



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 22, 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:** Mike Bergsma
- Song/Pledges:** Mary McQueen
- 4 Way Test/ Intros:** Fowler Mitchell
- Meal Tickets:** Kimberly Ballenger, Randy Ramirez, John Shepard
- Cookies:** Turner Moller
- Hospitality:** TBD



Speaker: Kara Rivas—Public Relations Manager for Flint Hills

The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi is pleased to welcome Kara Rivas, Public Relations Manager for Flint Hills Resources, as our speaker this Thursday. Flint Hills Resources has a long-standing presence in Corpus Christi, where its refineries are an important part of the region’s industrial and economic landscape. The company plays a meaningful role in supporting local jobs while contributing to the broader energy needs of South Texas and beyond. Flint Hills Resources is also known for its focus on safety, reliability, and being an engaged community partner. Kara will share insight into the company’s role in Corpus Christi and its connection to the communities it serves.

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>

Announcements:



1/31—RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards): The application deadline is January 31, 2026 for this leadership program for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and any Rotarian can sponsor a student by covering the \$425 fee and having them 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/>

Upcoming Meeting: Shannon Fitzsimons-Doolan—Teaching English to speakers of other languages.

2/20—Rotary’s Got Roots, Come Grow With Us: This Rotary Social takes place Friday, February 20, from 5:30–7:30 PM at the Oso Bay Wetlands & Preserve Learning Center. This fun plant sale benefits the Cenikor Foundation, and anyone interested in donating plants or volunteering can email Sarah at sarah@rotarycc.com

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Upcoming events.

Rotary
Club of Corpus Christi



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ROTARY'S GOT ROOTS, COME GROW WITH US

Rotary social benefiting Cenikor, 5:30–6:30 PM, Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve. To help or donate a plant: sarah@rotarycc.com

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BEACH CLEAN UP

Meet at Snoopy's Pier (13313 S. Padre Island Dr.). Cleanup 9:30–11:30 AM; lunch immediately after (self-pay).

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RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD)

RYLA application deadline Jan. 31, 2026. Open to high school sophomores–seniors; Camp: Mar. 1 (online) & Mar. 6–8 (in person).

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SARITA RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

More details to come

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DEAR SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY

Drop Everything and Read starts at 12:30 PM

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HARVEY WEIL

Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award Dinner — Apr. 18, 2026, Welder Wildlife Foundation Refuge. Tables \$3,500 | Tickets \$300.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE (MCALLEN)

More details to come

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BEACH TO BAY PACKET PICK-UP

Dugan Wellness Center, 6300 Ocean Dr, 78412. All Day

FOR EVENT DETAILS, TO ATTEND, OR TO VOLUNTEER, EMAIL SARAH AT SARAH@ROTARYCC.COM OR CALL 361-882-8672.