



Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Keith Harvey.

I. President's Report—Keith Harvey

A. Executive Board Dates

12/4/23, 1/8/24, 1/22/24, 2/12/24, 3/11/24, 3/25/24,
4/8/24, 5/6/24, 6/10/24

B. SED Blue Ribbon Commission Report

Earlier today the Board of Regents released a report by its Blue Ribbon Committee Commission on Graduation Measures. The Commission was formed earlier this year to review New York's Graduation requirements to best meet the needs of every student in the state. SED's complete report is available online. Click [here](#).

C. Toy Drive 2023

This year we will be collecting money for the Little Saint Nick Foundation (LSNF). The LSNF inspires kids in local communities to give back to those kids in need. They do this by providing gift bags to kids as they enter a hospital that are made by other kids. There is a special connection between kids of all ages that you can't duplicate and a simple act of kindness amplifies this connection to a deeper meaning of giving.

Cash donations can be given to your union reps, sent directly to me at the Middle School, or you can use Venmo – @Keith-Harvey-20.

D. Long Beach Food Pantry Donation

At this year's Superintendent's Conference Day, we were able to collect donations for the Long Beach Food Pantry to assist with holiday meals in our community. Thank you to everyone that donated. This year we were able to raise \$1,400 dollars for this worthwhile cause.

E. Superintendent's Conference Day

Thank you very much to the PDP Committee for scheduling conference day. Members were appreciative to have a variety of choices to meet their individual needs while focusing on the main topic of student voice.



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Karen Bloom
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Beth Prostick
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Elementary Schools*
Amy Leder
*Vice President for
Secondary Schools*
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F. SRP Recognition Day—November 21, 2023

SRP Recognition Day acknowledges the contributions of School Related Professionals in helping to educate the whole student. Long Beach SRP members perform a variety of key roles in schools working as bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, food service workers, teaching assistants, aides and in dozens of other job titles. They are an essential component to providing a safe and nurturing environment for student-centered learning.

G. Long Beach Teacher Center

I am appointing Elleen Parks to the Long Beach Teacher Center Policy Board to represent West School.

H. LBCTA Apparel

With the approval of the Executive Board, I am pleased to announce that we will be offering another round of LBCTA apparel to our members. This apparel allows us to show the community who we are, while building camaraderie and solidarity with one another. There are a variety of styles and sizes to choose from. To receive your complimentary LBCTA apparel, [please click on this link to fill out the form.](#)

I. First Eligible Retirement Incentive

If you are considering retiring in June, under the terms of our first eligible retirement incentive, you must notify the district of your intention by January 15, 2024. First eligible means that you are able to retire without an age or service reduction. If you are unsure if you are first eligible, or need more information, you can look at your NYSTRS Benefit Profile or contact NYSTRS directly at; NYSTRS website- <https://nystrs.org/Retirement-Planning> NYSTRS Number - (800) 348-7298.

J. AFLAC and MassMutual Life Insurance

If you wish to discuss any of the AFLAC benefits or get a quote on the Life Insurance, please be sure to reach out to Don and schedule your appointment. Don Hoyer, Senior District Sales Coordinator donald_hoyer@us.aflac.com

K. Study Money—Winter 12/8/23 and Summer 5/10/24

Those who applied and were approved for Fall Study Money will appear on the November 14th Board of Education agenda. There are two more opportunities to participate in the Study Program: Winter – Friday, December 8, 2023 and Summer – Friday, May 10, 2024. Members with permanent or professional certification may apply for up to \$1,750 in study money per semester. The application is available online at [Request for Participation in Study Program— Group A.](#)



L. Coaching Pay Dates

Below are the payroll dates for coaches for 2023-24 school year:

High School

Winter: First Check: 12/22, Second Check: 2/16

Spring: First Check: 3/27, Second Check: 5/10

Middle School

Winter I: First Check: 12/8, Second Check: 1/19

Winter II: First Check: 2/16, Second Check: 3/15

Spring: First Check: 4/26, Second Check: 6/7

II. Committees

A. Grievance Committee—Karen Bloom

1. There are no grievances to report at this time.
2. Please contact me if you have any issues that you feel are a violation of our contract.

