehle "bridged" with Summer Hess for youth volunteers for the Kennett Senior Center Fundraiser Dinner.
- Jenna Fitchett "bridged" with members from the Garage.
- Patti Olenik "bridged" with La Michocana by serving their ice cream to attendees.
- Richard Burrows "bridged" with three persons, Summer Hess, Schenay Miles and Theresa Rodriquez to be speakers at the Kennett evening Rotary.
- Ron Smith "bridged" with Dave Ellsworth around the youth in the Soccer program and also with several people, who plan to provide refreshments for the youth during home repair week.
- Perry Price and Anna Anderson "bridged" with Leon Thomas around the potential of having a similar process, i.e. The Supper Club in Kennett Square.
- Leon Thomas "bridged" with Schenay Miles around attending one of their Supper Club sessions.
- Dr. Robert Stryker "bridged" with Leon Thomas and Joan Holliday about his chiropractic services for community members.
- Esther Rochester "bridged" with Courtney Gunn and Cathy Gunn around the Girl Scouts volunteering for the Study Buddies picnic and possibly tutoring.
- Peg Baker "bridged" with Holly Favino around Friends Meeting clothing drive.
- Jari Santana and Diana Rarig "bridged" with David Ellsworth around recruiting more Mexican families for the soccer league---also bringing in the girls.
- Joan Holliday "bridged" with MYKE representative by email, who is looking for elementary school mentors. Contact: Fiona Anderson at fmallison@comcast.net Joan handed out *Path of Potential Readers* to new attendees.
- Harry Wackerman "bridged" with attendees who will visit Applebee's on 7/16/07.
- Peg Baker "bridged" with several people around volunteering for After the Bell.

Bridging the Community meeting was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7 pm at The Bayard Taylor Library. Fifty two interested community members joined in the community process.

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The next *Bridging the Community* meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7pm at Upland Country Day School, 420 W. Street Rd., Kennett Square, PA.

Tom Hoehle, as facilitator, welcomed everyone and shared the format of a "Bridging" meeting. The Library Director was unable to attend the meeting to share information about the library. Jeanne Searer shared the Bridging framework and Joan Holliday shared the Principles. Joan invited attendees to take home *The Path of Potential Reader*, which includes stories of community members' experience of living from the philosophy of *peaceful, progressive, inclusivity*.

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

- Theresa Ryan (WCU Graduate Student) would like to work on a community project involving Latinos. Email: tr343161@wcupa.edu
- Helen Heidelbaugh (CEO/ED of Community Volunteers in Medicine, 300 Lawrence Dr., West Chester, PA. 19380) told us about the medical and dental services that are offered for Chester County low-income, uninsured residents. Over 380 children from SCC have been served in dental care this year. Referrals are welcome. CVIM will celebrate its 10th year anniversary. Email: hheidelbaugh@cvim.org Clinic Phone Number is: 610-836-5990
- Ana Lemus (KHS Senior and Unidad President) told us that KHS Unidad Youth Group promotes unity, community volunteerism, and raises funds for those in need. She introduced her sister, Patricia, who is a Unidad member. They would like to learn of arenas, in which they will invest their community work. Email: alemus-K@yaboo.com Advisor is Jason Cordova and his phone number is: 484-410-9906
- Deborah Steeves (Attorney with Legal Aid) provides free civil legal services for low-income residents for Chester County residents. Email: dsteeves@lasp.org
HELPLINE: 1-877-429-5994
- David Suter (Headmaster at Upland Country Day School) is interested in "bridging" Upland County Day School with the community. He expresses a strong interest in meeting new community members beyond Upland. Email: duster@uplandcds.org
- Gaby (WCU Special Education Student and Intern at The Garage Youth Center) is interested in learning more about the community. She will have an internship at Greenwood Elementary. To contact, phone The Garage at 610-444-6464.

