



**NEWSLETTER**  
**MALAYALEE ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
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## ***MEA TECHNICAL SESSION 2009!!!***

MEA in association with the Technology Forum at Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business presents an evening of technology presentations:

### **Nanotechnology**

*A Presentation by*  
*Dr. Ajayan Pulickel,*  
*Professor of Engineering at Rice University, Houston*

*Followed by –*

### **The Next Net - Automating Thought**

*A Discussion by*  
*Joseph Pally,*  
*CEO of Z Cubes.com*

Date: **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Time: **5:45PM to 8PM**

Networking/Snacks: **8PM to 8:30PM**

Room: **314 (Level 3)**

Location: **McNair Hall (Jones GSB building), Rice University, Houston, TX 77005**

Parking options:

- **Greenbriar Lot** (Free Parking) – 10 min walk to McNair Hall, free shuttle bus every 5 minutes
- **West Lot 1/5** (\$1/35mins, \$10 max) – 5 min walk to McNair Hall
- **Central Parking Garage** (\$7 one time) – under McNair Hall

***Please bring your family and friends for an enlightening evening.***

**The event is free for MEA members and family.**

For more details, please contact Jesu Joseph at [Jesu.Joseph@rice.edu](mailto:Jesu.Joseph@rice.edu) or Shiny Paul at [pshiny@gmail.com](mailto:pshiny@gmail.com)



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## **Toastmasters Club**

MEA member Jacob Chacko, President of the newly formed Technip's Toastmasters Club is inviting interested MEA members to sign up with his club. He can be reached at 281 249 1413 or by email at [JChacko@technip.com](mailto:JChacko@technip.com). This club has been in the making for over a year. Congratulations to Jacob for pulling it off. Now that the club has been formed, the MEA members can benefit through participation. It is a great opportunity for our members.

Toastmasters groups are formed every day across the world in a variety of settings. Groups meet onsite at corporations, churches, and community centers, even in restaurants.

### **What Toastmasters Can Do For You**

Your potential is limited only by your excuses. Whether you work in a corporate environment or from home, whether you are a student or retiree, Toastmasters is the most efficient, enjoyable and affordable way of gaining and enhancing communication and leadership skills. The club could help you to:

- ✓ **Become a Better Speaker and**
- ✓ **Become a Leader**

### **It Really Works!**

The environment is friendly and supportive, and the self-paced program allows you to build confidence with each speaking assignment. You'll love the applause!

Constructive evaluation is the heart of the Toastmasters program. Each time you give a prepared speech; an evaluator will point out your strengths and weaknesses and suggest improvements. Importantly, whenever you stand up and speak, you receive encouraging, helpful feedback on your presentation and beneficial tips on improvements for future presentations.

### **Where does the club meet?**

Technip USA  
11700 Old Katy Rd, 9th Floor  
Houston, Texas 77079  
Tel: 281-249-1413  
Fax:281-249-3150



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## **MEA SCHOLARSHIPS**

<b>Year</b>	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Scholarships Awarded (Total 50+)</b>	2	3	4	5	7	7	7	8	9.5

### **Additional Information**

For additional information regarding scholarships, please contact one of the 2009 MEA Executive Committee Members or K.N. Rajesh (281-392-4703), Scholarship Committee Coordinator.

## **MEA WEBSITE**

Please visit the redesigned MEA website at [www.meahouston.org](http://www.meahouston.org) for up-to-date information on MEA activities, scholarships and upcoming events. Details of MEA documents such as bylaws can also be found here.

## **TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR MEA**

*MEA IS GRATEFUL TO Internal Revenue Department of US Government in recognizing the pioneer work done by MEA in awarding scholarships to needy and bright students and has supported us with the Income Tax Exempt status of 501c3.*

*Please note that the status is effective from 2004 September 17<sup>th</sup>. For donors to MEA below \$250.00 there is no tax receipt required and MEA has sent receipts for those donors who contributed above \$250.00. If you or any donor needs additional document support, please contact our treasurer Sandeep Menon at 281 493 5335 or e-mail Sandeep at [sandeepmenon\\_india@yahoo.com](mailto:sandeepmenon_india@yahoo.com).*

*All committee members wholeheartedly express their gratitude to previous committee members of MEA who have consistently worked to achieve this status since 2004.  
**The IRS Letter is shown below:***



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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **APR 29 2009**

MALAYALEE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION INC  
8303 S FREEWAY STE 335  
HOUSTON, TX 77074

Employer Identification Number:  
76-0464302  
DLN:  
409093013  
Contact Person:  
ROGER W VANCE ID# 31173  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
September 17, 2004  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,

Robert Choi  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC



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**MEA NITE - 2009**

**MEA Talent Night 2009** exceeded all expectations. Over 300 members and guests attended and the event consisted of 35 programs involving over 100 performers including members and friends. MEA express its gratitude to our **Event Sponsor FIESTA** and annual sponsors **Discount Grocers & Apna Bazaar.**







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**Fall PICNIC - 2009**

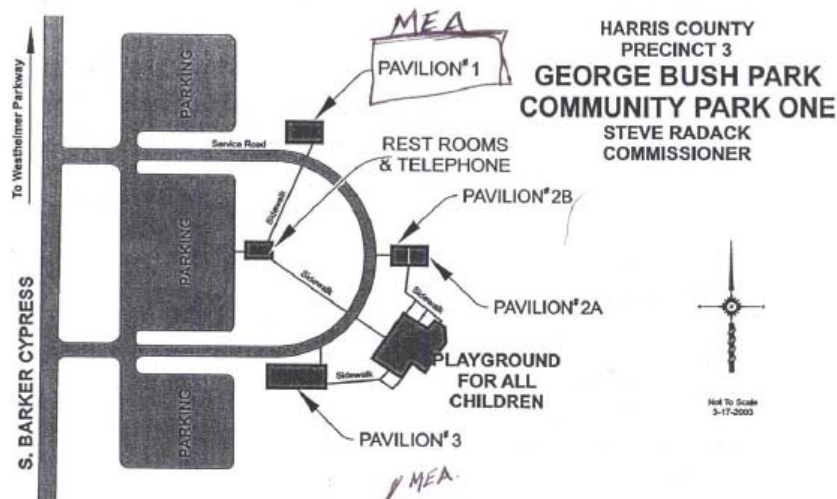
**MEA Fall Picnic 2009 is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Venue: Pavilion # 1  
 George Bush Park  
 16756 Westheimer Parkway (West of Hwy 6).

Directions are given below:

*DETAILED MAP*

ATTENTION: ALL PICNIC PAVILIONS IN BEAR CREEK PARK AND GEORGE BUSH PARK ARE SUBJECT TO FLOODING AT ANY TIME. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE TWO PARKS ARE PART OF A FEDERALLY-OWNED RESERVOIR AND IT IS THE PRIORITY OF THE U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO IMPOUND WATER WHEN NECESSARY.



	PAVILION 1	PAVILION 2A	PAVILION 2B	PAVILION 3
1. Number of Tables in Pavilion:	17 Total	9 Total	8 Total	33 Total
	Ten - 6' Long	Six - 6' Long	Four - 6' Long	Sixteen - 6' Long
	Five - 8' Long	Three - 8' Long	Two - 8' Long	Eleven - 8' Long
	Two - HC*	0 - HC*	Two - HC*	Six - HC*
2. Approx. Seating Capacity:	138	72	64	264
3. Electrical Outlets:	3	2	1	4
4. Hose Bib Outside of Pavilion:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
5. Lights Inside Pavilion:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6. Barbeque Grills Outside Pavilion:	3 - Small	3 - Small	3 - Small	3 - Small
7. Rest Rooms / Payphone	Nearby	Nearby	Nearby	Nearby
8. Trash Cans:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9. Playground:	Nearby	Nearby	Nearby	Nearby
10. Volleyball Poles Nearby: (Net & Ball Not Furnished).	**Yes	**Yes	**Yes	**Yes

\* HC - Handicapped Accessible Seating  
 \*\* One Set of Volleyball Poles Between Pavilions 1 & 2

