

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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2023-2024 SEASON

The Venturers at MDPC

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 2023-2024 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 11, 2023 (Second Monday)

Sabbatical Gleanings

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson discusses his 2023 sabbatical and what the time away to renew, refresh, and recommit meant to him.



October 2, 2023

What's Up in Spring Branch ISD?

Come hear from speaker **Linda Buchman** about new construction, new programs, and the impact of the state's school finch system on SBIDS. Plus exciting volunteer opportunities and ways our community supports our students and schools to ensure the Memorial-Spring Branch community remains THE best place in Houston to live, work, and play!



November 6, 2023

My Life as a Houston Astro

Astros outfielder **Terry Puhl** spent all but the final season of his 15-year Major League career with the Astros – topped only by fellow Astros Hall of Famers Craig Biggio (20) and Jeff Bagwell (15) for most seasons in an Astros uniform. During his tenure as an Astro, Puhl broke top 10 all-time in franchise history in multiple categories.



December 4, 2023

Jingle with Jane

Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season together! We'll enjoy live music by Jane Vandiver.



January 8, 2024 (Second Monday)

The ABC's of AI

Speaker **Chris Arend** is a Business Application Sales Executive with Microsoft. Drawing on his extensive experience with software and technology, he'll pull back the curtain on the ins and outs of artificial intelligence.



February 5, 2024

Dr. Paul Klotman, President of Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. Klotman's position as the leader of BCM has highlighted to him the need for radical change in academic medicine. As they develop new models they are changing the way the next generation is educated, not only to work with new approaches, but to continue to evolve our models for changing times - they are redefining academic medicine.



March 4, 2024

Speaker TBD

Save the date to join us at Fratelli's for dinner and fellowship! The March speaker will be announced when reservation forms are sent out in February.



April 1, 2024

When Life Throws a Curve Ball... Hit the Standup Double!

Hear the fun and fascinating story of **Ciro Lampasas**, owner of **Ciro's Italian Grill**.



May 6, 2024

The Battle for Control in 2024: White House, U.S. House, U.S. Senate

Dr. Mark Jones will provide an overview of the state of play of the overall battle between Democrats and Republicans for control in Washington D.C. He'll analyze the presidential election and several U.S. Senate races that will determine control of that body in 2025. Dr. Jones will close with an in-depth focus on the 2024 Texas U.S. Senate race and a few other federal and state races in Texas to watch in 2024.