- Jill Hertz (Greenwood Elementary Teacher) and her two daughters came to experience a “Bridging” meeting.
- Natalia Molina McKendry (La Comunidad Hispana Coordinator of Community Health & Wellness Services) told us about LCH’s Social and Educational Services, which are offered at 314 E. State St., and the Clinic Services/Project Salud at McFarland Rd. She and her husband recently purchased a home on Broad St in Kennett, so she plans to be an active community member. She told us about 1.) The Bi-National Health Fair on October 18, 2007 from 4 to 7pm at the American Legion Hall. 2.) LCH is looking for a bi-lingual Administrative Assistant and a Medical Assistant. 3.) CHAD has a class on sign language on September 17, 2007 and invites participants. 4.) ACTIVATE Kennett Square will hold a Community CAN WALK at the Anson B Nixon Park on September 29, 2007 from 10 to noon. Bring two cans of healthy food to donate to the local Food Cupboards and join the community in the exercise of walking. Email: nmckendry@lchps.org Phone: 610-444-4545
- Caroline Hertz (KHS Elementary Student) was thrown a Tootsie Roll candy from a Kennett ELDER/YOUTH float at the Mushroom Festival on Saturday. A paper on the candy invited her to a *Bridging the Community* meeting for a surprise gift. She received a large teddy bear, which she hugged immediately. Incidentally, the float carried the Bridging Vision statement: *Kennett Square: Every day a better place to grow up in and grow old in.*
- Joan Holliday (Public Health Nurse) presented a poem that she wrote--- “A Tribute to Chief Albert McCarthy” (see poem at end of minutes). She thanked him on behalf of the Bridging Community for his tremendous support and care beyond the call of duty, these past ten years. Email: dochollisv@aol.com
- Marie Riehl (Lupus Foundation of American, Southeastern PA Chapter, Inc.) proposed the idea of starting a Lupus patient support group in the Kennett area. Email: MarieRiehl34@verizon.net
- Pam Eppinger (Migrant Education) is looking for community opportunities for her students and her husband, John Eppinger is looking for Boy Scout members and involvement. Email for Pam is: pamm@cciu.org and for John is: jreppie@yahoo.com
- Theresa Bass (Historic East Linden Street) tells about the work being done to install water and sewage lines on East Linden Street. The façade repairs are in process and the emergency home repairs have started. There are many youth programs on the street, computer and financial classes. She thanked Chief McCarthy for his strong support and Tom Hoehle for his one-on-one financial counseling. HELP’s Second Annual GALA will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 6pm at The Red Clay Room. Tickets sell for \$40. Email: trbass15@aol.com Phone: 610-444-6735
- Mary Dugan (Kennett Underground Railroad) informed us that the video about the Grey Socks (African American Baseball Team from around 1920-50)) will be presented at the HELP GALA. Email: maryd@kennett.net

