

Barbara “Bobbie” Janet Joslin Thielemann (Educator-Community Activist)



Video  
highlights of  
Inductee's  
Profile



Barbara attended Memorial Elementary, Patrick Henry Jr. High, and graduated from CHS in January 1952. She went on to attend Washington University at St. Louis graduating in May 1956 with a BA degree in Education. She did her post-graduate work at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and obtained her Masters Degree in Education in May 1992.

Barbara began teaching the 2nd grade at Euclid Ohio Central Elementary from 1956 to 1957. She next taught grades 2 – 6 for Gifted Math and Language Arts at Roxana Illinois from 1957-1995. She served as District Curriculum Chair and as Director of the Madison County Teacher Center (one of four in the state). Barbara was one of only forty-four selected to be Illinois Teacher of the year in 1976. She was appointed Impact I Teacher Disseminator for Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in spring 1991. Barbara was selected in 1992 by “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers”. She was Director of the Gilpin County Colorado Library from 1995 to 2000; Member Children’s Book Council, New York, from 1996 to 2000; and Eisenhower People to People Ambassador and Education Consultant for China and Cuba/Nassau in 2000.

Barbara’s passion was not limited to Education. After retiring and becoming a widow, she resolved to give back to the community that had given her so much. She Established and volunteered in

the Central City Visitor Center from 2000 to 2007. The Center is now run by the City of Central.

Next from 2001 to 2005 Barbara established Main Street Central – a community program of the Colorado Community Revitalization Assoc., a National Main Street Program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Barbara is a current Board Member of the Gilpin Historical Society; Hostess for Fall Season Victorian Teas; former Docent for the historical Thomas Billings House; Docent for St. James United Methodist Church, and participant in many Cemetery Crawl and Creepy Crawls.

She is has been a Trustee from 2006 to the present for the Gilpin County Arts Assoc. and a past Historian, and a Corresponding Secretary from 2011 to the present; a Docent and teacher of gold panning from 2005 to the present for the Hidee Gold Mine; a Gilpin County Election Judge/Supervisor serving the Primary and General elections for many years by assisting in training judges and students in the election process.