# 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.

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# **DINNER RESERVATIONS**

Contact **Carolyn Anglum** no later than 6 days prior to the event: 713-978-6680, carolyn9334@gmail.com

# **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

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# 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

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

### September 9, 2019 (Second Monday)

#### MDPC'S GROWING EDGE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson, MDPC Senior Pastor, explores the secularization we see in society today, examines some alarming statistics, and discusses MDPC's focus as we move forward in a changing world.

#### October 7, 2019

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON: The Impact on Houston, Texas, and US Nancy Vecera Clark ('76), Director of Legacy Programs, Alumni Relations, University of Houston, shares the history of UH, its local and national importance, and its powerful vision for the future.

#### **November 4, 2019**

#### FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION PLANS

Matthew Zeve, P.E., Deputy Executive Director for Harris County Flood Control District, explains its mission, implementation plans, and the process of drainage infrastructure maintenance for a population of over 4.5 million.

# December 3, 2019 (Tuesday)

# **VENTURERS CHRISTMAS**

We welcome in the holiday season with a party for old friends and new, complete with a delicious dinner at Fratelli's Ristorante and musical entertainment by our own, very talented, Sam Gainer.

# **January 6, 2020**

### DNA TESTING FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Janine Cloud, Group Projects Manager at genetic testing company Family Tree DNA, reveals differences you should know in test types and companies before exploring ancestry and expanding your family tree.





#### February 10, 2020 (Second Monday)

#### "THE SPY WHO WAS LEFT REHIND"

Michael Pullara, a Texas trial lawyer, discusses his new book exposing a shocking, powerful true story of international intrigue. He spent more than a decade investigating the 1993 murder of CIA officer Freddie Woodruff by KGB agents in Russia and the extensive ensuing cover-up in Washington and Moscow. The book gives a timely look at the world's intelligence operations.

### March 2, 2020

# **HOUSTON: A Great Global City**

A.J. Mistretta, Director of Marketing and Digital Content for the Greater Houston

Partnership, oversees creative development and media relations for Houston. He'll present the strategic plans for strengthening our city's thriving business environment to make it a great place to live, work, and build a business.

# **April 6, 2020**

# **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 4, 2020

# 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.