- Peg Baker (Community Member) told us about the After the Bell Middle School Program starting up and the need for volunteers and also about the celebration to honor Bill Buffington on September 27, 2007 from 4 to 7pm at Friends Meeting. Email: Sb29stnj@aol.com
- Ron Smith (Good Neighbors) reported a successful and rewarding Youth Home Repair experience held in July 2007. Three homes were restored with many volunteer's help and \$18,000 of supplies were purchased beyond donations. He thanked all those who supported the effort. He invites community members to the Good Neighbor's Silent Auction and Dinner at Mendenhall on September 27, 2007 at 5:30pm. Email: RonMSmith1@aol.com
- Holly Favino (Amnion Pregnancy Crisis Center Counselor) told us that The Center provides counseling and tangible help to pregnant women, and offers a broad-range of education programs related to healthy youth development for interested community groups. Amnion will hold their annual fundraiser on November 2, 2007. They would like silent auction items and Holly invites the Kennett community to attend. Email: hfavino@amnion.org
- Ruth Williams (2nd Baptist Church) told us about the wonderful Longwood Rotary Book Bag distribution, which took place in August. She thanked the Rotary and encouraged us to continue to support each other. Email: marvinwilliams1960@verizon.net
- Joan Holliday (Public Health Nurse) reported that Operation Warm coats will be picked up at their central location on September 18, 2007 and will be provided for Greater Works Ministries, 2nd Baptist Church, Bethel Church, and Mary D Lang. Each site will set-up their own distribution times. Email: dochollisv@aol.com
- Anne Humes (Kendal resident) reports that the Kendal Knitters will be providing hats and mittens to add to the warmth of coats. Phone: 610-388-1199
- Sonia Muckley (Rescue Animal Advocate) told us about the successful medical treatment for the dog, Diamond-- supported by community members. She has adorable Rescue Kittens ready for adoption. They are spayed/neutered with their first shots. Phone: 610-444-0938
- Nancy Clegg (COAD) offers a wide-variety of drug and alcohol educational materials. Email: NClegg@coadgroup.com
- Roberta Consentino (Legal Aid) told us the ESL classes she teaches in Coatesville. She is looking for someone from law enforcement and a banker to provide education to her students. Email: emailberta@gmail.com
- Jeanne Searer (Program Coordinator at Kennett Area Senior Center) told us about the Bazaar that will be held on October 26, 27, and 28th and are looking for volunteers. They also have many opportunities for volunteerism. Email: jsearer@lifecenterpa.org

- Daniel Riehl (Chester County Peace Movement) told us about the peace demonstrations in Chester County. He also has literature and videos to share. They have a Religious Campaign Against Torture. Email: danyre@verizon.net
- Gail Newbold (Friend's Meeting Regional Newsletter) is looking for announcements for the October issue. She also has information on workshops which promote personal leadership in peacemaking. There is a beginner's level workshop to be held on November 11, 2007. Email: gnewbold@kennett.net
- Diana Rarig (Phillips Mushroom Farms) told us about League of Women Voter's Debate Forum for Borough Council Candidates on September 27, 2007 from 4-6pm. Also, Friends of Tennis have scholarships for low-income youth for a six-week tennis camp. Email: dleina@gmail.com

The group then mingled and "bridged". Here are the "bridges made:

- Roberta Consentino "bridged" with Tom Hoehle around providing a financial education for her ESL class. She also "bridged" with Chief McCarthy around a law enforcement contact.
- Daniel Riehl "bridged" with several community members around Peace materials.
- Patti Quinn, from Even Start, "bridged" with the Unidat students around a child care volunteer opportunity during ESL classes.
- Theresa Bass "bridged" with Mary Dugan to sell GALA tickets.
- Esther Rochester "bridged" with Jeanne Searer around her gift from the Tootsie Roll note she received from the ELDER/YOUTH float at the Mushroom Festival.
- Joan Holliday "bridged" with Unidat and Mayra Zavala, and Julie Tydryszewski, from The Garage Youth Center, around youth volunteer opportunities with ACTIVATE Kennett Square. She also "bridged" with Margaret Miles from First Baptist Church around GALA tickets.
- Chief McCarthy "bridged" with Esther Rochester to purchase two tickets to the GALA
- Sylvia Barreiro "bridged" with Pam and John Eppinger around ways to bring together students from Migrant Education and Upland Country Day school. She also "bridged" with Daniel Riehl around the Peace Movement.
- Gail Newbold "bridged" with Sylvia Barreiro around a South African contact.
- Pam Eppinger "bridged" with West Chester University student, Theresa Ryan, to visit Migrant Education and look at possibilities for her community involvement.
- John Eppinger "bridged" with Salvador Villicana and Chief McCarthy around ways to bring in more youth into the Boy Scout program.
- Helen Hedelbaugh "bridged" with five different entities around distributing CVIM brochures in SCC.
- Marie Riehl "bridged" with several community members about Lupus Foundation.
- Jeanne Searer "bridged" with Natalia around Project Salud providing care for Medicare clients from the Senior Center. She also "bridged" with Mayra Zavala around volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center.
- Joan Holliday "bridged" with Theresa Sanchez from the Bayard Taylor Library thanking her for staying late to lock up the building when the meeting ended.

