

Coalition secretary will talk on ERA

By SHERRY KAHAN

Laura Callow, secretary of the new coalition called WOMEN, will address the American Society of Women Accountants meeting Tuesday, April 27, for dinner at Carl's Chop House on Grand River in Detroit.

Mrs. Callow, a Livonia woman who graduated from Wayne State University and teaches art part time, will meet with members of the accounting group at a 5:30 p.m. reception before talking to them after dinner on her favorite subject, "What the ERA Means to Women."

Reservations for the dinner can be made with Ruth Jones, 18361 Norwood, Livonia. Mrs. Callow makes it a regular practice to leave her husbandwork, job and community activities to talk with women's groups on the improvement of the condition of women.

She feels strongly that many men, women and students are still unaware of the history and present issues of the women's movement.

At the same time she knows that one woman's voice does not have the carrying power of an organization. So when a new organization was formed called WOMEN (Women Organized to Meet Existing Needs), she was delighted to join it as secretary and alternate delegate.

WOMEN is a coalition designed to turn the relative whispers of seven state women's organizations into a legislative and educational shout. It is made up of representatives of the American Association of University Women, the Democratic Women's Caucus, League of Women Voters and the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc.

Also members are the Negro Organization for Women, the Negro Business and Professional Women's Caucus. Its coordinators are Victoria Toering of Dearborn and Phyllis Harrison of Royal Oak. Area members of the group are Virginia Brantingham of Bloomfield Hills, an alternate delegate representing NOW, and Shirley Monson of Farmington, a delegate also representing NOW.

"THE PURPOSE OF WOMEN is to coalesce organizations which are concerned with women's issues and unify their collective power to initiate and influence legislation," pointed out Mrs. Callow, who represents the state League of Women Voters on the organization.

"We feel communication is extremely important between these organizations because they support many of the same issues. It should provide a network of concerned women across the state, and also should mean political clout."

The criteria for membership in WOMEN is interest in the part of a group in supporting the Equal Rights Amendment. It also must agree with the purpose of the coalition and be a statewide organization.

"In order for WOMEN to go to bat for a piece of legislation, it must first get the approval of the state board of its member organizations," explained Mrs. Callow. "If an organization wants WOMEN to pursue certain legislation, its representative can suggest it during the monthly meeting."

ONE ISSUE she anticipates will be sup-



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ported by WOMEN is an omnibus civil rights bill designed to extend protection given on the basis of race, religion and national origin to include protection on the basis of sex.

"We're also concerned with the implementation of the federal government Title IX which prohibits discrimination by sex in all federally-funded education projects and activities," she said.

"We feel a specific number of actions must be taken to bring about compliance with the law. A grievance procedure must be set up for those who have complaints."

A member and former president of the Livonia League of Women Voters and legislative coordinator for the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of NOW, Mrs. Callow long has been interested in political issues.

"But when I began working on the credit issue, I became aware of the thousands of laws that treat men and women differently," she declared. "These laws discriminate against one sex or the other."

"I began to feel that ERA was the only way to provide equal rights to all citizens in all states. Without it there is no guarantee that discriminating laws will be amended or abolished."

"It would protect those gains we've made in credit and employment and prevent discriminatory laws being passed in the future."

ERA IS ABOUT money, she said, "because most of the discrimination against women involves money."

She cited a 1975 report to the Michigan Commissioner of Insurance cited 65 discriminatory practices against women in insurance policies.

"If ERA would be effective in preventing these practices," she commented.

Mrs. Callow said ERA supporters are raising the issue of the constitution of the suffragists encountered. "We're trying to finish up the unfinished business begun by women who worked for the rights to vote. Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott."

WHILE SHE speaks frequently on ERA, she refuses to debate the subject. "ERA is too important to be presented as a spectacle of women fighting women," she emphasized. "I refuse to debate my equality."

Her efforts to advance women's causes is rewarding.

"It's part of a much bigger movement," she smiled. "We are all daughters of the suffragists and it's exciting to be part of it."

"It feels that one of the methods for making people aware of the modern female condition is through consciousness raising."

"It makes men and women aware of what the situation really is," said Mrs. Callow, "which is good because people won't change unless they are aware of the need."

"Consciousness raising encourages women to develop their potential and be fully developed human beings."

Cooking, Italian style

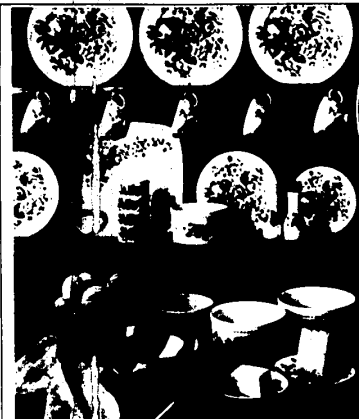
If you have always wondered how to prepare Rollatini #1, stufato al pomodoro or Friccchi (frill), you might find answers Tuesday, April 27, at Kitchen Glamor, 2670 Grand River, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Redford Township.

Marcella Polini Hizan, who comes from Emilia-Romagna, Italy's most gastronomic region, will lead a free cooking session at 10 a.m. by preparing recipes from

her book, "The Classic Italian Cookbook." Mrs. Hizan and her husband, Victor, prepared for the book by touring all the gastronomic regions of Italy.

Before she began teaching cooking classes, Mrs. Hizan received doctorates in natural sciences and biology from the University of Ferrara.

Her cooking school was recently reported in the New York Times by cooking expert Craig Claiborne.



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Class Reunions

FRANKLIN HIGH
Reservations must be made by May 15 for the reunion of the class of 1966 of Franklin High School in Livonia, scheduled July 17 and 18.

Event will include a party in Behman Hall, 2320 Lahar, Southfield July 17, and a picnic July 18 in Westland's Jayvee Park.

Those interested in attending should write to Linda (Marsh) Berger, 1789 Centralia, Redford Township, 48240.

PLYMOUTH HIGH
The class of 1966 at Plymouth High School is planning its 10-year reunion during August and needs addresses of class members.

Call Pam McAllister, Cook, 385 Adams, Plymouth, or Deana Cook/Mabeous, 679 N. Harvey, Plymouth.

COOLEY HIGH
The class of 1966 at Cooley High School in Detroit will hold a 10-year class reunion during September. Linda Schulz, 31325 St. Martin, Livonia, is compiling names and addresses.

DEARBORN HIGH
A 30-year reunion, the first reunion held for the Dearborn High School class of 1946, will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, at Chamberlin's Restaurant in Dearborn.

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