



What's Goin' On September 2025

Meetings and Programs

September 3 Dinner – Edina Country Club

Larry Cipolla has invited **Segundo Velasquez**, an international entrepreneur, to be our speaker. He is a licensed aircraft technician and pilot and earned a BA degree from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. He worked as a manager of technical operations at Northwest Airlines until retirement in 2005.

Segundo Velasquez and his wife Joan founded the NGO Mano a Mano International Partners in 1994 with the goal of collecting used durable medical equipment and supplies from hospitals and medical devices, such as crutches, walkers, canes, and wheelchairs that people no longer use shipping them to Bolivia, where those supplies and equipment are desperately needed.

September 17 Lunch – Edina Country Club

Thanks to Dick Teegan our speaker will be **Nick Hanks**, Executive Director of Southdale YMCA. He will tell us about YMCA of the North, an association that includes over 20 YMCA locations in the Twin Cities and Hudson, WI, and lots of camps. It is the third largest YMCA association in North America.

October 1 Dinner – Edina Country Club

At the invitation of Tom McConnell our speaker will be **Lt Colonel Christopher Madson**. He is the Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 415 at the University of Minnesota.

Program Help Available

If you need help lining up a program, contact Howard Goltz or Dan Atkins for leads and suggestions. Members are encouraged to arrange programs early, and provide information to the newsletter editor, Rich Makela, so we can publicize the program in the newsletter, helping assure good attendance at meetings. If you contact Howard or Dan, or any other member, for help, make sure it is clear who is to contact the speaker, and that there is only one primary contact person.

Social Events

An early evening "Appetizer Happy Hour" event is planned for Wednesday, Sept 24th to be held at the beautiful Point of France "Social Room". Games, conversation and refreshments are planned, so mark your social calendar from (4:30 to 6:30) on the Sept 24th. This will be a BYOB party, and all guests are asked to bring an appetizer to share. The cost of gathering will be less than \$10/person and billed on your quarterly statement. Bottled water, assorted soft drinks, and iced tea will be provided for those not bringing their own refreshments. If you bring a bottle of wine, beer etc., please mark your name on the bottle.

We have provided Point of France an estimated number of attendees but need to firm-up the number. We realize this is still more than 3weeks away, we are asking for a response now or at the very latest, before our Sept 17th meeting (earlier the better). Please text Paul Parrish pparrish71@comcast.net or call 952 303-9520 about your plans to attend.

New Stuff on the Internet

See the following internet links compliments of Dan Atkins:

Up to date information can always be found on the online schedule which can be reached from <https://mmgyros.carrd.co/>

See interesting updates from our members from our private Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1591888231454608>

Future Meetings

Please note the following Gyro meeting / dinner / lunch / event schedule for the next 7 months.

Oct. 1: Dinner

Oct. 12: Installation Dinner @ Minnesota Valley Country Club

Oct. 15: NO MEETING - Cancelled

Nov. 05: **LUNCH**

Nov. 19: Lunch

Dec. 03: **NO MEETING** - Cancelled

Dec. 07: Holiday Brunch @ ECC

Dec. 17: **NO MEETING** - Cancelled

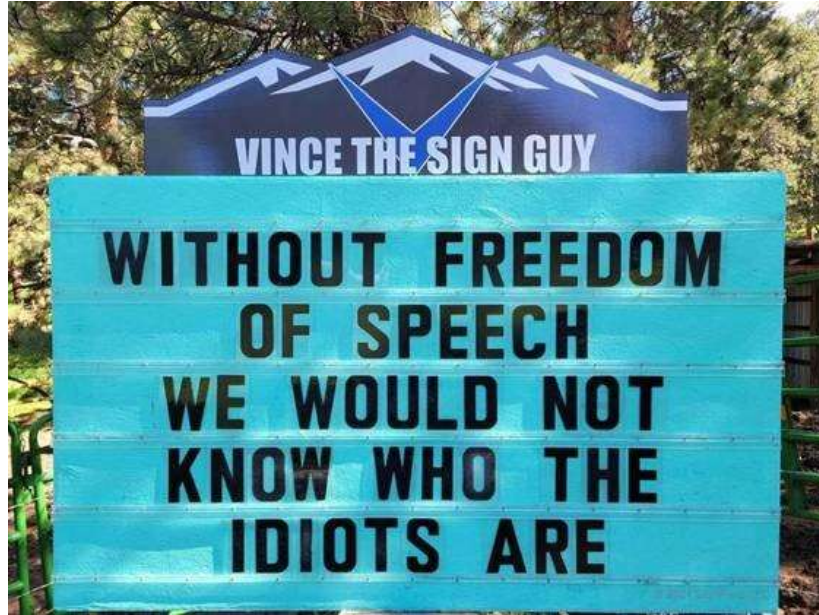
Jan. 07 to Mar. 18: **ALL Lunch Meetings (first & third Wednesdays)**

Apr. 01: **DINNER**

Apr. 15: Lunch

Your Gyro Board is looking for YOUR "entertainment" suggestions for the Installation Dinner. Please forward your ideas to Howard Goltz ASAP.

On the Humorous Side



Thoughts For Those Who Take Life Too Seriously

I just got lost in thought. It wasn't familiar territory.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.

Always try to be modest, and be proud of it.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

OK, so what's the speed of dark?