

# Rotary



## Club of Houma

### Syrita Steib -- Guest Speaker



As Founder and Executive Director of Operation Restoration, Syrita Steib creates opportunities for formerly incarcerated women, eradicating the roadblocks she faced when returning to society after incarceration. After serving nearly 10 years in prison, she was released into a community vastly different than the one she left. Despite her academic accomplishments while incarcerated, Syrita was denied admission at the University of New Orleans due to the criminal history question. She reapplied, unchecked the box, was granted admission, and went on to earn her B.S. from Louisiana State University.

Steib wrote and advocated for Louisiana Act 276, which prohibits public post-secondary institutions from asking questions relating to criminal history for purposes of admissions. Syrita has continued to work with advocates on the ground in five states to pass legislation to ban the box in college admissions. Syrita has also helped draft and pass legislation in other states to support currently and formerly incarcerated women, including Louisiana. As a policy consultant for Cut50's Dignity for Incarcerated Women campaign, she worked tirelessly on the passage of the First Step Act.

Syrita regularly speaks at conferences across the nation about the experiences of incarcerated women. She has served as co-chair of the healthy families committee for New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell's transition team; was appointed to the Executive Board for Dillard University's new Center for Racial Justice; was appointed by the governor to the Louisiana Justice Reinvestment oversight council; and was the vice chair of the Louisiana Task Force on Women's Incarceration. She also helped create and was featured in the Newcomb Art Museum's Per (Sister) exhibit, which shared the stories of currently and formerly incarcerated women. Syrita was selected to participate in the 2019-2020 Unlocked Futures cohort and is a 2020 recipient of the Rubinger Fellowship.

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### Announcement

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

#### **SPRING PICNIC THIS SUNDAY!**

The "menu" will be simple - hamburgers and hot dogs, several traditional picnic sides, and beverages (even SOME beer and wine !). And, you can bring your own alcoholic beverages, if you desire! Since the menu is simple, the cost is low - only \$10 per person, including children! The cost will be added to your next quarter's billing statement.

Date: 04/25/2021 (Sun.)  
Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm CDT  
Location: Terrebonne ARC

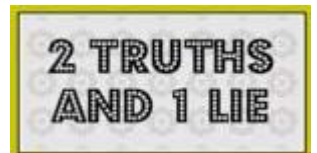
Please let us know if you can make it.

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### Two Truths and One Lie!

It's time again for the monthly "Two Truths and One Lie" Contest (brought to you by the Fellowship Activities Committee) !

The contest involves reading THREE statements provided by a fellow Rotarian. The "panel" of three Rotarians is challenged to (1) identify the Rotarian the statements are attributed to, and (2) choose the one statement that is the lie about that Rotarian.



All in fun and fellowship!

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### Weekly Words of Wisdom

You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.  
-- Franklin P. Jones

# Join our Meeting By Zoom!

You can participate in our weekly meeting by teleconference using the Zoom app. Click the link to get started:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83521205429?pwd=YlphcjJWeVlyN2pCOTIEZFdtLOZnZz09>

## Events

### April

21st - [Guest Speaker: Syrita Steib-Martin](#)

28th - [Guest Speaker: Carl Johnson](#)

21st - [Two Truths and a Lie](#)

### May

5th - [ROD: JJ Buquet](#)

12th - [Guest Speaker: Craig Greene, MD](#)

19th - [Two Truths and a Lie](#)

5th - [Happy Bucks](#)

19th - [ROD: Stephanie Corso](#)

## Birthdays

Dixon Lewis  
April 25th

Dale Thompson Sr.  
May 14th

Frank Kolwe  
May 5th

Brenda M. Fauchoux  
May 18th

Jeremy Gueldner  
May 5th

Craig Hebert  
May 21st

## Years of Service

[Michael D'Angelo](#)  
9 Years

[Derek Chaisson](#)  
9 Years

## District Officers



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iPDG

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Club Executive Secretary

## Club Meeting

Houma  
Meets at Ramada Inn - Houma  
1400 W. Tunnel Blvd.  
Houma, LA 70360  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM