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Upcoming Events:

SHEA Board Meeting Nov. 5, 5:00, SHHS conference room

KNEA Fall Bargaining Conference,

Saturday Nov. 21
KNEA Headquarters in Topeka
On-line registration at www.knea.org

American Education

Week: Nov. 15-21

Changes at the top

The passing of Sherri Yourdon, KNEA Vice-President, created the need for a new interim team to fill the vacancy. The new faces of KNEA include: Karen Godfrey-Seaman, KNEA interim Vice-President
Mark Farr-Nickerson, KNEA interim Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Thesman-Blue Valley, NEA Director filling Mark Farr's seat

A Friend at the very top: NEA has become a valuable resource to new National Education Secretary Arne Duncan. Reports are that when he has a question about educational policy he turns to the experts in the field: NEA.

Member benefits

The October SHEA Board meeting included a presentation on member benefits.

Though we are all familiar with the wonderful access card, there is so much more out there for members.

A speaker from the national headquarters of NEA member benefits gave an exciting presentation that only scratched the surface of what all is available.

If you haven't been on the member's benefit page, you should set aside a half hour or so to peruse the website. The savings potential is unlimited from buying a vehicle to major appliances for your home. We're talking savings that could add up to thousands of dollars a year. All you have to do is dive in at : www.neamb.org

Summer Educational/ Travel Opportunities

Is it ever too soon to be thinking about summer vacation? Now that we have a nine weeks under our belt and the fall holidays quickly approaching, summer can't be too far behind.

For the last six years I found a cheap and fun way to spend my summer vacation and want to share some opportunities with you. I have personally participated in the NEH Landmarks six times, and also won the Abraham Lincoln Scholarship in the first year it started, so I'm speaking from experience, if you are free to travel, look into this. New listings for summer 2009 will be posted any day now. Pays \$750 plus travel allowance.

www.neh.gov/projects/landmarks-school.html

Another program is geared to humanities with a longer residency and higher payment. Also will be announced any day.

<http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>

The Abraham Lincoln scholarship is sponsored by Horace Mann Insurance Company, based in Springfield, Ill. It carries a \$1000 stipend which covers your travel, hotel, and meal expenses. Wonderful opportunity to spend a week in the library and museum along with touring Lincoln sites.

www.horacemann.com/resources/fellowships/default.aspx

Although I haven't personally participated in a GilderLehrman Institute, they are highly competitive to get into, but I've heard good things from friends who have attended. www.GilderLehrman.org/teachers/seminars1.html

Here's another one that offers a scholarship at Colonial Williamsburg.

<http://www.history.org/history/teaching/tchsti.cfm>

New Logo:

Did you notice our new logo at the top of page 1? It reads:

S.H.E.A.

The Heart of USD # 230

We believe this with all our heart, that our teachers represent the "heart" of our district, those professionals who come to work every day to make a difference in a child's life.