



Official NEWSLETTER of
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FROM MINNEAPOLIS, WHERE WINTER VISITORS TURN BLUE WITH ENVY

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We're less than a month away!

"Oh, Mr. Graaaaaant...!"

Our convention committee is pulling out the stops to bring you the best possible event experience we can! There's a lot of info in this issue, so please bear with us!

Registration

Websurf to <http://www.iagsdc.org>, and find us under **Events/View Event Calendar**.

There's a tutorial on how to do this on our website:

<https://tinyurl.com/twincityreg>

Payment

The IAGSDC registration system accepts credit cards or Paypal. Paying by check? Please do so before May 10, 2022! Details at:

<https://twincityspin.com/registration/>

Need a Roommate?

Please email info@twincityspin.com, and we'll do our best to assist!

Masking Policy

All persons must be masked while in the dance halls.

Everyone is responsible for bringing their own mask.

Vaccination Policy

- All attendees at Twin City Spin *must be fully vaccinated* against COVID-19. (including at least one booster.)
- Failure to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination will result in denial of attendance.
- Please email a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination card to registration@twincityspin.com in advance.
- If you are registering onsite, you will have to show your card to our registrar in person.

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Convention Merchandise

We will have *Twin City Spin* Polos and T-Shirts available for pre-orders at the convention.

Due to supply chain logistics, we can't bring pre-ordered shirts to Minneapolis this year. Shipping will be included for all US Residents. Non-US orders will be delivered when logistics can be arranged, or held until Ottawa.

We will also take preorders for *Houston: Mission Simulation* Polos and T-Shirts, and limited-edition Houston Simulation Pins for Sale \$5.00 each.



Meal Deal!

Save time and money and support the Convention by purchasing our special meal deal!

Enjoy Breakfast and Lunch both Friday *and* Saturday at the low price of \$87.00 (inclusive of taxes and gratuity). No need to search for meals outside of the hotel, join us each day for breakfast and lunch! **Single days (e.g., only Friday or Saturday) are \$46.00**

The convention is subsidizing the cost as we strive to meet our contracted food and beverage minimums.

To order (before May 10, 2022!), go to the IAGSDC website at: <https://iagsdc.org/regpage/191284>, and register for the meal deal package you want. Once registered, go to **Members > my registrations** and you can pay via Paypal or mail us a check.

The menus are fixed and unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any special dietary restrictions.

To see the menus, go to <https://twincityspin.com/mealdeal>

Banquet & Brunch Menus

We have published the final banquet and brunch menus on our website, at:

<https://twincityspin.com/banquet-brunch-menus/>

To change your banquet selection, please go to the **IAGSDC website > members > my registrations** and edit your banquet selection to either **pork, chicken or vegetarian**.

Dancing on ONE LEVEL!

All of our dancing will be held on a single level, so there are no escalators or elevators or stairs required to move between dance halls!

Dance Flooring

Our SSD, Plus and Advanced halls will have dance flooring. All other dance halls will be carpeted. If you wish to use dance socks, please bring your own. *Also, no tap shoes, tape, or other friction-altering materials, food, or drink are allowed on the dance floor.*

SSD is the New Mainstream!

Our convention's base dance level will be SSD (Social Square Dancing), to accommodate all of the IAGSDC clubs that have been running accelerated classes to graduate students at that level.

SSD is a CALLERLAB approved dance program.

If you're already a Mainstream dancer, don't worry; SSD is a subset of the most fun Mainstream calls, and you'll have no problems on the dance floor!

SSD will have a full-time dance hall, and all specialty tips and opener/closer tips will be SSD.

Volunteers Turn the World On With Their Smiles!

Boy *howdy*, do we need help! (Nope, that wasn't a question.)

We're looking for folks to help us with a wiiiide variety of tasks! Check Meal Deal tickets! Put down or take up flooring! Work our registration or merchandise desks! Process club photo orders! Monitor the dance halls!

