# GEORGE K. MANNICKAROTTU

### **Positions held**

#### **Social and Literary Offices-**

**President-.** India Catholics of Houston (3 times)

Kerala Writers Forum 2 years,

Malayalam Society of America (Present)
Malayalee Association of Greater Houston

Regional vice president.

Kerala Literary Association of North America 1998-2000

Chairman-. World Malayalee Council, Texas Province 2000 & 2001

FOKANA/FOMMA Sahithya Sammelanam (Twice)

**Executive Vice Chairman:** FOKANA Convention 2012

**Co-Chair.** FOKANA Sahithya Sammelenam 1996 & 2002

**Secretary.** World Malayalee Council, Houston Province 1998 & 99,

Malankara Catholic Mission of Houston (4 times)

Non Resident Keralalite Affairs, Houston province – 2003 & 04

Malayalee Press Council USA, Houston

#### Program coordinator/convener for several major functions

Organized and conducted Ecumenical Indian Christian Community program twice,

Kerala Nadam award night. (One of a kind ever held in America among Malayalees)

Miss Kerala pageant for Malayalee Association of Greater Houston (twice) and for World Malayalee Council, Texas province

All the functions were held with professional excellence and had

outstanding success. Many VIPs and celebrities attended.

Publishing experience: Publisher 'Kerala Nadam'

(Literary and News magazine) for 5 years

**Editorial Offices:** 1. Chief editor 'Kerala Nadam' 5 years.

2. Chief Editor for all four Souvenir Books published for India Catholics of Houston

 Chief Editor for the one and only Souvenir Book ever published for the Ecumenical Indian Christian Community in Houston

4. Editor for Kerala Cultural Association's publication, 'Mattoli' 1982

**Chief consultant:** 'Malyalee Americayil' (A docu-Seriel for Kairali Channel)

**Literary Works:** Write in Malayalam and English (mostly in Malalyalam)

More than 30 short stories

Wrote prefaces and reviews for several books. Wrote and still writing several articles. One article (American Malalylee samuhathil sthreekal avaganickappedunnu- (അമേരിക്കൻ മലയാളി സമൂഹത്തിൽ സ്ത്രീകൾ അവഗണിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു) published in Malayalam Pathram on August 1992, was under heated arguments and discussion with letters and phone calls from readers. It lasted for more than six months. Then publisher had to stop it.

My articles and stories are being published in almost all Malayalam periodicals in the USA and some in Kerala as well.

## **Major Literary Works:**

Novels. 1.Geevithathinte Kanneer (ജീവിതത്തിന്റ കണ്ണിർ)

First Malayalam novel published in North America. (First printed in 1982 and then in 1985. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (1987) published by NBS, 4<sup>th</sup> by Prabhath book house

- 2. Agniyudham. Published by NBS Then Prabhat Books
- 3. America. First Published by NBS,

Vishalakairali Publications & Prabhat

Short Stories: 1. <u>Mouna Nombarangal</u> – NBS

2. Akalunna Bandhamgal -NBS

Essays: 1. <u>Bhodhadhara</u> – PKS Books Calicut

2. <u>Uragunna Keralam</u> - Paridhi publications 2013

3. Maattamillatha Malayalikal - Paridhi 2015

History: 1. <u>Americayile Malayala Sahithya Charithram</u> - Prabhat

Audio Tape: Production director 'Puthussery Kavithakal'

Awards: Malayalee Association of Greater Houston Award 1991

FOKANA Award 1992 (First FOKANA literary award)

FOKANA Editorial Award 1996

Kairali Award, Kottayam 1998

Sahithya Samannya vedi award, Calicut 2004

Christian Arts and Cultural Foundation of Noth America

award 2006

First India Press Club of North America Award IPCNA) 2008

LANA literary Award 2011