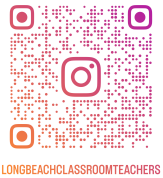
B. New Members—Alison Katulka

1. Buddies have been encouraged to reach out to our new members, introduce themselves, and let our new members know that they are there for support. Please let me know of anyone who does not have a union buddy and needs one.

2. We had an amazing turn out for our New Member Gathering on November 3rd at EGP Land and Sea. It was great to see our new members, buddies, mentors, and executive board together for this event. I have tremendous gratitude for our building reps and officers for promoting this event in their buildings. I would also like to give a “shout out” to Natasha Nurse and Christine LaMarca for promoting the gathering as well.
3. Please save the date for our annual LBCTA bowling fundraiser on February 1st. This event is a lot of fun and all proceeds will go to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation.
4. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

C. Political Action Committee—Jennifer Garrett

1. NYSUT is once again asking that all members please download the NYSUT MAC (Member Action Center) app to your phone. You can find it at the following link: <https://mac.nysut.org/> NYSUT will be utilizing this app to disseminate information to members.
2. It is important that PAC has a way to contact members to disseminate information in a timely fashion. Please email LBCTAPAC@gmail.com with an active personal email address so the contact list can be updated.
3. As always, please feel free to share your ideas on how LBCTA PAC can better serve our members. Also, if you have any suggestions or ideas for newsletter topics please email LBCTAPAC@gmail.com.
4. Please follow us on Instagram @LongBeachClassroomTeachers.
5. Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.



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D. Public Relations Committee—Amy Leder and Beth Prostick

1. Save the date for our annual bowling event on Thursday, February 1st at Maple Lanes in RVC. We will be donating to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation. Please register your teams using this [link](#). Deadline to register is January 12th. In addition to our building raffle basket donations, we are looking for donations that can promote our staff’s craft, skills and talents. If you have a business or item you would like to promote and can donate it to be raffled off, we would love to help you. Please contact A. Leder to donate.
 2. Congrats to Coach Rehnback on capturing the girls volleyball AA LI Championship. Woo hoo!
3. LBHS Theatre Department presents *Radium Girls*. Performances are on November 16, 17 and 18. Here is the direct [link](#) for purchasing tickets online. Please consider attending.
4. Congratulations to Regina Dean and the entire staff of Long Beach Middle School for the completion of the SSEP Mission 17 Launch.
5. Check-out the [article](#) in the Herald about our new Pre-K program.
6. Please consider donating towards the LBCTA Toy Drive benefiting our Long Beach students throughout the community. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith Harvey @Keith-Harvey-20. Thank you!
7. Thank you to Ali Katulka for a wonderful buddy party.
8. A huge thank you to each one of you for donating towards the LBCTA Food Pantry. We raised \$1400 for St. Mary’s Food Pantry.



E. Social Committee—Elleen Parks

1. Thank you, Ali, for a successful Buddy party. It was nice to see so many of our new and experienced members together!
2. If any of our members are DJ’s or entertainment vendors who would like to participate in our end

of the year celebration, I would like for you to reach out to me at eparks@lbeach.org. Your suggestions would be greatly appreciated!

3. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

F. Long Beach Teacher Center—John Marr

1. The Long Beach Teacher Center is seeking individuals who wish to volunteer one hour per month to join the Long Beach Teacher Center Policy Board from 4:15-5:15 on the third Tuesday of every month in the Middle School Library. The Long Beach Teacher Center is a NYS grant funded organization run by teachers for teachers to provide high quality professional development. We are currently missing teacher representation from the High School and would gladly welcome teachers from any building. If you are interested in joining the Policy Board or have any questions, please contact the director at lbtcc@lbeach.org and we can work to get you appointed for the next meeting in December.

