

Long Beach Classroom reachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes September 18, 2023 The meeting was called to order at 4:11pm by Keith Harvey.

I. President's Report—Keith Harvey

A. Welcome Back to the 2023-2024 School Year

Thank you and congratulations on an amazing start to the school year. Your hard work and dedication has been recognized by the Long Beach community and is the foundation for our students' success.



I would also like to give a big thank you to our administrators and SRP workers for your support in the opening of school this year.

B. Executive Board Dates

9/18/23, 10/23/23, 11/13/23, 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

C. NYS Paid Sick Leave

Should you need to quarantine for a positive COVID case you still have access to the NYS Paid Sick Leave. You can only access this benefit three times, and if you used it in years past it does not reset. Once someone uses Paid Covid Leave three times, that person is no longer eligible. Please remember this can only be used for lab confirmed positive cases, and that you should notify HR once positive. The State benefit is not for your child's quarantine or positive case. The COVID Leave Form is located in your main office and can be completed once you return to work.

D. Health Insurance

NYSHIP health insurance rates decreased effective July 1. As a result the district will be recalculating the rates as of July 1, and the deductions for September thru December will be adjusted to reflect the overpayments for July and August.

E. District Committees

Dr. Ostroff emailed you on 9/11/23 with a list of District committees and their dates. It is extremely important that our voices are heard on these committees. Please consider joining, committee this year.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to fill out the form to be a representative on one of our district-wide committees:

Keith Harvey President Karen Bloom Executive Vice President Beth Prostick Vice President for Elementary Schools Amy Leder Vice President for Secondary Schools Patricia Van Loon Recording Secretary Ellen Parks Corresponding Secretary Jonathan Bloom Treasurer

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- Equity Committee (10/3, 12/19, 3/19, 6/4)
- Curriculum & Technology Committee (9/27, 11/29, 2/28, 5/22)
- Mental Health & Wellness Committee (10/5, 11/30, 1/11, 3/14, 5/18)
- Healthy and Safety (10/23, 1/29, 5/6)
- RTI/MTSS Optimizing Student Interventions (STAFF ONLY: 11/16, 1/18, 3/14, 5/2)
- Professional Development Planning (STAFF ONLY: 9/20, 11/1, 12/6, 3/6, 6/5)

F. 2023-24 Pay Dates

Below is a list of this year's pay dates. Please note that this year will be a 21.3 payment year for those choosing 21/21.3 payments.

9/15/23 - no direct deposit	12/8/23	3/1/24	5/24/24
9/29/23	12/22/23	3/15/24	6/7/24
10/13/23	1/5/23	3/27/24 - no deductions	6/21/24
10/27/23	1/19/24	4/12/24	6/26/24
11/9/23	2/2/24	4/26/24	
11/22/23 (Wednesday)	2/16/24	5/10/24	

G. Club Pay Dates

This year's clubs will be paid half at the midpoint of the season, and half at the end of the season. This means if you are a seasonal club, you will be paid twice during your season. All other clubs will be paid half the stipend in the 12/8/23 check, and half in the 5/10/24 check.

H. Coaching Pay Dates

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

High School

Fall: First Check: 9/29 Second Check: 10/27 Winter: First Check: 12/22, Second Check: 2/16 Spring: First Check: 3/27, Second Check: 5/10

Middle School

Fall: First Check: 9/29 Second Check: 10/27 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

I. Sexual Harassment Training

The mandates and requirements under the law, as they pertain to the LBCTA Executive Board were explained and reviewed.

J. Cancer Screening

Employees of the District may be excused from their duties for a sufficient period of time, not to exceed four hours on an annual basis (July 1-June 30). Please be sure to follow District procedures for notification of your absence so that appropriate coverage may be secured. Upon return from your screening leave, you must complete the Cancer Screening Verification <u>form</u>. The original must then be submitted to the Office of Human Resources.

K. NYSUT Leadership Training

NYSUT will be holding workshops and conferences throughout the 2023-2024 school year. A list of the upcoming Fall Workshops was distributed at the meeting.



L. Study Money - Fall 9/29/23, Winter 12/8/23, and Summer 5/10/24

Applications to participate in the fall Study Money program should be received by the HR department by September 29. 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.

M. Work Related Travel

If you are assigned to more than one building per day or attend a pre-approved out of district conference or meeting, you are entitled to a travel stipend. The 2023 reimbursement rate is 65.5 cents per mile. Travel claims should be submitted to your direct supervisor for verification and signature. A list of dates and miles driven must be attached to your claim. For travel within the district, a <u>mile chart</u> has been created.

