



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 **February 19, 2026** at: the **Coastal Bend Food Bank, 5442 Bear Ln.**
Lunch begins at 11:45 AM, Meeting 12:00 - 1:15 PM
\$22 Lunch - \$7 Non-Eaters

Meeting Duties

- Invocation:** Cris Radaneata
- Song/Pledges:** Rick Ott
- 4 Way Test/ Intros:** Houston Shockley
- Meal Tickets:** Jerry Spence, Scott Landreth, Cris Radaneata
- Cookies:** Jessica Prukop
- Hospitality:** Pam Hammett



Speaker: Clay Hilton— Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi is excited to welcome Dr. Clayton D. Hilton, Wildlife Veterinarian and Professor at the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University—Kingsville. A Certified Wildlife Biologist with decades of experience in conservation and veterinary medicine, Dr. Hilton has worked with endangered species, black bears, mountain lions, and assisted reproduction efforts in ocelots right here in South Texas. His research and leadership in wildlife health span zoological institutions, field conservation, and national veterinary organizations. Whether discussing ocelots, large predators, or emerging wildlife health challenges, this is a fascinating look at the animals that share our region. Don't miss this meeting!

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/>

Notice to the Membership of the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi February 16, 2026
The following proposal for *corporate membership* having been approved according to the by-laws is hereby published for membership approval. Objections must be filed in writing to the Board of Directors within 7 days.

Aaron Coss

Operations Manager

Certified Collision Works



Upcoming Events: There's a lot happening—see page 2 for upcoming events and opportunities to connect and serve.

Upcoming Meeting: Ashley Bennis, M.A.— Clean Coast Texas Program Coordinator

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- Membership
- Youth Service
- Inside Community
- Outside Community

Upcoming events.

Rotary
Club of Corpus Christi



FEB
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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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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S 121ST ANNIVERSARY

Join us at 10:30 AM, at City Hall

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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).

MAR
1ST &
6TH -8TH

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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DEAR SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY

Drop Everything and Read starts at 12:30 PM

MAR
07

SARITA RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

More details to come

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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

MAY
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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.