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HAPPENING NOW

LOVE is in the air!**We LOVE to Share Our History!**

In January we put the finishing touches on our new book – *Progress to Riverside: A Story of Our Town's Past*. Indexing the text became the number one priority. In doing so, we met some interesting characters that influenced and grew our town from its earliest days, after all, publications and programs are the end product for telling our history.

Riverside had its “entrepreneurs, mentors, manufacturing, networks of support, education and tourism.” These are the essential elements of a small town, according to Becky McCray’s “*What Does a Small Town Need to Grow?*”, and show how our small town did just that.

Thank you to those of Riverside’s past and present who work to preserve its history, including the late Bob Kenney who wrote our organization’s first in-depth history of Riverside for its sesquicentennial year in 2001. His work is often quoted in the text of our new publication.

We would also like to express our appreciation to those who have devoted over two years to the undertaking of writing this next history book for Riverside’s 125th Anniversary of its incorporation, especially author Herm Maurer.

Thank you for your continued support,
Alice M. Smith, President of the Riverside Historical Society

JOIN US FOR A BOOK LAUNCH AND CELEBRATION OF RIVERSIDE’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY AT OUR NEXT MEETING! SEE DETAILS BELOW!

We LOVE to Support Our Town!

No matter if it’s an event in town like Trunk or Treat, taking an ad in the Torch Yearbook, or even providing this free newsletter to you each month, we love to be a resource for you! Interested in having someone speak at your local organization or want to volunteer with us? Email RiversideHistoricalSocietyNJ@gmail.com to learn more!



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

We LOVE to Spotlight New Research!**Acknowledgements from the Author, Herm Maurer:**

I began writing about the history of Riverside more than a dozen years ago, after I stopped to talk to the late Bob Kenney at a Palmyra-Riverside football game. I asked Bob if he or the Riverside Historical Society had any information on the Winkelspecht family. He suggested I go to a meeting and ask for help with locating the research. It was my immense good fortune to have asked that question. Almost immediately I found myself researching many of the family histories that are profiled in this book and presenting this information to the membership, at one of the society’s monthly meetings.

Current Historical Society members, including Alice Smith and Mary Yearly Flanagan, were always available when clarification was needed on a written passage of our town’s history or an historical record from the County Clerk’s Office. In addition, the Historical Society’s Thursday Archival Group has four consistence volunteers, Judi Ruff, Barbara Ringer Haley, Joan Pittman Masztak and Joanne Prisco Mongon, who have made retrieving needed information on Riverside so much easier to locate.

Because of 19th century Riverside’s German roots, several important historic documents needed translation. This was done by the competent scholarship of Richard Kraus, Mark Hall, Hal Pschunder and Hal’s late father, Dr. Ralph Pschunder.

This project was also fortunate to have Frank Pearson come forward with his desire to share his own Pearson family research as well as the much-needed assistance in preparing this manuscript for publication.

I would also like to acknowledge Paul Schopp who has been the go-to-guy for the answers to those questions that defy my best research.

Lastly, a special thanks needs to be extended to Ellen Palombi, for doing an excellent and thorough job with editing the complete book.

**EVENTS IN & AROUND 08075 IN FEBRUARY****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 10AM**

Tuesday Talk - Winter Waterfowl @ Amico Island Park, Delran
One of a series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava. This event’s topic will be winter waterfowl and other migratory birds. Register online with Burlington County Parks.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 7PM

RIVERSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY @ THE AMERICAN LEGION
Join us in celebration as we mark the 125th Anniversary of the incorporation of Riverside! Meet with the author of our newest book and purchase 1 or 2 for your own research!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 7PM

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING @ TOWN HALL

Congratulations to our new Officers and Trustees for 2020-2022**(voted on by our Membership):**

Alice Smith, President
Brittany Rae, Vice President
Karen Anderson, Secretary
Joan Serio, Treasurer
Peter Chiaccio, Trustee
Herm Maurer, Trustee
Vince Malecki, Trustee
Joe Peditto, Trustee

We would also like to thank those who have served for several years on our Board. Your dedication and knowledge bring so much to our organization!
Jean Boles, Rich Pattanite, and Steve Marino.

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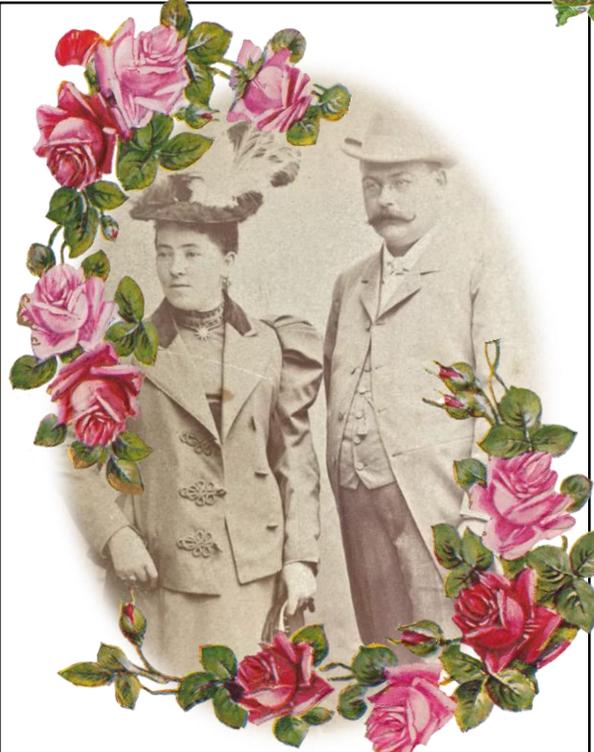
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TO MY VALENTINE

*If ever a heart were faithful and true,
It's the very heart I am offering to you!*

The above was taken from an Edwardian valentine. It is likely similar to something "Theo" or "Liz" would have exchanged.

Do you still exchange valentines with your beloved? Do you collect vintage ones? Maybe from past residents of Riverside?
Send them our way!
We'd love to feature them in a future issue!

*Join us for one of the events below to learn more about our little town!
With so much history, we're never short on exciting programs!
The learning continues through June!*

Riverside Historical Society

Programming & Special Events for 2019-2020 season

****All Wednesday meetings are at the Riverside American Legion Post #146****

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7PM

125th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Riverside
(February 20, 1895)

Come celebrate with us!

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7PM

(1 of 2 Women's History Month Presentations)
The Arndt Journals

*Learn what we've uncovered in
Julia Arndt's medical journals!*

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7PM

(Extended Celebration of Women's History Month Presentations)

**Giving It A Shot: How A Riverside Girl
Became NJ's First Female Doctor**

*Yep, you read that right!
New Jersey's first female doctor
was from Riverside!
Join us to learn more about
Emma Weeks-Metzer!*

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7PM

Living History Project
Armed Forces Heritage Museum

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7PM

Board the Bus with Kauderer

Stop by our museum on the last Tuesday and Saturday of every month from 10am-2pm or make an appointment by contacting us at:

RiversideHistoricalSocietyNJ@gmail.com

Visit us on the web at riversidehistoricalsocietynj.com

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

Here's a particularly busy day in 1887:

FEBRUARY 19th 1887: The members of the Lutheran Church are building a German school in connection with the church.

FEBRUARY 19th 1887: The Singing Society organized here a short time ago is getting along very nicely.

FEBRUARY 19th 1887: August Kluge is building a Queen Anne cottage facing onto Pavilion Avenue.

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generations since 1984.**



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