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Outside the office I am as passionate about food as I am about commercial real estate inside the office. And when it comes to my tastes in food, the more interesting, unique, and delicious, the better. One of my greatest hobbies is traveling the area and sampling some of the cities' most delicious concoctions and finest beverages. Each month I will feature a great local restaurant along with one of my favorite beer selections.

Victor's 1959 Cafe

3756 Grand Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN

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I'm a big fan of Cuban food largely due to exposure via my sister who married into the well-known Salazar family of Cuba. Visiting her in Miami, I've tasted some of the finest Cuban specialties. And now Victor's 1959 Café has filled my Cuban food desires here at home in Minnesota. Located at the corner of Grand Avenue South and 38th Street in Minneapolis, the indoor and outdoor atmosphere is simple and inviting, and the service-oriented staff serves delicious, authentic Cuban food with a smile. The Fried Sweet Plantains, Tostones Green Plantains, Ham filled Croquettes, and Yuca Frita were prepared to perfection, and the Sandwich Cubano was spectacular. My initial visit was for lunch; however Victor's is also open for breakfast, which is served until 2 or 2:30 p.m. depending on the day, and for dinner. I am committed to try both due to the menu variations for each meal.



Where:	Uptown Minneapolis on the corner of 38th and Grand Ave S.
When:	Breakfast and lunch, 7 days a week. Dinner, Tuesday thru Saturday.
Cuisine:	Authentic Cuban
What to Have:	The Sandwich Cubano, a perfect combination of ham, pork, pickles, swiss and mustard. Sides of Yuca Frita and Tostones Green, both of which are served with an addicting garlic and lime juice mojo.
Atmosphere:	A dive with lots of character. Limited seating but a great patio to enjoy breakfast or happy hour. It was featured on Diner's Dives and Drive-ins on the Food Network with Guy Fieri. Click here to watch.
Cost:	Very reasonable. Prices range from \$5 to \$12

Bill's Beverage of the Month

Although I did not indulge in any beverage other than the iced tap water, I would definitely request a Hatuey Beer. The original pride of Havana has been bottled in Santiago de Cuba since 1927, and is bottled for sale in the USA by Indian Head Brewery in Baltimore. Victor's also serves up an impressive list of Cuban coffees, fresh fruit juices and sodas that are worth a try.

