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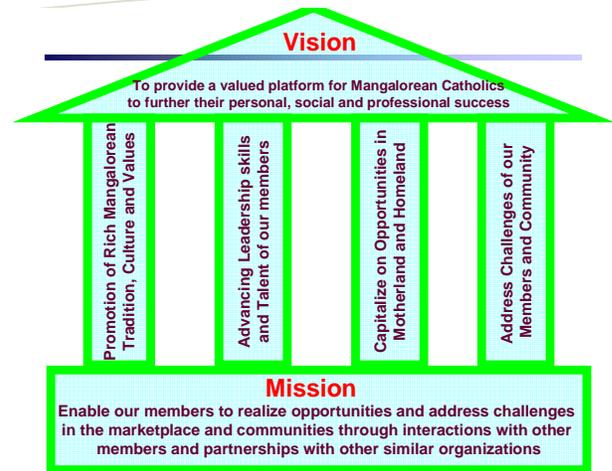
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## President Speaks

Dev Boro Dees Dheenv Somesthank:

*At the outset, I would like to thank you for electing me as the President of this prestigious organization that binds all Mangaloreans in the US East Coast together to further our personal, professional and social success. The newly elected executive board, with your unwavering support, can certainly make MCA-EC, a vibrant organization that we all will be proud of. With this purpose in mind, the MCA-EC, Executive Board had a strategy session on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> in Edison, NJ and crafted the vision, mission, value proposition, organization structure, upcoming events and short term/long term action plans. You all will hear more about these soon from our VP-PR, Bernie D'souza as well as see them at our website <http://mca-ec.org>. Please note that these are not cast in stones and we urge you to write to us with any feedback (positive and constructive) so that we can embellish upon this. This is a journey and we have to make it memorable by walking together, helping each other and at times replacing the thorns with the friendship of flowers. The secret of success is constancy of purpose and if all of us rally behind our vision, I have no doubt that we will be able to transform our vision into reality. Together, we can succeed and make a difference!*

Mog Asondhi  
Mark Mendonca,  
President, MCA-EC



### MCA-EC's Value Proposition



## MCA-EC Guiding Principles

- Membership is restricted to Mangalorean Catholics; however events are open to all.
- Event locations are decided based on the proportion of registered members.
- Early bird event price for registered members will be at least \$5 less than non-members.
- Events are generally brought to members at or below cost. **Events start and end on time.**
- MCA-EC will refrain from endorsing fund raisers from other organizations.
- Leadership strives hard to incorporate constructive feedback from members.
- Since children are our future, MCA-EC will focus on activities that enhance skill set of our children.
- All members will be given equal opportunity in event participation.
- All members work actively towards the overall progress of the organization,

# Events & Activities

Jun	Summer Picnic
Jul	Strategy Session
Aug	Logo Contest
Sep	Monti Fest
Oct	Revamp of Website
Nov	Trip to Soup Kitchen
Dec	Christmas



## MCA-EC Leadership Team (from Left to Right)

- Mark Mendonca (President)
- Vanitha Furtado (VP of Programs)
- Dilip Lewis (Webmaster and Mentor)
- Marina Correa (Secretary and Treasurer)
- Joseph Colaco (Mentor)
- Christopher Monis (VP of Membership)
- Bernie D'Souza (VP of Public Relations)
- Vivian Kamath (Mentor)
- Collins Lewis (Webmaster)

### WANTED

News letter editors for MCA-EC Quarterly December issue. Children age 9-16 only. If interested, please email us at [contactus@mca-ec.org](mailto:contactus@mca-ec.org)

# Summer Picnic

**New Jersey, Jun 19:** Mangalorean Catholic Association of the East Coast had organized a family get-together for its members recently. The stately Duke Island Park in New Jersey, with its beautiful green lawns and a shaded sitting area, where one could get away from the heat, proved to be a perfect venue for the event.

People came from all over the East Coast, and after registering themselves, headed for the breakfast table for some well brewed coffee and munchkins. There were great games to keep the kids on their feet. Fun games like three-legged race and lemon and spoon race had them asking for more. The highlight of the day was the gigantic tug-of-war game, which was played with such great vigour that the rope broke apart and both the teams were declared winners.