G. Pre-K Committee—Molly Drake

1. Pre-K had the opportunity to attend the Regional Technical Assistance Center (RTAC) conference with the Long Island Pre-K Initiative focusing on *Expanding Opportunities for Early Learners in Pre-K and K* on Superintendent's Conference Day. A team of Pre-K teachers from Long Beach were amongst the presenters. It was a great day of learning!
2. We are benefiting from our grade level curriculum meetings. Thank you to the directors for including us in your schedules.
3. Have a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving!

H. NYSTRS Delegate Report—Lisa Rundo

1. If you have any questions about the NY State Teachers Retirement System, please contact me at lrundo@lbeach.org.
2. If you are interested in learning how to purchase prior service credit, please reach out to me.

I. LB Teachers Federal Credit Union

1. The LBTFUCU has open positions for a Credit Union Board Member (volunteer). Time commitment is 1 hour a month. Interested individuals should be willing to conscientiously attend and participate in our monthly board meetings. The board members oversee and vote on the general management and policy decisions of the Long Beach Teachers Federal Credit Union. Financial experience is not necessary. Training can be provided.
2. The LBTFUCU has an open position for an Internal Auditor (paid). The Credit union is looking for a CPA with 5 or more years of experience. Familiarity with working with credit unions is highly preferred. Applicants will work with Credit Union board and Supervisory Committees. Non district and retired CPAs are welcome to inquire.
3. Interested parties should email Jim Fioal at jfioal@lbeach.org.

III. Executive Vice President's Report—Karen Bloom

- A. We are looking forward to continued discussions regarding the PLAN Pilot as well as the Alternative School at the High School. These are initiatives that will require much planning and attention in order to be successfully implemented.

B. APPR

1. You should have received something stating who your evaluators will be for this school year. If you did not, please contact your immediate supervisor and let them know.
2. Please take an active role in the observation process. Keep in mind that the Danielson framework that we use is based on best practice and observable measures. You should not see opinions from

your evaluation team. Be sure to address issues in your post observation conferences.

3. Our APPR handbook is on our website. You can find all timelines, conversion charts and percentages here.
4. Feel free to contact me if you have specific concerns regarding APPR.

C. Health & Safety Committee

1. The next meeting date is January 29th. The spring meeting will be May 6th.
2. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at kbloom@lbeach.org.

D. Other

1. Thank you to Ali Katulka for organizing an awesome fall buddy party!
2. Keep your eye out for the Bowling Fundraiser! Save the date....February 1st!
3. Please remember to attend School Board meetings whenever possible.
4. Please consider donating days to our District Sick Bank. The form is on our website at www.lbcta.com.
5. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the break with family and friends!

IV. Vice President for Elementary Schools' Report—Beth Prostick

- A. Thank you to all who came out for our New Member Party on Friday, November 3rd. It was so nice to see some of our new members.
- B. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving with family and friends.
- C. If you have any questions or concerns that you were unable to work out at your building, I can be reached at bprostick@lbeach.org.

V. Vice President for Secondary Schools' Report—Amy Leder

- A. I would like to formally accept the resignation of Pamela Bankey as the Senior Building Rep at the HS. In addition, as per the LBCTA constitution, I am happy, grateful and appreciative to appoint Lisa Casey to senior building rep.
- B. Save the date for our annual bowling event on Thursday, February 1st at Maple Lanes in RVC. We will be donating to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation. Please register your teams using this [link](#). Deadline to register is January 12th. In addition to our building raffle basket donations, we are looking for donations that can promote our staff's craft, skills and talents. If you have a business or item you would like to promote and can donate it to be raffled off, we would love to help you. Please contact A.Leder to donate.
- C. The Long Beach Teacher Center is looking for a representative from the high school. The meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the LBMS Library. Meetings last approximately an hour.
- D. Please consider donating towards the LBCTA Toy Drive benefiting our Long Beach students throughout the community. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith @Keith-Harvey-20. Thank you.
- E. Wishing everyone a peaceful Thanksgiving.

VI. Treasurer's Report—Jonathan Bloom

- A. Save the date for our Bowling fundraiser event on February 1st, 2024.
- B. Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Day Bank. I would encourage you to attend a few School Board meetings during the year. Your presence is always noted.
- C. Union dues for 2023-2024 for full-time members will be \$1,033.16 The break-out is \$397 local, \$386 NYSUT, \$242.16 AFT dues and \$8 for PTA membership. \$103.32 will be taken from your first check of the month and will show up under the column "Dues-Teachers". We are determined to keep your dues as low as possible while still meeting our local obligations and making charitable contributions to the Long Beach community.

D. September Financial Results

Revenues

Union Dues	\$42,463.97
Retirees	\$155.000
NYSUT Ads	\$500.00
Group A Reimbursement	\$250.00
Making Strides T-Shirt	\$1,990.00
TOTAL	\$45,358.979

Expenditures

Latino Civ Assoc Gala Ad	\$500.001
End of Year Cele. Deposit	\$250.00
Telephone	\$175.27
Making Strides Donation	\$150.00
Meeting Supplies	\$222.34
NYSUT Dues	\$16,375.40
Webpage Renewal	\$225.55
AFT Dues	\$10,037.88
Officer Reps and Stipends	\$27,733.84
Taxes and Fees	\$8,768.27
Workers Comp.	\$22.50
TOTAL	\$64,235.50

VII. Building Reports

A. West School

1. Congratulations to Melissa Flood on completing the New York City Marathon. We are so proud of you!
2. We want to welcome Ben Swan, our new part time ENL teacher, to our West Family.
3. Congratulations to Kirsten Golden on the birth of her son, Harrison James Pappas.
4. Red Ribbon Week was a huge success. Students enjoyed dressing up each day and learning about ways to be healthy.
5. Thank you to the West School PTA for providing Yoga to the students during Red Ribbon Week.
6. The West School Storybook Parade was a success. Students chose their favorite book and dressed up as that character for a traditional parade around the school.
7. Thank you to the West School PTA for another successful Book Fair. We appreciate all you do for our students
8. Thank you to the West School PTA for providing a wonderful Fall craft for all the students to make.
9. Thank you to all members who donated to the LBCTA Food Drive benefiting the Long Beach Food Pantry. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.
10. Thank you to Alison Katulka for a fabulous Buddy Party. We had such a nice time getting to know our new members.
11. Please consider donating to the toy drive. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith Harvey @Keith-Harvey-20.
12. Save the date for our annual bowling event. This year it will be held on Thursday, February 1st at Maple Lanes in RVC. This year we will be donating to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation. Please register your teams using this [link](#).
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Bank.

14. Have a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving!

B. Lindell School

1. Thanks to Kirstyn Golden for organizing Red Ribbon week. The message encouraged healthy choices and reminded us all to "Be Kind to Your Mind & Body."
2. Congratulations to Kirstyn Golden on the birth of her son Harrison James Pappas.
3. We look forward to working with Rachel Samlin during Kirstyn Golden's maternity leave. Welcome to Lindell.
4. The Lindell Character Day parade was full of excitement for students, staff and guests who came to watch our outdoor parade.
5. Second Grade Students shared Believable Biographies with classmates and families. We are so proud of you.
6. Third grade students became true scientists while exploring various spooky science experiments in their classrooms on October 31st.
7. Thank you to the Lindell PTA for the Halloween Pumpkin Patch. Everyone had a wonderful time.
8. Thanks to all who donated to the CTA food drive. Your donations will help many families in our community.
9. Thank you Ali Katulka for putting together a very successful new buddy party at EGP in Island Park.
10. Please consider donating to the annual LBCTA toy drive. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith Harvey @Keith-Harvey-20. Thank you.
11. Save the date: Thursday, February 1st is our annual bowling event. Get your teams together and use this [link](#) to register.
12. Thank you to those members who have donated to the sick bank. Please consider donating a day to the LBCTA sick bank if you haven't already done so.
13. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your families and friends.

