2003-2025 Roll of Honor members

Alrubaiy, Kathleen Zellman, PhD, is a 1960 Brighton High School graduate who has had an extensive career in public-school education. She is believed to be the first female Brighton graduate to become a superintendent of schools, in Ashland, Kentucky. Later, she returned to the area to become superintendent of the Livingston Intermediate School District (LESA). While in Livingston County, she served on various area boards and committees. (2009 Induction)

Arnold, Amy Lou, a 1977 Brighton High School graduate, has earned a solid reputation as a key costumer-supervisor for major movies, e.g. *Titanic* (she was Kate Winslet's personal costumer for the majority of the shoot)*, Beloved, Sea Biscuit, Big Fish, Memoirs of a Geisha, Jersey Boys, Captain America,* and *American Sniper*. Amy was the first recipient of a Technical Theater Program degree from Northern Michigan University. Summer work in costuming at a regional outdoor theater led to a costume shop internship at Actors Theater of Louisville, KY, and eventually to New York City where Amy started at Carelli Costume House as a shopper while learning aging and dying fabric techniques. At the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, Amy expanded her knowledge base to all costuming skills from basic stitching to coordinating/supervising. During her six years at The Martha Graham Dance Company as Costume Supervisor, she worked with the New York City Opera and the Eliot Feld Ballet. After three years of supervising costumes for the San Diego Opera, Amy went to Hollywood and worked at American Costumes, a period costume house. Opportunities to work on feature films soon followed. (2016 Induction)

Arnot, Alice, (1925-1990) was a nontraditional female entrepreneur in Brighton known popularly as "Alice the Welder." She was a successful beautician when fate revealed that she was a trained welder from a WWII shipyard: a new business was born. Alice was also an enthusiastic advocate for Brighton and its future. (2005 Induction)

Bair, Marieanna Seitz, (1926-2021**)** a 1944 Brighton High School graduate**,** was the moving force behind the Brighton Area Historical Society and the Brighton High School Alumni Association. Marieanna was past President of the Michigan State Questers, promoting historical research and preservation. She received the "Michigan First Lady Award" in 1987 recognizing her work in local history. (2003 Induction)

Bandkau, Ricci, (1945-2015) was a lifelong resident of Brighton and a 1964 graduate of Brighton High School. Ricci worked in the local real estate and building industry for more than 17 years and was an active volunteer in the schools and community. Ricci served city government in several capacities with the Zoning Board of Appeals and City Council over 38 years and was selected as the second female mayor from 2009-2011. (2006 Induction)

Barden, Kathleen M., was an original member of the 1985 Brighton Area Schools Education (BASE) Foundation, serving as the second Chair of the Board and was on the Board of Directors for Old Kent Bank/Fifth Third Bank (1989-1997), on Comerica Bank's Ann Arbor Region Advisory Board, and. President of the Ann Arbor Credit Bureau (1975-2005). First female Chair of the Board for the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, one of the first two female members of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club, and Chair of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce. A Board Member of the Boy Scouts of America Great Sauk Trail Council, a Troop Leader of Brighton's Boy Scout Troop 385 (2005-2010), and led troop backpacking 50-100 mile treks as the only female (and oldest participant). As Board Member for Love, INC (2010-2013), Work Skills Foundation Board (2014-present) and Chair (2014, 2020, 2021), Kathleen was instrumental in obtaining a donated Howell building to provide services. An active volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, she served as 2017 Co-Chair of the Circus Soirée Ball, raising over $150,000 for Emergency Services and continues on the fundraiser Steering Committee. A LACASA Board Member (2020-present) and Capital Campaign Committee, co-chair. Kathleen also is active with 100 Women Who Care of Livingston County; Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club & Thrift Sale, and Work Skills Corp Foundation Board. Kathleen was a member of Cleary University's Helen's Circle and served as chair (2014, 2020, and 2021) and served as Treasurer (2010-2017) of the Trapper's Cove Homeowners Association. Kathleen holds a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. (2021 Induction)

Barton, Shirley J. (1927-2023) was a founding member of the Brighton Area Human Relations Council encouraging open housing and discouraging discrimination. Her voice was raised in support of women's rights through the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and the National Organization of Women (NOW), and she traveled to Washington, D.C. with the anti-war movement. An active, half-owner of Brighton NC Machine Corporation founded in 1965, Shirley served as its Vice President and liaison to Gleaners Food Bank and the Livingston County United Way. She was active with the Parent-Teacher Association, the Child Study Club, and youth programs at First Presbyterian Church of Brighton. (2014 Induction)

Bates, Sandra Leith is a third generation Brighton resident who graduated from Brighton High School in 1971. A pianist who accompanied the high school choir as an eighth grader, she performed with the Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra and was the youngest student to receive a full Brighton Kiwanis Club music scholarship to Interlochen National Music Camp. Sandy helped organize her BHS fifty-year "Golden Graduation" reunion in 2021. Sandy joined First Presbyterian Church of Brighton in 1968 and was the assistant pianist and organist through 1985. Elected as the youngest female church Elder in 1976, her committee produced the first church newsletter. Sandy had been employed by Brighton State Bank from 1970-1975 and was an Executive Administrator for Cars and Concepts until 1985. In 1983, she organized what would become one of the most successful blood drives of our community. From 2007-2018, Sandy was an Administrative Assistant in the church office, and in 2014 became a certified Stephen Minister, counseling those experiencing grief through Christian care. Sandy has been a Notary Public since 2012, and joined the Brighton Area Schools Alumni Association board as Secretary in 2021. Sandy attended Eastern Michigan University majoring in Early Elementary Education. (2022 Induction)

Becker, Jean K., PhD, whose thirty-year career with the State of Michigan's child and family programs included Program Manager at the Livingston County Department of Social Services and Program Manager for the Substance Abuse Treatment Unit at the Maxey Boys Training School. She filed one of the first sex discrimination suits against the State of Michigan in 1971 requiring equal treatment of men and women employees when holding the same position. Dr. Becker chaired Livingston County's WomenFest for several years, is the longest serving Chairman of American Mensa, as well as recently serving as President of the Michigan Association of Gifted Children. (2014 Induction)

Binkley, Barbara Ann, 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 & Binkley Jewelers, Barb has translated her business and marketing acumen to help many local non-profits, including ARC of Livingston, Livingston Walk to End Alzheimer's, LACASA Denim & Diamonds, and Fund a Life. She serves as treasurer of the Taste of Brighton Board of Directors, a non-profit established to produce events in Downtown Brighton, and on the Board of Directors of the Independent Jewelers Organization. Barb implemented a "never say no" policy at Cooper & Binkley Jewelers such that when a non-profit requests an item for an auction or raffle fundraiser, a donation is provided. (2013 Induction).

Bollin, Ann M., appointed to the 1993 Brighton Township Planning Commission, became the first female Chair (1997-2003). She became Township Clerk (2003-2018) and 2018 Treasurer of the Livingston County Municipal Clerks Association; Vice-Chairperson of the Michigan Townships Association Livingston Chapter; a member of the Michigan Townships Association Board of Directors (2017-2018) for Livingston/Wayne/Washtenaw Counties; the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Legislative Committee (2014-2018); and the Council of Election Officials (2017-2018), as an alternate voting member. Ann has served as a board member of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce since 2008, and was Board Chair in 2016. Since 2018, Ann represents the 42nd District in the Michigan House of Representatives and serves as Chair of the House Elections and Ethics Committee. She was a 2009 Taubman Fellow, attending Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. (2018 Induction)

Bouhana, Michele, (1950-2018) founded Michele's Salon and Day Spa in 1980, Active in the Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Brighton Rotary Club (1993-2018), Michele served as President in 1998-1999, Rotary Foundation President in 1999-2000, and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000. Michele helped direct and advocated for construction of the Brighton Community Center, coordinated Rotary Red Cross Blood drives and assisted with Youth Exchange Program support, Gleaner's Food Bank volunteers, and educational scholarship awards. (2014 Induction)

Brady, Haidee F. Judson (1893-198**3)** was the second woman to vote on March 10, 1919, in the Village of Brighton's vote for Village Council members held after women were first allowed to vote in Michigan that day. Along with Charlotte Mellus, she was an election inspector and clerk hired at a rate of $3/day (same as the men) to assist the other women (250 were registered) with the voting process held at the Village Town Hall at 202 Main Street. Haidee was a 1910 graduate of Brighton High School and a 1917 graduate from Michigan Agricultural College (MAC). Member of the first women's MAC tennis team, she was recognized with a 2002 Michigan State University varsity letter. Haidee taught in the Brighton School District prior to and after graduation from college in 1917 and provided marketing support to her husband's Village of Brighton business. A confirmed believer of education for everyone, Haidee remained in Brighton raising five children (4 female, 1 male), all pursuing education beyond high school. Haidee was an active volunteer and strong supporter of Village of Brighton achievements and celebrations. (2019 Induction)

Bullion-Mincy, Carole, has been active in the real estate and title industries since 1985. Carole owned and operated Classic Title Agency in Brighton for almost a decade before selling the company in 2010 to Liberty Title and now serves as the Business Development Director. Carole co-authored the National Ethics Training Program used by American Land Title Association and presented her work to members of the United States Congress. Author of several industry-related articles in national publications, Carole has written and published the book *The Dark Side of the Closing Room.* As a certified instructor for the State of Michigan since 1997, Carole teaches continuing education courses required for re-licensure. Past-President of the Women's Council of Realtors (WCR), 2013 WCR Affiliate of the Year, Livingston County Association of Realtors' 2015 Affiliate of the Year, Development Director of the Livingston County Humane Society, Member of the Leadership Livingston Steering Committee, Treasurer for the Livingston County Republican Party, and Brighton Rotary member, Carole is an active and involved member of the community. (2016 Induction)

Burton-Hoyle, Sally, EdD, was the Executive Director of the Autism Society of Michigan (ASM), from 1994-2006, providing expert guidance locally and nationally through Person-Centered Planning--honoring needs/opportunities of people with autism and intellectual disabilities while planning/implementing community support. Sally developed KIDPOWER, a program for siblings of people with autism, which served children in SE Michigan from 1995-2016 and trained professionals in four other states about its guiding principles. Sally joined Eastern Michigan University's faculty in the Department of Special Education in 200 and collaborated with faculty to create the Autism Collaborative Center. In 2008, she developed and introduced the Masters of Arts degree in Autism, one of the first national graduate degrees focused on autism. Inspired by her brother, Dr. Burton-Hoyle has propelled EMU to be nationally ranked as one of the top universities supporting students with autism. Sally served on the US Department of Health and Human Services Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) from 2012-2017 and has been a panelist on the National Quality Forum for Person Centered Planning (PCP) and Practices since 2020. Sally was recognized as the 2024 EMU Brickley Endowment award recipient. (2025 Induction)

