



**Minnesota District A/G**  
 Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!  
**MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER**  
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**A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR** – 2020 was a difficult year for many of us. We have missed many of our usual activities. Hopefully, 2021 will be more kind to all of us! I trust that you are doing well despite the many restrictions COVID has put on all of us. As our country begins to open up, we want to begin the 2021 activities with our annual spring luncheon. In that Cedar Valley Church Seniors meet each month for a luncheon, we decided that we would accept their invitation to combine our luncheon with theirs. We will be meeting on **Thursday, April 22 at 11 am** and will enjoy a delicious ham dinner, special music, and a short devotion by Pastor Dan Parotti of Cedar Valley Church. We will be observing social distancing. Please bring a face mask with you. We are limited to 160 people, so send in your reservation early. Use the form below to reserve your ticket. **Reservation deadline is April 9th.** We are planning to have our senior luncheon during family camp, and of course, our fall retreat at Lake Geneva, September 9 – 11. Our speaker will be Rick Allen, Assemblies of God National Men’s Director. I hope you will plan to join us for these events. Stay warm. Stay safe.

*Rev. Bruce Talso, MN 2nd Half Ministry Director*

**2nd HALF MINISTRY SPRING LUNCHEON**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 11 am**

**CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH**  
**8600 Bloomington Avenue**  
**Bloomington MN**



**Enjoy a Delicious Ham Dinner**  
**Musical Guest: Dan Parotti**  
**Ticket Price is \$15.00**



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon tickets @ \$15 each = Total \_\_\_\_\_

*(Make checks out to “Minnesota District A/G”)*

**(Tickets will not be mailed – Pick them up at the registration table when you arrive)**

Printed Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ **Reservation deadline is April 9.**



**Send this form along with your check to:**  
**MN 2nd Half Ministry**  
**PO Box 43953**  
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**Are You Interested in beginning a senior's ministry in your church or, do you want to give your present ministry a little more zip?**

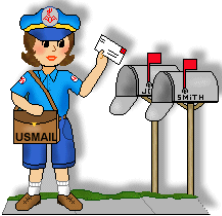
Send for a 35 - page manual authored by Dr. Ray James of the Potomac District. It will give you information on how to begin and maintain a dynamic senior's ministry in your church. The manual can be downloaded from our web page [www.mnaog.org](http://www.mnaog.org) (2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry) or we will mail a free copy by your request to: 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443



**Do you have questions about your estate, wills, trusts, Social Security concerns, medical directives? Contact our Minnesota District Stewardship Director - Dr. Paul Freitag. You can reach him at 952-406-2835 or by email at: [doctorclub@aol.com](mailto:doctorclub@aol.com)**

A Puritan minister named Thomas Brooks said, "The best way to gather is to scatter." He saw this put into practice by the indigenous people of the Americas in 1620 by what they called the "Give Away." They would carefully and thoughtfully go through their prized possessions and select items which they would give to those they loved. In some ways it was like they were doing a will in "real time." As a coin collector I had come across an 1841 Webster token. It was so unique and rare, that I loved having it in my collection. However, one day it occurred to me that a close friend of mine would enjoy this as part of his collection. I put it in the mail and surprised him. He wrote back, "Of my hundreds of coins, I have a small box containing five or six that have sentimental value beyond their worth including the first two coins my dad collected as a boy." He went on to say, "I shall place the aforementioned token in that box. Its' value is measured in friendship, not in monetary worth. And yes, I did check its worth...for I am, after all, a numismatist!" Part of being a steward of our possessions is our willingness to release them. I challenge you to take something special to you and bless someone else with it.

- Paul Freitag



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**Ministry, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443 or emailing us at [brucetalso@comcast.net](mailto:brucetalso@comcast.net) Thank you.**



**EQUIP Conference is happening April 23-24, 2021 at Emmanuel Christian Center**

- Register your church group today
- Visit [mnaog.org/equip](http://mnaog.org/equip) for more details
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry will conduct a workshop.

***"Ideas for A Side Door Ministry"***

***Presented on Friday April 23 at 4:30 pm***

- ***The secret of happiness is to count your blessings and not your birthdays!***
- ***Why did the chicken cross the road?..... To show the raccoon that it could actually be done.***

**You might remember** that our 2019 2nd Half Ministry project was to give North Central University \$12,000 for their "Missionary Kids Scholarship Fund." This would pay for a missionary kid's tuition for one year. With your help, we were able to present a check for that amount to President Scott Hagen at our December 2019 dinner at North Central before the 'Songs of the Season' Christmas concert. We were also able to send \$400 to Trinity Bible College and \$1,000 to Mike Shield's project, enabling a Cuban pastor to buy land so he could build a church in Havana. In a recent follow-up with Brother Mike, he passed along this report:



***"We bought the property last summer after months of hassle. But the church now owns it, and they are already putting up a pole building. Our most sincere thanks to the Minnesota Seniors for helping us with the beginning of a miracle in Cuba!"***

