

UIMF and Orem Rotary Joint Service Activity



Dean Robinson, Orem Rotary President addresses participants

In preparation for the upcoming Rotary Breakfast during Orem Summerfest in June, student-members of the UIMF and UVU Rotaract contributed to the service project of the Orem Rotary Club members. At the Orem City Center Park under the leadership of Dean Robinson, President of Orem Rotary they cleaned the Rotary Pavilion and surrounding areas on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Ms. Laura Bascom, Orem City representative was also present and coordinated activities. This was for the third month in a row when Orem Rotary members and UVU students continued established tradition to jointly contribute to service projects benefiting local communities. More than 20 Rotarians and Rotaractors participated in the event. Many of them brought to the event their family members and children.



Rick Didericksen, Orem Rotarian cleans tables with special water pump



Roger Lewis, one of the founding members of the Orem Rotary cleans the pavilion



(L to R): Natalie Okeson and Amanda Charles, Orem Rotary members remove weeds

Prior to initiating the service activity, everyone present had the opportunity to have dinner ordered on behalf of Rotarians by D.J. Smith, member of the Orem Rotary board at the same pavilion we were there to clean. Following dinner, Ms. Laura Bascom explained to us major tasks and from a trailer provided necessary equipment either for cleaning tables or for weed removal around trees. Necessary supplies were distributed among the attending volunteers as well. Depending on personal choices Rotarians and Rotaractors then began to work in groups on various aspects of the project. Teams focused on trash pickup, the pavilion floors, benches and tables, and weed removal around tree beds.



Rotarians and Rotaractors remove weeds around tree beds



(L to R) Dallas Karren discussing activities with Lynn Hillstead, Orem Rotary President-designate

Working together allowed for us all to become more familiar and strengthen the partnership between our respective organizations. The UIMF, UVU Rotaract, and Orem Rotary all embody a similar mission and support each other in achieving our goals. The activity held today will provide for a neat pavilion during the annual Orem Summerfest in June. Orem Rotary has a long standing tradition of hosting a pancake breakfast during this event to raise funds that ultimately are recycled into the community through many of the organization's service projects and charitable giving.

As President of the UIMF, it is important that I am involved in activities that are initiated by one of the clubs under the umbrella of our coalition. It is therefore my role to act as a coordinator between the respective organizations of the UIMF and demonstrate leadership by example. UVU Rotaract is very successful at intertwining the six goals of Rotary International with the Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD) agenda of the UIMF.

Dallas Karren, UIMF President