Thank You to Brighton’s Masonic Lodge

A large “thank you” is due to Brighton’s Masonic Lodge 247 for their 2017 Platinum Level Sponsorship in the Brighton Area Historical Society. The Lodge was the first organization to provide financial support to the Society’s new initiative of sponsorships. The goal of the sponsorships is to provide needed funding for the community-based historical projects that are in progress today.

Lodge 247 has long been a Brighton mainstay since it was organized on January 15, 1869. The Lodge predates the arrival of the railroad by two years and the construction of Old Town Hall by ten years. Many local organizations and non-profits through the years have been the recipients of the generosity of the Brighton Masonic Lodge and its members.

The new BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts:

- **Platinum** — $1,000+
- **Gold** — $500+
- **Silver** — $250+
- **Bronze** — $100+

Sponsors will receive recognition through the newsletter of the Brighton Area Historical Society and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall) and the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse.

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact me.

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2017 Brighton Area Historical Society Board

Front row L to R
- Lynn Strong, Nancy Fredenburg, Carole Damon, Lin Millar, Marieanna Bair, Jerry Damon

Back row L to R
- Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Jim Vichich, Larry Lawrence

Absent: Joe Collins

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EXHIBITS at CoBACH
Sunday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Closed Monday

CoBACH Display
January—February
“Civil War”

**SYMPATHIES OF THE SOCIETY TO THE FAMILY OF Douglas Chrysler, life-long resident of the Brighton area.**

**CHECK OUT FACEBOOK**
Daily postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:
LIFE: Kimble Appraisal Group
PATRON: Val & Kathy Jacoby, Kathy Pearson, Robert & Priscilla Pettengill.

*Welcome to new members Phillip & Jean Smith and Dianne Taeckens.

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich for preparing the December issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Advance Craft, Jim DeJohn, Mary Fonseca, Val & Kathy Jacoby and Norma Jean Pless for their donation to Friends of Lyon School with their 2017 dues.
- Bill & Jackie Damm, Val & Kathy Jacoby, Margaret Mitschelen, Dave Rebiger, Pat & Sally Smith and Dianne Taeckens for their donation to Old Village Cemetery Fund with their 2017 dues.
- Val & Kathy Jacoby, Kathy Pearson and Albert & Karen Wirth for their donation to the CoBACH Fund with their 2017 dues.
- Jennie Fredenburg for the Canopy items she donated.
- Elaine Blight for the cool Brighton State Bank savings banks that she donated.
- Kathy Coleman for the fabulous Vintage clothing she donated.
- Brighton Masonic Lodge 247 for their generosity in becoming a 2017 Platinum Level Sponsor for the Headstone Preservation Program at the Old Village Cemetery.

The following volunteers who helped make Christmas with Santa and Mrs. Claus a successful day at the Lyon Schoolhouse on Sunday, December 11: Derek Cameron, Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Julie Gadja, Mindy Kinsey, Tammy Sexton, Lynn Strong, Vicki & Jim Vichich.


The generous volunteers who preserve the Brighton area history every Thursday morning from 9am—12noon at the Lyon Schoolhouse: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle, and Jim Vichich.

- The many dedicated volunteers including board members who donate time, talents and much energy into making the Society a valuable and respectable organization within Livingston County. Your work at the Lyon Schoolhouse, CoBACH Center and Old Village Cemetery is awesome and greatly appreciated by all!

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibits — FREE!!
January — February: Civil War
March — May: World War I
January 4,8,11,15,18,22,25,29; 5pm—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday.
January 5,12,19,26; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.
January 25; 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.
January 31, 2017: Last day to get $5 discount on the purchase of “ANY 2” of the following BAHS Books. Sales Tax is included. “From Settlement to City” — $65, “The Brighton Area” — $20, “Page Four — $20.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:
John & Deb Armstrong — Tom Archer — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton — Charles & Janice Beach
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 Refrigeration Research **
Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

Mail check or money order payable to:
Brighton Area Historical Society
P. O. Box 481
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ( ___ ) _____ —
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City: ___________________________ E-Mail: ___________________________

Membership Plan:
☐ New ☐ $2 Student ☐ $50 Patron
☐ Renew ☐ $15 Individual ☐ $60 Business/Professional
☐ $25 Family ☐ $500 Life

Donation to—Check One:
☐ Friend of Lyon School ☐ $10 ☐ $100
☐ BAHS CoBACH Events ☐ $25 ☐ $250
☐ Old Village Cemetery Fund ☐ $50 ☐ Other $_______

How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales: ☐ Email ☐ US mail

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. All donations are tax deductible.

