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free·think·er

/frē-'thiŋ-kər/ noun

: a person who thinks freely or independently: one who forms opinions on the basis of reason independently of authority

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Bill Van Druten

Bill van Druten is a retired psychiatrist. He founded Lake Superior Freethinkers in 1997 in response to an attempt by the Roman Catholic Church to take over a second Duluth hospital. The church intended to put religious-based restrictions on medical care at all their hospitals, even for persons of other religions or no religion.



June Carter

I work for the City of Duluth as a case manager/ career counselor for families on public assistance. Among my many loves are my dog Max, dancing, swimming, playing games, reading, watching movies and documentaries, writing skits, and laughing with friends.



Bill Guse

My primary skill and experience is that of a carpenter. I became aware that my religious training was not making sense to me when I was around 6 or 7 years old. But I participated in all the Lutheran traditions expected of me through HS. I am known as not optimistic about we humans's capacity to not depend on magic and superstition to make sense of our existence.

Directions to St. Scholastica's Somers Lounge, 1200 Kenwood Avenue

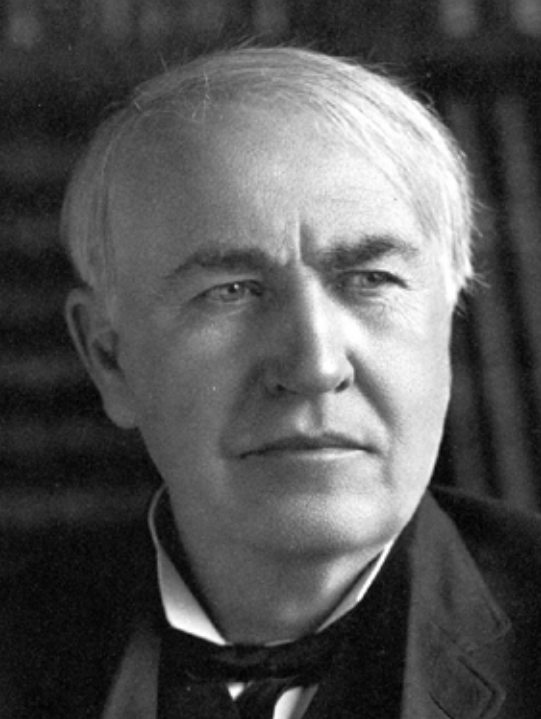


JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR



4:00-6:00 pm Thursday,
July 1st at Mexico Lindo,
Fitgers Brewery Complex





Thomas Edison

In 1847 Thomas Alva Edison was born in Ohio, the youngest of seven. The inventor, famed for reading Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire before the age of 10 and for vowing at age 12 to read the entire contents of the Detroit Public Library, was largely self-taught. Supporting himself at a very early age, Edison sold newspapers, worked for railroad companies and became a telegraph operator.

He invented the incandescent light bulb, the phonograph, the motion picture camera and improved the telegraph and telephone, becoming a highly successful businessman and manufacturer. Edison, who held more than 1,300 U.S.

and foreign patents, famously noted: "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

Edison told The New York Times in an interview (June 8, 1915): "I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill." A lifelong freethinker, one of his oft-repeated lines, for which we could find only secondary sources, is: "So far as religion of the day is concerned, it is a damned fake. ... Religion is all bunk." D. 1931.

"I am an aggregate of cells, as, for instance, New York City is an aggregate of individuals. Will New York City go to heaven? ... No; nature made us — nature did it all — not the gods of the religions."

Next Pavilion Party July 24th

Pavilion Parties continue this summer

Join us on **the fourth Saturday of each month** at the home of our "Flounder", Bill Van Druten.

Plan to arrive at 1pm. Bring a food item you have made, or maybe an interesting libation to share with other attendees. We'll talk and laugh at Bill Van Druten's home: 2931 Greysolon Road in Duluth. Park anywhere on Greysolon Road but not on 30th Avenue!



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JULY SOCIAL DINNER

Join us July 21st at 5:30pm at Chester Park for our second outdoor Summer Social Dinner. Bring your own food and beverage.