Tribute to Chief Albert McCarthy

A man in blue comes walking through the one square mile of Kennett
He knows each corner of the town, each home and store and tenant

The Chief for many giving years has kept a lawful order
And now moves on to share his skills in other working quarters

We have so much to thank him for, for he has set the stage
He takes police work to a place that goes beyond a wage

Its easy puttin' on a badge and carryin' round a gun
Yet, there's much more to this great life, said a father to his son

Chief learned a lesson from his Pop, prevention is the key
From DARE to CARE, he's worked real hard protecting you and me

I bet there isn't one town soul, who doesn't know the Chief
He's joined the crowd and meeting fare, if even, oh so brief

He holds a special spot for youth, the homeless and the elder
His counsel and extended hand are what help make things better.

And then, on top of all of this, he painted a town wall
A way to show, he's partner, friend and not above us all

There is no doubt we'll miss our Chief, his leadership so true
We wish him well and say our "thanks" for being our TRUE BLUE!

Joan Holliday
Public Health Nurse

- Linda Rigler (Even Start) told about the new program at Mary D Lang starting 02/07/06 to increase the reading skills of first, second and third grade students. She needs volunteers Tuesdays and Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm. Email: LindaR@cciu.org
- Mary Dugan (UGRR) reports that the Rail Line will be closing the office where the UGRR is currently housed and will be remodeling the site, where the UGRR museum will return. They are looking for temporary housing. They also will continue with the summer tours and making of the video on the famous "Grey Socks Team". Email: maryd@kennett.net
- Harry Wackerman (The Life Center Book Store) told of the intent to obtain children's books in Spanish. He is interested in potential donations and ways to get the word out to the Mexican families that this resource is available. Email: hwackerman@kennett.net
- Esther Rochester (Bethel Church Study Buddies) told the group that the students are doing several projects to honor Black History Month. Jan Michener is helping them develop a play, which will be presented at Bethel Church, Wednesday, February 22nd at 4pm. All are welcome. Phone: 610-925-0673 or 610-444-8869
- Theresa Bass (HELP Board President) reports the project is moving along. The residents are planning a GALA Fundraiser in May and are interested in having community volunteers. Also, there is a Bible Study every Wednesday that meets in the basement of Bethel Church from noon to 1pm for any community members interested in attending. Email: trbass15@aol.com
- Anita Powell (Church of the Open Door) told about the grant writing workshop to be provided from noon to 4pm on Saturdays, January 21 and 28th at Greater Works Ministries. There is a "Hub of Hope"/ HIV Workshop offered at The Life Center on 03/18/06 from 8:30am to 1:30pm Email: MAKK@fast.net
- Joan Holliday (CCHD/ Public Health Nurse) told the group about the MLK community grants, which will be available for application after the MLK Breakfast. You may contact her for applications. MLK breakfast is sold-out of its 400 tickets for breakfast 01/16/06. Email: dochollisv@aol.com
- Jeanne Searers (Former LCH Volunteer Coordinator) reports she is looking for work and has her resume. She also reports that LCH will be starting English classes at the end of January and need a donation of \$1,500 for child care supplies. Volunteer Training is 01/16-17/-6 from 6-9pm for tutors. Email: jeannecrew491@hotmail.com
- Juan Avila (Community Musician) told us about the rewarding experience of engaging music with the vulnerable Mexican children during the Penn State Extension Summer Reading and Enrichment Program. Email: juनाविलामusic@yahoo.com
- 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