Carney, Kathleen, helped lead the 1978 effort to stop Michigan Department of Transportation road salt from contaminating Fonda Island-Briggs Lake Area water wells. Pickets, signed petitions, and a meeting with then Lt. Governor Martha Griffiths led to a state commitment for resolution. Currently serving as Chair of the Fonda Island Briggs Lake Joint Water Authority and the 8th Congressional District, Kathy has been active in the 2015 "Yes to Brighton Library" millage committee, the Green Oak Charter Township Board of Review, and 2006-2012 Chair of the Disciplinary Subcommittee of The Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine. In 2003, Kathy received the "Outstanding Democratic Woman Who is Making a Difference" award. (2016 Induction)

Chappel, Bernice, (1910-2010) began teaching in a country school, then taught in the Brighton Area Schools, and completed her career in education as a social worker. Surviving polio gave her insight into the needs, limits, and possibilities of others. Bernice began writing as a child, and she published several educational and children's books. (2004 Induction)

Cherry, Patricia Sue, 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 served as 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. (2013 Induction)

Clausnitzer, Heide G., (1936-2019) awarded the 1965 Brighton Jaycees' "Woman of the Year" after establishing Brighton NC Machine Corporation. Co-founder of the Brighton area Human Relations Council, she advocated for women through the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), the National

Organization of Women (NOW), and marched in Washington, D.C., with the anti-war movement. Heidi worked as a paraprofessional for severely mentally-impaired children at the Livingston Intermediate School District and became Director of Programming for Children at the Livingston Area Council Against Spousal Abuse (LACASA) for eleven years. She was recognized with the 2010 Breaking the Silence Award by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association. (2014 Induction)

Conerway, Suzanne Campbell, is a 1962 graduate of Brighton High School and has served as Board member since 1986 and former Chair of the Brighton Area Schools Alumni Association. For more than thirty years, Suzanne has been a counselor of youth, adults, and families in Michigan and Texas. She began her professional career in Brighton as a vocal music teacher. Born in Brighton's Mellus Hospital, she was the first African-American to be hired as an educator by the Brighton Area Schools. (2006 Induction).

Corrigan, Bonnie Armstrong, (1932-2025), graduated from Brighton High School in 1950 after attending Lyons Country School. The highly successful family business, Corrigan Oil, has been influenced by her active support of Brighton. Bonnie has given personal time and service to the schools, animal rescue, and local organizations. Bonnie was only the second female to be President of the Chamber of Commerce in 30 years. (2009 Induction)

Cremonte, Therese K., PEM, the first female Livingston County Emergency Manager (2016-present) was honored as the 2018 Michigan Professional Emergency Manager of the Year. Chair of the Regional One Homeland Security Planning Board (2015-present) and President of the Michigan Emergency Management Association (MEMA), as Director of Emergency Management, she oversaw response to the 2016 53-car accident that closed I-96 for more than 12 hours and the 2017 County-wide week-long power outage. Therese implemented the first County public alert system and coordinates the Emergency Operation Center. As a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper (1998-2016), Therese rose to the rank of Lieutenant and retired as Lansing Assistant Post Commander, their first female command officer. The first person in her family to attend college, Therese holds a BS from Ferris State University and is a graduate of the Michigan State University's School of Staff and Command program. She taught DARE in Livingston County Schools for two years, instructs Incident Command System training for local response agencies, and presents to local groups on safety, preparedness, and Emergency Management. (2021 Induction)

Danforth, Shirley Jean Shekell, (1924-2015) worked in the Shipping/Receiving Office at Detroit's Gar Wood Industries from 1943-1945 before coming to Brighton in 1954. An active member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 4375, Shirley was one of the original 25 founding members that created the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in 1972 and remained an active member. She served as President from 1973-1976, Secretary from 1976-1980, Post 4357 Chaplain from 1980-2015, Chaplain for the Veteran Council from 2014-2015, and Poppies Chair from 1980-2015. In 1990, she became the VFW Chair for the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital and coordinated coffee hours with donuts and providing holiday packages and boxes to local veterans and overseas military. Shirley's efforts were recognized with election as VFW Ladies Auxiliary of the Year in 2002 and 2014. Shirley raised eight children, participated in many Cub Scout activities, and was an AVON representative for 51 years, a Red Hat Society member, and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brighton. (2016 Induction)

Daniel, Phyllis Bamber, (1932-2022) lived a life dedicated to helping others and was best known for her 42 years with the Brighton Area Schools Transportation Department where she served as a pioneer female bus driver, a dispatcher, and as Director of Transportation. Phyllis received numerous commendations over the years as parents appreciated her responsible, safe care of students. After retirement, she drove the Senior Center van. (2008 Induction)

DeLuca, Carolina Louise, (1940-2024) was born in Mellus Hospital, graduated from BHS in 1958, from Marygrove College with a BA in Speech/Drama/Theatre/English, and completed a 1967 MA degree in Oral Interpretation from The University of Michigan. Her family owned DeLuca's Sweet Shop at 128 W. Main Street, and Carolina chaired the 1967 Bicentennial Spectacular Committee re-enacting of City of Brighton History. Starting as a 1963 sixth-grade teacher at Miller Elementary School, Carolina moved to Lapeer and her 30-year teaching career included English Department Chair and Lapeer Education Association Treasurer, as well as directing numerous plays, productions, and musicals. A Board member of the Brighton Historical Society (1995-2024), Carolina worked with the Women's Resource Center (1996-2003) and chaired the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Council, developing abuse prevention programs. For many years, Carolina authored a monthly article on child abuse prevention issues for the *Livingston County Press*. Carolina earned the Champion for Children Award during the 1990s, and from 2003-2013, she was active in fundraising for The Connection Youth Services (TCYS) providing emergency housing, counseling, and independent living skills for homeless youth. Carlina was a founding member of Livingston County 100 Women Who Care. (2020 Induction)

DelVero, Josephine DeLuca, was born in Mellus Hospital, is a 1960 BHS graduate, and earned BA and MA degrees from The University of Michigan. Hired in 1968 as a Hartland Schools high school counselor, Jo's 40+ year career in the district included initiating the 1984 Legacy Alternative Education program that has grown into a full high-school. The Jo DelVero Award is presented each June to a graduating senior demonstrating success in the face of adversity. Jo began the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for students suffering life issues, served on the Livingston County Mental Health Board (1984-1994) and founded (early 1990s) the Livingston Child Abuse and Neglect Network while her work on the by-laws committee led to the present day Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Council. Jo is a past recipient of the Champion for Children Award. A founding member of the Livingston County Community Alliance (LCA), Jo also spearheaded the local Hartland Community Alliance. Jo has been an advocate for The Connection Youth Services (TCYS) teen shelter since its inception and was chair of their Annual Fundraiser for ten years. Jo is a founding member of Livingston County 100 Women Who Care. (2020 Induction)

Disspain, Virginia Bamber, (1918-2007) opened Virginia's Beauty Shop in 1939 and continued as a Brighton businesswoman for 59 years. She also served Keehn's Funeral Home for 50 years. This pioneer businesswoman's shop was a helpful communication hub for women as barbershops were for men. (2009 Induction)

Downing, Gloria Klepser, EdSpec, (1929-2016) was a founder and early president of the state-wide Michigan Association for Gifted Education and in 1980 was recognized as Educator of the Year by the Talented and Gifted Association. As Director of Enrichment Programming for Brighton Area Schools (BAS) from 1985-1996, Gloria supported the launch of the Magnet Program for gifted students of grades 2-5. Her career at BAS began in 1973 in support of Title 1/remedial learners. After retiring in 1996, Gloria formed GKD Associates providing educational consultation and served as a

field supervisor of Michigan State University Student Teachers until 2000. Gloria enjoyed community theatre and performed in many musical productions both as an actor and pianist. Gloria directed Christian education for churches in Ohio, Iowa, and Michigan before becoming Education Chairperson for the Ann Arbor District Council on Ministries. Gloria earned a BA from Wayne State University, a MA in Education/Reading from Eastern Michigan University, and Education Specialist in Special Education & Gifted from Wayne State University. (2017 Induction)

Dufault, Jeannine M., has been a driving force in developing organized girls softball since she began coaching in 1972 for the Brighton Youth Baseball/Softball Program (BYB/SP). Jeannine was a member of the original Title IX gender equity task force for Brighton High School where she successfully advocated equal athletic opportunities for all girls. Jeannine's many contributions to BYB/SP 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. Awarded a 2021 lifetime achievement award by BYB/SP, Jeannine has volunteered at the Woodland Medical Center since 2016, on the Planning Committee for Brighton's 150th Anniversary Celebration, a member of The Dance Project's Board of Directors since 2018, and a Livingston Sunrise Rotarian since 2018. (2013 Induction)

Durante, Priscilla Luce, (1923-2008) was a 1941 Brighton High School graduate and served in the US Coast Guard from 1943 to 1946 during World War II as a Pharmacist's Mate Third Class. She trained at N.O.P, Detroit, MI, Coast Guard Training School in Palm Beach, FL, ODCGO, 11th N.D, and Coast Guard Base in Los Angeles. She also served at Coast Guard Barracks, in Washington, D.C. and at the Coast Guard Separation Center in Detroit, MI. After her discharge from military service, Priscilla's occupation was Hairdresser II. (2017 Induction)

Emmett, Lucile, RN, (1918-2014) was born to a large family in the poverty of the Great Depression and received $300 to attend nursing school from a benefactor who recognized her potential. Years later, the generosity was repaid. Early in her 41-year nursing career, Lucile served in World War II as an Army nurse in the Pacific Theater, including at a jungle hospital. In her over 39 years of retirement in Brighton, she worked for the local Salvation Army and Hospice. (2009 Induction)

Etue, Colonel Kriste Kibbey, 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. (2012 Induction)

Ewing, Joyce, (1931-2003) was best known for her work and dedication as director of LACASA at a critical time when it opened its first resident shelter and publicly voiced the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. She was active in the League of Women Voters, National Organization for Women, Brighton Rotary, and the Womenfest Board of Directors. (2006 Induction)

Felder-Smith, Deborah, a Brighton graduate, holds two degrees in social work and was Director of LACASA (1993-2018), carrying on the inspiration of Joyce Ewing, her mentor. For Debbie, LACASA is truly a cause to help battered women and children, and she led the successful Capital Campaign for a new shelter through strong community support. (2005 Induction)