N. Conference Funds

Funds are available for you to attend pre-approved conferences outside the district. The maximum allocation per conference is \$500. Meals are reimbursed at the following rates: \$20 (breakfast), \$20 (lunch), and \$40 (dinner) per day IF NOT covered by the conference fees, plus tax and reasonable (15%-18%) gratuities. For one-day local conferences, lunch is the only reimbursable meal. Receipts for all meals must accompany your claim form. You will also be reimbursed for travel at the rate of 65.5 cents per mile plus tolls or the actual cost of public transportation. Please keep in mind that the \$500 limit is inclusive of meals and transportation.

O. Packing and Unpacking

Teachers who are moving and/or packing due to an alternative use of their room or a room transfer shall be paid \$26.89 per hour up to a maximum of 4 hours. The work must be done outside of the school day and a record kept of the dates and times.

P. Eyeglass Reimbursement



We are in year two of a two-year cycle for eyeglass/contact purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. Plus, such coverage may be used for the member and their family. Completed claim forms with receipts attached must be sent to the HR department in Administration, or email Dr. Natali.

Q. Elementary Pre-K Committee

I am creating a special committee to represent the newly appointed full time elementary Pre-K positions. With the consent of the Executive Board, I will be appointing Molly Drake as the chair of the committee at an honorarium equal to a Building Rep.

R. Condolences

Condolences to the friends and family of Elliott Landon on his passing. Elliot, the former Superintendent of Schools, who was affectionately known as the "The Silver Fox" passed away on September 1, 2023 at the age of 83. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his service and his many contributions to the Long Beach School District.

S. Credit Swap

Leah Buffalino 1.5 graduate credits, Hofstra University, leah.buffalino@gmail.com

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. Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a restful summer.
- **2.** Welcome to our new members. I had the pleasure of meeting you during the new teacher orientation on August 31st.
- **3.** I am currently in the process of matching our new members with a buddy. Ideally, I would like to pair new members with a person who works in the same building.
- **4.** Thank you to our building reps for assisting me in the buddy pairing process. I really appreciate all of your support.
- **5.** Please be on the lookout for our New Member Party email. We will be meeting on a Friday for a casual get together. We encourage our new members, buddies, and mentors to attend.

C. Political Action Committee—Jennifer Garrett

- 1. Welcome Back!
- 2. It is important that PAC has a way to contact members to disseminate information in a timely fashion. If you changed email or are new to the district, please email LBCTAPAC@gmail.com with an active personal email address so our contact list can be updated.
- **3.** As always, please feel free to share your ideas on how LBCTA PAC can better serve our members. You can email your thoughts to LBCTAPAC@gmail.com.
- **4.** Be on the lookout for the latest edition of our LBCTA newsletter due out soon!

D. Public Relations Committee—Amy Leder and Beth Prostick

- 1. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
 - a) The Walk Sunday, October 15th, 2023, at Jones Beach.
 - **b)** Wear Pink Our annual, "Wear Pink Day" will be on Friday, October 6th. Please join us by wearing pink/purple or your new/old LBCTA shirt. This would be a great day to fundraise together as a school should you choose.



- c) Shirts If you would like to order a shirt, please fill out this <u>Google</u> <u>form</u>. We also have some shirts from last year still available for purchase.
- **d)** Donation Link We continue to be overwhelmed by everyone's love and support towards reaching our goal. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.
- 2. Please consider joining one of the district committees. It is crucial we have member representatives at all of these. Dr. Ostroff sent out an email with the link to sign up. The committees to choose from are Equity Committee, Curriculum and Technology, Mental Health and Wellness, Health and Safety, RTI/MTSS-Optimizing Student Interventions, Professional Development Planning.
- **3.** 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. More information will be available soon.

E. Social Committee—Elleen Parks

- 1. Welcome Back! We hope everyone has a successful school year. We are looking forward to participating in this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 15th.
- 2. Please Save the Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 for our end of the year celebration!

