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# TEA SPRING PICNIC 2010

The MEA Spring family picnic and General Body Meeting was held at Bayland Park on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM to 4PM. We had on site BBQ and outdoor games and sports activities. In spite of the weather playing spoilsport, the event was a big success, with close to 100 MEA Family members and guests attending the event. It was a great outing for the adults and children as well. MEA extends its sincere gratitude to all the members who braved the adverse weather and attended the event.

### **General Body Meeting**

The annual GBM was held in conjunction with the picnic. The most important decisions from the GBM regarding the scholarship and by laws are highlighted below:

### Scholarships Update

- 1. Soorya Suresh is proposed to be the new SPC. This was proposed by Joyce John and seconded by Karun Nair:
- 2. SPC will report to the BOD. MEA bylaws will be changed to allow Trustee #2 be a separate person from the SPC.

### **Bylaw Changes**

The following are a few of the changes were proposed to the bylaws and approved by the GBM:

- Add: The Trustees shall not be members of the Board of Directors. They may offer advice and guidance, but shall not have the right to vote in Director Board meetings;
- Add to details about Trustee #1: Trustee #1 need not be a MEA member;
- Election of Trustee # 1: A letter is available from Joseph P Joseph, willing to cotinue. BOD proposed, Joyce seconded and the motion has been passed approving the same;
- Proposal to increase MEA membership fees to \$35 for next year; Karun Nair proposed, Sagar Vidysagar seconded and the motion has been passed approving the same;





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A few pictures from the picnic are below. More pictures can be seen at www.meahouston.org.















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## MEA PROMOTIONAL NITE 2010

**MEA Promotional Nite 2010** was successfully held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Stafford Civic Center (Old) and exceeded all expectations. Close to 300 members and guests attended the function and the event consisted of 30 programs with over 100 performers showcasing their talents.

MEA express its gratitude to all the participants, members and guests and most importantly the volunteers who helped us make the event such a grand success.

A few pictures from the event night are shown below.















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# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2009

MEA committee has decided to award scholarships to 10 new students for the Year 2009-10. The list of 10 students selected for the scholarship is given below.

### List of Scholarship Recipients - 2009 - 2010

MEA Scholarship Rank	Student	College	Branch
1	Hariharan N	Govt.Engineering College,Trivandrum	Electronics & Communication
2	Aneesha Raj	Govt.Engineering College,Trivandrum	Electrical and Electronics Engineering
3	Gopu C	Govt.Engineering College,Trivandrum	Mechanical Engineering
4	Nithin R	Govt.Engineering College,Trivandrum	Electronics & Communication
5	Ashwin R	MA College of Engineering, Kothamangalam	Electronics & Communication
6	Anoop Johny	College of Engineering, Trivandrum	Mechanical Engineering
7	Mridula P	Govt.Engineering College,Thrissur	Electronics & Communication
8	Mithun Mohan	National Institute of Technology, Calicut	Mechanical Engineering
9	Jithin George	Govt.Engineering College, Thrissur	Mechanical Engineering
10	Sajna K	Govt.Engineering College, Kannur	Electronics & Communication

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### MEA 2010 Membership Drive

We are looking for new members as well as the continued support of the existing members as we are looking for ways to expand our horizons in identifying and supporting new engineering talents. If you haven't joined MEA yet, we invite you join this great organization, with opportunities to network, participate in cultural activities and support the scholarship program.

If your membership has expired, we urge you to renew your membership and rejoin the excitement. Your support and cooperation goes a long way in keeping the spirit of MEA alive.

### Scholarship Donations for 2010-11

MEA is looking for new sponsors for the scholarship program for 2010-11. You may sponsor a full scholarship for a student for four years (\$2000 total or \$500 annually). Full Scholarship may be after you or the name of your choice.

If you are not in a position to sponsor a complete scholarship, you also have the option of contributing any amount of your choice which will go to our scholarship fund. Please note that any contribution (however small) will help us in our scholarship initiative.

You can send your contributions by check to the MEA treasurer at the following address:

**Malayalee Engineers' Association** c/o Abraham John 5911 Mesa Brook Lane Houston, Texas 77041

You can also pay online with your credit or debit card at the MEA website www.meahouston.org.

### Future Events

The MEA fall picnic is tentatively planned for September 18<sup>th</sup> 2010. A confirmation will be sent out to the members prior to the planned date. Please email us at meahouston@yahoo.com if you have any suggestions for social events for MEA.





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### **Call for Articles**

Writers in MEA family: Please send in articles (technical, non-technical, humorous notes), stories, notices about important events, announcements etc. We will publish them in the next issue. The newsletter presents a great opportunity to the MEA member families and children to showcase their literary talents. It also helps us in making the newsletter more interesting and exciting.

Please email your articles to <a href="mailto:meahouston@yahoo.com">meahouston@yahoo.com</a>.

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