

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2021 Feelings of Gratitude!

The many challenges of the past twelve months have strained relationships in all sectors. Most of those issues were health related and centered on the COVID Pandemic. Thankfully multiple vaccines have been developed and made widely available to all after first jabs went to the vulnerable public in early spring.

I am thankful that my many friends have endured this year safely due to their vaccinations and the wearing of masks. Accolades in the strongest sense are owed to the health professionals that have treated those individuals that have fallen victim to this disease.

The Brighton Area Historical Society has been operating with care since reopening in May with programming. The CoBACH Center and the Lyon Schoolhouse have been open with restrictions since mid-year. A personal thank you is given to the BAHS Board of Directors and the many volunteers who have rejoined their tasks in providing service to the community. The restoration of the Old Village Cemetery is a priority that was restarted in the June/July period.

All headstones/monuments are standing once again excluding several large ones that the City of Brighton DPW will complete. Support from the DPW has been important in this process. The ten-year headstone restoration project at the Old Village Cemetery has completed year eight and appears that completion is on time. The team of talented, dedicated workers will be completing the restoration of repaired epoxied joints in headstones during 2022-2023.

The historical society is truly blessed to have a number of dedicated volunteers that also operate and setup CoBACH exhibits and take care and maintain the 1885 Lyon Schoolhouse and grounds. These vital folks are the bread and butter of this successful organization.

Of course, non of these programs and projects would be possible without the financial support provided by memberships and donations to the society! Thank you for your generosity and strong desire to protect the history of Brighton. Please become a supporting member in 2022 by sending in the 2022 completed membership form inside this newsletter.

Jim Vichich, BAHS President
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The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the family of

Val Jacoby

Val was a long-time Life Member of the Society.

Current CoBACH

Exhibit:
Christmas of
Yesteryear

CoBACH HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Monday

**Archiving at Lyon School
at Lyon Schoolhouse
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

**See Page 2 for
Additional details**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2022 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Ken & Kathie Anderer, Joanne Bellmard, Caren Biermann, Don & Laura Boyer, Denise Daddino, Pam Lee Campbell*, Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter, Jeanette Johnson, James Lauridsen, Michelle Madden*, Charles McConnell, Richard & Kathy McKinnie, Rosemarie Oldford, Roland & Jane Owens, Robert & Cathy Padget, Richard Pearsall*, Stephanie Popoff, Dave & Karen Rebiger, Ralph & Elizabeth Romano, David & Jan Schoewe, Phyllis Shelters*, Jim & Judy Tavarozzi, Vicki Terry*, Bob & Jenny Triffo, Sheryl Vigmostad, Ed Vitez, Shirley Warren, Dick & Lucille Weaire (2023), Geneva Kebler Wiskemann, Mike & Sherri Wissner.

PATRON: Kathy Alrubaiy, Mary Jo Comiskey/Val Hancock, Debra Ball Johnson, Steven Matschikowski, Rich & Mary Ray, Dianne Taeckens

LIFE: Kathy Pearson

BUS/PROF: Advance Craft Builders, Tee-Bone'z Tavern

SPONSORSHIPS: **Bronze:** Carolina DeLuca

***Welcome new members:** Pam Lee Campbell, Michelle Madden, Richard Pearsall, Phyllis Shelters, Vicki Terry

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES. Please see the insert or the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues.

THANKS:

- Brighton Light House/Dan & Anna Oginsky for their 2021 Platinum Sponsorship.
- Carolina DeLuca for her 2022 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Natalie & Todd Buckley for donations from sales of Brighton advertising tee shirts from Wallflower Mercantile.
- Dave Doss for the donation of the 1969 phonebook of Pinckney.

- Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association for their donation to the Society.
- Paul & Kathy Bair, Nancy Fredenburg, Michael & Diane Pridgeon, Tom & Bonnie Riutta and Richard & Linda Smolinski for their donations in memory of Marieanna Bair.
- James Lauridsen, Steven Matschikowski, Stephanie Popoff, Dianne Taeckens for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Debra Ball Johnson and Sheryl Vigmostad for their donations to the Society along with their dues.
- Advance Craft Builders, Caren Biermann, Richard & Kathy McKinnie for their donations to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund along with their dues.
- Joanne Bellmard and Ralph & Elizabeth Romano for their donations to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter and Mary Jo Comiskey/Valerie Hancock for their donations to Friend of Lyon School and Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Don & Laura Boyer, Jeanette Johnson for their donations to CoBACH along with their dues.
- Kathy Pearson for her donations to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH and Old Village Cemetery along with her Life Membership.
- Randy Bair for sketches of homes and owner names that were relocated from Spencer Road when I-96 was built.
- CoBACH volunteers for October: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Jean Pless, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for setting up the current CoBACH display.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation:

Tuesday—Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and

Sunday 2—5pm. Masks must be worn.

