

The Venturers at MDPC

ANNUAL DUES and MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

\$20/individual; \$30/couple. You will receive the monthly Senior Adults Newsletter and Dinner Reservation Form and a Venturers Membership Pictorial Directory.

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**Research shows that strong
social connection is one of the most
accurate predictors of a person's
long-term wellness.**



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2025-2026 SEASON

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WHO

**All MDPC
50+ Adults:**

Couples

Singles

Working

Retired

**Guests and
visitors always
welcome.**

WHAT

Monthly Dinners

**Distinguished
Speakers**

**Informative
Programs**

**Enjoyable
Fellowship**

Fun Evenings



ven'tur-er:

one who undertakes
or embarks upon a venture

Venturers 2025-2026 Season

Dinner Meetings: 1st Mondays at 6:00pm (exceptions noted)
Fratelli's Restaurant, 1330 Wirt Road

seniors.mdpc.org

Visit our webpage for the most current information.

September 8, 2025 (Second Monday)

MDPC Master Plan Update

Pastor Alf Halvorson will share the MDPC Master Plan status and would love to hear our reaction.



October 6, 2025

The Ups and Downs of Humans in Space

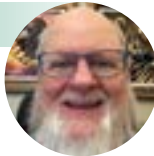
Dr. Ed Powers will cover the challenges of preparing average people for living in an environment without gravity. He will discuss current modes of getting to space, adaptation and living in the austere environment, and re-adapting to gravity after returning to Earth.



November 3, 2025

My Life as a Dyslexic

James Faulkner has an interesting life. His dyslexia was diagnosed in elementary school. However, dyslexia was not well known in the early 1960s, particularly in a small town. He was classified as mentally defective. He's learned to cope and now says, "Don't expect me to be normal, I'm better than normal."



December 1, 2025

Christmas Party

Harpist Mary Jane Sinclair will entertain with songs from the American Songbook and a variety of Christmas music.



January 12, 2026 (Second Monday)

Historic Houston

Mister McKinney has been a familiar face on the Houston TV airwaves since 2008, serving as the Resident Historian for Channel 11's Emmy Award-winning *Great Day Houston* with Deborah Duncan. He hosts a weekly radio show on 90.1 KPFT and appears as a Houston History expert on Fox 26 mornings, 88.7 KUHF, and CW39.



February 2, 2026

God at Work Around the World

Come enjoy a meaningful evening of connection and conversation with Amy Delgado, MDPC Outreach Director. We'll travel the globe to look at how God is powerfully at work—both in our neighborhoods and in places we might not expect around the world. Through stories of real people encountering Jesus and glimpses of the growing Church in unexpected settings, we'll reflect on how faith is taking root and lives are being touched in surprising ways.



March 2, 2026

Making Movies in Houston

Alfred Cervantes, Executive Director of the Houston Film Commission and a native Houstonian has worked in the film industry in various capacities for the past 33 years. He works to promote Houston and Harris County to film/TV producers, production executives, and independent filmmakers, to scout locations, and to facilitate any production's local filming experience.



April 6, 2026

About the SBCHC

Dr. Marlen Trujillo, PhD, MBA, has served as the CEO of the Spring Branch Community Health Center (SBCHC), a nonprofit and FQHC since January 2008. The health center provides low-cost healthcare, social, educational services including housing services for homeless youth. Their most utilized services are women's health services.



May 4, 2026

Texas Representative Mano DeAyala

Representative Mano DeAyala represents Texas' House District 133 in West Houston. Mano and Melissa, his wife of 30 years, reside in west Houston. They, along with their three sons, all are products of Spring Branch ISD.