There's something for everyone! We have an online signup sheet at:

<https://volunteersignup.org/JET8Q>

If you have any questions about volunteering, please email Allan Hurst at info@twincityspin.com

Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 370-1234

Hotel Site: <https://tinyurl.com/twincityhotel>

The hotel is located adjacent to Nicollet Mall, with free public bus transportation up and down the mall. The light rail stop is about 5 blocks away. The hotel is connected to the climate-controlled Minneapolis Skyway System. There is a parking garage in the hotel, and the rate is \$30/night.

The StayFit athletic club provides complimentary access to hotel guests.

Standard rate: \$139/night (for up to four guests sharing, depending on room type).

Our room block closes 5/8/22, so act now!

Our room block name is "IAGSDC 2022 Convention".

Make reservations online at:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MSPRM/G-SQRD>

Note: If you're having problems reserving the specific dates you want, reserve just one or two nights, and contact John Faulds at info@twincityspin.com, and he'll get the reservation expanded to your original preferred dates.



The *Love Is All Around/Purple Rain* Fun Badge Tour

It wouldn't be an IAGSDC convention without a Fun Badge Tour, and we can't wait to have you join us in dancing flash-mob-style all over the Twin Cities on the afternoon of Sunday May 29th!

This year, our tour is being organized by Lorenzo Taylor, a former Minnesotan who formed the (now-defunct) IAGSDC club, Minnesota Wild Roses, in the early nineties.

Lorenzo is choosing some prime spots to see local scenic highlights and strut your stuff in front of some friendly Minnesotans (who might just want to join in).

There will be lots of surprises, laughs and photo ops along the way!

Of course, we can't reveal the route, but here is some Minnesota trivia with a few clues.

- For which University do the Gophers play football?
- Where is the state capitol of Minnesota?
- Who was the artist who created a pop art sculpture of a cherry and a spoon-bridge in the Walker Sculpture Garden?
- What type of hat does MTM throw up in the air and where does she do it?
- What is the name of the suburban Minneapolis estate that was home to a world-famous Minnesota rock star?

Answers below.¹

You'll learn these facts and so much more on the magical *Love Is All Around/Purple Rain* tour.

The three buses (Mary, Lou and Prince) are officially sold out, but we will add one more bus (Rhoda), if there is enough demand.

This unforgettable experience is \$55 and you can register for the waitlist at:

<https://iagsdc.org/content/twin-city-spin-2022>

We still have a few slots for volunteer helpers to help with loading, distributing water, etc. If interested, send a message with your contact information to fbt@twincityspin.com.



¹ If you answered *the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Claes Oldenburg, a beret on Nicolett Mall, and Paisley Park* you would be correct.

Oh, Where to Eat, Drink, and Be ~~Mary~~ Merry?

Our industrious webmaster has created a web page with links to several classifications of Minneapolis restaurants:

- Restaurants within 1 mile of the hotel (via Yelp) ... <https://tinyurl.com/twincityspinyelp>
- Gluten-Free/GF-friendly restaurants (via Find Me Gluten Free) ... <https://tinyurl.com/twincityspinfmfgf>
- Vegan/Vegetarian-friendly restaurants (via Happy Cow) ... <https://tinyurl.com/twincityspinhappycow>

All of these links are also listed on our website, at:

<https://twincityspin.com/dining/>

Looking for something to do when you're not dancing? Our website has a database of Minneapolis attractions that's easily searchable:

<https://twincityspin.com/attractions/>

And finally, the Hyatt Regency's catering department shared a 3 page list of nearby restaurants that they recommend to guests. *That list can be found on the following pages.*



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The **Nicollet Diner** is Minneapolis' only 24 hour dining venue serving all day breakfast, burgers, sandwiches, malts and cocktails. Already the closest hotel to this classic diner concept, The Nicollet Diner and its accompanying coffee shop, Muffin Top Café will move even closer to its new home on the corner of Nicollet and Grant in late summer. **(.2 miles to current location, less than .1 to new location)**