CLOSED for Christmas holidays: December 23—January 3.

Current CoBACH Display: "Christmas of Yesteryear"

Lyon School Hours: December 2,9,16,23 Thursdays: Archiving work from 9-11:59am. Masks must be worn.

January 26, 2022: Next BAHS Board Meeting at 6PM, CoBACH.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Shirley Barton — Charles & Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (N.J.) Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra — Nancy Fredenburg — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (FL) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) Ray & Bessie Maltby — Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Veno Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Kathy Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigitte Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Carole Scott Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Al & Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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

Advance Craft Builders (2022) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library ** Brighton Lions Club (2021) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2021) Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2021) — Golfview Painting (2021) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body ** Livingston County Convention Visitors Bureau (2021) — Make Believe Manor, LLC (2020)— Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** Michigan Consulting & Environmental (2021) — Neighbors Magazine (2021) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2021) Preview Properties (2021) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2022)

Sponsorships

Platinum: Brighton Light House/Dan & Anna Oginsky (2021)

Bronze: Carolina DeLuca (2022) Weld Mold Company (2021)

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: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:		Additional Donation to—Check One:		Amount of Donation:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life				

The 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:

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BAHS Leadership 2021

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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.

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.

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THE MARTHA AND MARY CHAPEL
AT BRIGHTON HOSPITAL

Martha and Mary Chapels were named for Henry Ford’s mother, Mary Litogot Ford and Clara’s mother, Martha Bench Bryant. Henry Ford had his architect, Edward J. Cutler design chapels patterned after a church in Bradford, Massachusetts that Henry admired.

Four chapels were built in Michigan and two were built out of state.

The chapel that stands on the grounds at the Brighton Hospital (now Ascension Brighton Center of Recovery) was donated by Ford Motor Company. The chapel was originally dedicated in 1938 on the grounds of Camp Legion, Dearborn, Michigan (a cooperative farming program that Henry started and later became an occupational rehab for WWII veterans). The camp closed in 1952. When Harry Henderson of the Brighton Hospital discovered that the chapel was not being used, he contacted the Ford Motor Company and stated that the Brighton Hospital could use it. Ford Motor then had it moved in one piece from Dearborn to Brighton on a huge truck trailer in 1960. “Where it would stand on a hilltop overlooking a lake and be shaded by great ancient trees.” It still stands there today. Ford Motor was as delighted to give Brighton Hospital the chapel as Harry Henderson was to receive it.

The Martha and Mary Chapels are located as follows:

1. Greenfield Village—Built in 1929. This one was constructed of brick. The others of wood clapboard. Designed by Edward Cutler, architect. The bricks and door, parts of the Bryant home where Henry and Clara were married, have been integrated in the building. The bell in the tower was made ca. 1835 by the Revere Copper Company, Paul Revere’s descendants.

2. Camp Legion (Dearborn)—Built in 1939. Moved to Brighton Hospital, Brighton, Michigan in 1960.
3. Willow Run, Michigan—Built in 1939. Moved to Dearborn Heights, Michigan in 1954. (Cherry Hill Baptists). Later moved to 11900 Belleville Road in 1978 and now is a Presbyterian church.
4. Richmond Hill, Georgia—Built in 1940. It is now a Catholic church.
5. Wayside Inn, South Sudbury, Massachusetts—Built in 1940. It is a non-denominational chapel and is still known as Martha-Mary.
6. Macon, Michigan—Built in 1940. Moved to Trenton, Michigan in 1947 and is now St. Thomas Episcopal Church.



Submitted by Mindy Kinsey (Information from Kelly Rogers, Brighton Historian and support staff, Mark Mullinax, Brighton Library Historian, Livingston Co. Press and Various articles on Martha and Mary Chapels.)