

Memories of Our 2024 Evening of Gratitude Dinner

A beautiful sunny, blue sky Michigan day set the tone for the society's Gratitude Dinner held in the evening at the 1885 Lyon Schoolhouse. The goal of the dinner was to express the society's gratitude to the many members and friends who donate their time to the Brighton community through the Brighton Area Historical Society. Their generous actions of assisting with historical programs allows many residents to learn, share and help preserve our local history.

The main group honored was the society's Headstone Restoration Team who worked in Brighton's Old Village Cemetery. This team of workers received professional training in 2012 on the best practices of restoring and preserving broken headstones. These skills were shared as more workers volunteered to assist in the group through the years. During the (13) years of work, (174) former broken headstones now stand tall within their family plots. Another (240+) were removed due to leaning or being partially buried and were reset in the vertical position. The cemetery's first burial was (6) years after the city's founding by the Maltby brothers in 1832.

A delightful dinner was catered and many enjoyable conversations were observed through the early evening under the protective white canopy. While all guests broke bread with their table mates they were treated to a wonderful pictorial history of society projects and its people on the big screen.

The honored guests received a special embroidered cool, light blue baseball cap stating "OVC, Headstone Restoration Team." The final award to the restoration team was a handsome plaque recognition from the State of Michigan and presented by our 47th District Representative, Ann Bollin.

The evening concluded with a special presentation sharing the history of the Lyon School and the involvement of the neighboring farm members of the Warner family. Family member and current farm owner, Tim Bennett, provided the narrative and story of the farm and his family's service to the area from the mid 1830s to present.

Thank you to board members and spouses: Steve & Denise Black, Ron Cyr, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Caitlin Perry-Dial, John Rawcliffe, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and former board members, Carole and Jerry Damon for providing a fun and outstanding Evening of Gratitude!

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This month's insert contains photos from the Evening of Gratitude dinner. Photographs by board member, Ron Cyr.

FREE CoBACH Exhibit:
October
"Local Cemeteries"

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

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

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 Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.
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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2024 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Gene & Judy Dahlin (2025), Gerald & Ann Diloway, James Lauridsen (2025)

PATRON: Michael Johnson (2025)

BUS/ORG: Powerhouse Electric (2025)

Welcome to new member*:

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

You can still renew your dues or become a member by using the form on Page 3 . 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 2024 and beyond.
- John Cameron, MD, Lake Trust Credit Union, John Park, Madeline Kingston-Park and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2024 Platinum Sponsorships.

- Michael Johnson for his donation to the Society along with his dues.
- James Lauridsen for his donation to Old Village Cemetery along with his dues.
- Jerry & Carole Damon for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- Kathy Alrubaiy for her donation to Old Village Cemetery.
- Farmers Market Sept. volunteers: Denise & Steve Black, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong.
- Theresa Harris for donating used jewelry for the spring 2025 upcoming jewelry sale.
- Museum software inventory updating: Steve Black, Ron Cyr, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong.
- August Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration Team Members: Howard Bisoski, Steve Black, Don Boyer, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Jim Ireton, Mike Johnson, Dave Pettigrove, Dave Schoewe, Dave Rebiger, Jim Vichich and Dick Weaire.
- Lyon School volunteers for August Gratitude Dinner: Steve & Denise Black, Ron Cyr, Jerry & Carole Damon, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Caitlyn Perry-Dial, John Rawcliffe, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.

Dates to Remember

PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR CoBACH HOURS

CoBACH: October FREE Exhibit: “Local Cemeteries”

October 3,10,17,24,31; 9am—12nn: Lyon Schoolhouse Open.

October 23, Wednesday, 6pm, CoBACH: BAHS Board Meeting.

Headstone Restoration Workdays:

Pleasant Valley Cemetery: Monday, October 28, 9am—12nn

November 2, Saturday: 2pm & 5pm—Old Village Cemetery
FREE Tours: “Day of the Dead”

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 8; 1—4pm: Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon Schoolhouse. Bring the kids and grandkids! Get your Christmas photo in the 1885 holiday decorated schoolhouse.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (MI) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — Jack Collett — John & Jenny Conely — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Patricia LewAllen DeFoor (GA)— 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 — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Jim Leith (IN) — Stephen Leith — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Venno Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) — John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Kathy Lueker Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Michael & Jennifer Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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

Advance Craft Builders (2024) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women’s History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2024) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2024) — Mark Francuck, DDS, PC (2024) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Liberty Title Agency (2024) — Lindhout Associates** — Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2025) — Preview Properties (2024) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** — Serra Brighton Automotive (2024) — Tee-Bone’z Tavern (2024) — Wallflower Mercantile**

2024 Sponsorships:

Platinum: John Cameron, MD — Lake Trust Credit Union — John Park — Madeline Kingston-Park — Wallflower Mercantile

Gold: Paul & Kathy Bair — Lawrence Auto Body

Silver: Kathy Lueker Pearson

Bronze: Brighton Light House — Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter — Carolina DeLuca

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: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____	Phone: () _____
Membership Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron or More <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	Additional Donation to—Check as Desired: <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	Amount of Donation: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
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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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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 AND a 509(a)2 public charity 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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LATEST NEWS.....

FOR SALE — Original theater seats

We have original seats from the Rialto Theatre for sale. The theater was located at 307 West Main Street in downtown Brighton. It was opened in 1918 and operated as a theater until 1937 which was then remodeled into a bowling alley and demolished after WWII. These seats have the Heywood Wakefield manufacturing tag.

For sale to members only until October 20th, 2024 for \$250 per set (6 available). After the 20th we will offer these to the public for \$325.

Contact: info@BrightonAreaHistorical.com or 810-250-7276



The Society extends its condolences to the family and friends of

Edgar “Eddie” Cord, PhD.

“Eddie” was a life member of the Society and will be missed by all.

Our 2025 Membership Drive begins next month and continues through January 2025. We want to thank all our members who renewed their membership in 2024. Your membership is very important to us and allows us to continue our mission of preserving Brighton’s history.

Thank you again.