



# VOICE OF MEANT

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## Upcoming Events:

- Professional Event
- Music night
- Annual Picnic

Details follow soon!

## Membership:

Please renew your membership :

- Online using Paypal at [www.meant.org/Membership.htm](http://www.meant.org/Membership.htm)
- Mail a check to **MEANT Inc., P.O.Box 836087, Richardson, TX 75083-6087**

Sign-up for new membership. Details at [www.meant.org](http://www.meant.org).

## MEANT 2009 Installation Banquet

-Secretary's report

The 11th MEANT installation night and banquet was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dallas, TX. Registration and networking began at 6pm with yummy fish pakoras and vegetable outlets. Kids started gathering in a separate room where they enjoyed movies & pizza and were taken care of by baby sitters. After the



general body meeting, the banquet officially commenced at 7pm by a welcome message by outgoing Secretary Karthika Unnikrishnan. The US national anthem was sung by Sherin Mathew followed by the Indian national anthem by Shweta and Anjita. The incoming and outgoing first ladies Veena Valiaveedu and Rashmi Vatsan lit the lamp. Maria Joseph was the MC of the evening. The 2008 MEANT President Anoop Viswanath spoke a few words about the achievements of MEANT in 2008 and gave a warm welcome to the audience. The keynote speaker Krish Prabhu, former CEO & President of Tellabs, was introduced by Bipin Ravi. Krish Prabhu delivered an encouraging speech on dealing with the current economic conditions. He also presented the Distinguished Engineer of the Year award to George Brody - Founder, CEO & President of GlobeRanger Corporation. George Brody was introduced by Radhika Devi and he briefly addressed the audience. This was followed by a beautiful Indian classical dance by Pranhuti Suri and Bhaskari Burra of the Natyanjali Kuchipudi Dance School.

The much awaited dinner was served at 8:15pm which was catered from Mumtaz Indian restaurant. After dinner, the winners of the 2008 Math Olympiad competition were awarded with prizes sponsored by Microsoft Corporation. Afterwards the 2009 MEANT President Joseph Valiaveedu introduced the new BOD and plaques were presented to the 2008 MEANT BOD team by the event sponsors. Siby Mathew delivered the vote of thanks. The banquet ended with live songs by MEANT members Sudhir, Joonu, Brody, Manoj, Prabhu, Sanjay, Rajeev and Anjana to which kids and grown-ups danced alike.

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### Our Mission

“The primary mission of the organization is to provide an infrastructure for the professional and personal growth of present and future Malayalee engineers. The secondary mission is to foster social and cultural bonds among the members and families by providing a forum for interaction. We envision the organization becoming a professional establishment in the DFW metroplex area with a friendly atmosphere that a Malayalee engineer would be proud of being associated with.”

## Board of Directors 2009

President :	<b>Joseph Valiaveedu</b>
President-Elect :	<b>Siby Mathew</b>
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## Welcome Club Chairs 2009

Scholarship Program : **Baldev Nair**

Music Club : **Joonu Thomas**

MEANT activity clubs provide a forum for networking and entertainment. If you are interested in heading an activity club, please write to [communications@meant.org](mailto:communications@meant.org).

*“The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves” -Helen Keller*

*“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give” -Winston Churchill*



## News & Upcoming Events

Planning is in early stages for the events proposed for 2009-10. Some of the events depend on finding a sponsor and we also look forward to your continued support for making them a success.

- **Meant Website updates are in progress. Watch out for the announcement!**
- **“Job Leads Sharing Program” introduced for members and non-members**
- **Professional Event 1- April 2009**
- **Annual Potluck Picnic - May 2009**
- **Professional Event 2 - July 2009**
- **Boating Event - August 2009**
- **Fall MEANT Fest - October 2009**
- **Camping - October 2009**
- **Walk / Run for a Charitable Cause**
- **Math Olympiad - November 2009**
- **MEANT 2010 Installation Night - February 2010**
- **MEANT Activity club events - Music nights, Kids event**



# Picture Gallery - Banquet 2009





## On a lighter note...

### SUCCESS:

*At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.*

*At age 12 success . . . is having friends.*

*At age 16 success is . . . having a drivers license.*

*At age 35 success is . . . having money.*

*At age 50 success is . . . having money.*

*At age 70 success is . . . having a drivers license.*

*At age 75 success is . . . having friends.*

*At age 80 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.*

### GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) *Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.*
- 2) *Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.*
- 3) *When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.*
- 4) *You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.*
- 5) *It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.*
- 6) *Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.*
- 7) *Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.*

### THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) *You believe in Santa Claus.*
- 2) *You don't believe in Santa Claus.*
- 3) *You are Santa Claus.*
- 4) *You look like Santa Claus.*



## Suggestions / Feedback ?

Please send your comments and any articles, stories, announcements etc. to be published in the newsletter to [communications@meant.org](mailto:communications@meant.org).



\*\*We wish our members and families a Happy Spring\*\*

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