Fielek, Julie A., began her custom home construction business in Green Oak Township in 1984 and started her land development company in 2000. Her business has grown to encompass multi-family units, commercial building, and urban redevelopment. Julie was elected the first women President of the Livingston County Home Builders Association in 1999, served as the first women President of the Michigan Association of Home Builders Association in 2005, and is a National Director of the National Home Builders Association. Julie directed the first all-women built Habitat for Humanity home in 2005 and was honored by the Girl Scouts of Huron Valley as a Woman of Distinction in 2005. Julie served four years on the Livingston Technical Academy/Kensington Woods Board of Directors and four years on the Green Oak Township Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission. She holds education and architectural drafting, design, and construction degrees from the University of Michigan and Schoolcraft College. (2018 Induction)

Flood, Colonel Karin, MD, 1988 salutatorian of Brighton High School and member of Brighton Area Schools' Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame, retired in 2016 after 28 years of military medical service with the Legion of Merit Award. A 1992 dual-major Distinguished Cadet graduate of West Point, she was in the top 5% of a class that included less than 8% women. She completed her 1996 medical degree with honors from the University of Michigan and was top resident of orthopedic surgery at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA. In 2003, COL Flood became the Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, TX, where she alternated between Bosnia, Iraq and Kuwait deployments and garrisons at Darnall, Winn (GA), and Martin (GA) Army Community Hospitals as Chief of Orthopedics and Department of Surgery. She was Team Captain for the Army Women's Judo team, with four-year NCAA All American honors, a National Collegiate Championship, and participated in the 1992 Olympic Trials. A member of the USA Judo Medical Committee, she provides medical support for national and international sports competitions. COL Flood has twice received the Meritorious Service Medal, four times received the Army Commendation Medal, and twice received the Army Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. She has earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraqi Defense Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal, Schutzen-Schnur (German marksmanship badge). (2016 Induction)

Fredenburg, Genevieve Hill, (1936-2019) a lifelong resident and the first female president of the Chamber of Commerce who advocated for quality community development during Brighton's 1970s high growth. Jenny was the first female president of a Livingston County Kiwanis Club and was instrumental in establishing the Farmer's Market, actively participated in the Mill Pond Concerts, and served on the City of Brighton's Board of Review. (2007 Induction)

Fredenburg, Nancy J., a 1975 Brighton High School graduate, helped plan the 100-Year Reunion in 1986 that initiated the resurgence of the Brighton Alumni Association. A founding member of the Alumni Association Board since 1986, Nancy has served as Treasurer since 1995. Helping to make the history of our community vibrant and alive to others, Nancy has been a member of the Brighton Historical Society since 1987, member of the Board of Directors since 1992, and President since 2025. In addition to her career as a Senior Registered Client Associate for Merrill Lynch (1988-2023),

Nancy has volunteered as an usher for the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts since 2005 and serves on the Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor Advisory Council. Nancy holds a Bachelor's degree in Business and Economics from Central Michigan University. (2015 Induction)

Fritch, Nancy J., the former broker/owner of Coldwell Banker Brighton Town & Country Inc. began her 1967 career selling mobile homes and lots for a large subdivision, rose to manager of Brighton Town & Country Inc in 1974, purchased the building in 1989, acquired the Coldwell Banker franchise, and self-financed the 1997 building renovation before selling the business in 2006. Under Nancy's leadership, her agency held annual garage sales supporting the American Cancer Society, collected Toys for Tots, and distributed American flags at the July 4th parade. Nancy presently handles real estate signings for out of state title companies and is a licensed real estate broker. A member of the Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Livingston County Women's Club since the 1990s, serving as president, secretary, and treasurer. Nancy is a member of the Hartland Senior Activity Center, serving on their Advisory Board, and directs two USAPA-sanctioned Pickleball fundraising tournaments a year that attract players from the US and Canada. (2018 Induction)

Gleason, Colleen, an award-winning, *USA TODAY,* and *New York Times* best-selling author, has written more than 40 full-length novels published in a wide range of genres. Pen names include Colleen Gleason, Colleen Cambridge, and C.M. Gleason. Colleen began writing in primary school and wrote eight complete novels during her early career and raising a family before selling the first book of her *The Gardella Vampire Chronicles* series to a division of Penguin Books, which was published in January 2007. Besides Penguin, Colleen has written for HarperCollins Publishers, Harlequin/MIRA, and currently writes for Kensington Books. Before becoming a full-time writer, Colleen worked in sales, marketing, and management for a variety of companies, including Care Choices/Trinity Health, as well as two start-up companies. She started her own business in the insurance field which went by the wayside when she sold the rights to her first two novels in 2005. She has been writing full-time ever since and collaborates with local bookstores hosting monthly book clubs, speaks regularly at schools, libraries, and conventions, and offers writer workshops whenever possible. Colleen has a BA English and an MBA from the University of Michigan. (2023 Induction)

Goss, Karen J., as a 42-year educator of mathematics and German at Brighton High School (BHS), Karen organized twelve different student group voyages to Germany to share her knowledge of the history, language and culture. Since the inception of the Women's History Roll of Honor in 2003, Karen has worked behind the scenes to support the preparation of publicity materials, administrative record keeping, and induction ceremony details. Karen has served many roles at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at The Millpond and devoted numerous volunteer hours to the Livingston County United Way fundraising campaigns and annual Day of Caring projects. (2014 Induction)

Gray, Norma, (1933-2017) was a recognized artist and the Brighton District Library's Norma Gray Gallery is named in her honor. Other awards include the Livingston County Arts Council's "Visual Artist of the Year – 1996" and honors and awards in exhibitions in Iowa, Ohio, and Michigan. She has gallery representation in the Toledo Museum of Art and the Flint Institute of Art. Norma taught, critiqued and juried for art groups. She was founder of the Brighton Art Guild. (2004 Induction)

Griffith, Carol S., 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 2013-2015 Chair of the Board, and in leadership roles within the Howell Rotary Club. (2013 Induction)

Griffith, Mary E. (1932-2025)**,** a life-long resident of Livingston County, devoted her life to community service. During the 1970's, Mary was the first woman elected to the Livingston County US Soil Conservation Committee and as a trustee officer of McPherson Hospital (1973-1979). A member of the Livingston County Senior Needs Assessment Committee (2006-2008), appointed in 2010 to the Area Aging Council and a 20-year member of the Farmer's Club. Past Vice-Chair of the Livingston County Republican Party and a Precinct Delegate (1970s), she conducted many tours of Howell's Historic Court House (1990-2015). Mary taught classes for the MSU Extension Master Gardener Program, was a Livingston County Fair Tester, and was active in the MSU Alumni Group. Mary served on local PTAs, the Modern Mothers Child Study Club (1960-1970), and as a Camp Fire Girls Leader through the 1960s. (2016 Induction)

Hoadley, Doris Pitkin, RN, (1920-1972), a Brighton High School graduate, served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. Doris was a nurse working in field hospitals located in the European theater at Normandy, southern France, and the Rhine. World War II dramatically increased the possibilities for the future roles of women in America. This made Doris a leader from the Brighton community in women's expanding role to contribute in all areas of society. (2010 Induction)

Horal, Jane, is a 1978 Brighton High School graduate, co-founded the GoLivCo-Horal family foundation (GLC-HFF) in 2019 after the tragic death of her husband, Dan, as he cycled in Island Lake State Park and was fatally struck by a distracted driver. The "Do It For Dan Ride" through Island Lake State Park has annually honored the route of Dan's last cycle ride since 2019. The Foundation is dedicated to developing and advocating for protected, active mobility solutions in Livingston County—focusing on creating safer streets, roads, and trails for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding. Jane has spoken before the US Congress, the Michigan State Legislature, the Livingston County Commissioners, and various Livingston County municipalities in addition to presenting opening remarks at the First National Distracted Driver Coalition in 2023. Jane earned a BA in Business Administration and a minor in History from Western Michigan University in 1982. Her 40-year career in the chemical and plastics industry leading sales, marketing and applications development launched innovations in interior and exterior automotive plastic polymer applications around the world. (2025 Induction)

Hornung, Eleanor, (1909-2000) was an exemplary teacher who began her career in a country school and later taught in the Brighton school system for many decades. During WWII, she coordinated activities of the Junior Red Cross selling vegetable seeds to classmates for Victory Gardens and sponsoring prizes for the nicest gardens. Miss Hornung took responsibility to mentor new teachers in the schools before retiring in 1976. The elementary building on Bauer Road that opened in 1977 was named in her honor. (2003 Induction)

Huget, Charlene, began serving the Brighton community at the Brighton District Library in 1994. In 1997, she became the Director, a position she held until her retirement in 2007. She was the innovative promoter for an informed public and an advocate for a culturally changing Brighton community

as the service area and population expanded more than threefold. Through collaboration, Charlene developed cultural programs, public forums, and featured speakers who addressed current issues. She embraced technology to increase the resources of information and communication for the public. (2004 Induction)

Hyne, Bernice, (1912-2008) was a dynamic promoter of community, education, and culture for forty years. She served on the local and intermediate Boards of Education and wrote an education column for the Brighton Argus. Bernice was a strong advocate for Rickett School and the Community Education program. She was a founder of the Livingston Players. Bernice was recognized as "Woman of the Year" in 1976 by the Michigan Jaycees. (2003 Induction)

Janego, Katherine, is best known as the Livingston Executive Director of Love, INC, a national non-profit organization, which helps local churches assist people. In addition, she volunteers her time and skills to the following: Special Olympics, ARC of Livingston, United Way, Livingston Transportation Council, Livingston Hunger Council, Visually Impaired & Blind in Livingston, a founder of Families and Friends with Down's syndrome, and more. Kathie is a woman who gets things done to help those in need. (2010 Induction)

Johnson, Cheryl, RN, (1950–2007) was an advocate for nurses and patients during her 35-year nursing career at the University of Michigan Medical Center. She was president of the Michigan Nurses Association, inducted into the Michigan Nurses Hall of Fame in 2006, and elected President of the United American Nurses in 1999. (2007 Induction)

Johnson, Dolores S. (1938-2020) was one of the first female paid soccer referees for the Brighton area youth recreation leagues, high school, and regional adult league games. As a volunteer coach for several youth soccer teams, Delores was the oldest player on the Stinger's team, a member of the Over-40 and Over-60 teams of the Great Lakes Women's Soccer League (1980-2010s), and played in the Veteran's Cup National Soccer Championships. A realtor for Preview Properties, Dolores collected food for Gleaners, made blankets for the homeless, and was a 40-year member of the nonprofit Brighton Food Cooperative. (2022 Induction)