- Lindsey Sweet (Migrant Education) told about the nine soccer teams that have been developed for Mexican boys. They are in need of shin guards and equipment. The age groups ranges from second to fifth graders. Email: lindseys@cciu.org
- Denis Day (Director of the Kennett Area YMCA) welcomed us to the site. She told us about the involved role that the YMCA has taken in the ACTIVATE Chester County Program aimed at tackling the obesity issue. The approach of “move, eat smart and change public policy” is the focus. There is an interactive web site to become involved at www.activatechestercounty.org. Saturday, April 8th will be Healthy Kid’s Day with a Health Fair on the streets of State Street. Also, the Good KIDS Campaign has started and they could use volunteer phone persons to solicit funds. Email Pat Nichols at: pnichols@ymcabwv.org
- Jean Weitzel (Previous employee of The Life Center and previously an RN) is looking for work in the SCC area. Email: jw3itzel@yahoo.com
- Pat Nichols (YMCA) and Lenda Carillo (YMCA Outreach) were introduced. Lenda told us that the YMCA will have an Open House on 01/22/06 from noon to 4pm. Email Pat: pnichols@ymcabwv.org Email Lenda: lcarrillo@ymcabwv.org

The group then mingled and “bridged” for twenty minutes. The following “bridges” were made:

- Lindsey Sweet “bridged” with Shannon Cortigine, Sharon Metaxas and others around obtaining used soccer equipment
- Harry Wackerman “bridged” with 1.) Linda Rigler obtaining the Mexican Consul contact information 2.) Linda Jacobi at the Kennett Library, who has the potential for distributing 400 flyers to Mexican families about the book store having Mexican books; 3.) Joan Holliday around Sue Yocum, as a resource, who has contacts in Guanajuato, Mexico. 4.) Carol Ann George, who has connections at the Mexican/US Border.
- Mary Dugan “bridged” with Joan Holliday around strategies for pursuing possible sites for temporarily housing the UGRR offices. Mary Dugan also “bridged” with Mercer Jones around the Grey Socks video.
- Jeanne Searers “bridged with several community members giving them her resume.
- Laurie Szoke “bridged” with HELP and others around 4-H Programs.
- Sylvia Barreiro (email: sbarreiro@uplandcds.org) “bridged” with Margaret Miles from First Baptist Church (email: almar-east@erols.com) for volunteer opportunities and Lindsey Sweet around ways Migrant Ed students and Upland Country Day School can engage in a project side-by-side.
- Linda Jacobi (email: ljacobi@ccls.org) “bridged” with Marta Beltran around a possible ESL teaching position at Mary D Lang.
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with new attendees around *The Path of Potential Reader* stories.

Bridging the Community was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7pm at Upland Country Day School, 420 W. Street Rd., Kennett Square, PA. In spite of the foggy weather, thirty-two hearty folks attended the meeting.

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.

Tom Hoehle, as facilitator, welcomed everyone and shared the format of a "Bridging" meeting. Sylvia Barreiro, a Spanish teacher at Upland Country Day School, told us that the school originated in 1948 by a group of mothers, who were interested in promoting independent thinkers and collaborative processes. The school focuses on the 4As---Academic, Attitude, Athletics and Arts. On behalf of the new Headmaster, Dave Suter, Sylvia presented Tom Hoehle, Jeanner Searer and Joan Holliday with the revised *Upland Country Day School—Fifty and Counting* book by Nancy. L. Mohr. Joan Holliday shared the Bridging framework and Jeanne Searer shared the Principles. The overall context is our living philosophy, reflected by our land's energy----*peaceful, progressive, inclusivity*.