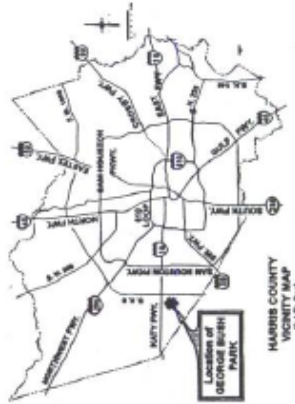


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HARRIS COUNTY  
 PRECINCT 3  
**GEORGE BUSH PARK**  
 7,800 ACRES  
**STEVE RADACK**  
 COMMISSIONER

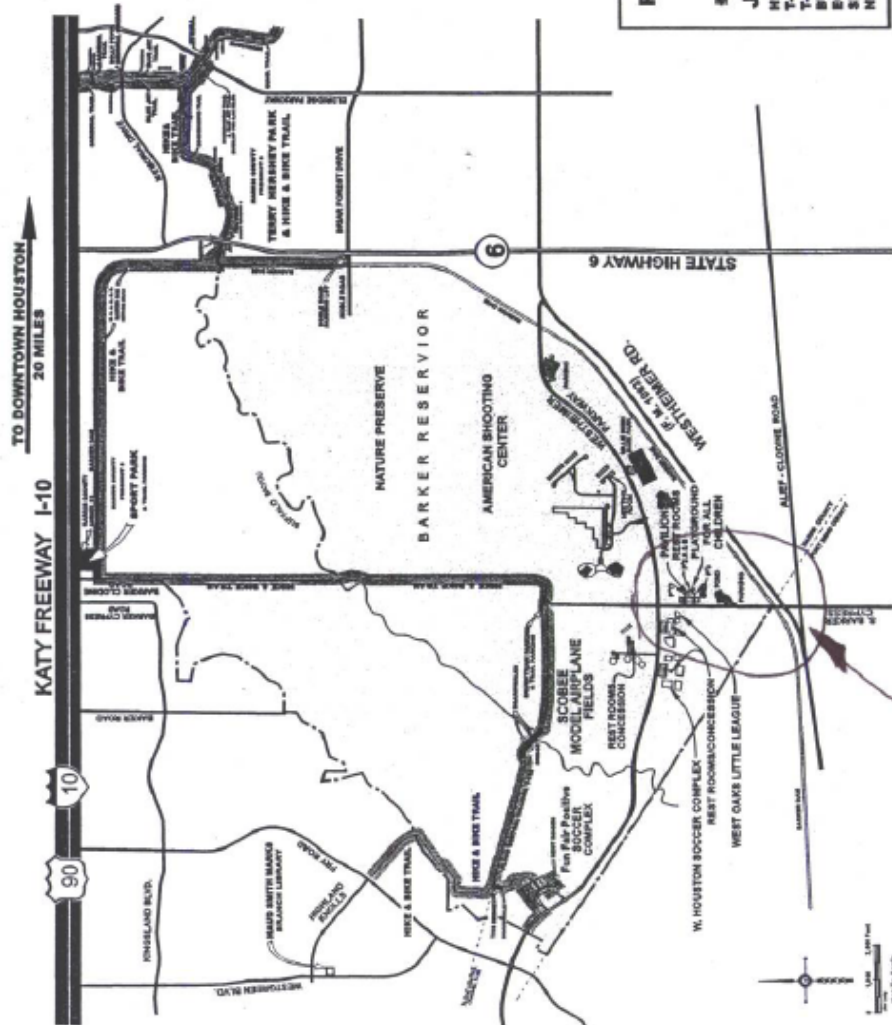


**PARK LEGEND**

- PARKING LOT LOCATIONS
- P1 PAVILIONS (#1 - #3)
- JOGGING TRAILS

**JOGGING TRAIL LEGEND**

HIGHLAND KNOLLS TO T-103 BRIDGE .....	1.34 Miles
T-103 BRIDGE TO FUN FAIR POSITIVE SOCCER .....	0.32 Miles
T-103 BRIDGE TO BUFFALO BAYOU BRIDGE .....	1.17 Miles
BUFFALO BAYOU BRIDGE TO EQUESTRIAN PARKING ..	0.96 Miles
EQUESTRIAN PARKING TO SPORT PARK .....	3.48 Miles
SPORT PARK TO TERRY HERSHEY TRAIL .....	3.14 Miles
NOBEL ROAD TO BUFFALO BAYOU .....	0.97 Miles



*SEE DETAILED MAP.*