BAHS Director — Lynn Brady Strong: Born in Phoenix, Arizona, moved to Milford, Michigan in 1965. Prior to the move to Michigan, spent a few summer vacations in Brighton with my grandparents, Joe and Haidee Brady. Both of my grandparents’ families date back to some of the first settlers in the Brighton area.

After marrying my late husband in 1979, we moved to Texas. Returned to Michigan in 1986 with our 2 girls. I remembered Brighton and my time here with fond hometown feelings. Been here ever since, where both daughters graduated from Brighton High School in the footprints of their great-grandparents.

I enjoy family, gardening, quilting, euchre, good friends and traveling. In the past, I have volunteered in the school system and school athletics, as well as the local Girl Scouts, MSU Tollgate Extension, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church and, of course the BAHS.

Joined BAHS 4 years ago. I brought with me the verbal history of Brighton that I heard about throughout my life. I have also learned so much about the growth of our community. My hope is to involve the younger generation to take pride in our community and learn more of the progression of our wonderful area.

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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Lyon School
11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

CoBACH Center
202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall.

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Early Roads in Genoa Township — Richardson, Beattie, Westphal and Pardee Roads

Richardson Road begins at Coon Lake Road, then south through the middle of Sections 29 and 32 of the township, a distance of 1.5 miles. The 1915 Plat map indicates Myron H. Richardson is the owner of the 120 acres at Brighton Road. This acreage had been originally purchased by Nathan C. Hight in 1844. He is noted as owner on the 1895 map also. When Richardson died in 1947, he and wife, May Beattie, had moved to Howell 15 years earlier from their farm in Genoa. Richardson Road continues onto Hamburg Township, Section 5, ending at Schafer Road, a total of three miles.

May Beattie’s family was a nearby neighbor. One mile west of Richardson Road, Beattie Road, one mile long, runs north to Crooked Lake Road from Coon Lake Road. By 1845, the Beattie name is on parcels in Sections 18 and 19 in Genoa Township. In 1875, the Beattie name is on 160 acres on each side of the road. In 1958, the Beattie name is still noted on nearby land; as is the Richardson name.

The Westphal family was prolific; the 1880 census indicates eight children were born to August and Barbary Westphal. Siblings had large families also. Many, with the Westphal name, owned productive farms in the county. In 1915, the August Westphal farm is located at the corner of Westphal and Pardee Roads, Sections 19 and 20 in Genoa. August and Barbary had first acquired land in the county in 1853. March 18, 1915, at 82, August fell from a wagon injuring “...his head and back, so that he did not recover and death was the result” March 30, 1915. Barbary had passed away April 27, 1901.

Gilbert Pardee and wife Emeline, were neighbors of the Westphals. The Pardees were in Genoa by 1865. Census records note members of the Pardee family were born in the United States in 1812, which could indicate the family could have arrived before the US was the United States. By 1880, Gilbert and Emeline had three children. During the years, the Pardees and Westphals owned several hundred acres in Genoa Township; thus Westphal Road (3/4 miles north/south) and Pardee Road (3/4 miles east/west) reach from Crooked Lake Road to Coon Lake Road. Emeline died March 19, 1891 and Gilbert March 2, 1927, at the home of his son in St. Johns, as a much respected farmer in Livingston County.

It is presumed roads were given names during the early 1930s by Detroit Edison as electric power came to rural residents. It is probably deemed logical to use these long-time residents’ names. Prior to that everyone knew where the Richardsons, Beatties, Westphals and Pardees lived.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Census Records; “Early Landowners and Settlers” by Milton Charboneau; obituaries collected by Milton Charnbenaou. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)