C. East School

1. Condolences to Matt Jones on the loss of his Grandfather.
2. Congratulations to Erin Kelly on the birth of her son Arthur William Kelly.
3. Congratulations to Kirstyn Golden Pappas on the birth of her son Harrison James Pappas.
4. Congratulations to Aileen Monahan on completing the NYC Marathon.
5. Congratulations to the girls' varsity volleyball team, under the leadership of coach Kerri Rehnback and assistant coach, Katherine Meyers, for achieving the title of Long Island Champs. The girls are headed to Glen Falls to compete for the title of New York State champs. Good luck!
6. Thank you to Ali Katulka for organizing and promoting the Buddy party. It was a fun and successful event.
7. Thank you to all who donated to the Thanksgiving food drive.
8. Please consider donating towards the LBCTA Toy Drive. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith Harvey @Keith-Harvey-20. Thank you.
9. Save the date, Feb. 1, 2024, for the annual CTA bowling event at Maple Lanes RVC. Please join us. We always have a ball! Please register your teams using this [link](#).
10. Wishing you all a very happy Thanksgiving.

D. Lido School

1. Thank you to Dr. Hernandez for the coffee and sweets on World Kindness Day.
2. Thank you to all members who donated to the LBCTA Food Drive benefiting the Long Beach Food Pantry. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.
3. Thank you to the Professional Development Committee for organizing an informative Superintendent's Conference Day!
4. Congratulations to Dr. Tova Markowitz for completing the NYC Marathon.
5. Congratulations to Pre-Kindergarten teachers for their feature about Wondergarten in the Long Island Herald.
6. Kudos to Lido PTA for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair. It's always exciting for children to get the opportunity to buy books to add to their reading collection.
7. Wishing Maris Lynch a speedy recovery.
8. Students and staff enjoyed dressing up for Character Day and walking in the parade.
9. Thank you to our Lido PTA for hosting a successful Trunk and Treat. Fun was had by all who participated!
10. Thank you to members who attended the New Member Gathering and thank you to Ali Katulka for organizing a fun get-together.
11. Congratulations to Kirstyn Golden Pappas and family on the birth of her son, Harrison James.
12. Please consider donating towards the LBCTA Toy Drive. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith Harvey @Keith-Harvey-20. Thank you.
13. Save the date for our LBCTA Annual Bowling Fundraiser at RVC Maple Lanes on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Please register your teams using this [link](#).
14. Save the date for our LBCTA End of Year Celebration at The Ocean Club on Thursday, May 16, 2024.
15. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.
16. Have a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving!

E. LBMS

1. Thank you Dr. Gallagher, Dr. Ostroff and the Superintendent's Conference Day Committee for organizing a productive day.
2. Thank you to everyone for successful Parent Teacher Conferences!
3. Please consider donating towards the LBCTA Toy Drive. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith Harvey @Keith-Harvey-20. Thank you.
4. Thank you to Mr. Gartung, National Junior Honor Society, and all that donated to our holiday food drive. Many boxes of food were collected and donated to the local food bank.
5. Thank you to all members who donated to the LBCTA Food Drive benefiting the Long Beach Food Pantry. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.
6. Special thank you to Mrs. Espinet for the beautiful Veterans Day tribute video and to Mr. Papetti for sharing the video during Morning Announcements. The video can be found [here](#).
7. Shout out to Lauren Behan, Julie Gobetz, Buddy Hoffman, Lisa Leibowitz, Caroline Espinet, Kerri Rehnback, and the students of Team 7-1 for the tribute to our nation's veterans. The Field of Honor is once again a beautiful reminder of the sacrifice our service members make to guarantee our freedom.
8. Congratulations to Coach Rehnback and the Girls Varsity Volleyball team on their recent win to become Long Island Champions.