Johnson, Nancy B., PhD, served as Director of the Brighton District Library from 2007-2016 and guided innovation and quality service despite reduced revenue and booming demand. Nancy championed literacy through library programming, the Livingston County Literacy Coalition Steering Committee and as 2008-2014 Literacy Chair for the Brighton Rotary Club. Nancy's impact includes roles on the Leadership Council on Aging, the Livingston County United Way Board of Directors, Campaign Cabinet, and Community Investment Council, with the Howell Opera House Advisory Council, and membership on the Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor Advisory Council. Nancy was honored by the University of Michigan School Of Library Science with the Margaret Mann Award and a Title II scholarship in addition to receiving the 1997 Wayne State University Excellence in Teaching Award. Recognized in 2014 as a Brighton Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, Nancy has earned many Rotary accolades for her work with Gleaners Food Bank and the Rotary Raiders, along with receiving a Brighton Art Guild 2011 John and Deb Tunis Award. (2016 Induction)

Jones, Marilyn S., PhD, (1934-2014) was a professional flutist, choral musician, and music educator in the public schools including Brighton Area Schools and her alma mater, Cass Technical High School, Detroit. Among other honors, she received the prestigious Maynard Klein Award "in recognition of artistic excellence and a lifetime of leadership in the field of choral music." Dr. Jones was the Founding Artistic Director of the Livingston County Chorale, which gave birth to the Women's Chorus and the Children's Choir. (2004 Induction)

Joseph, Janet, and her husband Jerry bought a small manufacturing business in Brighton in 1983, which grew from 10 to 75 employees in 20 years. Janet's primary responsibility was human-resource management, creating jobs with stability and good benefits. She is a founding member of the Livingston County 4Cs (Community Coordinated Child Care) Council and M-TEC. She served on the Livingston Workforce Development Council and on the Governor's Council for Labor and Economic Growth. Janet serves the community in various capacities, including co-chairing with Jerry the 2007 United Way Campaign in Livingston County. (2009 Induction)

Karson, Martha Andrews, PhD, was valedictorian of the Brighton High School Class of 1957 and continued her education to earn a doctorate in clinical psychology from Michigan State University. She taught in the United States; Cambridge, England; Paris, France; and Vienna, Austria. Dr. Karson has presented articles and papers in national and international journals. She has also been in private practice as a child psychologist. (2006 Induction)

Kelly, Donna Susan Oswalt, as founding member/leader of the local Sierra Club–Crossroads Group (1991-present) and Sierra Club Michigan Chapter Chair (2002-2005), Sue helped lead the successful grassroots effort to deny a State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permit quadrupling allowable dioxin emissions for an asphalt company. She led the successful 1990s prevention of clear cutting/bulldozing of Lady Bird Johnson Park near Challis Road, and obtaining a stop work order from the Department of Natural Resources when bank swallows were actively nesting at an Old-US-23/ East Spencer Roads construction site. In 2005, Sue collaborated with the Planning Commission and the MSU Extension to draft the Brighton Township Woodlands Ordinance and has helped organize and educate the community about high-volume, high-pressure, deep horizontal fracking wells in Conway Township. Sue is a founding member of Voters Voice providing education on finance, research, healthcare, and candidates. (2015 Induction)

Kelley, Laura, a 1985 BHS graduate, began working at Keehn Funeral Home in 1991 and purchased the business (1995-2019). As a female owner in a male-dominated industry, Laura has mentored Mortuary Science students through Wayne State University's Mortuary Science Programs Practicum (1995-present). Laura helped coordinate the Brighton Area Fire Department's Annual Halloween party (1990-2019) and the Adopt-A-Family initiative. Laura contributed and helped distribute donated items through the ELF Project at Brighton Area Schools and currently serves on the Brighton High School Girls Lacrosse Team Board of Directors. Laura is a longtime member of St. Patrick Parish in Brighton and earned Bachelor's degrees in English Literature from Eastern Michigan University and Mortuary Science from Wayne State University. (2015 Induction)

King-Hudson, Anne, served on the Brighton District Library Board from 1992-2013, and was Board Chair from 1996-1998, helping to plan/build the current library facility, promote passage of local mileages, and establish the board as a governing body. From 1998-2018, Anne founded and grew Key Development Center, Inc. as an accredited, licensed nonprofit that provides critical substance abuse prevention and treatment services to Livingston County. Since 2009, Anne has served and chaired the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Work Group of the Livingston County Human

Services Collaborative Body. Anne is currently the Director of Recovery Advocates in Livingston, Inc., a nonprofit established in 2019 to provide sober living recovery housing for local women. Assistant Director of Substance Abuse and Prevention Services for the Ann Arbor Community Center from 1976-1994, Anne was the Substance Abuse Specialist at the Washtenaw County Trial Court from 1994-1998. Longtime member and President of the Livingston County League of Women Voters from 1999-2006, she volunteers with the Livingston County Sheriff's Victim Services Unit. Anne earned a Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University, a Master of Educational Organizations from the University of Michigan, and is a State of Michigan licensed social worker, certified addictions counselor, clinical supervisor, and prevention specialist. (2022 Induction)

Kinsey, Melinda Rodabaugh, has been a leader with the Brighton Area Historical Society since 2002, serving on the Board of Directors, Treasurer from 2002-2013, and currently is Recording Secretary, archiving documents/events on a weekly basis to preserve the history. At the 2017 City of Brighton 150th year celebration, Mindy planned, organized and oversaw creation of 14 period outfits, historical displays, and events. Since 2008, she has been President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Friends of the Brighton District Library (FBDL) Board of Directors, while organizing semi-annual sales of over 18,000 books. Mindy served as President, and Co-Program Director of Casual Quilters of Brighton since 2009 while creating Quilts of Valor for service members and veterans since 2010. Mindy has served as an Election clerk for Brighton Township since 2017 and participates as Secretary and Scrapbook Chair of the Pleasant Valley Social Club, a 92-year-old tradition of Brighton Township. (2020 Induction).

Kisak, Sharon L, (1941–2010) was the founder of the Yum Yum Tree restaurant and ice-cream parlor in 1982. This restaurant was the first in the county to go smoke-free and was voted by the Press & Argus as a Best Dessert for 23 years as well as earning the People's Choice Award. It's gallery of "Old Brighton" pictures and toy train entertained children through 2017. Sharon had outstanding business acumen and an outgoing, enthusiastic personality while training/coaching young people in work skills, teamwork, innovation, and integrity. She coached girls' softball and 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. (2012 Induction)

Lafferty, Ellen, and her family have lived in Brighton since 1981. She was employed as a special education teacher for Brighton Area School's (BAS) Maltby Middle/Intermediate School (2000-2014). Active in the Brighton Education Association (BEA), Ellen was a long-term representative on the bargaining team and two-term President from 2010-2014. Her leadership was key to crafting fair, open, and equitable decisions as BAS faced deep statewide funding cuts and subsequent staff layoffs. As a leader for the Girl Scouts of America, Ellen established the first Girl Scout Troop at St. Patrick's School in 1988. Since 2018, Ellen has actively participated in the creation of and chairing the League of Women Voters of Ann Arbor, Brighton/Howell Unit while making the organization a vital presence in Livingston County. Current activities of the League that Ellen has led include registration of local students to become engaged voters, hosting public candidate/informational forums, publishing online/printed voter guides listing candidates' views on vital issues, and working with the Livingston County Complete Count Committee to emphasize the importance of completing the 2020 Census. Ellen fosters the non-partisan focus of the League of Woman Voters and encourages member participation and investment for ongoing viability. Ellen earned a Bachelors in Special Education/Elementary Science from Eastern Michigan University and a Masters in Learning Disabilities from Madonna University. She currently volunteers at the music venue The Ark in Ann Arbor. (2021 Induction)

Lawrence, Kate Zizka, a 1976 Brighton graduate, is a successful businesswoman who was the first female Mayor of Brighton. She was the first Livingston County municipal official to be President of the Michigan Municipal League. Locally Kate was known for involving council, city staff, and citizens in the process of city government. She is proud of her longtime volunteer work with LACASA. From 2013-2021, Kate held a seat on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners. Recognized in 2022 in the first class of Brighton Distinguished Alumni. (2005 Induction)

Lee-Campbell, Pamela, a 1976 Brighton High School and Central Michigan University graduate, has been a teacher, coach, and role model for youth. Pam lettered in four sports at Brighton High School and played softball at the college level at CMU. She returned to Brighton to teach health and physical education. Pam coached high school softball for thirty years. In 2003, her varsity softball team won the Division I State Championship with a record of 43–1. The team was also named an All State Academic Team with a 3.25 grade point average showing Pam's stress on academics along with community values and character. Her softball coaching record is 695-352-2. She was inducted into the Michigan High School Softball Association Hall of Fame in 2000 and was named "Coach of the Year" for softball in 2003. (2011 Induction)

Leith, Edith Amanda, (1926-2018) a Brighton resident since the early 2000's, worked at the General Motors Co. Fisher Body Cadillac Plant in Detroit from 1944-1945 as a "Rosie the Riveter" spot welder building B-29 and B-17 bomber planes. At the age of 19, Edith joined the ranks of young women who ultimately changed the view and role of working women. In October, 2015, Edith and others from Brighton Area Schools participated in the Willow Run Bomber Plant Guinness World Record gathering at the birthplace of "Rosie the Riveter." A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, Edith had been active in the "Sew and So's" group which meets to cut, sew, and ship garments to people in need around the world. One of Edith's own quilts is proudly on display at the Brighton Fire Department. (2016 Induction)

Leith, Clara Jean, PhD, (1911-1982) was valedictorian of the Brighton High School Class of 1928 and is believed to be the first female graduate of Brighton to attain the degree of PhD. She taught and was a Language Department Head in Detroit when it was a premier district in the nation. She spoke five languages fluently. (2005 Induction)

Leith, Dorothy, MD, (1910-1973) graduated from Brighton High School in 1927 and is believed to be the first female graduate to become a medical doctor. She turned from her first love, teaching, to become a physician at the time of a shortage in the profession. Dr. Leith practiced medicine in the farming community of Imlay City where she was held in high regard. (2005 Induction)

Lett, Thelma, (1929-2008) was the Membership Director of the Livingston Diversity Council (1976-1996) who stood and spoke against a hate group in 1994 stating that Livingston County was her home and that her family had a right to live with dignity and without harassment. Thelma's refusal to succumb to racial intimidation was recognized in 2022 for Black History Month. Before moving to Livingston County in 1976, Thelma began her career selling shoes door-to-door during the depression. Along with her aunt and sister, 17-year-old Thelma expanded the business into Hawkins Apparel and opened two Detroit locations—one on Warren Avenue and one in Dexter/Davison. The 1967 Detroit Riots burned those businesses. Earning a bachelor's degree in accounting from the Detroit Institute of Technology, Thelma worked at Detroit Edison in accounting almost 18 years before retiring. When Thelma became the only African-American member of Brighton Church of the Nazarene, she inspired others and soon began

coordinating special activities for the Livingston County Community Coalition. Thelma was recognized at the 20-year celebration of the Diversity Council and reminded the audience to put their love of people and God "into action." The Thelma Lett Library can be found within the Detroit Impact Youth Center as a tribute to the many young people she taught to read and write. (2023 Induction)

