



**Eradicating Polio isn't easy,
but making history never is !!!**

World Polio Day



October 24, 2023 | 2:30 pm
UVU - Utah Valley University
Bingham Gallery
(Roots of Knowledge)

Entry is open for all students and there will be refreshments.



Orem-Lindon Rotary and Rotaract at UVU

World Polio Day Panel & Initiative

DAY: Tuesday, October 19
TIME: 2:30 pm

LOCATION:
UVU Campus – Roots of Knowledge Room
More information:
Scan the QR Code



“Rotary is an international community that brings together leaders who step up to take on the world’s toughest challenges, locally and globally. The eradication of polio is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts. Along with our partners, we have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. We have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide and we won’t stop until we end the disease for good.”

Program Agenda



Opening Statement by Carter Darger, UVU Rotaract
President

Keynote Presentation by Rotary Governor John Redd

UVU Professor Dr. Cockerham

Student Speaker Stephan Atkinson, UIMF President

Closing Video

Closing Statement by Carter Darger

This event is made possible through the inclusive co curricular Student-Engaged Learning model (SEL). This model emphasises student group collaboration to solve real world issues with institutional faculty serving as a guiding mentor.

Meet Our Speakers



Carter Darger, Utah Valley University Rotaract President

Carter Darger is a political science instructional assistant and a senior. Carter earned an Associate of Science from Salt Lake Community College before transferring to UVU. Serving as President of Rotaract Club, Carter is dedicated to fostering positive change in his community and leading the charge towards a more prosperous future for all.



Rotary District Governor John Redd

John Redd, hailing from Ft. Worth, TX, met his wife, Nicole, at Southern Utah University. They moved to Indiana, where he completed his master's degree, and he transitioned from therapy to wealth management with Edward Jones. John joined the Rotary Club of Salt Lake in 2001, later transferring to the Rotary Club of Bountiful in 2013. John is now the District Governor of Utah Rotary, District 5420. John and Nicole have four children and enjoy traveling, camping, and outdoor activities.



Dr. Geoffrey Cockerham

Geoffrey Cockerham is an Associate Professor of Political Science at UVU. Dr. Cockerham received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Arizona. He also received a J.D. from Louisiana State University. His research and lecturing is focused around global health, international cooperation, international institutions, and international law.



Stephan Atkinson, UIMF President

Stephan, born in Wyoming, received the honor of being Eagle Scout of the year in the state. He later pursued a career in professional athletics, training with the USA Olympic Cycling team. He has also worked for many years in the oil sector and developed expertise in energy economics and foreign affairs. Currently, he is studying political science with aspirations of becoming an ambassador.