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

- Rosa Garza Moore (La Comunidad Hispana) told us that she will be creating a program for Adolescents at Risk---Developing a core group of teen leaders to promote healthy living. Rosa is looking for "bridges" and resources for her program.
Email: rmoore@lchps.org
- Jill Johnston (PA. Immigration Citizen Coalition Organizer) is organizing a Chester County branch and is looking to network with local groups. Email: picc.organizer@gmail.com
- Regan Cooper, PA Immigration Citizen Coalition) will do outreach in our community.
Email: piccpa@yahoo.com
- Luis Tovar (Evening Kennett Rotary--President) is looking for a community project for the Rotary. Email: tovarle@comcast.net
- Dave Elderkin (Kennett Symphony) told us about the outstanding symphony that we have in our county, performing six concerts a year. He is interested in ideas of how to obtain immigrant stories for June 14, 2008 performance at Longwood Gardens, which will present a new piece of music; Ellis Island--Dream of America. Email: dave@elderkinfamily.com
- Cintra Murray (Board Member of Chester County Community Gardens) told us that she was one of the original 26 students at Upland Country Day School. She told us about the efforts of developing gardens in low-income areas to promote community building, food sources and a pride in one's neighborhood. In the Kennett area, they are focusing on Center St./Santa Maria apartments, where they promote vegetable gardens. Email: cintra@kennett.net

- Laurie Szoke (CC Cooperative Extension) told us that they will continue their “Holiday Care Packages”, encouraging everyone to get involved in providing food, household items, personal care items, infant need items and clothing. They also will take referrals. They are looking for a site to keep the items from December 21- January 10, 2009. Contact Laurie at: or Maria Navarrete-Olvera at mfn112@psu.edu, or Laurie at: las7@psu.edu
- Jessie Cocks (Newly Elected Kennett Borough Councilwoman) thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and stated that she hoped to be a leader of developing a “Town Meeting” forum to receive more input from a cross-section of community members. Her motto is: “Think globally and act locally”. Email: jessiecocks@comcast.net
- Theresa Bass (Historic East Linden Street Project) thanked everyone for their support at their annual GALA Fundraiser. She told us that about 12 homes have been completed with façade repair and now the emergency home repairs are being done inside the homes. The main water and sewage work is done with the road newly repaved. Work for connecting the pipes to the individual homes is in process. WACHOVIA has recently provided a \$450,000 grant for programs to build the capacity of the people. They recently have become Incorporated and will become their own 501C-3. Email: trbass15@aol.com Phone: 610-444-6735
- Mary Dugan (Kennett Underground Railroad) told us about the grant she has received to work on the history of East Linden Street and that she is uncovering many interesting facts about the street pre-1900. She knows that Vincent Barnard in 1860 had an arboretum and would like help in discerning unique plant-life on the street. Email: maryd@kennett.net
- Joan Holliday (Public Health Nurse and Community Advocate) told about the tickets that will be on sale very soon for the MLK Breakfast on January 21, 2009. Also, she gave a background of the MLK Advocates, who have three efforts they are promoting---Justice in the Legal System, Social Enhancement and Education. There will be an OPEN HOUSE to be held on Thursday, November 29th, 2007 at 7pm at The Garage Youth Center, 115 S. Union St. to showcase the different mentoring and tutoring opportunities for volunteerism and to educate parents, who are interested in helping their child receive help. Joan also shared the news that a coalition group called “Intergen” was starting up, to look at ways to create more dynamic intergenerational interactions. If interested “bridge” with Joan. Email: dochollisv@aol.com
- Summer Hess (The Garage Youth Center) told about the Intercambio/English/Spanish Informal Exchange to learn both languages. The concept replicating the “bridging” model started with a group Tom Hoehle led about eight years ago. It has been regenerated by the youth at The Garage. They invite all community members on Thursday eves from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. On 11/30/07, a WCU will make a presentation for students and parents about Immigrant Rights. Email: summer.garage@comcast.net
- Ron Smith (Good Neighbors) thanked the community for their support at their Fundraiser Dinner/Silent Auction. They raised \$25,000 and this will help repair six homes for vulnerable elders on fixed incomes. He also offered to make a presentation about Good Neighbors for any community groups. Email: RonMSmith1@aol.com Theresa Bass thanked Good Neighbors for the work they’ve done on East Linden Street long before the PA funding started.

