**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 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

**Dates to Remember**

**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”

**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.

**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
- Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Justino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX)
- Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeeman) 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**
- 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: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______
City: ___________________________

Membership Plan:
- New
- Renew
- $2 Student
- $15 Individual
- $25 Family
- $50 Patron
- $60 Business/Professional
- $250 Life
- $500 Life

Additional Donation to—Check One:
- Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund $10 $100
- Friend of Lyon School $25 $250
- BAHS CoBACH Events $50 $Other $________
- Old Village Cemetery Fund

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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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.

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.
“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.)

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.