



# 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 26, 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:** Johnny Cotten
- Song/Pledges:** Andy Bennett
- 4 Way Test/ Intros:** TBD
- Meal Tickets:** John Holmgreen, Ralph Silva, Terry Schade
- Cookies:** Marissa Ford
- Hospitality:** James Chapman



### Speaker: Ashley Bennis, M.A.—Clean Coast Texas Program Coordinator

The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi is excited to welcome **Ashley Bennis** as our upcoming speaker. Ashley serves as the Clean Coast Texas Program Coordinator at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, where she leads collaborative efforts to improve coastal water quality and strengthen resilience along the Texas coast. Her work brings together public and private partners to advance practical, science-based solutions that protect our bays, waterways, and surrounding communities. With experience in environmental planning and coastal risk management, she offers insight into how proactive planning can create long-term benefits for our region. Join us to learn how partnerships and smart policy are helping shape a cleaner, more resilient Coastal Bend—this is one you won't want to miss.

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: Michelle Horine—Ronald McDonald House

### Upcoming Events: There's a lot happening—see page 2 for more upcoming events & details.

**Feb. 24**—Proclamation Recognizing Rotary International's 121st Anniversary at 10:30 at City Hall.

**Feb. 28**—Beach Clean Up: See page 2 for details.

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# Upcoming events.

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**FEB**  
**20**

## 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

**FEB**  
**24**

## PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S 121ST ANNIVERSARY

Join us at 10:30 AM, at City Hall

**FEB**  
**28**

## 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**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> &**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup>**

## 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).

**APR**  
**10**

## DEAR SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY

Drop Everything and Read starts at 12:30 PM

**MAR**  
**07**

## SARITA RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

More details to come

**APR**  
**18**

## HARVEY WEIL

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

**APR**  
**25**

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE (MCALLEN)

More details to come

**MAY**  
**15**

## 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.