



# Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor

## 2012 Honorees

### **Colonel Kriste Kibbey Etue**

Became the first female Director of the Michigan State Police in 2011. Her initial trooper experience in 1987 was at the Brighton Post, one of the most active State Police posts in the state. Kriste rose through the ranks, serving in Coldwater and Lansing, while gaining varied and vital experiences which honed her professional skills. Kriste and her husband chaperoned the BHS Prom for several years. She worked as a DARE officer in the schools, which transitioned into the team concept that operates through a curriculum she helped create. Kriste became the first police officer to teach senior-high DARE in Michigan. She taught Rape Prevention Programs and acted as a guest lecturer on Business Law, Career Decisions, and Internships. In 1995, she received the David DeVries Outstanding Citizen-Educator Award. Kriste is a resident of Brighton who has contributed significantly to the quality of life in the community.

### **Sharon L. Kisak (1941–2010)**

Was the founder of the Yum Yum Tree, a restaurant and ice-cream parlor, in 1982. This restaurant was the first in the county to go smoke-free. The Yum Yum Tree has been voted by the Press & Argus as Best Desserts for 23 years and received the People's Choice Award. It is a gallery of "Old Brighton" pictures with an early railroad theme; a toy train entertains the children. The business continues the mission to provide old-fashioned good food and friendly service while training/coaching young people in work skills, teamwork, innovation, and integrity. Sharon had outstanding business acumen and an outgoing, enthusiastic personality. She coached girls' softball and, with her husband Bert, sponsored and supported the BCPA, BHS Honors Banquet, Gazebo concerts, Fourth of July parade, Livingston County Chorale & Concert Band, the Imagination Station, PTOs, the Brighton Historical Society, and the VINA Dental clinic.



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### **Nancy A. Rosso**

Is the Executive Director of the Livingston County United Way. She has overseen the organization's evolution from that of primarily fundraising to community impact. Nancy has given crucial oversight to cost containment for the United Way. As a community leader, she brings together individuals and organizations and helps to build collaborative groups and partnerships. She serves on many boards, committees, and bodies, too numerous to list, that address the needs of the people. Her social work, humanitarian focus, and marketing experience have qualified Nancy as an outstanding community leader who has real and lasting impact for good in Livingston County and beyond. Nancy is a long-time resident of the Brighton area.