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You are invited to join  
**The Venturers**  
*at MDPC*

### WHO

Couples

Singles

Working

Retired

Empty Nesters

55+

### WHAT

Monthly Dinners

Distinguished  
Speakers

Fellowship

Service



**ven'tur-er:**

one who undertakes or  
embarks upon a venture

# Venturers 2017-2018 Season

Dinner Meetings: 1st Mondays at 6:00 PM (exceptions noted)  
Westchase Hilton | 9999 Westheimer

## September 11 (Second Monday)

### Immigration, Migration, & Legal Foreign Workers

Larry Korkmas, always politically active, has been engaged in helping shape city and state laws and regulations for over 20 years, and has advised the City of Houston and the City of Dallas as well as the State of Texas. He often testifies to commissions and state government committees on actions that they are considering and how their decisions will affect real estate and property rights.



## October 2, 2017

### The Seasons of Life: Jewish, Greek, and Roman

The Venturers at MDPC welcomes MDPC Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson.



## November 6, 2017

### Texas High Speed Rail

Robert Eckels was the founding chairman of the Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation, a coalition of local governments, educational institutions, and the private sector working to bring high-speed rail to Texas. Robert left that organization in December 2010 to become founding President of Texas Central Railway. He is now a Director of Texas Central Partners.



## December 7, 2017 (Thursday)

### Venturers Christmas Party

Enjoy fellowship, dinner, and live music at Lakeside Country Club.



## January 8, 2018

### SCAMS: "Grandma, I'm in jail and need help (or money)!"

The Houston Police Department is fighting against fraud and scams and wants you to know how to spot these crooks.



## February 5, 2018

### Piloting Behemoths on the Ship Channel

Captain Kristi Taylor will take you aboard - inside the wheelhouse - and describe what it's like to navigate cargo ships and super tankers into and out of the Port of Houston. Hear the rewards and challenges that come with the job of pilot.



## March 5, 2018

### Preservation Houston: 40 Years of History in Progress

Jim Parsons, a native of Baytown, puts a passion for the state's history and architecture to work as director of special projects and walking tours for Preservation Houston. Jim is co-author of four books on Art Deco architecture in Texas, including the recently released *DFW Deco*.



## April 2, 2018

### Cuba: A Terrifying Escape to Freedom

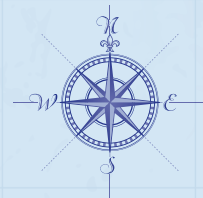
Bernard Navarro shares the terrifying story of how he and his family escaped the brutal communist overthrow of Cuba, where he was born and grew up. Fearing for his life, he could not return to Cuba. After losing everything he owned he must start from nothing and pursue the American dream.



## May 7, 2018

### The First Texas Navy

James P. Bevill is the author of *The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*, a non-fiction work on the social and economic history of Texas from the Colonial period through the annexation by the United States in 1846. He served as guest curator for the TNA sponsored exhibit "Broadships in the Gulf" at the Texas Seaport Museum and "On the Run" at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston.



# MDPC VENTURERS Registration Form

I / We want to join and receive a personal invitation to each program!

**Annual Dues:** \$25/couple or \$15/person (September 2017 - May 2018)

**Meals:** Approximately \$30 per person (when attending)

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