Little, Donna Alice Chamness, (1926-2018) was a 1944 Brighton High School graduate who enlisted in the Cadet Nurse Corps in September 1944. She served at Grace Hospital, Detroit, and was honorably discharged in April 1946. Donna moved to Kansas to be with her brother, she married and settled there, had a family of seven children, and was active in community service. She was elected mayor for three terms in Richfield, Kansas. (2008 Induction)

Lohmiller, Sheryl, When Brighton School Board of Education Secretary Joyce Powers proposed a public display of Women's History materials in 2002, Sheri enthusiastically organized processes and procedures, handled details, and sought opportunities to permanently honor area women. The growth and recognition of the Roll of Honor from the initial display of significant women and their role in history to the annual celebration of contributions was nurtured and guided by Sheri's and Joyce's belief, knowledge, dedication, and hard work. Serving twenty-five years as Assistant to the Superintendent for Brighton Area Schools until her retirement in 2011, Sheri supported five Superintendents and several interim Superintendents coordinated millage campaigns, and performed Recorder duties for the Brighton Area Schools Education (BASE) Foundation. (2014 Induction)

Lowry, Kate, a lifelong resident of Brighton and a 1975 BHS graduate, has been a member of LACASA's Board of Directors since 1999. Serving on the resource and community relations committee, Kate was Honorary Chair of the 2000 "Raise the Roof" Capital Campaign to build a new facility, was one of the first Mission Partner's founded 15 years ago, and has chaired several successful fundraising events. In 2016, LACASA awarded Kate the "Mission Possible" award for fundraising. A founding member of the Brighton Area Schools Alumni Association Board, Kate planned numerous events and helped fund raise for the Alumni Room. Kate played an integral role in fundraising for the 1994 Imagination Station build. Active with the Arc of Livingston, Kate was awarded the 2013 ARC Angel Award for her years of dedication to people with disabilities. Kate has shared her talents and time to Love INC, Livingston County United Way, Work Skills Foundation, and VINA Dental Center .(2024 Induction)

Loy, LuAnn, moved to Brighton in 1985 and is an advocate for students of all ages and abilities. LuAnn served on the 1995 Imagination Station Advisory Committee and became a board member for Livingston Technical Academy, aka Kensington Woods Schools, in 1996 along with serving on the Wayne State University Community Advisory Committee for the Developmental Disabilities Institute. LuAnn has served on the Michigan State Board of Education, 1992-1993 Identifying Barriers to Inclusive Education Recommendations Committee and was 2004-2005 member of the State of Michigan's Team Task Force for Alliance for Full Participation. Active in the Livingston Educational Service Agency's (LESA) Board of Education since 2005 and president since 2014. LuAnn and daughter Abby appeared before Congress petitioning for the Prenatal and Postnatal Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act. LuAnn is a member of the Brighton Rotary Club and is a US Army Veteran, having served in the 295th Aviation Company from 1975-1977. LuAnn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Michigan State University and is the inventor and patent holder of ShoeSling®. (2023 Induction)

Lyberg, Phyllis, (1915-1972) was one of the founders of the Rickett School in 1954 and served as director for 17 years. She developed a program for the trainable "retarded" children of Livingston County. This landmark Brighton school served mentally impaired students through private donations and the United Way before such educational programs were mandated in the public schools. Phyllis was recognized by the American Association of Mental Deficiency for her outstanding, high-quality program. (2010 Induction)

Lyon, Lucy Newman, (1916-1997) was a 1934 Brighton High School graduate who served in the US Navy Air Corps during World War II from 1943-1945 as an Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class. She trained at the US Navy Training Station in Brox, NY, the NATTC in Memphis, TN, and the NAS in Ottumwa, IA, before being discharged from the US Navy Training Center in Great Lakes, IL. After her military career, Lucy worked at Baker-Eberle Aviation Corporation at City Airport in Detroit, MI, and in her later years, she was a tutor for children. (2017 Induction)

Mayday, Cheryl Ann, established Alterations Unlimited, a seamstress and tailoring business, in 1985 at the Mayday Retail Building of downtown Brighton. As Chair of the Brighton Fine Art and Acoustic Music Festival since its inception in 1985 and a longstanding member of the Principal Shopping District Board of Directors since 2008, Cheryl has developed the Festival into a much-anticipated event each summer. In 2006, Cheryl helped create a University of Michigan educational documentary about her husband's end-of-life journey entitled "Evan Mayday's Good Death." The film is used as a palliative care learning tool in medical schools across the country, and Cheryl is a frequent guest speaker about the experience. Cheryl received the 2013 Distinguished Service Award by the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce for her community leadership and efforts. (2014 Induction)

McConeghy, Pamela, joined the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce in 2001 and was President/CEO from 2005-2024. She created the Women's Business Network, which grew into the Professional Women's Club of Michigan, and the AXIS Young Professionals Group to develop leaders of the community. Pamela served as Brighton Rotary President in 2012-2013, on the Rotary Foundation Board of Directors, as the 2014-2015 Work Skills Chairman of the Board and on the Work Skills Foundation Board of Directors, Chair of the 2012 March for Babies Event, and numerous Boards of Directors with the Livingston County United Way (2007-2013), Livingston County Hunger Council (2009-Present), the Economic Development Council, and the County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Pamela is a member of the Statewide Prisoner Reentry Advisory Committee and has partnered with St. Joseph Mercy Health Care Systems' Healthy New Year and the Go Red for Women Heart Awareness events in 2014-2015. Pamela has been instrumental in fundraising thousands of dollars supporting veterans of the American Spirit Centre in Brighton and serves as a musician for Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church. (2015 Induction)

McCrackin, Tara Patrick, MEd, NCIDQ, IIDA, a 1988 Brighton High School graduate, has been President of Kendall College of Art and Design (KCAD) since 2019 and concurrently is a Vice President of Ferris State University. Tara began teaching at KCAD in 2002, served as the interior design program advisor and program chair, and was integral in developing agreements with Grand Rapids Community College and Ivy Tech Community College. Tara served on the Grand Rapids Community College Interior Design Advisory Board from 2016-2019, as a board member of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Michigan Chapter, and as Michigan Chapter President from 2017-2019. An active member of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) Champion program, Tara has also served as one of ten North American Course Reviewers and Course Auditors for the Interior Design Continuing Education Council, Inc. (IDCEC). Tara serves on the Grand Rapids' ArtPrize Steering

Committee, the Rosa Parks Conservancy Board, GRPS Museum School Advisory Board, and the Chamber Grand Rapids Athena Leadership Council. She has volunteered for the Mel Trotter Art and Experience planning committee, and as a Jim Crow Museum expansion project endorser. She is a member of the Leadership Grand Rapids 2022 cohort and a 2022 Athena Finalist. Remembering her days as a Brownie/Girl Scount at Lindbom Elementary, Tara became a Shore-to-Shore Troop Leader from 2006-2012, and recently served as a mentor at the Girl Scout Leadership Conference (2023). Tara was awarded the 2023 Michigan ACE Network's Distinguished Woman in High Education Leadership Award as well as the 2023 Helen Gillespie Ferris Distinguished Woman Leader Award. (2024 Induction)

McMacken, Carol, (1934-2021) is a longtime resident of Brighton where she taught in the Brighton Area Schools specializing in reading instruction. As a member of the Brighton Historical Society, Carol took a second career as a writer. In 2004, From Settlement to City; Brighton, Michigan, 1832-1945, a historical record of Brighton was published. (2006 Induction)

McManus, Darlene, a 1987 Brighton High School graduate, joined the family business, Micro Works Computing, in 1993 as Technical Support Lead and part of the Management Team. Darlene graduated from Livingston Leadership in 1995, served on the Women's Resource Center Board of Directors from 2005-2011, and on the Livingston County United Way Board from 2015-2021. She is a third generation Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow and has led the Brighton High School Interact Club as Rotary Advisor since 2016 developing team, innovation, and leadership skills. Since 2016 she has served as Chair of the Rotary Satellite Club of Brighton Sunset leading projects of providing hygiene kits for LACASA, Ann Reinick House, Livingston County Gleaner's Food Bank, Bountiful Harvest, and Community Connect. Her team created 19 Little Free Libraries in Livingston County, and through her leadership was the first Rotary Club in Livingston County approved in 2023 by the Dolly Parton Imagination Literacy Library. Darlene has chaired many local fund-raiser events, including Euchre Tournaments for the hygiene kits and Little Free Libraries, the 3 Men and A Tenor Concert, and applied and received approval for the three Rotary District 6380 grants to support local efforts. Darlene volunteers computer support time to the Livingston County United Way, Livingston County Catholic Charities, and the Livingston Family Center/Youth Connection. Darlene earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Journalism from Central Michigan University. (2024 Induction)

McManus, Jane Marie, started Micro Works Computing in 1987 as a desktop computer training company. In 2008, Micro Works was recognized in the Best of Michigan listing by Corp! Magazine, received the 2009 Women's Resource Center Community Gem Award, and has been recognized with the Corporate Excellence Award each year since 1996 by the Livingston County United Way. Jane has been active in the Brighton Rotary Club since 1988, holds three Paul Harris Fellow awards, served as Club President from 2011-2012, President of the Brighton Rotary Foundation since 2012, and Governor of Rotary District #6380 from 2018-2019. Jane served as co-chair to raise $10,000 for construction of the Brighton Veterans Memorial. Active on the Howell Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, she has dedicated numerous hours to Chair the Women's Resource Center, a board member of Livingston Area Council Against Spouse Abuse (LACASA), and has served on the United Way Allocation Committee. Jane earned a Bachelor of Business degree from Eastern Michigan University. (2015 Induction)

Mellus, Charlotte L. Haight, (1889-1925) was the first woman to vote in the March 10, 1919, election for Brighton Village Council candidates. Along with Haidee Judson, she was an election inspector and clerk hired at a rate of $3/day (same as the men) to assist women voters coming to the second floor of Town Hall (202 Main Street). Records show that 250 women registered to vote in that election. Charlotte moved from her home in Cass City to Pontiac to work at the Eastern Michigan Asylum where she obtained her nursing certification in December, 1912. She helped her husband establish his medical practice in Brighton and served the community and church in many capacities, including the Rebekah Lodge treasurer and chaperone at many high school programs. In 1921 with Mrs. Harvey Jacobs, Charlotte operated a summer camp for up to 59 girls at Silver Lake. (2019 Induction)

