



# March 27, 2000 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



## Norma Jean (Myers) Wurmlinger Class of 1949

Norma Wurmlinger has distinguished herself as a community leader in many elected and volunteer positions.

Following her graduation from Roosevelt High School, Norma worked for the Automobile Club of Michigan and the J. L. Hudson Company. In 1951, she married and devoted the next 20 years to being a full-time wife and mother to four children.

As her family matured, she became involved in civic activities. She served on the Southgate Cultural Commission from 1974 - 1977. In 1977, she was elected to the Southgate City Council where she served 13 years, nine as Council President. In 1990 she was elected Mayor and served in that position for nine years. She was also a director of the Michigan Association of Mayors. During that time she led the city out of a deficit situation and expanded many commercial and residential developments. She was instrumental in the acquisition and moving of a historical home to the Municipal Complex where it now houses the Southgate Historical Museum.

Mrs. Wurmlinger did not limit her activities to the City of Southgate. She was instrumental in many other downriver area organizations. In 1976, she was a charter member of the Downriver Council of the Arts and served on the Board of Directors. In 1994 she received the Council's "Salute to Excellence" award. She is also a member of the Soroptimist International and served on its Board of Directors.

Norma has received many other awards including: Soroptimist "Women of Distinction" from 1986 -1992; Zonta Organization "Women of the Year" in 1993 and the Mellus Newspapers "Mother of the Year" in 1985. Her other activities include service on the Board of Directors of the Southern Wayne County Chapter of the American Heart Association and support of service clubs and sporting organizations efforts to help children and adults.

Mrs. Wurmlinger continues to reside in Southgate with her husband Nick. She uses the skills she acquired at Roosevelt in the A Cappella Choir to enrich her church choir. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm help to make the downriver area a wonderful place to live.