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**Message from the
President
Blake Crawford**

Welcome to 2021!

It's been a long time since we've gathered together, and we have yet to find a good substitute for our monthly meetings at Damon's on the oceanfront.

No matter. Let's try something new. Several of our South Carolina NARFE chapters have experimented with Zoom as a substitute for the in-person meeting. Zoom is a good vehicle for this, easily accessed by clicking a link emailed to you by me.

The executive committee tried it out last month, so this month we're opening it up to any interested chapter member as well.

Among other things, Alice Villavicencio will conduct the long-awaited drawing from the last Walk to End Alzheimer's ticket sales. It's time she made someone a happy winner.

We'll also have the latest news from the SC Federation board and chapter presidents. They intend to meet during the week of Jan.11, so I'll report out.

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Beyond that, we'll just try to have some fun and talk about what we've been up to, would like to do, and need to do this year. You can say thank you to Lynn for her steady stream of book reviews and jokes and to Dene for her monthly stories.

We'll meet via Zoom on Thursday, Jan 21, at 11 am.

Beforehand, please consult the December newsletter (still on our web page) for helpful tips from Cathy Linta-Leader and Sherry Gainer on using Zoom. Click on chapter news and December 2020. Please download the app any time before you come to the meeting from <https://zoom.us> and try a Zoom tutorial or two.

Please RSVP by Jan 19 because I need your email, and need to know how many to expect online. Just send me that email [at blcrawford.29526@outlook.com](mailto:blcrawford.29526@outlook.com). Then expect an email link from me by Jan.20.

See you online!

**Message from the Vice President
Marci Vogel**

**WISHING EVERYONE A HEALTHY, WEALTHY,
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!
Hope 2021 is a great and wonderful Year for
everyone!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**

Happy New Year

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Sunshine/Membership

Lynn Vos

Happy Birthdays January

Barbara Bryan, Sherry Gainer,

John Hughes, Ceelena Murphy,

Joanne Quade, Irving Rudy,

and Marjorie Ricker

Sunshine Grins-of-the-Month:

- . Why don't ants get sick? Because they have little, tiny anty-bodies.
- . What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for college? **BISON!**
- . Why was the fish blushing? Because they could see the ocean's bottom.
- . Why was number 6 afraid of number 9 on New Year's Eve? Because 9, 8, 7...
- . Don't accept any friend requests from Taco Bell - they're nacho friend!
- . Dance like there is no one watching. Text like it may be read aloud someday in a deposition!

Sunshine Books-of-the-Month:

No Shortcuts to the Top - Climbing to the World's 14 Highest Peaks (Ed Viesturs) -

Remarkable accounts of Ed's daring, determined, and incredibly dangerous challenges on the highest mountain peaks in the world, many times sans oxygen. His accounts include other record holding climbers and expeditions as well as failures of some to come back alive. Once you're up there, you are on your Own!

In the Garden of Beasts (Erik Larson) - "Once at the dawn of a very dark time, an American father and daughter found themselves suddenly transported from their snug home in Chicago to the heart of Hitler's Berlin. They remained there for over four years...I have always wondered what it must have been like to witness the gathering of the storm and why no one recognized the danger looming from this smallish, insignificant man...What I did not realize as I ventured into those dark days of Hitler's rule was how much the darkness would infiltrate my own soul. Too much research deepened my spiritual malaise, not because of the sheer volume of information but because of the horrors revealed." This book mesmerizes me from the very first page. A can't-put-it-down non-fiction takes on the times and psychosis of an entire nation.

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Things That Matter (Charles Krauthammer) - Pulitzer Prize winner, political commentator, physician who was a nightly panelist on Fox channel. Too soon taken from us by cancer. Oh, we do miss his brilliance; we hung on his every word. He was the country's leading conservative thinker, offering a passionate defense of limited government but also a highly independent ideologist. The book features some major path breaking, provoking essays on bioethics, which I am sure we'll be hearing more and more about, America's role as the world's superpower and so much more.

The Point of It All (Charles Krauthammer) - Created and compiled before his death, this is a powerful collection of his most important works. He passed his notes on to his son at the hospital to compile. His son, Daniel, who says, "My father's writing, in both substance and style, reflected his fundamental instinct for and belief in humility: that the most important and profound things are exactly those about which we can never achieve full understanding. This is the kind of book I imagine a parent would give to a child and say, 'Here. This is a book that will make you think and make you feel. Read it.'"

Enjoy all...



**Messages from the Newsletter
Editor**

Billie Nichols

**Chapter Membership as of
January 6, 2021-148 Members**

*See us on
Facebook*

Dene Tothill Nichols

Happy New Year, we greet the oncoming New Year with the hope of joy and gratification. The good news is that the best is yet to come. The bad news is the threat of Covid19 is still not over. And, at our age, we can't afford to take chances, so, you know the routine, stay at home, wear your mask and wash your hands often. I know staying home is a pain, within itself, but I may have a solution to your boredom.

Most of us have already completed our research on our family tree, but I'd bet we haven't given it any color. What I am suggesting is that you include on your tree not only a name and statistics but also a small blurb about what you remember about that person. If you don't remember them, maybe you heard stories, like from your grandparents. Who cares whether the stories are true or not, they'll have color. The more outlandish, the better.

I'm not suggesting that you write a book, only a bite size memory. However, once you start writing and put the bite size stories together, I would bet that you wind up with a small colorful book for your young ones to enjoy in later years.

At this point, I must warn you, if you don't already know, Genealogy is addictive and once you get started, it is hard to quit and time flies by.