Miller, Mandana "Mondi," owner of Heirloom Oriental Rugs since 1993, served from 2009-2014 on the Brighton Downtown Development Association (DDA), and chaired the DDA Design Committee championing open public dialogue. Co-founder of a citizen study group researching local government issues, providing information/recommendations during meeting public comment, Mondi also was the Coordinator for the Livingston County Juvenile Court Shelter Home from 1977-1979. She has served on the advisory committee for the Howell Opera House since 2014, has been a Big Brothers/Big Sisters volunteer, and assisted with an elementary school remedial reading program. Mondi earned her BA degree in child development and her MSW degree from the University of Michigan. (2018 Induction)

Monroe, Colleen Tokai, is a 1982 Brighton High School graduate. Her 2000 first book A Wish To Be A Christmas Tree was read Christmas morning by *The Today Show's* Katie Couric on national TV and garnered attention by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. Colleen has authored six additional books with her illustrator husband. Colleen works in Special Education for Brighton Area Schools (2007-present), helping with the seventh grade transition program, a volunteer photographer for several BAS sports teams, and was honored as a 2019 Coaching Legend as Head Coach of Scranton Middle School's Girls Cross Country and Track and Field teams. Colleen is the Howell Farmers Market manager and hosts Bingo games at a local retirement home. Colleen is a graduate of The University of Michigan. (2021 Induction)

Moses, Melanie, has been involved in community service for over 50 years and is co-owner of the George Moses Co. She has co-chaired projects for McPherson Hospital and Cleary University while serving on the boards of Brighton Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and the Livingston Players. She has supported LACASA, Livingston Arts Council, and the Brighton Rotary Foundation. In July 1987, she was the first woman to be admitted to a Livingston County Rotary Club. (2008 Induction)

Muir, Margaret E, (1896–2003) graduated from Brighton High School in 1914 and was a member of St. Patrick Church until her death at the age of 107. She began teaching in a country school, and in the 1950s joined the Milford district staff (Huron Valley). After 55 years of teaching generations of students to read in first grade, she retired from public schools and taught at St. Patrick School. Muir Middle School in Milford was named in her honor (2007 Induction)

Munzel, Ruth E, (1935-2025) was chair of the Livingston County Board of Canvassers (1984-2016), and was recognized with a 2017 Livingston County Commissioners proclamation. In 1999, Ruth lobbied against dioxin emissions of a local asphalt company's proposed expansion and organized protests to require filter installation inside the emission stacks. In 2000-2001, Ruth investigated a manufactured-housing plan to avoid Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) pollution oversight: inspiring community organization, expert consultation on soil and safer sewage systems, and successfully reducing the size/effluent of the development. A long-serving trustee, multi-year President, and ten year hospitality chair of

the Green Oak Historical Society, Ruth helped save the 1856 Township Hall from demolition. South Lyon Schools Board of Education (1978-1982), two years as Secretary and two years as Chair. Founding member of the Livingston County Democratic Party, member of the State Central Committee for the Michigan Democratic Party, and 1964 and 1984 delegate to the Democratic National Convention, prompted establishment of the Ruth and Herb Munzel Distinguished Service Award. Longtime member of the Sierra Club Crossroads Group, the Huron River Watershed Council, and the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor, Ruth earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan (2022 Induction)

Musch, Dorothy, (1912-2015) daily walked four miles to earn $20/month as a teacher at Gage School in Walls County and the Village Farms School after earning her certificate from Livingston County Normal. Company policy forbidding employment of married women caused termination of her 10-year Detroit Edison position. Earned a Counseling/Guidance Master's Degree in at Eastern Michigan University and taught fifth grade for Brighton Area Schools. Dorothy negotiated the first (1963) 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 1966-1977. (2013 Induction)

Nawrocki, Nancy, was the first female attorney to maintain a continuous law practice in Brighton (1988-2021). Her volunteer work includes assisting women who are poor or elderly and alone. She is a founding member of both the National Academy of Elder Law and the Senior Justice Section honored by the Michigan Bar Association. (2005 Induction)

Nix, Reneé R. established Jumpin' All-Stars Jump Rope Team in 2007 that placed fourth in the 2018 National USA Jump Rope (USAJR) competition, and earned first place at the 2012 International Jump Rope Competition. The team has performed in the NYC Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parades, television commercials, film, and local festivals/events. Reneé became a nationally-certified USAJR judge and coach in 2002, a camp director of USAJR events since 2015, and conducts annual international jump rope workshops. Founder of Teaching, Unity, and Reaching Nations (TURN) in 2010, to train future leaders and build understanding of cultures through exhibitions and education in Israel (2010 & 2015), Brazil (2012-2016), eight locations at World Cup Soccer stadium matches, the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympic Games, and five trips to Europe. Reneé has been a substitute teacher for K-12 students since 2001, an ordained minister since 2014, and a trained missionary. (2019 Induction)

Patrick, Sara E., JD, has served since 2018 as the first female President and CEO of Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO), with the mission of providing highly reliable and secure North American bulk power systems. Prior to becoming President and CEO, Sara was Vice President of Compliance Monitoring and Regulatory Affairs (2016-2018), and Vice President of Enforcement and Regulator Affairs (2011-2016). Sara strategically oversees corporate activities across regulated industries focusing on reducing reliability/security risks to the North American power grid and promotes effective collaboration with diverse groups to optimize performance. Sara has also served since 2022 as Commissioner on the Sustainable Eagan (Minnesota) Advisory Commission and the Leadership Team of the Minneapolis St. Paul Professional Women for Good, a philanthropic giving circle that collected and granted over $20,000 in their first year to nonprofits focused on economic development. Sara earned a BA in political science from Western Michigan University and a JD from Indiana University. (2025 Induction)

Pearsall, Phyllis I., (1922-2017) was one of the founders of Rickett School in Brighton, which was a teaching facility created for "retarded" students. As a parent of a mentally-impaired child, she motivated other parents and worked with state and community groups and officials to make Brighton a leader in early special education. Phyllis brought social changes and human services that are now statewide special-education programs. (2007 Induction)

Petrie, Jane K., (1938-2025) served on the Brighton District Library Board 2006-2025, holding offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. An Indiana University graduate, she taught math and chemistry in Detroit before teaching algebra to adults in 1973 for Brighton Community Education until the program merged in 2011 into the alternative high school. A substitute teacher for Brighton Area Schools until 1988, Jane became a full time mathematics teacher and Academic Team coach at Stockbridge Schools until retirement in 2003. Jane was honored as an Outstanding Coach by the Michigan League of Academic Games. Jane co-owned/operated Poor Richard's Book Shoppe in the Old Town Hall from 1984-1988. A longtime member of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, serving as elder and moderator of the Presbyterian Women's Group and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton's Sanctuary Ringers bell choir since its founding in 1994. (2015 Induction)

Pless, Norma Jean Leitz, is a 1950 Brighton High School graduate who has been a diligent and effective citizen-volunteer wherever needed but was partial to working with youth, especially girls and young women in the community through Girl Scouts, 4H Youth Center, school booster groups, and coaching softball. Active in the Brighton Historical Society and the Brighton Alumni Association, Norma Jean served two terms as Brighton Township Clerk. (2007 Induction)

Powers, Joyce, (1934-2022)**,** and her family moved to Brighton in 1967 when her husband Lyle became Brighton High School Principal. She retired from the Ann Arbor Public Schools in 1995 after 25 years as teacher and media specialist. The following year, she was elected to the Brighton Board of Education where she served four terms. Joyce was one of the founders of the Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor which, since 2003, has recognized Brighton women's contributions and service to the community, profession, business, and country. A memorial lecture was established in 2022 to recognize Joyce's many contributions to the Roll of Honor. (2009 Induction)

Reese, Toni, moved to Brighton in 2004 and within three years of starting work as server at Outback Restaurant, she rose to Regional Training, overseeing 12 stores, before a promoion to overseeing 200+ restaurants in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic. Toni began running in 2011 and has completed 5Ks to 100-milers. She began working for Running Lab in Brighton as General Manager in 2015 and became part owner in 2022. Toni revitalized and grew the Tuesday night running group from 20 people up to 100+ each week and has initiated Saturday morning runs and free half- and full-marathon training programs. Toni received the Brooks Run Happy Award in 2019 from Brooks Running. Toni is CPR certified and is a 2023 Certified Tourism Ambassador. From 2020-2023, Running Lab was recognized as one of the Top 50 Running Stores in the United States, and in 2023 was a Top 4 Running Store. Through Running Lab, Toni has initiated and contributed to many community programs to promote healthy living and charitable giving, including Ainsley's Angels of Michigan, footwear and sock donations, ALS Bull Runs, Hope Water Project, Gleaners, Torch 180, and Fund a Life. (2024 Induction).

Richardson, Anne, formed a support group in 1996 for parents of children with disabilities in Livingston County. She was a member of the Lindbom Elementary PTO, and served as Chair and member to the Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) Parent Advisory Committee. Anne worked

for the Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy by assisting in the coordination of Partners in Policymaking to educate adults with disabilities and parents about special education, public support systems, and the policymakng process. In 2002-2015, Anne worked as a family advocate at The Arc Livingston, serving 250 community members yearly, and became Executive Director in 2015-2021, bringing financial stabiity, expanding programs, and continues to be an active membe in retirement. A Board member on the Livingston Diversity Council since 2017 and former member of the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB), Anne has served on the HSCB Executive Committee, the Livingston Hunger Council, the Livingston Council for Youth, and is a founding and current member of the Abilities Alliance. (2023 Induction)

Richardson-Burns, Sarah, PhD, (1976-2018) was a 1994 BHS graduate who earned a BS in Biology from the University of Michigan in 1998, and a 2003 PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Colorado. In 2007, she was co-founder of Biotectix that created a patented conductive polymer coating for clinical biomedical devices to improve interface between electrodes and human tissue. In 2017, Heraeus Medical Components purchased the laboratory/company and pioneering products developed by Sarah and her team are still being used in retinal and cochlear prostheses, deep brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerve stimulation, along with electrophysiology and biosensors. After a 2013 diagnosis of metastatic colon cancer, Sarah founded Align Botanica in 2016. (2019 Induction)

Ridley, Regina Klosek, RN, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts but has made Brighton her retirement home for many years. She joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1943 and served as a nurse in battle zones from Omaha Beach to the Battle of the Bulge. In recent years, Regina has made school presentations and participated in patriotic holiday celebrations and memorial services with the V.F.W. in Livingston County. (2008 Induction)

Riutta, Bonnie, moved to Brighton in 1987 to become Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for Brighton Area Schools. Her leadership was integral to raising Brighton's academic reputation and education to very high levels. She resigned in 2005 but remained in the community, serving on the BCPA Board and Friends of the Library Board. In 2008, Bonnie courageously accepted the leadership post of Interim Superintendent when Brighton was moving into a deficit budget year in a splintered community and with a demoralized staff. Her steady hand brought stability to the school district, and a new superintendent was hired. (2009 Induction).

