



Rotaripost

NOON — 12:00
Meeting
September
14,
2021

Keynote

R.W. Norton Art Gallery and Gardens



Since 2016, **Emily Young Feazel** has been the Title Designer of Exhibits and Special Events at the R.W. Norton Art Gallery. She works with her team to design, curate and build the special exhibitions featured at the museum. In addition, she books new artists for solo shows and coordinates with other museums around the world to handle exhibit loans both to and from the Norton.

Emily also manages and creates the special events for the museum including annual events, after-hours events and family-centric events.

Prior to her work as the Title Designer, she was a creative and visual arts instructor teaching visual arts to school groups coming through the museum.

For a number of years Emily also teaches ballet and jazz lessons through the Shreveport Dance Academy to students 11-16 years of age. She received her bachelor's degree in art history and studio art from LSUS.

Since its opening in 1966, the **R.W. Norton Art Gallery** has become particularly well-known around the country for its impressive collections of works by those titans of western art-Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell.

In the early 1920's Richard W. Norton (1886-1940) became one of the discoverers of the Rodessa Oil Field in north Louisiana. Over time, Mr. Norton's wife and son began to amass a significant collection of fine art. In 1946, to honor Mr. Norton and for the benefit of the community, Richard W. Norton, Jr. (1919-1974) and his mother Mrs. Richard W. Norton (1896-1975) created the R.W. Norton Art Foundation. In turn, the Foundation eventually established the R.W. Norton Art Gallery, basing its initial collection upon donations from the acquisitions of the Nortons.



**Tuesday,
12:00 Noon**

**Historical Start
12:13 p.m.**

**In-Person at
Hilton Hotel
Restaurant &
Zoom On-Line
Option**

**Rotarians
Serving Others**

Lunch Tom
Money Mee

Raffle Margaret
Tickets Wallace

Invocation Gard Wayt

Zoom Mark
Operator Snow

Greeter - Elton
Scanner Richey

Hybrid Meetings

We will continue to offer hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom). Here is the Zoom recurring invite that can be used for meetings. If you are unable to use the link, simply sign into your free Zoom account, click on the option to Join a Meeting and use the Meeting ID and Password. The waiting room will be used to monitor admittance and avoid any “Zoom bombing”.

Topic: Rotary Club of Shreveport Weekly Meeting
Time: September 14, 2021—12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836609051?pwd=VG1xbUFFL0ILSGlwVVNEM3kzL0dGZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3660 9051

Passcode: 870740

Last Week's Program

Rotarian Craig Spohn, President and CEO of Cyber Innovation Center, gave an update last Tuesday on the Center. It is amazing how far CIC has come since they were created!.

You can view the video of the program [at this link](#) on our Facebook page.



Click the DID YOU KNOW? 2021 picture below to view the UTube video that Craig presented.

Did You Know?

[Link: DID YOU KNOW 2021 - YouTube](#)



Spotlight



SIGN UP FOR THIS SPOT!

Reginald Abrams is a man of many talents and interests! After graduating from Airline High School, he attended LSUS for 2 years and then migrated to ULM in Monroe where he received his doctorate in pharmacy. Yep, you heard right! He worked for LSU Medical School Pharmacy in Shreveport for six years. Then he went to LSU Law School and received his J.D. degree.

A couple of years after clerking, he joined the Blanchard-Walker Law Firm and eventually became a Director there. He was the first African American attorney hired by a major law firm in Shreveport. With tongue in cheek, Reggie said there was quite a bit of publicity about that, particularly in the Shreveport Journal, which just so happened to fold soon afterward.

Reggie subsequently formed Abrams & Lafargue Law Firm with his partner. A few years ago, his law partner relocated and he now heads the Abrams Law Firm. He is primarily a defense litigator and represents governmental bodies, physicians and drug stores. He has been General Counsel for the Caddo Parish School Board for over 20 years.

