



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 **March 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:** TBD
- Song/Pledges:** Barry McBurnett
- 4 Way Test/ Intros:** Kyoko Amano
- Meal Tickets:** Mary Beecroft, David Conoly, Ric Talavera
- Cookies:** Michael Kennedy
- Hospitality:** Bea Hanson, Greg Hatton



Speaker: Dr. Dale James—CEO of the Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation

The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi is excited to welcome **Dr. Dale James**, who will share the incredible story and lasting impact of the Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation. For more than 70 years, the Foundation has played a vital role in advancing wildlife research, education, and conservation across South Texas. Dr. James will highlight how Robert Welder’s vision transformed a working ranch into the nation’s first privately owned wildlife refuge and research station. Guests will also learn how Welder’s programs have shaped modern wildlife management and supported hundreds of graduate students who now lead conservation efforts across Texas and beyond. This presentation will also touch on the Foundation’s commitment to youth education, land stewardship, and partnerships that strengthen conservation on private lands. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn how conservation, research, and education continue to shape the future of South Texas.

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: Rick Johnson—Samaritan’s Purse, Operation Christmas Child



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

April 10th—DEAR Sam Houston Elementary:
Drop Everything and Read starts at 12:30 PM

April 18th—Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award Dinner: at the Welder Wildlife Foundation Refuge. Tables \$3,500 and

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Upcoming events.

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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)

<https://rotary5930.org/events/unite-for-good-district-conference-2026/>

MAY
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BEACH TO BAY PACKET PICK-UP

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

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