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through service
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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

The cooler temperatures these last few days have let us know that fall is upon us. We Zontians have been busy!

Thank you to all who worked at the Lincoln Festival. We had a successful two days. Ann will let us know our final figures at the meeting. The weather was perfect, and the festival seemed larger to most who have

worked before. Several Z-club girls helped and it was nice to share the days with them.

Christine will report on our Zonta says NO walk and Kay will report on our membership recruitment night Thursday evening.

Fall Conference is October 7-9 in Oak Brook, Illinois. Six of

our members will be participating. We will report at the next meeting. We have been productive! Thank you to all of our members.

See you Wednesday!



CLUB MEMBERSHIP PLAN

Each Zonta Club in Area 4 was asked to develop a membership plan for the coming year. Thanks to our Membership Committee and to Fern Miner for developing the following plan!

- ◆ **Increase our membership**, preferably with dedicated younger women.
- ◆ **Entire club membership is a part of building membership, by developing pride in our organization.** Women generally do not brag about their achievements, but we do need to never ignore an opportunity to speak highly of our accomplishments. Have a 'one woman's story' to tell of a way that Zonta made her life better. Encourage wearing Zonta attire to meetings.
- ◆ **Challenge** each member to give an example of how she has promoted Zonta or invited friends to meetings. **Plan fun activities** so that meetings are never boring.
- ◆ **Mentoring is so important.** Assign two people to each new member to contact her, remind her of meetings, and offer your friendship at each meeting. Our happy dollars are a great way for us to get better acquainted with each other, and we need to also keep learning things about our new members. Mention and give short bio of new members in the newsletter.
- ◆ **Assign new members to a committee** shortly, but watch for overwhelming and burn-out.
- ◆ **Represent!** Wear Zonta shirt(s), jewelry, etc. more often to non-Zontian events. Have a little window stick-on for our home that says "A Member of Zonta Lives Here!" Use Zonta logo items on our desks at work, etc. Challenge our members to promote Zonta more, daily? (ie. Ask at each meeting "What have you done to promote Zonta?")

OCTOBER MEETING

Program:

Purple Purse

Business:

**Committee Reports;
Standing Rules**

Where: **Boone REMC**

1207 Indianapolis Ave.

When: **October 5at 6pm**

Dinner: Catered by Teresa Gordon

Cost: **\$13.00**

RSVP regrets to Debbie at 765-894-2054 or dholloman.quality@gmail.com by 2pm Monday

Save the dates!

Zonta Says NO Walk
October 1

Club Meeting
October 5

Fall Conference
October 7-9

Board Meeting
October 19

Club Meeting
November 2

PURPLE PURSE

Research shows that “financial abuse is experience in 98% of abusive relationships, and surveys of survivors reflect that concerns over their ability to provide financially for themselves and their children was one of the top reason for staying in or returning to a battering relationship. As with all forms of abuse, it occurs across all socio-economic, educational and racial and ethnic groups.”

Allstate Foundation Purple Purse is aimed at creating long-term safety and security for survivors through financial empowerment. Since 2005, Purple Purse has been working to bring financial abuse out of the shadows so victims can get the healing and support they deserve. The program ignites fundraising for hundreds of national, state and local domestic violence organizations. Funds raised will support life-changing financial empowerment services to help domestic violence survivors build safer lives for themselves and their families. Using our prolific knowledge of financial services and deep community reach, The Allstate Foundation has propelled more than 800,000 victims on the path to safety and security. We have invested more than \$50 million to empower women to break free from abuse.

As with other forms of abuse, financial abuse may begin subtly and progress over time. It may even look like love initially as abusers have the capacity to appear very charming and are masterful at manipulation. For example, the abuser may make statements such as “I know you’re under a lot of stress right now so why don’t you just let me take care of the finances and I’ll give you money each week to take care of what you need.” Under these circumstances, the victim may believe that she should or can trust the partner she is in love with and may willingly give over control of the money and how it is spent. This scenario commonly leads to the batterer giving the victim less and less in “allowance” and by the time she decides she wants to take back control of the finances, she discovers that the accounts have all been moved or she no longer has knowledge or access to the family funds.

In other cases, the financial abuse may be much more overt. Batterers commonly use violence or threats of violence and intimidation to keep the victim from working or having access to the family funds. Whether subtle or overt, there are common methods that batterers use to gain financial control over their partner. These include:

- Forbidding the victim to work
- Sabotaging work or employment opportunities by stalking or harassing the victim at the workplace or causing the victim to lose her job by physically battering prior to important meetings or interviews
- Controlling how all of the money is spent
- Not allowing the victim access to bank accounts
- Withholding money or giving “an allowance”
- Not including the victim in investment or banking decisions
- Forcing the victim to work in a family business without pay
- Refusing to pay bills and ruining the victims’ credit score
- Forcing the victim to turn over public benefits or threatening to turn the victim in for “cheating or misusing benefits”

The Impact of Financial Abuse

The short and long term effects of financial abuse can be devastating. In the short term, access to assets is imperative to staying safe. Without assets, survivors are often unable to obtain safe and affordable housing or the funds to provide for themselves or their children. With realistic fears of homelessness, it is little wonder that survivors sometimes return to the battering relationship.

For those who manage to escape the abuse and survive initially, they often face overwhelming odds in obtaining long term security and safety. Ruined credit scores, sporadic employment histories and legal issues caused by the battering make it extremely difficult to gain independence, safety and long term security.



**Purple
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Allstate Foundation For more information about financial abuse and The Purple Purse Project, visit <http://purplepurse.com>.

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