



MARLENE JOY BIELENBERG BARR

Volunteer

1935

Born to Max John and Viola Christina (Funke) Bielenberg in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI.

1954

Marries John Monte Barr, Sr. on December 17.

1956

Earns a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Michigan State University; Teaches at A.G. Erickson School in Ypsilanti, MI until 1966.

1959

Achieves a Master of Arts in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University.

1961

Serves Ypsilanti Public Schools as chair of fifth grade teachers, secretary and curriculum council member until 1966.

1970

Serves the Ladies Literary Club in positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the board of trustees and is a life member through today.

1979

Serves the Thrift Shop Assoc. of Ypsilanti as president, vice president, nominating committee chairman and scheduling chairman through today.

1983

Serves Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a youth coordinator, church council, endowment secretary, nominating chairman and choir singer through today.

1984

Serves on the board of directors of the Ypsilanti Community Choir until 2010 and is a choir member through today.

1986

Becomes the annual benefactor of the Max John and Viola Christina (Funke) Bielenberg Fund at Ohio Northern University.

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Is a receptionist for Barr, Anhut & Associates, P.C. until 1995; Serves the Boy Scouts of America as secretary and treasurer of Troop 290 until 2018.

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Is a block coordinator for Ypsilanti Recycling until 1995.

2003

Publishes "Memories of the U.P.," "Then and Now: Memories of India" & "Our Swedish Ancestors," written for her granddaughter for their trip to Scandinavia, through 2007.

2008

Is treasurer of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the U.S. Power Squadron through today; Publishes "Memories of the U.P." and "Our Swedish Ancestors."

2011

Publishes "Grandpa, We Never Knew You! Maximilian Johanna Bielenberg 1857-1907" and "Then and Now, Memories of India."

2015

Receives the Golden Sister Award from the Michigan Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, having been first Beta Zeta Chapter president in 1965.

2016

Becomes a life member of the American Association of University Women.

2017

Receives a Community Service Award from the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti.

2018

Receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the Boy Scouts of America Troop 290.

2019

Receives a Women of Merit Award from Celebrating Women in Scouting and a 50-Year Service Award from the Thrift Shop Assoc. of Ypsilanti.

A Timeline of Professional Milestones