

The Venturers at MDPC

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\$20/individual; \$30/couple. You will receive the monthly Adults 55+ 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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2026-2027 SEASON

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WHO

**All MDPC
55+ Adults:**

Couples

Singles

Working

Retired

**Guests and
visitors always
welcome.**

WHAT

Monthly Dinners

**Distinguished
Speakers**

**Informative &
Inspirational
Programs**

**Enjoyable
Fellowship**

Fun Evenings



ven'tur-er:

one who undertakes
or embarks upon a venture

Venturers 2026-2027 Season

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

adults55plus.mdpc.org

Visit our webpage for the most current information.

September 14, 2026 (Second Monday)

8 Reasons from Scripture Why Prayers Might Not Be Answered and MDPC Master Plan Capital Campaign Status

With MDPC Senior Pastor Alf Halvorsen. Q&A follows.



October 5, 2026

The Next Chapter

Drawing from personal experiences in the church, a career filled with the unexpected, and the inspiration of those who embrace life well into their 90s, Bill Stubbs reflects on how every chapter—even those marked by loss or health challenges—can become an opportunity to discover God's continuing purpose for our lives.



November 2, 2026

Regenerative Ranching: Healing the Earth and Nourishing our Future

Loy Sneary is President and CEO of Gulf Coast Green Energy. He will tell us how he operates to increase the health of their 4,000-acre ranch.



December 7, 2026

Christmas Is Coming

Harpist Mary Jane Sinclair plays your favorite carols as we set the tone for this festive season. Come join the fun as we explore the back story of familiar carols. There will be a special surprise you won't want to miss!



January 11, 2027 (Second Monday)

Stories from Down Under

Sandy Wall is a retired Master Peace Officer and a 28-year veteran of the Houston Police Department. Has worked patrol, narcotics, undercover, and served 22 years in SWAT detail. Sandy has written two books about his experience dealing with the underground.



February 1, 2027

A Road Trip Through The Republic

Justice Ken Wise, a wonderful storyteller of known and unknown Texas characters and events, returns to our meeting with another fascinating tale. His award-winning Texas history podcast, "Wise about Texas" has reached more than 165 million people in 165 countries.



March 1, 2027

Hooray for Hollywood Costumes

Join us for an up close view of classic Hollywood costumes. Mary Jane Sinclair displays her Hollywood collection which includes screen-worn costumes and personal wardrobe of the stars, Leslie Howard, Lucille Ball, Dean Martin and Ann Miller. Stroll down memory lane with stories, rare photos and costumes from the golden age of Hollywood.



April 5, 2027

The Journey Behind the Music with Grammy-winning producer Brad Sayles

Brad graduated with a telecomm degree, but his career goal was to be involved in music. He went back to pursue his master's in music composition while recording the Houston Symphony, an experience that led him to form Crescendo Recording and Media Production, a collection of the finest ears for classical music including Grammy, Peabody, and Telly award-winning producers, engineers, and composers.



May 3, 2027

Behind the Curtain at the Alley!

What does it take to keep a professional theatre running? In this talk, Leslie Sinclair-Kaye shares her experience as Director of Operations at the Alley Theatre, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the people, processes, and logistics that support every production and create a seamless experience for audiences and artists alike.