The iceberg game was truly fun for all those who played it, and was even more amusing for all those who watched it. For renewing the energy of the members, there were delicious appetizers, such as mixed pakodas and chicken kebabs. DJ Vijay played some great music from Konkani Masala to Cotton-eyed Joe to the CHA-CHA slide, and had everyone moving their hips and tapping their toes. The lunch menu

was a wonderful blend of spicy chicken biryani, chicken curry, and some other dishes with a north Indian flair, which were enough to tantalize the South Indian taste buds. A game of bingo was an ideal choice, after a hearty meal.

Then Manesh Aranha, president of the committee for the previous year, took over, and the crowd had an official felicitation of the members. After soliciting nominations for various positions, the new board was elected unanimously.

Dilip Lewis and Collins Lewis will continue as the webmasters. Joe Colaco, Vivian Kamath and Dilip Lewis were chosen as mentors to guide the executive board. Then there was another round of typical Indian games comprising Kho-Kho, dog and the bone etc., which were something different for all the American-born Mangalorean kids to learn. The watermelon served at the end was truly a welcome treat to quench the thirst.

It is but common for a Mangalorean to find some relationship when he meets another, and this occasion was no different. There are a lot more programmes planned, and new horizons to reach with new bonds to form and new reasons to meet.

Vital Information for you	
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**MCA POEM**  
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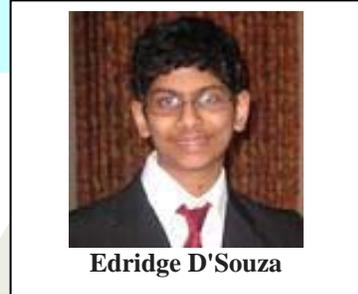
It started in early two-thousand-and-nine, The planning in a few months was very well-timed. Until June, makeshift posts were assigned, We made it through, though it was only part-time.

June '09 was the first event, With the announcers with their Konkani accents. We held a party with little expense, Then we elected the presidents.

Monthi Fest was held in September, We prayed and celebrated together With dances and singing presenters, For all, it was a night to remember.

December held the first Christmas feast, Everyone's in New York from all over the east Also one person from the Midwest, at least Yes, he was a bearded priest!

Finally, in June of oh-ten, We held the summer picnic again. Look at the number of people who attend, Aren't you glad to be one of them?



MCA-EC recognizes Wenola Tauro (15 yrs) and Clayton Monis (13 yrs) for their contribution in bringing this newsletter to you all.

## Mangalorean Catholic Association of East Coast (MCA-EC) – Connecting People \* Promoting Culture

*Culture is our most precious heritage. It is our duty therefore to live it, cherish it, and gift it to our children. If we fail in this duty, we commit a historical crime. It takes centuries for a culture to take shape and only a generation to destroy it.*

*With this driving thought, the Mangalorean Catholic residents of East coast have grouped together to form the **Mangalorean Catholic Association of East Coast (www.MCA-EC.org)**. Mangalorean Catholics are an ethno-religious community of Roman Catholics from Mangalore. Mangalore a port city on the west coast of India is a panorama of palm-fringed beaches, lush green fields and enchanting forests. Its scenic opulence is sheltered by the lofty western mountains on the east and the mighty Arabian Sea roaring along its shores. The people and the culture and their language – Konkani date to more than 5000 years. It is this very culture that has bound the MCA- EC family together.*

*The Executive board of MCA-EC extends a warm welcome to all fellow Mangalorean Catholics residing in the East coast. The association promises an exceptional experience promoting the rich Mangalorean culture and connecting fellow Mangaloreans. The key belief is: Together, we can make a difference! The motto driving the association is: Connecting People, Promoting Culture.*

*The world is a beautiful garden adorned with cultures of very many hues, shades, and fragrances. Each culture is unique, rare and special. If our culture dies, the world will be rendered much less beautiful.*

*Come let's connect and promote our culture. And as the Konkanis end their conversation - Dev Bore Koru – Thank you*