Rosen, Madalyn, is an exemplary advocate for the arts. She served on the Brighton District Library and the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts boards. Along with others, she helped inaugurate the series "Art in the Library." Madalyn has participated in the Livingston County Women's Chorus and the Brighton Art Guild. (2004 Induction)

Roberts, Nancy Jane, (1929-2005) formed the grassroots Society to Oppose Phosphorus Pollution (STOPP) in 1978 due to algae bloom on Ore Lake. Nancy was instrumental in the Hamburg Township land donation to the City of Brighton for a wastewater treatment plant serving sewers at Ore Lake and Brighton. She formed the Hamburg Environmental Review Board (HERB) to address Huron River water issues, develop lakefront residence sewers and remove old septic tanks. As Vice-President for Region 1 of the Michigan Lake & Streams Association, she earned many awards including the 1979 Michigan Outdoor Writers Association's Clean Waters Award. Nancy received funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to sample water and test over 729 Michigan lakes/streams. Her efforts spurred passage of the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) and earmarked funds to implement the Lake Water Quality Assessment (LWQA) for the State. (2015 Induction)

Roblee, Claudia Ann, co-owned/operated ArtVentures (1987-2018) and was recognized by the Small Business Majority for exceptional advocacy and leadership. As Brighton Merchant's Association co-chair (1994-1998), Brighton City Council (2007-2013}, Planning Commission (2005-2008), Downtown Development Authority (1994-19980, 2013-present), Principal Shopping District (2007-2013), Envision Brighton World Café committee chair (2010-2013), Brighton Arts & Culture Commission chair (2007-present), Economic Development Council (1997-2013), and many project specific committees, Claudia made her mark. Claudia was ordained as an interfaith minister in 2008. (2017 Induction)

Rogers, Joyce, (1931-2009) had been a Livingston County Commissioner, a business and political mentor for many people, and led the Brighton Chamber of Commerce to prominence. Joyce was recognized by the Livingston Press & Argus for several years as the "Most Powerful Person in Livingston County." The local Post Office was named in her memory in 2011. (2003 Induction)

Rolison, Garnet, (1920-1964) was born into a longtime Brighton family which has operated a hardware on Main Street since 1915. She graduated from Cleary College and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve in May 1944. She trained in North Carolina and served stateside in Oklahoma and California where she was honorably discharged in 1946. In civilian life she was employed by the University of Michigan as a secretary. (2008 Induction)

Rosebrough, Susan G. taught high school English and Spanish for Brighton Area Schools (1970-2004). Susan led the development of programs and opportunities for students to explore career paths and wrote the grant proposal to implement Brighton High School's Career Center. By teaching employable skills and using internships and work-study, the program became a model for educators to replicate throughout the state and across the country. Over 500 different companies in manufacturing, medical, hospitality, public service, business and finance partnered to provide mentorships, internships, field trips, and speakers to Brighton students. Susan was recognized as an Outstanding Workforce Development Professional and received a Livingston County Career Pathways Award from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners. The US Department of Education bestowed a National Partnerships in Education award, the State of Michigan recognized her with a Technology Innovation Award, and Susan has been a program presenter at both State of Michigan and National conferences. (2022 Induction)

Rosso, Nancy A., was Executive Director (2005-2019) of the Livingston County United Way overseeing the evolution from primarily fundraising to community impact and was a former Executive Director of Livingston County Catholic Social Services. She serves on many boards, committees, and bodies and her social work, humanitarian focus, and marketing experience highlights Nancy's outstanding community leadership with lasting impact. (2012 Induction)

Rutherford, Grace Simpson, (1920-2009) graduated from Brighton in 1938. She joined the U.S. Navy WAVES in 1944, receiving naval training in the Bronx, New York and Cedar Falls, Iowa. Grace served as a resident inspector of naval material in Dayton, Ohio. She was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Yeoman Third Class. Grace married, had five children, taught school for several years, and participated in community work. She retired and lived in Okemos. (2008 Induction)

Schuch, Pat, PE, was the first woman engineer in several auto plants from 1977-1982 and the first woman superintendent (1986-1989) of the GM Lordstown Assembly and Fabrication Plants. As Founder/President of Integra Resources, LLC, Pat has delivered leadership and personal development workshops on six cruise ship lines since 2009. Author of *Driving in the Middle Lane: Business and Life Lessons from the Auto Industry* published in 2015. Pat cared for 22 foster children from 1998-2016 and mentored teens from the W.J. Maxey Boys Training School (2009-2010). Board director (2003-2006) of Pregnancy Helpline of Livingston County and its president from 2004-2005. Pat earned a BS-Physics, an MA- secondary school administration, an MBA-general management, and a Doctor of Management- organizational leadership. (2017 Induction)

Scranton, Judith, served in the Michigan State House of Representatives from 1997 to 2002. Judie served the Brighton Area Schools as a PTO leader at all levels. She has also served on the boards of LACASA, American Red Cross, and Cleary University. She is a founding member of the 4Cs (Livingston County Community Coordinated Child Care) Council. (2003 Induction)

Scranton, Mildred, (1925-2024) a longtime elementary and high school secretary for the Brighton Area Schools served as the first President of the newly-formed secretarial union. After promotion to Executive Secretary to the superintendent, she served five different superintendents. Her job changed and grew profoundly over the years, including the advent of the computer age. Mildred's combined people skills, clerical expertise, responsibility, loyalty, and confidentiality on the job, along with her generous volunteer work in the community, make her a noteworthy Brighton woman. (2010 Induction)

Sedmak, Marie, served in the British Royal Navy (1942-1945), joining the Women's Royal Navy Service (WRNS), spending six weeks in Scotland for Basic Training before assignment to Chatham-Kent Naval Base. With a transfer to Rochester, England, she saw numerous German buzz bombs flying over en route to London targets, before posting to the Signals Distributing Office in 1800's-era tunnels under Dover Castle. Marie and her US Army Air Corps husband moved to the United States in 1946 and joined the Brighton community in 1971. A member of the Brighton Garden Club since 1990, Marie was recognized with the Club Appreciation Award and the State Life Membership for meritorious service. (2020 Induction)

Seitters, Susanne Roys, served in the United States Navy (1953-1956) and completed training in 1954 as an Aviation Electronics Technician during the Korean War. Susanne worked in the Davison, MI, Post Office for twenty years, served as a Sunday school teacher, and tutored adults learning to read. Susanne's needlework skills supported her quilter's group projects of creating lap-sized quilts for veterans in wheelchairs. Susanne serves as a volunteer mentor to new residents at Independence Village in Brighton. (2020 Induction)

Siford, Margaret, (1925-2025) served the Brighton Schools as teacher, counselor and administrator for 25 years. She was the first president of the Brighton Education Association, and later she was the first female administrator in the Brighton Area Schools. Peg served as a volunteer with the Catholic Social Services and the Livingston County United Way. She was honored in 2002 with the Donald Epley Lifetime Community Service Award. Peg was an inaugural member of the Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor and served on its Advisory Council from 2004-2025. (2003 Induction)

Snyder, Cindy, has taken volunteer work to a new level locally and beyond. LACASA named her volunteer of the Year in 1989. In 2005, she participated in the first WomenBuild of Livingston helping to raise $100,000 to build a home for a needy family. She helped organize the county homeless shelter and worked in the soup kitchen in Detroit. Cindy has traveled with a group of optometrists to help people in Honduras, went to India to deliver polio vaccines, and to Honduras and Peru to deliver books and school supplies. She has chaired several large fundraisers for Brighton Rotary and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2000 and 2002. (2006 Induction)

Spelbring, Colonel Lyla, PhD, (1922-2011) joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943. She was a transportation instructor in North Carolina and assisted in creating the Women's Motor Transport Unit in Hawaii. After discharge, she used the G.I. Bill to further her education. Lyla returned to service in the U.S. Army serving in the Korean Conflict and as a training officer in the Vietnam era. She retired in 1982 with the rank of Colonel. She continued her education in occupational therapy, earning a PhD from the University of Michigan. Lyla made Brighton her home many years ago. She has received numerous awards and honors over the years including Professor Emeritus from Eastern Michigan University. (2008 Induction)

St. Pierre, Mary Zizka, RN, became one of the first female radio announcers working in Traverse City, Lansing and Detroit at WOMC as *Midnight Mary* until leaving radio in 1989 to earn her nursing degree. A 1968 Brighton High School graduate, Mary was a trauma RN at Detroit's Sinai-Grace Hospital and an accredited CCRN and preceptor for nurses. Mary taught Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) to both nurses and doctors from 1995-2015. She developed and implemented a "clothing closet" for indigent trauma patients at hospital discharge from 2010-2015. Mary volunteers at Gleaners Food Bank since 2015, working 9-12 hours per week. A 2014 member of the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club since 2014, she has served on their Board of Directors for Community Service and co-chair of the "Midnight in the Tropics" fundraiser. Mary is a member of the Livingston County Nurse Reserve Corps helping to teach CPR classes and immunization clinics and has served in medical clinics on mission trips to Haiti in 2010 and in Mexico in 2015, 2016, & 2017. (2019 Induction)

Steele, Patricia, overcame social and business barriers to become owner/manager of Margaret Hunters, a highly successful women's apparel store in downtown Brighton. Leadership has been shown through the Downtown Merchants Association, mentoring women released from prison, and advising women entering business. Pat received the "Best Small Business of 2006" award from Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm. (2007 Induction)

Storey, Karen, a 1995 BHS and 2000 Eastern Michigan University graduate, began her teaching career at Maltby Intermediate School working with students with emotional impairment. In 2008, Karen began the Brighton Pack of Dogs Program to have social-emotional therapy dogs interact with students. Community funded and supported (including veterinary care, grooming, and dog food), Brighton Area Schools in 2019 became the first Michigan district to own a therapy dog at every school, and. Karen has led all aspects of this program throughout its development. Karen is also a 2016 co-founder of the non-profit organization "I Will Right Now" assisting families of Brighton Schools that are struggling financially because of catastrophe or life-altering illness. (2020 Induction)

Stowe, Nina Jones Cord, (1876-1967) was the first woman elected to the Brighton School Board on July 14, 1913, at which seven voters in attendance at the meeting were women. Nina became a rural teacher in 1926 and taught at the Foster School on Gregory Road in Iosco Township until 1929. Although the women's suffrage ballot issue failed in Michigan in 1912, the Brighton High School homecoming parade that year hosted a rig

representing women's suffrage, the high school debate team tackled the question, and at a class election the students voted ten to one in favor of voting rights for women. Women's suffrage was in the mind of Brighton residents, and Nina Cord's willingness to serve on the school board provided significant leadership as women sought representation in elected bodies. (2019 Induction)

