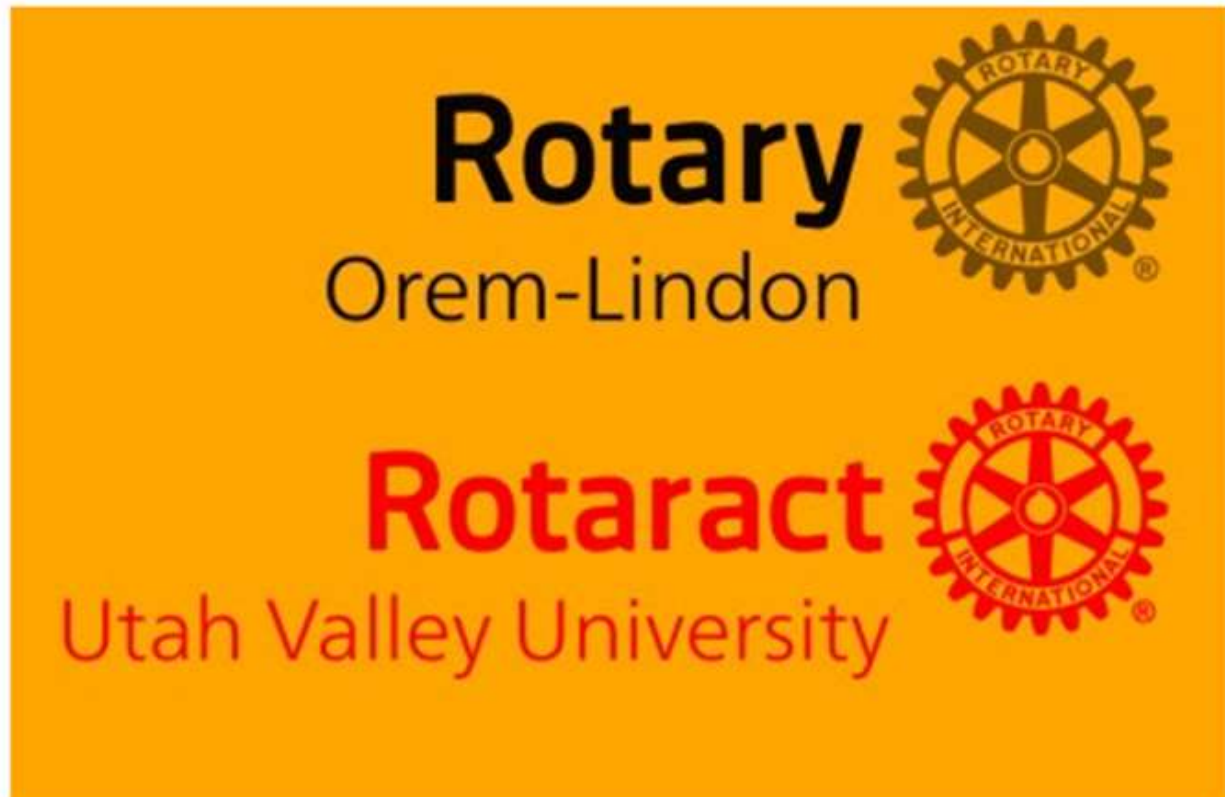


UVU Rotaractors Contributed to Dictionary Donations at Elementary Schools with Orem-Lindon Rotary Club

On November 18, 2022, on behalf of the Utah Valley University (UVU) Rotaract club I joined Dean Robinson, past president of the Orem Rotary club to donate dictionaries to the third-grade students at Windsor Elementary School in Orem, UT



This was part of the service project of the members of the Orem-Lindon Rotary club to raise funds and buy English dictionaries for students at elementary schools in the city of Orem, Utah. Rotarian purchased 263 dictionaries which were then delivered to 4 schools in Orem and Vineyard in the Utah state jointly with UVU Rotaractors. Rotaractors are students from UVU and members of the Rotaract, a student club representing Rotary International at their campus. Other groups included my classmates, Emmanuel Omaria, and Jokudu Jada (Winnie) with Orem Rotarian Ms. Cholpon Akmatlieva, who delivered 72 dictionaries to Bonneville Elementary school, and Orem-Lindon Rotary President Spencer Mack, with his wife Jane, who delivered 45 dictionaries to Sharon Elementary school in Orem Utah.

Once I started distributing the dictionaries in the classroom, the third graders were so excited to receive the dictionaries that they rushed up to me to receive them. Dean Robinson then proceeded to introduce how to use a dictionary by having the Windsor Elementary 3rd graders look up a few words.



In the back of the room, UVU Rotaractor Stephan Atkinson and Orem Rotary Past President Dean Robinson

We received a great welcome from the office staff at Windsor Elementary. Dean Robinson and I arrived during class hours, but some of the students we met in the hallways said hello to us with bright smiles on their faces, and to me, this showed the discipline they had. They were very appreciative of the dictionaries they received. Through this volunteer project, I experienced the joy of providing services to others at no cost. This project was non-discriminatory and showed how caring and supportive people, particularly Rotarians

in our communities, can be. I think the Orem-Lindon Rotary Club provided a great and memorable experience for the third-grade students who received dictionaries that day and me.

Stephan Atkinson, President of the Foreign Affairs Club at UVU and UVU Rotaractor