

MEMBER BENEFITS COMMITTEE

MAY 2009

NEA CREDIT CARD

The NEA credit care program now merged with Bank of America. This is the special credit card, which NJEA promoted starting in 1983. NEA will be promoting the new credit card with the superior rate of interest for all membership. NJEA is part of a pilot program to bring superior rates to NJEA members for transfers of balances, check writing privileges, pay bills automatically, and 100% Fraud Protection, and all travel transactions etc. *Activate your account to start earning World Points by calling 800-421-2110.*

21st Century Auto and Home Owners Insurance

Farmers Insurance Group---a subsidiary of Zurich Financial Services of Switzerland, has acquired the 21st Century Insurance group. NJEA will continue with the existing program as an endorsed vendor. There will be a car raffle available from now through the convention and the winner will be announced at the November DA meeting.

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (Children's Day Care Services State-wide)

There is a possibility of a discount program partnership for day care service for members' children after approval and clearance with the NJEA leadership and legal counsel. Please advise me if anyone is using the services (in Cherry Hill and Blackwood) for commentary etc.

GRAND VACATIONS

This company seeks an affiliation with members in a Vacation Savings Program. Participant may join one of three plans based on his needs. The costs vary by the month and it is advisable to watch the Member Benefits page for complete details. At this point, *it is under consideration by the committee*—anyone familiar with this program please advise me of your satisfaction level. (jeannekiefner@verizon.net)

NEA MEMBER BENEFITS WEBSITE

There has been a revamping/redesigning of the NEA website to meet everyone's needs. The *financial literacy component* is a planning resource for continuing to evaluate your retirement considerations. There are many other savings and educational opportunities for your interest. (personal budgets, tax favored retirement plans, income protection income and asset information)

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NJEA Disability Insurance Program

The Prudential Insurance Company's Educator's Insurance is the ONLY endorsed program. NJEA stands ready to support and guide you in dealing with (disability insurance) concerns or problems encountered at any time.

Buyer's Edge and Direct Depot Kitchens

There is a new provider for kitchen cabinets through Buyer's Edge. This is a statewide program with service delivery to members. There will be a mailing of the new Buyer's Edge promotion in September (to all local Presidents). In the interim, for service interest you can call Buyer's Edge directly 1-800-277-3700 or visit www.buyersedge.com/njea using our NJEA group #3386.

Shop, call and save if you are interested in a call, major appliance, TV, Carpet, jewelry, furniture, vacuums, etc. Lowest prices guaranteed.

TRAVEL COMPANY---BRAVE TOURS

Bravo Tours specials is in discounted travel programs throughout the United States, Hawaii, Europe and other international destinations.

Theme Park Tickets area available at the www.njea.org web page...Busch Gardens, Sesame Place, Six Flags, Universal Orlando, Sea World, etc.

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You can review all special discounts on the website by going to www.njea.org put in your ID number.

If you have suggestions for a special services provider please let me know. This committee reviews all opportunities to provide members with money saving deals. Thanks for reading this.

Submitted,

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