

	NARFE FL FEDERATION PRESIDENT
	MESSAGE FOR THOUGHT "ZOOM"
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Dear Members,

Have you heard the latest news? Parrots are meeting socially and virtually via **ZOOM**. Yes, that's right! Parrots are now using social media to make their lives meaningful. After 1,000 hours of footage and 18 parrots, researchers found the parrots gained the ability to press the correct icon on the tablet. They observed these parrots communicating more, doing show and tell with other parrots, and demonstrating improved and upbeat behaviors. Researchers observed that social media became a life saver for humans during the pandemic and decided to see if these domesticated winged creatures would also benefit. Surely enough they did.

What does that have to do with NARFE Florida members? I pondered sharing on the new cancel culture in which folks seem to take great pleasure in dismissing folks who are unlike themselves. I pondered sharing on our previous themes of "purpose", "self-reliance" and "mission." But when I read about parrots using **ZOOM**, I felt the need to share that we are missing too many NARFE members at local Chapter meetings and at District meetings. Here's a thought for 2023. Consider holding Chapter meetings via **ZOOM**. Consider holding them in the evenings and weekends. There are benefits to keeping in contact with each other. Of the four District meetings held one was a hybrid meeting in which some members participated via **ZOOM** while others attended in person. The reviews suggested that having the opportunity to attend via **ZOOM** was advantageous.

The NARFE Florida Executive Board is now in the process of deciding the best type of Conference to hold. Should it be "in person", via "**ZOOM**" or a "combination Hybrid" style. The NFEB needs your help in making this decision. I'll give you a hint. If the "birds" could do it and found having meetings via **ZOOM** as being advantageous, are birds better than our Florida NARFE family, or is our Florida NARFE family for the birds?

Something to ponder.

Respectfully,

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