



Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor

2013 Honorees

Barbara Ann Binkley

is a leader in spirit and by example whose philosophy of "giving back to her community" sparked the rejuvenation of Brighton's downtown shopping district. A co-owner of the Brighton-based Cooper and Binkley Jewelers and the Bink and Bab's Boutique, Barb has translated her business and marketing acumen to help many local non-profits, including ARC of Livingston, and Special Olympics–Area 27. She was a founding member and coach of the Brighton Bulldogs Jump Rope Team.

Patricia Sue Cherry

A 1976 Brighton graduate, is founder and owner of Maple Tree Montessori Academy since 2003. Sue is an active volunteer with Great Start Livingston and an executive officer on the board of directors for Child Connect for Family Success in Livingston County. Working tirelessly toward improving the welfare of Livingston County's children, Sue has donated considerable efforts and scholarship funds to the Livingston Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Council programs. This Council presented her with the first "Power-of-One" Award in 2012.

Jeannine M. Dufault

Has been a driving force in developing organized girls softball since its 1972 inception through the Brighton Youth Baseball/Softball Program (BYB/SP). Jeannine has advocated equal opportunities for girls to compete and excel in sports. A member of the original Title IX gender equity task force for Brighton Area Schools, her many contributions were recognized by the 1992 naming of Softball Field L at Hawkins Elementary and the 2000 naming of one of the premier Michigan summer softball tournaments in her honor.



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Carol S. Griffith

A 1976 Brighton graduate, is Vice-President/Co-Owner of E.R.A. Griffith Realty. She has gained statewide recognition as the 2006 Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Organization, 1983 and 2005 Livingston County Realtor of the Year, and 2013 President-Elect of the Michigan Association of Realtors. Carol demonstrates deep commitment and community involvement as a Livingston County Commissioner since 2009, in her election as 2013 Chair of the Board, and in leadership roles within the Howell Rotary Club.

Dorothy Musch

Walked four miles daily to earn \$20/month for positions at Gage School in Walls County and the Village Farms School after earning her teaching certificate from Livingston County Normal. Due to company policy forbidding employment of married women, her subsequent ten-year position at Detroit Edison was terminated. Upon earning a Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance at Eastern Michigan University, she taught fifth grade for Brighton Area Schools. In 1963, Dorothy helped negotiate the first Master Agreement between the BEA and the School Board and developed a Title I summer instruction program for middle-school students. Dorothy was a guidance counselor at Scranton Middle School from 1966 to 1977.