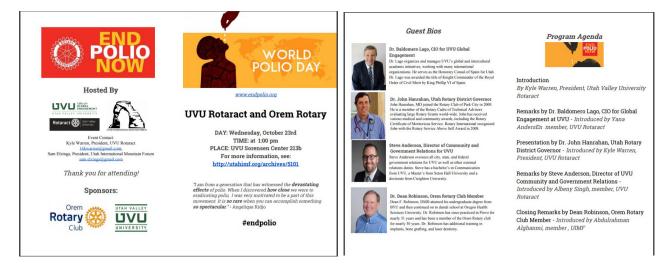
## **Contributing to World Polio Day at UVU**

On Wednesday October 23rd, 2019, Utah Valley University held a World Polio Day Commemoration event, hosted by UVU Rotaract club and Orem Rotary Club, in conjunction with UVU Office of Global Engagement. This event celebrated the 30 plus years of influential effort by Rotary International to eradicate polio, which has resulted in over 99% of polio cases to be eradicated, and the work continues. As a college branch of Rotary for ages 18-30, UVU Rotaract club was charged with much of the organization of and participation in the event and were able to make connections with members of Orem Rotary Club and officers at UVU. As a member of Rotaract, I was able to help prepare informational materials and set up for the event.



Brochure of World Polio Commemoration event

With help, I was able to create a brochure containing the event schedule and information. As a part of the student engaged learning model at UVU, I worked with UVU Rotaract club president Kyle Warren to gather the needed information for the event and fellow club member Albeny Singh who gathered the biographies for each of the guest speakers.

Another important duty of the club members was to raise awareness about polio, Rotary, and the World Polio day event. On Monday October 21st, we were able to table at UVU. During this time, we were able to talk to other students about the work Rotary is involved with, including polio eradication. We were also able to recruit interested students who have a desire to join with Rotary International through UVU Rotaract to make a difference and participate in Rotary's humanitarian aid work.



(L to R) Albeny Singh, Yana Anderson and Hazim Alshanbari, UVU Rotaractors

On the day of the event, several club members and students gathered to set up for the event. I, along with a few other club members, were able to participate in the preceding luncheon with several Orem Rotary members, UVU faculty, and Utah Rotary District Governor John Hanrahan.



Yana Anderson introduces Dr. Baldomero Lago

It was informative and moving to hear the stories of the long-time membership of the Rotary members, and the influence it has had in their lives as they've been able to participate in service and fellowship with those around them.



UVU World Polio Day Event at UVU

Following the luncheon was the main event, where UVU students, faculty, and Rotary members gathered together to learn about the incomparable efforts and success Rotary International has had in eradicating polio and its devastating effects. The spirit of Rotary's desire to make a positive difference for those in need was felt through speaker's messages of how UVU students and faculty and Rotary can continue to influence those in our community.

Overall, the event was informative, impactful, and successful. It was a great opportunity for me to participate in UVU's effective student engaged learning model as we worked together as a club to organize, prepare, and host this World Polio day event

Yana Andersen, Vice President, UVU Rotaract