

# 2020 KEAN NEWSLETTER

## KERALA ENGINEERING GRADUATE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (KEAN)

### Our Vision

*"Our vision is to be a premier organization for engineers of Kerala origin residing in Northeast America where ideas are shared and common welfare is promoted, while extending help to financially and professionally deserving engineering students. KEAN shall also promote the culture and traditions of India and involve in the civic responsibilities of the country we live in."*

### Board Of Trustees Chairman's Message

To our KEAN Community,

Amidst these unprecedented times, I'd like to convey my well wishes to you and your families. There is no doubt in my mind that these last few months have been challenging for all of us due to COVID-19. However, throughout these trying times, I have witnessed people come together to mobilize funds and resources to support our community in various services.

Sincerely,

Shaji Kuriakose

### President's Message

Wishing you all a happy and a safe New Year! While 2020 has undoubtedly been a challenging year for everyone, I hope all are keeping well. Although the last 11 months' pandemic has taken a toll on all of us in diverse ways, I am genuinely proud of how the KEAN committee has united in adjusting to the new normal. I want to take this moment to reflect on how we came together to overcome numerous obstacles and still were able to reach out to the local community and extend helping hands to students in India. Despite challenging times, KEAN would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support; your contributions have made a huge difference! Given the challenge of navigating our lives amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, KEAN continued to excel and brought several events to our community. We conducted webinars to enlighten the professional and student community. KEAN reached out to the local communities by donating towards the food pantries in NJ and LI. KEAN also honored the front-line workers of Montefiore Nyack Hospital by providing lunch to the departments that were closely monitoring and treating COVID patients. KEAN also continued to support financially struggling students who are pursuing degrees in engineering streams in Government colleges and deserve these scholarships. KEAN was able to guide many engineers and aspiring graduates to different job opportunities available through the closely knit professional network. The unsolicited from sponsors enabled the KEAN committee to execute unique and different events than previous years. I am privileged to have worked with such a dynamic and committed committee. I also appreciate the enormous amount of needed guidance from the experienced committee members and past presidents. Looking forward to a productive 2021.

Sincerely,

Merry Jacob

## KEAN 2020 Highlights

### Thank You

Thank you again for your support! To accomplish all our projects successfully, we need your support. We whole heartedly invite you to be part of KEAN. Together, we can do more. You as a member or supporter can be the helping hands for KEAN. KEAN is a professional, non-profit organization which is tax exempt with 501©3 status, and your donations are 100% tax deductible. Please check our website, [www.keanusa.org](http://www.keanusa.org) to learn more about KEAN and its activities and what we can offer. Let us work as a team and continue to engineer our world. Special thanks to all sponsors for their generous contributions made to KEAN's various projects.

### Does your company have a Matching gift program?

Your company may have a matching gift program which could double your contribution to KEAN in promoting our scholarships and other initiatives. Please check with your employer to make your matching gift program work for students awaiting scholarships. For more information on the sponsorship opportunities, email to [keanusaorg@gmail.com](mailto:keanusaorg@gmail.com)

### Newsletter Chairman

K. J. Gregory  
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### KEAN Handing Over/Taking Over

The installation meeting of the 2020 Executive Committees and Board of Trustees was held on Saturday, February 1st, 2020. The venue for this event was Adaraka Indian Restaurant in Suffern, NY. The handing over/ taking over and swearing in ceremony for the Office Bearers for 2020 was held during the meeting. All committee chairs who were present at the meeting shared their vision for the year 2020.

### The Inventor in You

Zoom Webinar was held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The guest speaker was Mr. Charles Kannankeril, KEAN Engineer of the Year 2012 and award-winning research scientist, inventor and author. The session was moderated by Ajith Cherayil, past President to KEAN. The meeting brought together over 100 participants.

### Preparing for an Unconventional Future

Zoom Webinar was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The guest speaker was Mr. Santhosh C Kurup, Chief Executive Officer, ICTAK (Information and Communication Technology Academy of Kerala). The session was moderated by Ajith Cherayil, past President to KEAN

### KEAN Scholarships

KEAN awarded scholarship to below 2 students who have excelled in academics and extracurricular activities:

- Varsha Thampi is a Biomedical Engineering Major at New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Ronit Paul graduated from Paramus High School, NJ and pursuing 7- year BS/MD program at Seton Hall University.

The scholarships were sponsored by KEAN executive committee members K.J. Gregory and Prema Andrapalliyil.



Varsha Thampi



Ronit Paul

## Renew Your Membership

Membership is open to all Kerala Graduate Engineers and Associate Members of Institution of Engineers who agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the Association. Kerala Graduate Engineer is defined as an individual with Kerala origin, having an undergraduate degree in Engineering from India or abroad. Visit [www.keanusa.org](http://www.keanusa.org). Memberships can be renewed by paying via the KEAN website.

Let us, as engineers, join hands together in giving back to the community and build bridges for the aspiring youth to reach their goals.

## Helping Corner

Are you looking for a job?  
Do you need help for internship opportunities?  
Do you want an engineer to help you out with building up your resume?  
Do you have any ideas or suggestions?

Feel free to email us at [keanusaorg@gmail.com](mailto:keanusaorg@gmail.com)

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## KEAN Engineering Scholarships

KEAN's for year scholarship program for the Engineering students in Kerala is one of the greatest and largest educational charities. Each student will receive \$250 per year for the duration of their studies (4 years) provided they maintain the grades. This year was able to provide scholarships to 33 engineering students in Kerala. Over the past 13 years, KEAN has sponsored over 120 scholarships. KEAN will continue to provide more scholarships and financial assistance to Engineering students who are in need, in Kerala.

## COVID Fund raising

Through Fund raised by KEAN committee members we reached out to the local communities by donating towards the below food pantries in NJ and LI.

- The Food Bank Network of Somerset County Inc, Bound Brook, NJ
- The Hope Community Services, New Rochelle, NY

KEAN also honored the front-line workers of Montefiore Nyack Hospital by providing lunch to the Emergency and Respiratory departments that were closely monitoring and treating COVID patients. Our sincere gratitude to President Merry Jacob, General Affairs Chair Prema Andrapallyil and Charity & Scholarships Chair Koshy Prakash for coordinating these activities.





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