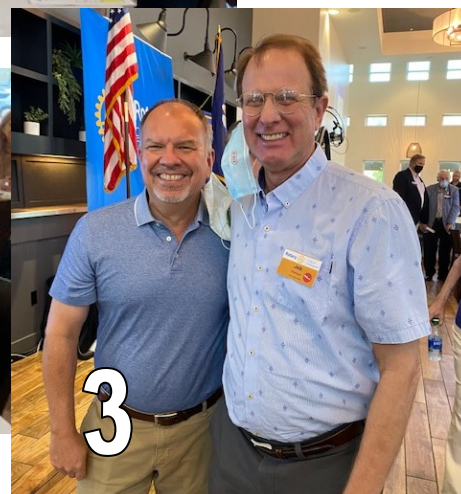
Throughout all this time, Reggie has maintained his pharmacy license, just in case. He has been president of many local organizations: Committee of 100, Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Shreveport Opera, Goodwill Industries, local chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and, of note, president of our Rotary Club in 2015-2016, our first African American president.



Reggie loves to sing in his bass baritone voice, has already performed three times in Carnegie Hall and has plans to return there for another performance in April 2022. He's a long distance motorcycle rider and enjoys his 1957 Chevrolet he restored. He and wife Renee have been married for 44 years and have one son, Reginald Abrams, Jr. who lives and works in Houston.

(Left) Reggie on his BMW K1600b motorcycle.

See additional photo on page 6!



1—(From left) Brad Graff, Margaret Wallace, George Carroll, David Bellew and Meg Goorley.

2—(From left) Chris Stokes, Hoyt Bain, Peyton Cole.

3—Jim Malsch and Jeb Breithaupt (this photo was taken an earlier week and missed the Rotaripost).

4—Darrell Rebouche delights us with his birthday greetings!

5—(Guest) Dr. Mike Kent and our own Dr. Dayne Hassell.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



We have some great volunteer opportunities where we can serve our community. Some of these are starting back up after the COVID shut-down. Please consider volunteering your time!

If you have an additional activity you want to do, speak up!



Volunteers needed to pack the Rotary bags with Halloween goodies and books for students at Atkins Elementary School. Times are flexible. Contact Rotarian Melissa Ricou or Executive Director Judy Bellew. Good family activity!

Salvation Army bell ringers



Double up with a buddy and take a 1-2 hour shift ringing the bell in front of one of our local stores. This is a lot of fun as well as very fulfilling.

Contact Executive Director Judy Bellew to sign up. Let's have at least one whole day of Rotarian service at a location. Starts the weekend after Thanksgiving. Good family activity!

Pack the Senior Boxes



For now this activity is scheduled once a quarter. Let Rotarians Ken Krueger, Margaret Wallace or Judy Bellew know if you want to be in on the next opportunity.

NEW MODERN FOOD BANK LOCATION! Good family activity!

You Hate Litter?



Help to organize a litter clean-up afternoon! Pick the spot you want....the street where your office is?.....your neighborhood?

Shreveport Green will provide the gloves and trashbags and will loan the picker uppers. Contact Judy Bellew if interested. Good family activity for all ages!



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Call Judy Bellew if you have any
questions about the club.

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Raffle Winners Last Week

TRF Raffle—Robert Smith

*Thank you for your donation to The Rotary Foundation.
This applies toward your Paul Harris Fellowship*

Plant from Rose-Neath Florist—

Ken Krueger

Eggs from Andy Shehee's hens—

Doug Bland, Reggie Abrams, Kathy French

2 tickets to the LSU/McNeese football game from
Jon Lowe—Mike the Tiger

**Upcoming In-Person (Hilton
Restaurant) and
Zoom Program
September 21, 2021**

**Senator Barrow Peacock
Constitutional Amendments**

August Club Anniversaries

*PHF +Past President ♦Major Donor
(includes **PS** prior service in this or other clubs)

45 years	Bill Anderson*
40 years	Jon Lowe*
32 years	Charlotta Nordyke*+
27 years	Larry Evensky*+ PS
21 years	Tim Quinn*
20 years	Tommy Williams*
19 years	Gard Wayt*+, Bobbie Brasher*, Scott Hughes
17 years	Doug Bland*
15 years	George Sirven, Karen Johnson♦ PS , Carl Bullard
5 years	Chris Stokes* PS
4 years	A.J. Maranto, Graham Thompson*, Jon Keith*
1 year	Jeffrey Kerst*

One of Reggie Abrams' interests



Reggie's 1956 Chevrolet that he restored with his dad.
His grandfather purchased the car new! Not too shabby
there, Reg!