F. Long Beach Teacher Center—John Marr

- 1. Welcome back to a new and exciting academic year! The Center has moved into the Middle School library computer lab, and will be open Mondays from 3:15-6:00pm.
- 2. Our Policy Board meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month.
- **3.** Please check MLP for PD classes for Fall 2023. As a reminder, the district will be releasing a Quarterly PD flyer to better help in the planning of professional development. If you are interested in running any PD from January to March (Winter), the proposal deadline is December 9. If you would like to run PD from April to June (Spring), the deadline is March 8. Questions? Please contact the director at lbtc@lbeach.org

G. Pre-K Committee—Molly Drake

1. Thank you to everyone involved in the reopening of the school buildings. We appreciate your time and energy preparing the buildings. A big thank you to the custodians and building and grounds crews that got the indoor and outdoor spaces ready for full day Pre-K in all four elementary buildings!

- 2. Welcome to our new Pre-K teachers, Bennett Collier, Gari Ann Harris and Melissa Megias (Lido), Mary Jane Rochford (East), Christina Graziano (Lindell) and Nicole McGahan (West). We look forward to working with you.
- **3.** Our Pre-K staff is thankful to the LBCTA and Long Beach staff for their support of the Pre-K teachers transitioning to full time. It has been a wonderful beginning to the start of a new program!

III. Executive Vice President's Report—Karen Bloom

A. Welcome back to another school year! I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making the opening of our schools as smooth as possible. A huge thank you to the custodial staff for having our buildings ready to open.

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

- 1. The HS will continue to have a portable chiller until the repairs can be made permanently. The new HS bathrooms are functional but we are still waiting on a few items to be installed.
- **2.** Please continue to follow protocols for testing positive for COVID. If you have questions, feel free to ask.
- **3.** The early dismissal drill has been changed from November to October. Mr. DeVito recently sent communication to families to test the system.
- **4.** Thank you to the custodial staff throughout the district for helping to address the wide range of temperature issues we have been faced with. Please continue to inform them as well as your building principals of any specific concern that you have.
- **5.** The first meeting is October 23rd at 11 am via Zoom. The other two meeting dates are January 29th and May 6th.
- **6.** 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. Please remember to attend School Board meetings whenever possible.
- **2.** Please consider donating days to our District Sick Bank. The form is on our website at www.lbcta.com.

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

- **A.** Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer break and a smooth transition back to school.
- **B.** Please remember to speak to your Building Reps about any issues you may have. The reps will send me any issues they were unable to work out at the building.
- **C.** Please join us for our annual Making Strides Walk on Sunday, October 15, 2023. You can make a donation and/or purchase a t-shirt at this <u>link</u>.
- **D.** Our Annual Pink Out Day is Friday, October 6. Please take lots of pictures!
- **E.** Our first Elementary Council meeting will be on Monday, October 2, at 4:00. We will meet in room 25 at Lido.
- **F.** If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at bprostick@lbeach.org.

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

- **A.** Welcome back! In particular, I would like to welcome our new teachers and building reps.
- **B.** Please remember to speak to your Building Reps about any issue you may have.

HS Reps: P. Bankey, L. Casey, M. Hartmann, L. Lang, C. Gamboa, R. Spitz, B. Petschauer MS Reps: J. Garrett, A. Katulka, G. Parisi, S. Miller, J. Marr

- C. Don't forget to complete your Global Compliance online. It's due in December.
- **D.** Please consider joining one of the district committees. It is crucial we have secondary representatives at all of these. Dr. Ostroff sent out an email with the link to sign up. The committees to choose from are Equity Committee, Curriculum and Technology, Mental Health and Wellness, Health and Safety, RTI/MTSS-Optimizing Student Interventions, Professional Development Planning.
- **E.** Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Day Bank.
- F. If you have any unresolved issues from last year, please reach out to me at aleder@lbeach.org

VI. Treasurer's Report—Jonathan Bloom

A. Welcome Back to All! A special welcome to all of the new teachers and to our building reps. I hope that you all had a relaxing summer.

B. June Financial Results

Revenues

Union Dues	\$41,711.84
Payroll Refund	\$175.50
Union Dues	40,337.00
NYSUT Logo	100
TOTAL	\$82,324.34

Expenditures

NYSUT	\$31,055.76
AFT	19,654.00
Officer & Rep Stipends	26,609.86
Taxes & Fees	8,691.43
Retirees Dues	384.00
Telephone	83.44
Meeting Expense	85.48
Vote Cope	35.00
Election Costs	1,139.98
Newspaper Ad	323.00
Training	798.09
TOTAL	\$88,860.04

C. July/August Financial Results

Revenues

Retirees	\$81.00
TOTAL	\$81.00

Expenditures

Payroll Fees	\$240.37
NYS Unemployment Ins	148.5
Workers Comp.	22.5
TOTAL	\$411.37

- **D.** 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.
- E. 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. Please join us for the Making Strides Walk at Jones Beach on October 15th.

