

## **Houston Nepali Engineering and Scientific Community hold a gala picnic**

A gala picnic was organized by the Houston Nepali Engineering and Scientific Community on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 in Pavilion 5 of Bear Creek Park in Houston, Texas, U.S.A. with huge success, well attended by about 75 adults, kids and children in nice, warm weather. All the participants provided whole-hearted support and shared responsibilities contributing to the success of the picnic. As a matter of fact, there was no entrance fee for picnic participation.

The potluck picnic presented a smorgasbord of savory, mouthwatering Nepali dishes and snacks, prepared and brought in by all participants. In addition, the picnic featured interesting items such as musical chair, role play, "Moon Walk" for kids and children, melodious songs and dances, and the bingo game. Needless to say, the picnic aided enhancement of team building and team work amongst all participants.

A meeting was also conducted to elect the steering committee in preparation for formation of the Houston Chapter of American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng)

Dr. Rajendra Shrestha, Vice President, ASNEng, thanked all participants for providing unwavering, continued support to the tremendous success of the ASNEng / CAN-USA Conference on July 9-10, 2011 in Houston and the picnic, and called for their active participation in all future activities.

Special thanks are due to Mr. Janak Thapa for facilitating the Moon Walk, which was a big hit among kids and children; Mr. Rajendra Shrestha (Pearland, Texas) for coordinating the "Role Play," Mr. Janak Thapa for providing music (madal) for the musical chair, Mr. Marconi Adhikari and Mr. Sanjay Basnet for hosting the bingo game, Dr. Rajendra Shrestha for making reservation of the picnic pavilion, Mrs. Sarita Acharya, Mr. Bimal Bhattachan, Mr. Janak Thapa, et al. for melodious Nepali Hindi and folk songs, all members of the "Dance Team" for vigorous, electrifying performance, and all participants for sponsoring delicious dishes, snacks, beverage, flatware, and napkins, etc.

All in all, the picnic afforded a joyous occasion to the participants with an opportunity to get together and network, make new friends, reminisce with old friends, and have a great time.

The organizing committee of the picnic consisted of Dr. Rajendra Shrestha, ASNEng Vice President and Chair, Bylaws Amendment and Membership Standard Committee, Mr. Janak Thapa, P.E., ASNEng Member and Vice Chair, Awards, Grants, and Scholarships Committee and Mr. Sanjay S. Basnet, P.E., ASNEng Member.



