

The Venturers at MDPC

ANNUAL DUES and MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

\$15/individual; \$25/couple. You will receive the monthly Senior Adults Newsletter and Dinner Reservation Form and an annual Venturers Membership Pictorial Directory.

2020-2021 VENTURERS OFFICERS

Bart Henson

President

713-780-2138

bartshenson@gmail.com

Bob Chesshir

VP Programs

Paul Whelchel

VP Arrangements

Oliver Aldrich

Treasurer

Cindy Cochran

Secretary

Connie Whelchel

Membership

Carol Ann Shipp

VP Communications

catowl@aol.com

TBD

Hospitality

Meredity Austin

Cindy Cochran

Christmas Party

Tamara Ham

VP Dinner Reservations

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Contact **Tamara Ham** no later than 6 days prior to the event:
713-339-1502, hamtamara@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Contact **Connie Whelchel**:
713-785-7701, connie.whelchel@att.net



MDPC

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

11612 Memorial Drive | Houston, Texas 77024

mdpc.org | 713-782-1710

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

The Venturers at MDPC

WHO

All MDPC 50+
Senior Adults:

Couples

Singles

Working

Retired

Guests and
visitors always
welcome.

WHAT

Monthly Dinners

Distinguished
Speakers

Informative
Programs

Inspirational
Discussions

Enjoyable
Fellowship

Fun Evenings



ven'tur-er:

one who undertakes
or embarks upon a venture

Venturers 2020-2021 Season

Dinner Meetings: 1st Mondays at 6:00 PM (exceptions noted)

NOTE: Fall programs will be presented virtually on Facebook live. Members and guests will be sent links to connect before each program.

September 14, 2020 (Second Monday)

Loneliness and Isolation

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson, MDPC Senior Pastor, helps us reconnect virtually during this time like no other.



October 5, 2020 Tentative Speaker

PROSPECTS FOR CANDIDATES IN POLITICS

Richard W. Murray, Ph.D., discusses prospects for candidates in key political races, Dr. Murray is Bob Lanier Chair in Urban Public Policy, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, and Director, Survey Research Institute, University of Houston Center for Public Policy.



November 2, 2020

FROM SKY TO SEA – Astronaut to Maritime

Col. Michael Edward Fossum is a former American astronaut, engineer, and the Chief Operating Officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston. He flew into space on board the NASA Space Shuttle missions STS-121 and STS-124; he also served as a mission specialist of Expedition 28 and commander of Expedition 29 aboard the International Space Station.



December 8, 2020 (Tuesday)

VENTURERS CHRISTMAS

Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season together! Fratelli's Restaurant, 1330 Wirt Road



January 4, 2021

TRAITORS I HAVE KNOWN

James Olson, former Chief of CIA Counterintelligence, will enthrall with stories of the world of espionage as he lived it during his 31-year undercover career. He will also provide an overview of his new book, *To Catch a Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence*.



February 1, 2021

GREAT WOMEN IN TEXAS HISTORY

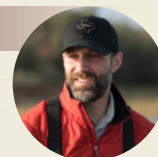
Judge Mark Davidson served in 11th District Court for twenty years before his retirement in 2009. He is now serving as the Multi-District Litigation Judge for all asbestos cases in the State of Texas, being named to that position by Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson and the Multi-District Litigation Panel of the Texas Supreme Court. In 1993, he was named "Trial Judge of the Year" by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists.



March 1, 2021

CHASING AWE: Conserving Our Natural Heritage

Jay Kleberg is the producer of *Deep in the Heart: A Texas Wildlife Story*, a feature-length natural history documentary premiering in 2022. He is also co-founder of Explore Ranches, connecting travelers with more than 500,000 acres of historic ranches in the American West.



April 5, 2021

CHECK IT OUT: So Much To Do in Houston

Gerry Aitken, an active volunteer with the Museum of Fine Arts, Bayou Bend, Speakers Bureau of the Museum Guild, Houston Grand Opera Guild, and Arts and Crafts Committee for the Fort Bend County Fair, brings a passion for the rich cultural opportunities in Houston.



May 3, 2021

PREDICTING THE UNPREDICTABLE: Tropical Storms

Dr. Neil Frank, PhD in Meteorology, addresses the complex impact tropical storms have had on Houston. Dr. Frank is a nationally and locally well-known expert in tropical meteorology, having been the Director of the National Hurricane Center prior to serving as Chief Meteorologist at KHOU-TV in Houston for 20 years.

