

# Lawyer's plan-ahead philosophy told in women's legal rights class

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Russo says, "Most women here want to know about credit, wills, and divorce."

SHE ADDS, "One out of three couples who get married today in Oakland County will eventually be divorced, so that interest is easy to understand, coupled with the fact that the child custody thing is getting out of hand."

"It used to be that couples would fight over stocks and bonds or pots and pans. Now it's the kids. Even with no-fault, there are cases now where the courts can take over."

It is not that the laws are changing so fast that it would behoove a woman to take such a class, but rather that the knowledge of a new law takes so long to filter down to those who could take advantage of it.

"The new credit laws for women are already 4 years old," she said, "yet statistics tell us that a great many women either aren't taking advantage of them, don't understand them, or don't understand how important it is for them to have credit in their own name."

The older the woman, the less likely she is to be informed, or even accept the idea that she should have credit in her own name, Mrs. Russo adds.

"And she is the one that is most surprised that she can't buy so much as

a bra on credit when she is suddenly on her own for no matter what reason," she said.

THE BIRMINGHAM lawyer says there are times when no attorney is necessary to get what you want, and there are times when it is important for one to know how to find the best lawyer for a particular problem.

"An example of needing no lawyer would be a name change. This is a popular question in my classes and its really a very simple procedure any one can do for themselves for very little money," she said.

Problems in property settlements, insurance, legal disputes within the family, loans and social security laws, are other topics up for discussion in the fall classes.

Each two-hour session will be broken up with a coffee break, and time allotted for question-and-answer periods.

Mrs. Russo is a graduate of Detroit College of Law, and a member of Michigan State Bar Association, Oakland County Bar Association, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, the Oakland County Women's Bar Association, and International Federation of Women Lawyers.

She is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Our bar association in the county for women lawyers was formed because we have some unique problems," she said.

"I interviewed for a job in one of Detroit's largest law firms that employed about 100 lawyers. One of those was a woman and she was stuck back in the library doing research. And that was only 3-4 years ago."

"Maybe that's why I continually address myself to women and their unique problems," she said.

"I stress the fine print." The brochure listing all of the class offerings in Farmington Community Center's fall term will reach all area residents in a blanket mailing at the end of the month.

Registration begins Sept. 6-7, with in-person enrollments taken in the center. Registration continues by mail and phone until all class loads are filled for the classes which begin the week of Sept. 24.

Mrs. Russo's classes run from 1-3 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 27. Fee is \$25 for the four sessions. The center's number is 477-8404.

Mrs. Russo practices in the McKay Building, Suite 103, 4050 West Maple Rd., Birmingham.



Birmingham attorney Jo Ann Russo stresses the fine print in an informative new four-session series outlining "Legal Right for Women" in Farmington Community Center.



China painting is one of the arts Judy Antishin learned in classes in Farmington Community Center, the results of which she displays in her home. This fall, she will devote her time to two events to help raise money for the center. (Staff photo by Randy Bort)

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## Volunteer works on many fronts to aid community center

Two major fund-raisers are on the Farmington Community Center's agenda this fall, and both will be chaired by Judy Antishin.

The Farmington Hills resident, who has made a total commitment to the historic building that has been a landmark in the area for more than 100 years, is an all-around booster who has involved both herself and her large family in the center's affairs.

She's rounding up models now for the "bigger and better than ever fashion show" she has slated for Wednesday, Sept. 28.

"We're moving it to Vladimir's because we need more room," she said, adding that 18 tables of 10 had already been reserved in mid-August. Then, on Wednesday, Nov. 14, Mrs. Antishin joins Barbara Dermody, who has gained herself a reputation as a gourmet cook in metropolitan area for a workshop called "Cookies Around the World."

Chairing benefits for the center is not new to her. She has been in charge of successful card party luncheons, the popular Santa Claus luncheon, and the sold-out fashion show last fall.

MRS. ANTISHIN'S interest in the center was sparked in 1967 when the Goodenough family offered their estate complete with its gracious Georgian Manor house to the community.

She recalls that the center's founders "envisioned a cultural center that would bring together the rapidly growing area's residents in a greater sense of community."

She was asked to contribute "some time and some money."

The time and effort and money she has given since stems from her belief that "if we lose the center, we lose an important cultural base."

Dr. David Antishin, and the couple's six children, ages 10-20, all have benefited from the center and

have taken many classes offered there.

He has made a terrarium and some lampshades for their home and she says she has taken "almost every class they've offered at one time or another — arts and crafts, macramé, decoupage and most of the cooking classes from Chinese to continental cuisine."

"I operate by setting goals and then working like heck towards that goal," she said.

Her interest in the center includes being a dedicated member of the center's board of directors, the center's decision-making team.

She describes her co-board members as "a working board that meets once a month and decides how to raise money for the non-profit center and then how to spend it productively."

THE FALL FASHION show and luncheon has always been a money-maker for the center, but Mrs. Antishin's sights are set higher than ever before, because of the accommodations at Vladimir's will allow so many guests.

Dutch-treat cocktails will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the fashion parade coordinated by Lisebeth of Birmingham.

The fashions will be modeled by 16 area women, each representing a subdivision in Farmington or Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$9 each. For the pre-Christmas event called "Cookies Around the World," Mrs. Antishin and Mrs. Dermody will give a lecture-demonstration using old world recipes. Guests will test-taste the results with coffee or tea from 1-3 p.m. on Nov. 14.

The tickets are \$5 each and include take-home recipes to be used in time for Christmas.

The center is located at 24705 Farmington Road; phone is 477-8404.



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## Assembly of God Council sends report

Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Lozier, of Farmington Hills Christian Center, joined 11,000 persons who attended the General Council of the Assemblies of God general council sessions in Baltimore, Md. It was the largest convention ever reported

by the Baltimore Convention Bureau. The Pentecostal Movement now has 9,410 supporting churches in the U.S., representing a gain of 202 during the past biennium. Membership now approaches 1 million, with a

Sunday School attendance of about 1,200,000. The charismatic organization records 22,062 licensed and ordained ministers, and more than \$98 million given to the cause of world missions during the past two years. The Assemblies of God

sponsors evangelism activities that encompass the family, Revivalism and Turning Point are the national radio and television ministries heard world-wide. The Pentecostal Evangel has a weekly circulation of 300,000 and there

are 188 Bible colleges. Now training pastors and ministers for church evangelism. Farmington Hills Christian Center, located at Drake and Freedom Roads, is a member of the Michigan District of the Assemblies of God.

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