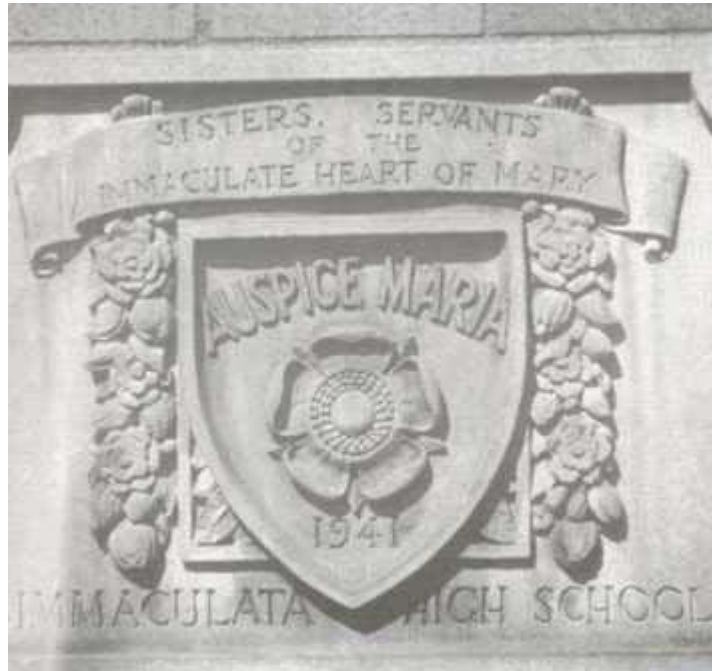


Featuring Immaculata High School Class of 1962

Immaculata High School was opened on Sept. 8, 1941, with Sr. Anna Marie Grix as the first principal. The school began with all four classes totaling 529 young women. It was not long before the students realized that they would be getting very good teachers who were dedicated to the students and to their ministry of teaching. They also realized that they would need to do some serious studying to keep up with the demands of the faculty. Due to a falling enrollment, the school closed in June of 1983, a reality that left about 7,000 grads of



Immaculata very sad. In the fall of 1992 over 800 women participated in an all-school reunion, coming from far and near. Sr. Anna Marie Grix relived many stories with alumnae. Again in the fall of 1996 an all-school reunion was held and had a very good turn-out. Who knows when the next all-school reunion will be held?

Class Officers - 1962



President
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Elizabeth Andel
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In addition to the very good education, students and sisters established wonderful relationships that existed for a lifetime. The girls had many occasions to come to know and love the sisters who lived with and taught them.

Three women from the class of 1962 can attest to the fact that their relationships were very dear to them.

Featured Students

Christine (Kolp) Biagas says, "When it came time for high school, only one school was my heart's desire-Immaculata High School. I was so pleased when I learned I had passed the entrance exam! The years there were good. New friendships developed and we formed a girls' club and groomed ourselves for our future lives."



After graduation from the University of Detroit, Christine headed for New York and was the executive secretary for the editor of *Publisher's Weekly* and *Library Journal*. Eventually she became a copy editor and book reviewer. Because her editor had many friends, he passed on free tickets to all manner of arts events to her. She lived in the rarefied world of the best performances in the world on a pauper's pocketbook.

She met her husband, Miguel, the love of her life for 38 years. Their journey has taken them through raising children and grandchildren, advanced degrees, being a middle school principal, ownership of a jazz club and art gallery and travel throughout the U. S. and the world.

At the present time, she spends her days with the visual and performing artists in the metropolitan Detroit community. Miguel and Christine own a fine art gallery that also features craft and gift items from local artists. In the building they own in downtown Detroit, they host the Artists' Cooperative, the Puppet Art Theater and the Art Detroit artists' group. They continue to live in Detroit, in the University District of northwest Detroit.

Christine concludes by saying, "Our golden years are truly golden and we feel blessed to be in good health with a loving family and good friends. Life is good!"

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Margaret (Young) Lee has had a variety of interests and endeavors. After graduation from Immaculata she attended Marygrove College and graduated in 1966 having enjoyed chemistry and biology courses. Her first employment was with Oakland University as research assistant for James E. Davis, Ph.D. in molecular biochemistry. Since 1984 she and her husband, Robert E. Lee, have been dealers in antiquarian and out-of-print books and maps.



Jan Rininger and Margaret Young Lee

She has found great satisfaction in her work as it gave her a modest income with great flexibility to be an at-home mom. She did her selling at book shows, antique markets and online databases.

She has many other interests. Her five-year-old grandchild, whom she cares for a good deal, is the apple of her eye. Margaret keeps busy volunteering two days a week in the Ortonville Community Emergency Food Fund, a faith-based nonprofit that provides food, household goods and food vouchers to neighbors in need. She says that "Each month we serve between 60 and 70 households. In 2005 we helped nearly 700 unduplicated individuals." In connection with this, she does gleaning from Whole Foods Store-a store that greatly impresses her by their values and the philosophy.

Margaret is an elected trustee of the Ortonville Township Library, where she and others are working to solve a problem. The middle school across the street from the library, is inundated with about 150 children when school closes at 2:30 p.m. This severely disrupts the library, as the children are ready to do anything except sit down and be quiet after a day in school. The trustees are working hard to find a solution for this situation.

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Kathleen Wider is a professor of philosophy at the University of Michigan. She credits Immaculata High School for her interest in philosophy, realizing how intellectually demanding the teachers were. She knows that she developed the ability to think and to write critically from her teachers at IHS, a talent that she appreciates and uses continually.

As a philosopher, Kathy admits to having a bias for Jean Paul Sartre that she attributes to having read his book, *Being and Nothingness*, while at Immaculata. Among other works, she has written *The Bodily Nature of Consciousness: Sartre and Contemporary Philosophy of the Mind*. Her interests include





ancient philosophy and modern European philosophy.

She is also aware of seeking to model social justice in her life with students, being just with grading, and in her interaction with colleagues, she brings up topics of social justice issues. She attributes her sense of justice to her teachers at Immaculata.

Kathy's life is not "all work and no play." She greatly enjoys connecting with good friends from Immaculata. She has reconnected after many years, with friends from high school, and she finds it very gratifying.

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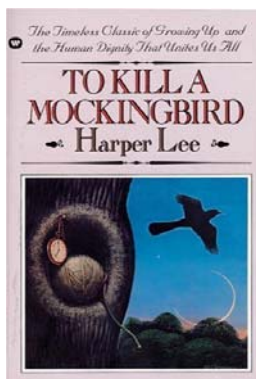
Trivia - 1962

The World:

- The Cuban Missile Crisis - U.S.S.R. to build missile bases in Cuba: Kennedy orders Cuban blockade, lifts blockade after Russia backs down.
- Nobel Peace Prize in Chemistry goes to Linus Pauling.
- Pope John XXIII opens the Second Vatican Council

The Country:

- James H. Meredith is escorted by Federal Marshalls to register at the University of Mississippi.
- Cost of a first class stamp was 4 cents.
- John H. Glenn, Jr. is the first American to orbit the Earth three times in four hours, 55 minutes.
- Eleanor Roosevelt dies.
- Unemployment is 6.7%



Entertainment:

- TV: Johnny Carson becomes host of "The Tonight Show"
- Movies: "Lawrence of Arabia"
"To Kill A Mocking Bird"
- Books: James Baldwin, *Another Country*
Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*