9. Thank you to the LBCTA and our New Member Coordinator Ali Katulka for a successful New Member Buddy Party. A good time was had by all.
10. Save the date for our 7th Annual Bowling Fundraiser at RVC Maple Lanes on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Please register your teams using this [link](#).
11. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating if you have not done so already.
12. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

F. LBHS

1. Condolences to Anna Pace on the passing of her mother-in-law.
2. Thank you to Dr. Gallagher, Dr. Ostroff and the Superintendent's Conference Committee. Your efforts helped to create a helpful and informative Superintendent's Conference Day.
3. Thank you to Ali Katulka for putting together a successful new member party.
4. Congratulations to the girls varsity volleyball team for becoming Long Island champions and good luck at states!
5. The Long Beach Teacher Center is looking for a representative from the high school. The meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the LBMS Library. Meetings last approximately an hour.
6. Printers have become a big problem within the school. Students currently don't have access to printers in the library or anywhere else in the building. The staff are hopeful that a practical solution can be reached to have both office printers and photocopy machines functioning throughout the building. Having all prints/copies go through the office photocopy machines and not office printers is not productive and poses a problem when any confidential or timely information is needed.
7. Thank you for the new bathroom mirrors, however, we hope the bathroom garbage cans and tables arrive for the new individual bathrooms soon.
8. Please consider donating towards the LBCTA Toy Drive. You can give cash to a Building Rep or Venmo Keith Harvey @Keith-Harvey-20. Thank you.
9. The staff are happy to see that the majority of students currently have pictures on Schooltool, however the staff would like to see 100% of students with pictures.
10. Staff have come across several issues with the current way Parent Teacher Conferences are being carried out and we are hopeful that administration is open to discussions on how to revamp the process.
11. Save the date for the LBCTA Bowling Fundraiser at Maple Lanes on Thursday, February 1st. Please register your teams using this [link](#).
12. Please consider serving on a district committee.
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA Sick Day Bank.
14. Wishing Everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

VIII. New Business

- A. A motion was made by Beth Prostick to donate to the LBCTA Annual Toy Drive. It was seconded by Lori Parenti. It passed unanimously.

At 5:40 pm, a motion was made by Caludine Clark to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Amy Leder.

In Attendance:

West: Claudine Clark, Julie deBruin

Lindell: Heather Puckhaber, Cathy Barone, Susan Simons

East: Jennifer Diamond, Melissa Canner, Jennifer Maggio

Lido: Dorothy Lopez, Dana Monti, Lori Parenti

Pre-K: Molly Drake

LBMS: Alison Katulka, John Marr, Sean Miller, Grace Parisi

LBHS: Lisa Casey, Camila Gamboa, Brian Petschauer

Pre-K Committee: Molly Drake

Long Beach Teacher Center (LBTC): John Marr

Retiree Representative: Frank Volpe

Guests:

Executive Officers: Keith Harvey, Karen Bloom, Beth Prostick, Amy Leder, Patricia Van Loon,
Elleen Parks, Jonathan Bloom

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.

Being ready for the holidays can mean a lot of different things:

- Gifts for your loved ones
- Appliances for your home
- Confirming travel plans
- Entertainment for the kids
- Food delivery in case of inclement weather
- Savings set aside for unexpected expenses

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of endorsed programs and services that could help make you as prepared as possible for whatever the holiday season may throw at you.

No matter what your plans may be this holiday season, NYSUT Member Benefits is a great place to start. With a number of shopping, travel and discount programs, you are certain to find something of interest that could benefit you or your loved ones.

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You'll then be eligible to save on restaurant dine-in or take-out, flowers and gift baskets, Bose products, clothing and shoes, oil changes and vehicle maintenance, sporting events, hotels and flights, car rentals, theme parks, movie tickets, and much more. Members are encouraged to download the MB Discounts & Deals mobile app for the best user experience with this program.

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