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HAPPENING NOW

Thank you for picking up a copy of the NEW Lizette Gazette created by members of the Riverside Historical Society.

OUR MUSEUM'S UNSUNG HEROES!

After months of seclusion because of the pandemic and personal health issues, it is great to be back and have our museum operational again!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers. The photographs to the right show how busy we have been indexing our collection. Our collections boxes are five boxes away from being indexed thanks to John Coon, Nancy Guarino, Barbara Haley, Linda McDonough, Carol Ott and Judi Ruff. Next stop, indexing our white collection binders. Joanne Mongon volunteers in our Genealogy Room. Rich Pattanite and John Coons are cataloging our VHS tapes as we begin the conversion process. Mal Anderson, Vince Malecki, Herm Maurer, Joe Peditto, Brittany Rae and Jim Snow stop by to research, photograph and write about our early families and military personnel. Thank you to all those who helped with the indexing project of the Julia Arndt journals. Being a nurse like our Lizette Zurbrugg of the Gazette, Julia kept records on the people she visited from approximately 1919-1938; birth, death, treatments are recorded along with her automotive expense account and the garages she visited for repairs.

Left: Archivist Joanne Mongon indexes and files rows of our genealogy room binders.

Right: Once indexed, our materials are kept safely out of light inside archival boxes such as these.

JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAM!

November 11th is Veteran's Day; this year we'll have several ways to celebrate local veterans. Our November program, presented by Jim Snow, details Riverside soldiers and military personnel from WWI, including women who served before they were legally allowed to vote! Next, we'll be debuting our 2022 Super Wall Banner Program (details below); and we'll conclude with the memoir booklet of WWII veteran William Carl, father of our own Alice Smith!

HONOR RIVERSIDE MILITARY HEROES!

We've heard your request for more military banners and have found a solution in thanks to the Township Committee and the RPD! Sponsorship order forms for the ***2022 SUPER WALL BANNER*** can be found on our website at www.riversidehistoricalsocietynj.com/military-banners

Sponsorships are ***$55 each*** and include one 13" x 13" space on the super banner which will be affixed to the police station. (example at left).

Space is limited; only 45 spaces available. First come, first served basis; no holds without payment.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

While we are currently only open to the public by appointment only, we welcome you to mark your calendars for our December Open Museum Hours!

This is a great time to stop by, say hi, and pick up some local gifts for history lovers! We offer books ranging from our most recent publishing, "Progress to Riverside" as well as those about The Alligator and SoJourn Magazine! We also have note cards, ornaments, and more that's sure to bring back some memories and bring cheer this holiday season!

Stop by Thursday December 2nd from 9am-12pm, Saturday December 11th and 18th from 10am-1pm to pick up all your stocking stuffers!

MEETING PROGRAMMING FOR 2021-2022

- November 17th - "Creation of the WWI Monument on Pavilion." Presented by Jim Snow.
- December 4th – Current members only holiday celebration.
- January 19th - "All About Boost!" Presented by guest speaker.
- February 16th - TBD
- March 16th - "Spotlight on the Arndt Journals" - Presented by Joanne Mongon.
- April 15th - "Dr. Emma Weeks Metzer: New Jersey's First Doctor and a Riverside Gal!" Presented by Brittany Rae.
- May 20th - "Riverside's Military Walk of Honor in Review!" Interactive/no presenter.
- June 15th - "Hall of Fame Highlights" Presented by Pete Chiaccio.

Celebrate the RPD's 100th Anniversary!

On sale at our meetings and our museum!
$10/ea. All proceeds support the Riverside Historical Society!

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Flip over to see who Lizette is and what our area was like decades ago.

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LIZETTE'S CORNER

In the fall of 1912, upon the death of her husband Theophilus, Lizette found herself involved in administering his estate. Below you'll find a portion of an article entitled "Quarter Million Goes to Charity" reported in the Trenton Evening Times on Wednesday, December 4, 1912.

"Carrying his (T. Zurbrugg) philanthropic ideas into the document that would dispose of his estate, Mr. Zurbrugg set aside a trust fund of $250,000 for the non-sectarian hospital at Riverside and named the widow, Lizette Zurbrugg; brother, August J. Zurbrugg; brother-in-law, John G. Mueller; Dr. Alexander H. Small of Riverside, and Eckard P. Budd of Mount Holly (now deceased), as the trustees of this fund, with authority to at once expend at least $100,000 for the purpose of land and erection and equipment of a building; for the purpose of this charity."

The first meeting of the hospital trustees took place on December 12, 1913, at Lizette's request. She was appointed the temporary chair. The trustees met the third Monday of each month at 2:00. Almost two weeks later, two days before Christmas, Lizette is voted President of the Board. She held this position for 10 years until her death in 1923. The hospital charter is granted and two years later on February 12, 1915, a twelve-bed hospital opens in the Zurburgg's former mansion on the corner of Taylor and Franklin streets. It would take another twenty years until the new 38-bed hospital facility is built and opened on May 11, 1935. The old hospital/mansion later housed the nursing staff until 1937 when a new residence opened on Taylor Street across from the hospital.

Since launching "Progress to Riverside: A Story of Our Town's Past" last February, we have enjoyed hearing the rave reviews about it! Written by one of our Trustees, Herm Maurer, the book was published and is being sold by the 501(c)(3) non-profit Riverside Historical Society.

Readers have enjoyed hearing the story of how the little town of Progress grew throughout the 19th century to become Riverside! The remarkable cited history of this book goes back to the eighteenth century and features many "Riverside surnames" still found in our town today!

In addition to its fans throughout the region (not to mention those we've mailed across country!) Progress to Riverside was also **named the winner by the 2020 Burlington County History Recognition Committee!** Copies are still available for pickup and by mail and can be ordered online from our website for both options; see link address below to order your copy today!

Be sure to place holiday orders by Friday, December 3rd!

Order online for pickup or shipping at www.riversidehistoricalsocietynj.com

What would 19th Century social media look like? Wonder no more! Taken from Riverside newspapers:

November 17th 1887: The canning factory is putting up a large number of pumpkins and employs a large force at present.

December 17th 1887: Our town is at present very quiet; the folks are all preparing for a good Christmas dinner.

November 19th 1889: The boom in manufacture of sauerkraut is reported on all sides.

EVENTS IN & AROUND 08075

MONDAY, November 17th 7pm
PROCLAMATION DEDICATION @ Riverside Town Hall
Riverside Township will recognizie the Riverside Historical Society and author Herm Maurer for our book, "Progress to Riverside: A Story of Our Town's Past" with a proclamation at the Township Meeting taking place in person at 7pm.

THURSDAY, December 2nd 9am-12pm and SATURDAY, December 11th and 18th 10am-1pm
OPEN MUSEUM SHOPPING HOURS @ Riverside Historical Society
Stop by, say hi, and shop local for all your gifts this season!

SATURDAY, December 4th 6-9pm
CHRISTMAS IN RIVERSIDE @ Riverside
Annual holiday celebration on Scott Street and Pavilion Avenue. See township website for more information.

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