Strong, Lynn A. has deep family roots in the Brighton area: her great-grandmother Haidee Brady was one of the first two women to vote in Michigan in 1919, her grandfather owned the Main Street grocery store JA Brady's in the 1930, and her father, Charles Brady, was a 1941 Brighton High School graduate and Director of the Milford GM Proving Grounds. Lynn's service and contributions since 2014 to the Brighton Area Historical Society (BAHS) Board have significantly affected its success through her management of the PastPerfect inventory program of BAHS archival materials, coordinating programs and archival for Lyons School, organizing the Fourth of July parade entries, constructing historical costumes for events, and as a key leader with the City of Brighton's 150th Anniversary Celebration. Serving as a Scout leader for nine years at Lindbom Elementary, Lynn volunteered and was active with Authors' Day, the Carnival, and many activities at the school. A strong supporter of the BHS girls sport teams with scoring, marking fields, and providing beverages, Lynn helped whenever needed, including at two graduating senior all-night parties. Lynn is a member of the Pleasant Valley Women's Social Club. As the 2024 City of Brighton Arts, Culture, and History Center (CoBACH) Chair, Lynn coordinates events between the City, BAHS, and the Art (2024 Induction)

Thomas, Sara Oswalt, is a 1991 founding member of the local Sierra Club–Crossroads Group, served six years as the Conservation Chair, and received a State of Michigan Service Award from the Sierra Club– Mackinac Chapter. Sara is a 1992 founding member and 10 year board president of the Livingston Land Conservancy and helped protect over 642 acres with a collective value of over $1,000,000 for greater Livingston County. Currently serving as Land Protection Chair, Sara has negotiated and completed 14 different land acquisition projects as well as coordinating land stewardship on conservation easements and nature preserves. Sara was awarded the National Conservation Medal by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in 2001 and was awarded the Green Tree Award from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. Sara holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. (2015 Induction)

Tomlinson, Jane Jarvis, was born in Mellus Hospital. She was a 1951 graduate of Brighton High School, and her family ties to Brighton originated in the 1800s. Her family-owned Main Street business, Jarvis Menswear, operated for many years with Jane as seamstress and sales clerk. A member of the First United Methodist Church since 1944, Jane has served on the memorial committee and as a Sunshine Lady for well over ten years, sending hundreds of handwritten cards to church members and devoting most mornings to her responsibilities. When the church operated the Red Balloon Tea Room, located on Brighton Lake Road and Grand River, Jane was a luncheon volunteer for over ten years and helped coordinate the annual Salad Luncheons for church members. Jane is an active member of the Brighton Area Historical Society and enjoys sharing her knowledge of Brighton History. She is a member of the Brighton Area Schools Alumni Association and the Pleasant Valley Social Club. (2023 Induction)

Trask, Rhonda R, i**s** Co-Pastor and Church Ministries Director of Brighton Assembly of God Church since 2009. In 2013, Rhonda founded Heart's CRI Ministries and directs over 200 volunteers to support foster children and foster/adoptive families. Appointed 2017 Chair of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Community and Faith-based Coalition overseeing wraparound services and supporting 13,000 Michigan foster care children and over 11,000 churches seeking community business partnerships. Rhonda coordinates monthly state agency events including adoption-approved families meeting with foster children for potential adoption and hosting state-wide workshops on Human Trafficing. Rhonda earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications from Michigan State University, a Madonna University Teaching Certificate in History and English, and a Master's in Education degree from Wayne State University. (2021 Induction)

Walker, Elizabeth Williams, valedictorian of Brighton High School Class of 1978, earned a BM in Piano Performance and a MBA in Information Systems from the University of Michigan and was Director of Computing at U of M's Business School. Beth was a 26-year member of Brighton Rotary, recognized as Rotarian of the Year 1996-97, and a Paul Harris Fellow. Beth has led fundraising for scholarships via SAT Practice Tests, study skills, and mental strength training since 2003. She founded and directed the "Celebration of Music," a showcase for school-age students, from 1999-2009. A recipient of the David DeVries Outstanding Citizen-Educator Award, Beth is Chair of the Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor Advisory Council, on the Board of the BAS Alumni Association since 2018, and coached/coordinated Brighton middle and high school quiz bowl teams from 2000-2013. (2011 Induction)

Walker, Sara E., MD, MS, a 2008 BHS valedictorian and All-State golfer, established and owns an eating disorders/sports medicine clinic called The Performing, Endurance, and Artistic Athlete Clinic, PLLC, Salt Lake City, UT. She provides telehealth care in more than 19 states, is the course director of Intermountain Health's Project ECHO: Eating Disorders, serves as a frequent state/national lecturer on eating disorders and Health at Every Size, and is the only Utah physician specializing in outpatient eating disorder care. Sara earned a BS in Honors Mathematics, a BSE in Biomedical Engineering, a minor in French & Francophone Studies, an MS in Bioinformatics, and an MD from The University of Michigan. She completed her Family Medicine Residency at the University of Utah, serving as Chief Resident her final year. Her Sports Medicine Fellowship was completed at Boston Children's (a Harvard-affiliated hospital), and she is board-certified in both Family Medicine and Sports Medicine. Sara has worked with numerous elite/professional athletes and artists, including those from The Skating Club of Boston, The Boston Ballet, The Boston Conservatory at The Berklee College of Music, and the University of Utah women's gymnastics team. Sara was the head local physician for the USA Gymnastics 2022 US Classic and the Medical Director for the 2021 USA Archery Olympic Trials. She was an athlete village physician for the FISU 2023 University Games (Winter) in Lake Placid, NY. She serves as a Team USA Physician for US Figure Skating in multiple national and international competitions, including the 2024 Bavarian Open, the 2023 National Championships, and the 2023 ISU Four Continents Championship. (2024 Induction)

Weber, Doris V., (1920–2007) made Brighton her retirement home. Doris served in the U.S. Marine Corps in WWII from 1942 to 1945. She achieved the rank of Sergeant and served at the Office of Naval Reserve, Washington, D.C. where she did confidential clerical work. Doris and her husband, "the Colonel," participated in full military dress for local patriotic holiday events for many years. (2007 Induction)

Width, Susan Grimes Munsell, CPA, served in the Michigan State House of Representatives from 1987 to 1996 and was Iosco Township Treasurer prior to that. Susan participated in the beginnings of the Women's Resource Center of Livingston County, LACASA (Livingston Area Council Against Spouse Abuse), and the 4Cs (Livingston County Community Coordinated Child Care) Council. (2003 Induction)

Young, Stephanie, MD, has been a Clinical Assistant Professor in the OB/GYN department for the University of Michigan (UM) Health since 2001. Stephanie estimates that she has delivered over a thousand babies, (many of them "Brighton babies"), received multiple patient-recognition awards, and is consistently rated Excellent for Bedside Manner, Time with Patients, and Caring Attitude. In her over 25 years as a full-time staff physician for University of Michigan Health System/Michigan Medicine, Stephanie has helped develop and publish a *Guide to Perinatal Oral Health* for dentists and other healthcare professionals, and given lectures to UM dental students. Active in the Brighton community, Stephanie has volunteered with LACASA, served as a Girl Scout Leader, Science Olympiad coach, and parent volunteer with the Brighton Musical Theater and Brighton Marching Band. A resident of Livingston County since 1969, Stephanie graduated from Wayne State University's Medical School in 1996 and completed her residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Detroit. (2025 Induction)

Outstanding Historical Accomplishments by a Women's Organization

Livingston Women's Club (LWC) was founded in 1987 as a non-profit volunteer organization (501c3) to help disadvantaged individuals and families in Livingston County through fundraising and their Giving Tree Project, which provided 1,145 gifts in 2024. Fundraising opportunities include a Spring Wine Tasting Event, and an Autumn Card Party. The LWC offers college scholarships, supports The Connection Youth Center with monthly donations, and offers a crisis fund to aid individuals and families with emergencies and time-critical issues that cannot wait for agency approval. LWC supports LACASA, the "Brighton Blessings in a Backpack" program, Pregnancy Help Clinic, The Ivy Table, VINA Dental, Meals on Wheels, and many other endeavors through volunteer hours and funding.

Outstanding Historical Accomplishments by Young Women

1979, 1980, 1983 Brighton High School Girls Cross Country Teams won state titles following the early years of Title IX. The 1979 team was the first girls athletic team to win a state title for Brighton.

2003 Brighton Varsity Girls Softball Team won the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division I State Championship with a season record of 43-1. They were also named an All State Academic Team with a 3.25 grade point average.

2011 Brighton Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team won the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I State Championship with a season record of 15-5-1.

2014 Brighton Varsity Girls Ski Team won the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I State Championship with 92 points and season record of 12-0.

2022, 2023, and 2024 Brighton Varsity Girls Lacrosse Teams won the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I State Championships three consecutive times, defeating Rockford 7-4 in 2024. In 2022 and 2023, the Team faced Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern/Eastern and won back-to-back titles.

2024 Brighton Varsity Pom Team won the 2024 Dance Team Union National Championship on February 11, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. Brighton won first place with 88.66 points in the Large Varsity-Team Performance Division over 12 other teams from across the country.

Dean, Julia won the 2015 Division I Individual State MHSAA Golf Championship and was chosen as Miss Golf by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association. Julia is the first Brighton female athlete honored by the Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association.

Krzywiecki, Abby was honored as the 2016 Miss Softball winner by the Michigan Interscholastic Softball Coaches Association, the STATE CHAMPS! Softball Player of the Year, MLive Detroit's Softball Player of the Year, and a Flosoftball First Team All-American. Abby holds the MHSAA record for hitting 20 home runs in 2016.

Klein, Natalie was selected 2018 Miss Bowling by the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association. All four years Natalie qualified in the top eight of a six-game block. During state match play, she finished seventh and eighth her first two years, second her junior year, and third her senior year, leading all girls and boys in the 2018 state final six-game qualifier block. Natalie averaged 209 in KLAA competitions, over 20 pins higher than second place.

Money, Evelyn won the Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association (MISCA) 2019 competition and was crowned the first female Varsity State Champion at the state mountain bike championship.

Nauss, Sabrina became the first female to win a Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) wrestling championship on 03/05/22 at Ford Field and successfully defended her title in 2023.

Urbain, Genevieve as a 2012 second-grade student who learned the story of Willis Ward (1912-1983), an African-American student, athlete, civil rights activist and judge, she lobbied to have his accomplishments and Jim Crow prejudicial challenges recognized by the UofM Board of Regents and the Michigan State Senate. Her efforts resulted in a UofM Football Game Day honor, a Willis Ward Day on October 19, 2012, by the Michigan State Senate, and the 2015 opening of the Willis Ward Lounge in UofM's Michigan Union.