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HAPPENING NOW

Thank you for picking up a copy of the brand new Lizette Gazette created by members of the Riverside Historical Society! We wanted to offer a monthly insight into events and happenings with our organization and, occasionally, in our region! We hope you enjoy!

Here's a brief look at what we have planned for this season!

Riverside Historical Society

Programming & Special Events for 2019-2020 season

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

2019

2020

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7PM

The Last Bell: 15 Years Since St. Casimir School Closed

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 7PM

Riverside Newspapers
& launch of **THE LIZETTE GAZETTE**

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 7PM

Walk of Memories: Stories of the Soldiers
Along Our Walk of Honor

Saturday, December 7, 2019 7PM

HOLIDAY RAFFLE DRAWING

7:00 p.m. Riverside Fire House #701

Tuesday, December 10 6PM

Holiday Party with Delran Historical Society
@ Dooney's

Price per person TBD, see DHS Board for more info.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

NO REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 7PM

To the Streets...Signs: What's in a Name?

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7PM

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

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7PM

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7PM

Living History Project
Armed Forces Heritage Museum

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7PM

Board the Bus with Kauderer

DID YOU KNOW?
The Riverside Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that is operated 100% by volunteers!

The Riverside Historical Society does not hold general member meetings in July or August, though that did not stop members and the Board from participating in a number of town-wide events this summer such as National Night Out, the RBA Car Show, and meetings for our Holiday Raffle Committee! Check out some photos below!



EVENTS IN & AROUND 08075 IN OCTOBER

Saturday, October 12 9AM-NOON

PARK CLEAN UP @ AMICO ISLAND

Burlington County Parks System will provide bags, grabbers, and gloves for those who register by 4pm on October 11th to clean-comm@co.burlington.nj.us. Light refreshments and water to put in your own refillable bottle also provided.

Wednesday, October 16 7PM

**RIVERSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
AMERICAN LEGION HALL**

Stop by and join us for our monthly meeting! Our October program will review the history and times of Riverside newspapers!

Monday, October 21 7PM

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING @ TOWN HALL

Saturday, October 26 6PM

RIVERSIDE'S TRUNK OR TREAT ON SCOTT ST.

Rain date: Sunday, October 27

**Tickets are still on sale for our 2nd Annual
Holiday Dreams Raffle! Contact Joan for tickets
and more information at (609) 828-3246!**

**2nd Annual
Riverside Historical Society
HOLIDAY DREAMS RAFFLE**

POTENTIAL WIN
UP TO \$20,000
IN SHARED CASH PRIZES!

Drawing will be held:
December 7, 2019
Riverside Fire House #701
7:00pm

TICKETS ONLY
\$20
EACH

DID YOU KNOW:

- This will be an annual raffle.
- Only a maximum of 2,000 tickets will be sold.
- When a ticket is drawn, it will go back in the drum.
- Our organization is 100% volunteer run and organized.

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HAPPENING THEN

OCTOBER IS LIZETTE ZURBRUGG'S BIRTHDAY AND THE REASON WE DEBUTED THIS MONTH!

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Lizette Mueller Zurbrugg was born in Germany in October of 1862. Her family would eventually immigrate to Philadelphia, PA and where she would marry Theophilus Zurbrugg, formerly of Switzerland, and founder of the Philadelphia Watchcase Company.

According to an 1890 Philadelphia directory, their home was listed at 1607 N. 12th St. This is the assumed address of where the newlywed couple lived prior to moving to Riverside.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lizette's name is also seen as Lisette in some writing and ledgers; it is a form of the name Elizabeth which can also be spelled with a Z or S. We chose to name our Gazette with the former (spelling) but both refer to the same spirited lady!



As you enter the Riverside Historical Society Museum at 10 Zurbrugg Way, Lizette Mueller Zurbrugg's portrait (seen here) hangs to your left. The flash from the camera has reflected the image of the room casting what appears to show Lizette in it seemingly seated on one of the same Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital chairs previous board members have also used. While Theophilus had his pulse on monopolizing the watch case business, Lizette had her pulse on her community. This is evident in her election as the President of Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital on December 23, 1913. Imagine with us as she still appears alert and intently watching over the town in which she helped built today in this photo. Though she may have never walked the halls of our museum herself- or our town for over nine decades for that matter- the spirit and vivacity of the grande dame of Riverside still remains!



The front room of our museum is dedicated to the Zurbruggs and their involvement in Riverside and the surrounding river communities. Part of Theophilus Zurbrugg's legacy still lives in the structures of the Watch Case Building and his Delanco Mansion. The buildings of Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital and the Riverside Metal Company are gone but their legacy remains showcased in the files and exhibits of the Riverside Historical Society.

Stop by and say hi to "Liz and Theo" at 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 right from Riverside newspapers:

October 2nd, 1889: Mrs. Tuck was severely cut about the head and face at the Canning Factory a few days ago. A stack of cans fell on her.

October 15th, 1889: William Calketi and Thomas Graves have invented a soap which is said to remove stains from your character.

October 25th, 1889: Pavilion Avenue is now receiving that much talked about coat of gravel.

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