



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 **July 16, 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:
Mary Orf

Song/Pledges:
Barry McBurnett

4 Way Test/ Intros:
Stephanie Land

Meal Tickets: Terry Schade,
Cecil Childers

Cookies: Jessica Prukop

Hospitality: Chris Horn



Speaker: Robert Dodd, Director of the City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department,

The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi is pleased to welcome Robert Dodd, Director of the City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department, as this week's guest speaker. Since joining the City in 2022, Dodd has led more than \$204 million in parks and recreation projects designed to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors. Drawing on more than 27 years of leadership as an educator, coach, and public servant, he brings a unique perspective on building strong communities. Join us as we learn more about the vision and impact of Corpus Christi's Parks and Recreation system.

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/>

Getting to Know Our President:

The Hyde name carries a long English heritage, with roots reaching back through medieval history, coats of arms, and generations of public service. From pirates to police, the Hyde family tree reads like a costume drama that couldn't decide between "arrrg" and "sir." Family tradition also includes a colorful Blackbeard connection, with our line linked to Richard Hyde, said to have sailed in the era of the pirate legend before later generations moved into nobility and more settled paths of service. My grandfather, Frank Hyde, served as captain of police in Shreveport. It is a reminder that a family legacy can travel a long road—from pirate tales and noble titles to law enforcement and community leadership. For me, that legacy is anchored in my faith in Christ, which shapes how I serve, lead, and try to live with integrity. As the new president of the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi, I am grateful for the opportunity to carry that spirit of service forward in our community.

(Answer to the Placemat Fun Fact)

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