



Left to right: Nancy Fredenburg, Jim Vichich, Lynn Strong, Mindy Kinsey, Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Carole Damon, Jerry Damon, Tom Reinke, John Rawcliffe. Absent: Peggy Van Sickle

### **Thank You to All !!**

The new 2019 Board of Directors for the Brighton Area Historical Society is seen above. Their leadership and action will continue the hard work and dedication that was demonstrated by the 2018 board. The Society is truly blessed to have the volunteers that serve on the board who work tirelessly to preserve Brighton's past and provide programming that shares that information.

The generosity of the Brighton area community and the value they place on local history has been the guiding attribute since the community established the historical society in 1981. The continuous growth of the membership is evidence that the society's work is valued and appreciated. Thank you to all members for your generosity with dues and donations. All monies received are dedicated 100% to operations and programs. The key areas that use the funds are the 1885 Lyon One-Room Schoolhouse, restoration of the Old Village Cemetery and its broken headstones and programming for the CoBACH Center.

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President, Brighton Area Historical Society  
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### **Vintage Jewelry Sale Fundraiser in April 2019**

Please donate your jewelry that you no longer enjoy wearing. Check your jewelry boxes for those unused items that have been passed down from family and friends.

Contact Jim at 517-304-7722 for pickup or donation questions.

### **CoBACH Center is Closed**

Please see Page 2 for details on the closing.

**If you would like a written receipt for a donation you made to the Society in 2018, please let us know.**

**Contact  
Jerry Damon  
248-345-4080**

### **CHECK OUT FACEBOOK**

Daily postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical Society**

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## Thanks and Recognition

### MEMBERSHIPS:

**IND/FAMILY:** Charles Allen, Sally Baldwin, Don Boyer\*, Pat Burgess, Mary Ann Catrell, Denise Daddino, Gerald & Ann Dilloway, Sandra Everett, Doris Fay, Joanne Harte, Bob & Shirley Knight, Susan Lanning, Marsha Luetjen, Brenda McCarty, Edwin & Sherry Nyhus, Millie Quinn, Vivian Reichwald, Sheryl Vigmostad, Robert & Ruth Watson, Dick & Lucille Weaire (2021), Robert Wilkinson, Geneva Kebler Wiskemann

**PATRON:** Eddie Cord, Ph.D., Robert Johnson, Phyllis Kerslake

**BUS/PROF:** Clark Eye Center, Davis Multimedia

**SPONSORSHIPS:** **Platinum:** City of Brighton, **Bronze:** Frank & Jo (DeLuca) Del Vero

**\*Welcome to new member:** Don Boyer

### THANKS:

- To the many new and existing families for 2019 who support local Brighton history preservation with their annual membership dues and donations. Your generosity is appreciated by all today and those in the future who will be looking back in time to learn about Brighton businesses and families.
- City of Brighton and Val & Kathy Jacoby for their generous 2019 Platinum Sponsorships.
- David & Judith Bair, Paul & Kathy Bair and Seth & Shannon Lemke for their donations to the Society in honor of Marieanna Bair and in memory of Bert Bair.
- Mary Ann Catrell, Eddie Cord and Sandra Everett for their donations to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.

- Janice Field for her monetary donation to the Society in memory of John Field, along with her donation of historical items collected by her late husband, John.
- Frank & Jo (DeLuca) Del Vero for their 2019 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Robert Wilkinson for his donation to CoBACH events along with his dues.
- Robert & Ruth Watson for their donation to the Society.
- Joyce Powers for her donation to the Society for a new silhouette.
- Bob & Shirley Knight and Marsha Luetjen for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Jacque Armstrong for her donation/sponsorship to the Suffrage Program.
- Robert Johnson for his donation to Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery along with his dues.
- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle, Jim Vichich and Lucille Weaire for preparing the January issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Carole & Jerry Damon who edit and prepare each issue of our Trail Tales publication.

**If you have not renewed your dues for 2019 or would like to become a member of the Society, please see the form on Page Three of the newsletter.**

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## Dates to Remember

**CoBACH Center is CLOSED** but is expected to reopen in February. The contractor interior work is nearly complete. Thank you City of **Brighton** for being a responsible steward and repairing Brighton's most iconic and historical building.

**February 7,14,21,28; 9am—12nn:** Archiving/Open House at Lyon School House. Check out the schoolhouse or bring historical materials from your family's past to share with the archivists.

**February 27; 6pm:** BAHS Board Meeting. Location might be at CoBACH or Lyon School. Follow Facebook for update.

**April: Jewelry Sale Fundraiser:** Please donate your seldom used watches, rings, earrings, bracelets and any other jewelry. Great time to donate that old family jewelry that is never worn! See Page 1 for information.

**April 25; 6:30—9pm:** Lyon One-room Schoolhouse. Spring cluster meeting of area historical, library and genealogy societies. Please share with your membership.

