

UVU Rotaract Club Supports Orem Rotary Service Activity

On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, I represented Utah Valley University (UVU) Rotaract along with my colleagues from the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU at the Orem City Park and contributed to a service project put on by the local Orem Rotary club.



Members meet together

It was my second service project with Orem Rotary and I was glad to see many familiar faces from the first our joint activity in April at Timpanogos park. With Mr. DJ Smith, Orem Rotarian we had a great discussion about Rotary clubs around the world especially in Saudi Arabia. He also shared with me his role in preparation of the service project. It was a very informative dialogue. I have learned a lot from such an experienced Rotary member. I have also talked with Dean Robinson, President of Orem Rotary about my involvement with the Rotaract club at UVU and about UIMF participation at the UN CSW, and I shared my involvement at CSW 63rd and 65th. We have agreed that it is important for all of the clubs under the UIMF to cooperate with Orem Rotary and support each other in fulfilling our similar goals.



Cleaning the pavilion

We cleaned the club's pavilion and the area around it in preparation for the Orem Summerfest pancake breakfast which is hosted by the Orem Rotary club usually in June. During this annual event, Rotary fundraises for future service projects. This service project not only immediately benefits the community but will serve it in other ways further along as well.

In the beginning, we ate our dinner which was arranged by D.J. Smith on behalf of the Orem Rotary. Then, the President of the Orem Rotary club, Dr. Dean Robinson explained the team members main responsibilities for the service project. All of us were divided into two teams and given the necessary equipment to complete our tasks. The first team was assigned to pre-clean the tables and the cement before more thoroughly cleaning them with a pressure washer.



Weeding around the trees

The second team was assigned to clean and remove old grass that builds up around the trees in the surrounding areas. This assignment took a little longer as there was more to be done. Most of the team members and I worked together on both tasks. Overall, it was a great experience since it exposed me to the local community and allowed me to interact with them.. The missions of both Orem Rotary and UIMF and Rotaract are unique in their own ways but they also have a lot of common areas of interest and one of them is service to the local community. This service project allowed us to work together and achieve our own outcomes while helping each other to reach theirs.

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