Don't be fooled by the name, **Eggy's** is more than just breakfast (though it does have an extensive egg-centric menu). Modeled after the homey diners of the '60s, the menu is full of items designed to give a home-cooked feel. Think pancakes, grilled cheese sandwiches and burgers. But it has made national news for its crunchy French toast, which was featured on Travel Channel's "Food Paradise" as a can't-miss carby dish. **(.2 Mile walk)**



The **Sushi Train** brings a unique dining experience along with top quality ingredients and genuine hospitality to the Loring Park neighborhood of Downtown Minneapolis. The Hyatt Regency Minneapolis is the closest hotel to this fan favorite **(less than .1 Mile walk)**



For over thirty years **Brit's Pub** has been Minneapolis's own little corner of the UK. The pub is known for nights by the fireplaces in the winter and lawn bowling on the rooftop deck in the summer - with a whole lot in between including legendary TV football (soccer!) and rugby events. Thrillist named Brit's one of the top rooftop bars in America and MPLS St. Paul Magazine voted Brit's Pub of the Year in 2019. **(.2 Mile Walk)**



Lakes & Legends was born from the idea that we could create craft beer of the North that would raise the expectations and expand the possibilities of what you could get from a beer. We focus on quality ingredients, spotlighting our farming partners wherever possible. We take that quality and extend it to our taproom, creating a welcoming space where communities come together, slow down, and create those experiences that last a lifetime. (.2 Mile Walk)



Located in Loring Park, **Lotus Restaurant** is your local neighborhood Vietnamese restaurant. Lotus has been in the neighborhood for over 30 years. We are family owned and operated by mom & dad along with their four sons. (.2 Mile Walk)



The **Butcher's Tale** presents a fresh approach to the culinary world of artisanal meats such as hand-crafted sausages and slow-fired long rib; an array of the region's best bourbons and brown spirits; and comfortable, welcoming spaces for friends, families, and colleagues to gather, re-acquaint and enjoy each other's company. (.4 Mile Walk)



801 Chophouse is the newest steakhouse to arrive in the Twin Cities. Experience only the finest, aged, USDA prime steaks and attentive, personable service in an authentic New York style steakhouse right in the heart of Minneapolis. Combined with a daily fresh sheet that includes Maine lobster, innovative side dishes, small-batch bourbons and scotches, and an award-winning wine selection from vineyards around the world, you're sure to have an amazing culinary experience you won't find anywhere else in the Twin Cities. You can also make Sunday dinners a tradition at 801 Chophouse and come enjoy our signature three-course prix-fixe menu with special pricing. (.4 Mile Walk)



Manny's stature as one of the world's great steakhouses has long been established. But we earn our reputation every day, with every guest we serve. Whether you're enjoying a ribeye in the dining room or a bourbon in the bar, discover the pleasures of life at the top of the food chain. **(.4 Mile Walk)**



The Oceanaire Seafood Room was established in 1998 with one mission: to provide guests with the Ultra-Fresh Seafood Experience™. Featuring seasonal and sustainable seafood that is flown in fresh daily, our chef-driven menu proves seafood can be truly exceptional. Woven into everything that we do, our passion for top-of-the-catch fish, fine wines and unforgettable service has been recognized time and time again **(.6 Mile Walk)**



Located inside the hotel on the 2nd floor. **Vitali's** is a Kosher café and deli serving breakfast and lunch **(On Property)**



The News Room offers an American eclectic menu in a warm environment. With cocktails crafted and a scratch kitchen food menu that changes seasonally, The News Room is a Minneapolis one of a kind. **(.3 Mile Walk)**



Café and Bar Lurcat, located next to Loring Park, is a hip, urban venue that boasts serious food and voguish design. Café Lurcat is a perfect blend of classic old world style with a Noveau twist. The expansive bar and lounge is ideal for casual cocktails and a la carte bites, while the romantic dining room creates the perfect ambiance for an exceptional foodie experience featuring sophisticated comfort food. **(.6 Mile Walk)**