



BAHS Leadership for 2023

The Brighton Area Historical Society is pleased to announce the new officers and the board of directors for 2023.

The Annual Membership and Elections Meeting was held on Sunday, March 19. The 2023 BAHS Board of Directors are:

President: Jim Vichich
 Vice-President: Nancy Fredenburg
 Treasurer: Mindy Kinsey
 Interim Secretary: Jerry Damon
 Board Members: Tony Ferreyra, Caitlyn Perry-Dial, John Rawcliffe, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong

Thank you to former board member Joe Collins for his many years of service on the board! Joe will continue working on projects for the historical society.

Welcome to new board member Tony Ferreyra! While Tony is new to the board, he is not new to the society and our programs. He has been involved with the BAHS for (15) years.

Thank you to all the board members for their donation of personal time to preserving and sharing the history of the Brighton area!

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CoBACH Hours — April:

April 1; Sat: 11—5pm; April 2; Sun: 2—5pm
 Closed April 3—5; April 6—7; Thurs & Fri 5-8pm
 Closed April 8—9 for Easter
 April 11—30; Tuesday—Fri 5—8pm, Sat 11—5pm; Sun 2—5pm; Monday Closed

CoBACH Exhibit:

April
“CHURCHES OF BRIGHTON”

CoBACH Hours in

April

NOTE: Due to Streetscape and Easter, see the bottom of this page for the April Hours @ CoBACH.

Archiving at Lyon School on Buno Road Every Thursday 9 to 12nn

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 2023 unless otherwise noted)

IND/FAMILY: Mary Ann Catrell, Dave & Kelly Detter, Gerald & Ann Dilloway, Gerald & Patricia Kelly, Ernest & Mary Nagy, Rosemarie Oldford (2024), Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter, Paul Weber

BUS/PROF: Powerhouse Electric

SPONSORSHIPS: **Bronze:** Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- To our members who have renewed their dues for 2023 and beyond.
- Lake Trust Credit Union and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2023 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter for their 2023 Bronze Sponsorship and their donation to Friend of Lyon School and Old Village Cemetery.
- Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Mary Posuniak and Lynn Strong for setting up the new display at CoBACH featuring Brighton churches.
- Jerry Damon for taking recent photos of Brighton churches, Nancy Fredenburg for the prayer quilt, John Rawcliffe for the postcards and Lynn Strong for the First Communion dress all which are on display in the current exhibit at CoBACH Center.
- Mary Ann Catrell for her donation to Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- Leah Davis of the Clawson Historical Museum for donating 1880 Brighton High School signature book.
- John and Sharron Kluck for their donation of a Lakes Drive-in movie announcement brochure from their first date.
- Paul Zurecki for the donation of two Johnny Lipon baseball cards.
- March CoBACH volunteers that act as docents and generously share the story of our community: Steve Black, Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Thursday morning Lyon School workers: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Tim Bennett for his assistance with the application to the Michigan Historic Preservation Network for the Old Village Cemetery Restoration Project. This project was selected as the award winner for Community Involvement. Story in next month's Trail Tales newsletter.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT: April: "Brighton Area Churches"
Please see the box on Page 1 for detailed breakdown of hours due to Easter and the Streetscape Project.

April 6,13,20,27; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving.

April 26; 6pm at CoBACH Center: BAHS Board Meeting.

April 28—May 6; CoBACH Center: Jewelry Sale Fundraiser **CANCELLED** due to Main Street Streetscape construction.

Upcoming BAHS Presentations:

April 16; Brighton Senior Men's Club: Program: "The Restoration of Old Village Cemetery"

May 8; Woodland Village Senior Center: Program: "Brighton History Through Old Photos"

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Shirley Barton — Janice Beach Donald & Shari Black (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Frank & Jo Del Vero — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra Nancy Fredenburg — Dave & Jacque Fuller — Lee & Deb Gough — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) Ray & Bessie Maltby — 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 Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigette 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 (2023) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2023) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm. ** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** Clark/Tait Eye Center (2023) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Neighbors Magazine (2022) Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2023) — Preview Properties (2023) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** Serra Honda Brighton (2023) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2023) — Wallflower Mercantile (2023)

2023 Sponsorships: Platinum: Lake Trust Credit Union, Wallflower Mercantile

Bronze: Margaret Bowland, Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter, Carolina DeLuca, Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial, Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center

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:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	Amount of Donation:
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<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 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).

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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Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Tony Ferreyra
Vice President Nancy Fredenburg	Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial
Secretary—Interim Jerry Damon	John Rawcliffe
Treasurer Mindy Kinsey	Thomas Reinke
Webmaster Debbie Armstrong	Lynn Strong
	Trail Tales Editor Jerry Damon

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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

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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 CoBACH Display for April is entitled: "Brighton Area Churches." On display will be approximately 30 churches throughout the Brighton area along with photos and a brief history on each. We hope you will plan a trip to CoBACH to see the part churches have played in the history of Brighton.

"Brighton Area Churches"

The history of St. Paul's Episcopal Church dates from the 1830s, when the Rev. Wm. A. Clark, D.D., rector of All Saints Church of New York City, journeyed to the "West" and visited this part of the territory of Michigan. Being pleased with the area, he took up land in Brighton Township and moved his family here in 1837. He immediately began holding church services, the first one in his orchard; these were the first regular Protestant religious services held in this area.

In what is now the City of Brighton, he set aside land to be used as a burying ground, one acre of which was reserved as the site for a church. Dr. Clark died in September, 1841, at 55, and with his wife, Jacintha, is buried in the village cemetery. William A. Clark, Jr., a son, granted with a warranty deed the burying ground to a group of prominent citizens to become the village cemetery. In March 1880, this son and his wife deeded the acre reserved for a church to the Church association of Michigan for "one cent and other good and valuable considerations."

Nearly forty years after the death of Dr. Clark, Brighton Episcopalians began a church building. The will of Chloe Clark, a daughter, directed her lands be sold and the proceeds to be used in the construction of a Protestant Episcopal Church in Brighton as a memorial to her father and sister Mary. Mrs. George English, formerly Sophia Fonda of Fonda Lake, was a major supporter of this effort. She obtained \$1,000 from friends in New York, and a communion service, an organ, a Bible and altar hanging which had been used in Trinity Church, New York City. At her request, the church was called St. Paul's. Her sister

gave the altar cross and the flower vases. The original altar was a specific memorial to Chloe and Mary Clark. The fine rose window was given by Bishop Harris.

Patterned after a little chapel in England, the building was erected by a local contractor, James Collett. The cornerstone was laid in May 1880, by Bishop Harris in the presence of Rev. Rufus W. Clark, a son of Dr. Clark. Consecration was by Bishop Harris in August, 1881.

This church has been through many troubled periods, having been closed for a ten year period in the 1930s. During those years, church records were stored in the home of Dr. F. M. Blatchford. When that home was completely destroyed by fire, records from 1886 to 1932 were lost. However, the church does have the names of 20 Vicars and Rectors who served following the Rev. Wm. A. Clark.

(The above was researched and written by Marieanna Bair. It was originally published in our Trail Tales newsletter in April 1984.)

