



# PILOT NEWSLETTER

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



*We are business and community leaders dedicated to making a positive difference through service.*

The meeting will be held on **January 15, 2026** at: the **Coastal Bend Food Bank, 5442 Bear Ln.** Lunch begins at 11:45 AM, Meeting 12:10 - 1:15 PM **\$22 Lunch** - \$7 Non-Eaters

### Meeting Duties

- Invocation:** David Conoly
- Song/Pledges:** Mary McQueen
- 4 Way Test/ Intros:** TBD
- Meal Tickets:** Emily Longueira, Sarah Banta, Turner Moller
- Cookies:** Marissa Ford
- Hospitality:** Lynne Hurlburt



### Speaker: Kurt Podeszwa—President/CEO of Camp Aranzazu

The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi will welcome Kurt Podeszwa, President/CEO of Camp Aranzazu, as our upcoming speaker. Camp Aranzazu cultivates belonging for campers of all ages and abilities by creating accessible, empowering, and intentional camp experiences in a coastal environment. Located in Rockport, the year-round, residential camp serves 2,200 campers annually by partnering with organizations throughout South Texas. This year marks a special milestone as the Camp celebrates 20 years of accredited camping. Kurt will also highlight how our club is partnering with them on a District Grant project to support Camp Aranzazu’s sensory room and the creation of sensory backpacks that serve campers of all abilities. Join us Thursday to learn about the Camp’s vision of a world built for belonging.

Do you want to pre-pay for your meal? Click on the link to pre-pay for your meal by 9 am on Thursday.  
<https://www.rotarycc.com/pay-online/>



### Upcoming Meeting: Kara Rivas—Public Relations Manager for Flint Hills

### Announcements:

**1/15—Women Working with Wine:** Join us for a hands-on service project assembling sensory backpacks for Camp Aranzazu. Email sarah@rotarycc.com to sign up. See flyer pg. 2 for more info.

**1/31—RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards):** The deadline to apply is **January 31, 2026** for this impactful leadership experience for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Any Rotarian can easily sponsor a student—whether it’s your child, grandchild, or another young person you believe in—by covering the \$425 program fee and having the student complete the application. Camp dates are March 1 (online) and March 6–8 (in person). Learn more and register here, <https://students.leadernu.com/campryla/dstx/camper/>

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# Women Working with Wine

Thursday Jan. 15th  
Starting at 5PM

PLACE: THE ROTARY OFFICES LOCATED AT 921 N.  
CHAPARRAL, STE. 210, 78401

**\*YOU BRING THE WINE WE WILL PROVIDE THE SNACKS**

Join us for a hands-on service project as Rotarians come together to assemble sensory backpacks for Camp Aranzazu, supporting meaningful moments of comfort, engagement, and joy for campers.



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**TO SIGN UP**