VII. Building Reports

A. West School

- 1. Welcome back to a new school year!
- **2.** We would like to welcome Stephanie Kornacki, Lori Hartfield, Sofia Notar-Francesco and Sarah Brennan to our West School staff.
- 3. Congratulations to Melissa Flood on her marriage to Dan Cerney.
- **4.** Congratulations to Jessica Shairer on her marriage to Jonathan Biscardi.
- 5. Thank you to our custodial staff for getting the building ready for students and staff.
- **6.** Thank you to the West PTA for their help with the Kindergarten and Pre-K playdates.

B. Lindell School

- 1. Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year.
- 2. Welcome new and former members to our Lindell family: April Andrews-Kosolapov, Christina Graziano, Katrina Rossi-Fuchs, Amanda Bernstein, Travis Van Nostrand, Arianna Anzano, Daniel Bailey, Halle Conklin, Stephanie Kornacki, Lauren Miller, Scott Scheinson, and Shari Steier.
- **3.** We would like to stress a strong concern regarding the building temperature at Lindell the 2 first weeks of school. We have a handful of rooms with air conditioners but the majority do not. Temperatures have ranged anywhere from 82 degrees to 93+. Playgrounds have been closed due to slide temps over 100 degrees. Conditions created an unsafe and difficult environment for learning.
- 4. Many thanks to our custodians for their hard work getting the building ready for this school year.
- **5.** Save the date... Sunday, October 15th, 2023 is the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach.

C. East School

- 1. Thank you to our amazing custodial staff for getting the building ready for teachers and students and making our building shine for opening day!
- 2. Welcome back to faculty and staff for a great start to the new school year.
- **3.** Welcome to all new East School staff, Katherine Dascher, Sophia Notar-Francesco, Gabriella Febrizio, Beth Snow, Tara Salvador, Jennifer Madrid, and Matthew Hartman. We look forward to working with all of you.
- **4.** Congratulations to Rebecca Wesselhoft on the birth of her daughter Addison Nicole born on August 11th.
- 5. Congratulations to Priscilla Edwards on the birth of her son, Peter Hudson on June 29th.
- **6.** Help support the Breast Cancer Walk Making Strides that will take place on 10/15 at Jones Beach. Order your shirts now!
- 7. Please consider donating a sick day to the sick bank.

D. Lido School

- 1. Welcome back to everyone to the start of another school year!
- 2. Thank you to Fawwas Persaud and the entire custodial staff for getting Lido School ready.
- 3. Congratulations and a warm welcome to the following on their new assignments to Lido Elementary this school year: Pre K (Bennett Collier, GariAnn Harris, Melissa Megias), K-2 (Danielle Goggin), Gr 2-4 (Andrea Hinke), WINGS (Alexandra Johnston), Band (Naomi Marmol), Adapt PE/PE (Jessica Risso), Speech (Jordan Barto, Martina Beloyianis, Allison Boldis), Pre K Psychologist (Nora Strecker), and Behaviorists (Matthew DeFranco, Andrew Romanoff).
- **4.** Please save the date for our Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on the Jones Beach Boardwalk on October 15, 2023. Join Team LBCTA & LBSEA 11561 and please consider making a donation by visiting Making Strides Against Breast Cancer which is all for a worthy cause. Also, purchase your Making Strides shirt by using the following link: https://forms.gle/dCqbij5jxUmCsvVR7 to make your requests and payments.
- **5.** **Wear PINK or your LBCTA shirt on Friday, October 6, 2023.
- **6.** Kudos to Lido PTA for our Lido School lanyard and families enjoyed the Welcome Back to School Picnic.
- 7. Condolences to Lori Parenti on the loss of her father.
- 8. Congratulations to Kylee Nicholls on the birth of her son, Brady Ryan Nicholls!
- **9.** Condolences to Jean Kushel on the loss of her father.
- **10.** Condolences to the family of our former Long Beach Superintendent, Dr. Elliott Landon, on his passing.
- 11. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.

E. LBMS

- 1. Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year!
- **2.** Thank you to all stakeholders, especially our custodial/building & grounds staff, involved in getting our building ready for the new school year.
- 3. Welcome to Erica Northcutt as our new MS principal. We look forward to working with you.
- **4.** We would like to welcome the following people to the Middle School and/or to new positions: Rich Pellegrini (Sp. Ed Special Class, all grades), Kristen Conklin-Kearney (Science Research), Daniel Neri III (Band), Regina Rushford (Nurse), Nina Arlotta (Reading), Heather Johnston (Math), and Perm Subs Britteny Beigel and Dwayne Thacker. We look forward to working with each of you.
- 5. Congratulations to Mike Santoro on the birth of his daughter, Skylar Rose.
- **6.** Congratulations to Kate Smith on the birth of her daughter, Finnula Kate O'Connell.
- 7. Congratulations to Justin Marks on his recent engagement to Kate Wrede.
- **8.** Congratulations to Jennifer Seychell on her recent marriage to Kevin Donovan.
- **9.** Congratulations to Dana Stuno on her recent marriage to Mike Conn.
- 10. Condolences to the family of Elliott Landon on his recent passing.
- 11. Please consider volunteering to serve on a 2023-2024 district committee. It is important to make our voices heard! To sign up, please complete the Google Form found in the September 11th email from Dr. Ostroff.
- 12. Team LBCTA 11561 is back! The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk will take place on October 15, 2023 at Jones Beach. Please consider joining our team as we raise money for this worthy cause. If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation please visit: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Please join us by wearing pink or your LBCTA 11561 shirt on Friday, October 6th to show your support.
- **13.** Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating to our sick bank if you have not done so already.
- 14. Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

F. LBHS

- 1. The opening of the school year at LBHS was a success, following a great week which included Freshman Orientation, Band Rehearsal, Athletic Tryouts, and New Teacher Orientation. Thank you to all faculty, staff, security and administrators for welcoming our students back to school.
- 2. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Chris Genduso and our buildings and grounds crew our facilities were ready for opening day. As a result of their efforts, our building is now outfitted with new single-occupancy bathrooms, a new beautiful library and upgrades to our auditorium sound system.
- **3.** The implementation of the Cell Phones Must Be Put Away Policy has been very successful and has had a positive impact on our building. Students are more engaged and focused on learning in the classroom when they are not distracted by their cell phones.
- **4.** We welcome our new members: Benjamin Swan, Stephanie Kornacki, Veronica Berrueta-Gonzalez, Brittany Carpenter, Emily Siegel, Heather Johnston, Julia Budassi, Allison Franco, Jaclyn Javakian, Jordan Barto, Geoffrey Noss and Kristen Conklin! We wish all of you a great and successful year!!!!!
- 5. We are excited that midterm exam week has returned to our schedule in January of 2024.
- **6.** Administrators and teachers have clearly outlined our attendance policy so that students understand that attending classes is essential to their success and for earning credit for their courses.
- 7. Please wear pink or purple on October 6th to support Strides Against Breast Cancer. The LBCTA will be walking again at Jones Beach on October 15th in the LI Strides Against Breast Cancer event. Please consider walking with us and or donating to this important cause.
- **8.** As per ARTICLE VIII, section 4, parts A and B of the Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association Constitution and By-Laws, I am appointing Andrew Rossi as an Building Representative for the 2023-2024 school year to fill a vacancy at the High School.
- 9. We wish all students, faculty and staff a happy and healthy new school year.

At 5:25 pm, a motion was made by Matthew Hartmann to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Pam Bankey.

In Attendance:

West: Anne LaPenna

Lindell: Heather Puckhaber, Susan Simons East: Melissa Canner, Jennifer Maggio Lido: Dorothy Lopez, Lori Parenti

Pre-K: Molly Drake

LBMS: Jennifer Garrett, Alison Katulka, Sean Miller, Grace Parisi

LBHS: Pamela Bankey, Lisa Casey, Camila Gamboa, Loren Lang, Brian Petschauer, Rachel Yousha

Long Beach Teacher Center (LBTC): **Retiree Representative**: Frank Volpe

Guests: Andrew Rossi

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.

Back to school can mean a lot of different things:

- · Starting a new career
- · Planning for the future
- · Balancing work and home life
- · Making difficult decisions
- · Enjoying your final year before retirement,
- · Recalling memories of a proud career

Regardless of what you might be doing this fall, **NYSUT Member Benefits** offers a variety of endorsed programs and services that could help make you as prepared as possible for whatever the new-school year may throw at you.

Whether you are looking to save money, protect your family, or plan for the future, **NYSUT Member Benefits** is a great place to start. With dozens of endorsed insurance, legal, financial, 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 electronics, 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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