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## Life — Business — Professional Members

### Life Members:

John & Deb Armstrong — Muriel (Jacque) Armstrong — Tom Archer — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton  
Charles & Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (N.J.) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — Jack & Heide Clausnitzer — John & Jenny Conely  
Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Emil Engel — Nancy Fredenburg  
Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Larry & Kate Lawrence  
Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Greg & Pamela Park (OH)  
John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers — Douglas & Carole Rearick  
Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute

### Business /Professional Members: (\*\* Indicates Life Members)

Advance Craft Builders (2019) — Archer Huntley Financial Services \*\* — Brighton Art Guild (2017) — Brighton District Library \*\*  
Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm. \*\* — Buckley-Jolley Real Estate Team (2019) — Clark Eye Center (2019) — Concord Mortgage (2018)  
Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2019) — Golfview Painting (2019) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc. \*\* — Lindhout Associates \*\* — Lawrence Autobody \*\*  
Masonic Lodge No. 247 \*\* — MI Backyard (2018) — Neighbors Magazine (2019) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC \*\* — Precision Vinyl Group (2018)  
Power House Electric, Inc. (2019) — Preview Properties (2018) — Promess, Inc. \*\* — Refrigeration Research \*\* — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2019)  
Weld Mold Company (2019)

## 2019 Sponsorships

**Platinum Level:** City of Brighton, Val & Kathy Jacoby

**Bronze Level:** Frank & Jo (DeLuca) Del Vero, Bob Hill

## 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.

<b>Mail check or money order payable to:</b> Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City:</b> _____ <b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____ <b>E-Mail:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> ( ) _____
<b>Membership Plan:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	<b>Additional Donation to—Check One:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<b>Amount of Donation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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

### BAHS Sponsorship Program

The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter 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.

#### Annual Sponsor levels are:

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

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

Jim Vichich, President  
Brighton Area Historical Society  
810-250-7276 or [jvichich@comcast.net](mailto:jvichich@comcast.net)

### BAHS Leadership 2019

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Joe Collins</b> <b>Nancy Fredenburg</b> <b>Mindy Kinsey</b> <b>Larry Lawrence — Emeritus</b> <b>John Rawcliffe</b> <b>Thomas Reinke</b> <b>Lynn Strong</b> <b>Peggy Van Sickle</b>
Vice President <b>Marieanna Bair</b>	Education Liaison <b>Judith Coebly</b>
Secretary <b>Carole Damon</b>	
Treasurer & Trail Tales Editor <b>Jerry Damon</b>	
Webmaster <b>Debbie Armstrong</b>	

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution.

The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

### BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

**E-Mail:**  
[info@brightonareahistorical.com](mailto:info@brightonareahistorical.com)

**Phone:**  
(810) 250-7276

**US Mail:**  
Brighton Area Historical Society  
P. O. Box 481  
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

**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.

**BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Brighton, MI 48116-0481

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**CITY OF BRIGHTON CULTURE, ART AND HISTORY CENTER (CoBACH)**

Brighton Township was formed in 1837 as part of the surveying of Livingston County. Township board officers met in board officers' homes, schools and other sites for meetings. Official documents remained in the officers' homes. Township Board officials determined the rules and regulations for the entire township.

The construction of the Maltby Saw Mill and the Quackenbush Grain Mill on Ore Creek in Section 30, heralded the arrival of merchants, doctors, blacksmiths, attorneys, craftsmen, etc. Hotels with stables for settlers' and travelers' horses were built. In turn, farmers and others were drawn to the settlement for needed materials and services.

Before long the residents of Sections 30 and 31 of Brighton Township began to be displeased with the lack of power to make their own decisions running counter to those in the rural area surrounding them.

In 1867, these folks voted to become a village with its own government. Again, officers of the village met in a variety of facilities and each officer was responsible for the documents in their possession related to the office held.

In 1871, the arrival of the Detroit, Lansing and Lake Michigan Railroad meant more people with business to be conducted in the village. It was soon obvious a more secure central location for village meetings, proper repositories for various documents, housing for fire department equipment, a site to hold miscreants, etc., had to be available. A village hall had to come into being.

Where to build it? The site of a store on Main Street next to the mill pond became available. Godfrey Westphal's hardware had burned on October 28, 1875. That location, suitable to both sides of town would work well.

The Village bought the Westphal property for \$350.00, but no building was begun; it was felt the estimates of \$1,673.00 and \$1,850.00 were too high.

By 1876, Brighton citizens petitioned again. William Pipp bid \$2,460.00. James Collett's bid of \$1,950.00, with completion the next year was successful. Collett then found a \$200.00 error in his bid. Council cooperated and granted the extra funds. February, 1880, was probably the first time the building was put to use.

This was the site of local government until 1981, when a new civic structure, with a library, was built.

In 2009, the city council determined the structure would serve Brighton well as the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center. The Brighton Art Guild, the Livingston Players and the Brighton Area Historical Society have combined resources and offer exhibits and events. CoBACH is a vital presence in Brighton's downtown.

Recent flooding, with related damage, makes it imperative that remedial work be conducted which the City Council is in the process of accomplishing. Those resident entities involved appreciate the city's caring of this local landmark, realizing how rare it is to still have such a landmark.

(Marieanna Bair, 810-229-6402)