- Jeanne Searer (Kennett Senior Center) has tickets for sale for \$10 for a Wyeth print. Also, they are selling gift cards, to be used at any local stores with a percent going to the Senior Center. Holiday Luncheon on 12/05/07 from 11:30am to 2:00pm. \$25.00. Everyone welcome. Email: jsearer@kennettseiorcenter.org
- Harry Wackerman (Kennett Resale Book Store) told the group that the store has been abundantly blessed with over 60,000 books, so they are open to helping groups in need. Email: hwackerman@kennett.net
- Patrick Seyler (United in Faith) told of the church closing due to no financial support. There will be a Farewell Service on 11/15/07 at 7pm at The Garage Youth Center. He also invited everyone to join the Posada Mexican tradition on 12/16/07 at 5pm. Meet at Friends Meeting. Email: ccartisans@hotmail.com
- Lennie Rivera sent the message to continue to invite community members to the Business Latino luncheon in West Chester the first Friday of every month. There also will be a Business Latino gathering at Upland County Day School on 12/08/07 from 6 to 8:30pm. Bring a covered dish for 4-6 people, beverage and dessert. Email: lrivera@macelree.com
- Carlos Navarro sent the message that Cinco de Mayo will be led by the Casa Guanajuato group again this year. Cinco de Mayo will be held on 05/04/07. They need to have a meeting place. Email: jcnavarro_us@yahoo.com
- Sylvia Barrero (Upland Country Day School) told us about the Holiday Gift Shop to be open Thursday, 11/29/07 from 10am to 7pm and Friday, 11/30/07 from 8am to 5pm. Email: www.uplandcds.org
- Elizabeth Garduno (The Kennett Family Center) told us that they provide in-home services for child development guidance with parents for 2-5 year olds. They also have parenting classes at the Family Center at 637 Millers Hill, Kennett. They will have a Christmas Dinner on 12/20/07 with toys. They need donations and volunteers. Phone: 610-925-4635 or Email: narevalo@ccmchc.org
- Deborah Steeves (Attorney with Legal Aid) provides free civil legal services for low-income residents for Chester County residents. They address family law, employment law, protection from abuse, public benefits, housing problems, elder law, consumer & bankruptcy problems. They now have flyers in Spanish. Email: dsteeves@lasp.org HELPLINE: 1-877-429-5994

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

- Rosa Moore “bridged” with Deborah Steeves from Legal Aid, Regan Cooper from PICC and Laurie Szoke to bring their resources to her programs for adolescents at risk. She was encouraged to think of having programs on domestic violence, depression screening and breast exam education.

- Jessie Cocks “bridged” with many people to obtain flyers to bring to the borough hall. She appreciated the Legal Aid flyers in Spanish from Deborah Steeves.
- Summer Hess “bridged” with several community members about Intercambio, and with Tom Hoehle, who will attend the Intercambio group on Thursday eves.
- Luis Tovar “bridged” with Good Neighbors to gain more information for The Rotary project.
- Jill Johnston, Regan Cooper and Joan Holliday “bridged” with Dave Elderkin about potential people to interview for immigrant stories.
- Harry Wackerman “bridged” with Luis Tovar about sending some books from The Kennett Resale Bookstore to soldiers in Iraq.
- Joan Holliday “bridged” with Jeanne Searer around ticker for the Wyeth print. She “bridged” with Patrick Seyler about future vision of his role in Kennett and gave many flyers out for the OPEN HOUSE--- promoting tutoring and mentoring.
- Summer Hess “bridged” with Harry Wackerman about donating a box of books to a school in Chile, when Summer visits over the holidays.
- Mary Dugan “bridged” with Luis Tovar, who knows a person, Ross Edmonds, who is a horticulturist and could help with identifying plants on East Linden Street
- Elizabeth Garduno “bridged” with Joan Holliday around a site for Cinco de Mayo to meet.