

Jane Gothold Biography

Mrs. Gothold has devoted her adult life to volunteerism in support of educational institutions and initiatives. She graduated from Whittier College with a Bachelor of Arts and teaching credential in primary grades. Mrs. Gothold taught first grade prior to raising her family. She returned to education, teaching classes for gifted and talented students in Archeology and Fossils, two of her avocations. She is a founding member of the Pacific Coast Archeological Society, which was founded in 1961. She has served as its Archivist and Librarian, and has served eight terms as its President. The PCAS led an archeological dig near Death Valley each spring and fall from 1965 through 2018. Ms. Gothold helped start and open a museum at China Ranch, which is open to the public, to educate visitors on objects found at the archeological dig site and to share the history of the ranch occupants as well as the geology of the area.

Ms. Gothold has served on the Orange County Old Courthouse Museum Society, the Old Courthouse Advisory Board, the Hathaway Ranch Museum Board in Santa Fe Springs, the Whittier Historical and Museum Society, and the City of Whittier Historical Commission. She is also a longtime member of Chorale Bel Canto, a community choir performing major choral works. Ms. Gothold is a mother of four, a grandmother of six, and a great grandmother of eight and enjoys spending time with her extended family. Ms. Gothold has served as a Board Member within the Options For Youth network for the past thirteen years.