

# Meeting with Rotary Club former President Clark Merkley

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# Beginnings



- Clark Merkley, originally an attorney by trade, joined the Rotary Club in 2008. Specifically joining the Provo and Springville clubs first.
- Thinking that joining the rotary club would be a good chance for networking his company, and creating new business opportunities.
- This quickly turned into a deep dive straight into volunteer work and figuring out what the rotary club was all about. Fun fact: Clark merkley was the person who introduced Prof. Bek and his wife to the rotary club. Knowing they would be great rotarians.

# President

- In 2019 and 2020 Clark was able to become president of the orem lindon rotary club, Which brought its own problems and opportunities. One being able to speak with important figures all over the U.S. much easier.
- He attended the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany and there were 25,000 Rotarians from all over the world, focusing on Polio eradication.
- This gave him the opportunity to connect with Bill and Melinda gates, where after landing from a flight he learned the two of them had donated \$50 million to the eradication of Polio through Rotary.
- Bill and Melinda had seen Clark's track record of nonprofits and work done with the Rotary club and were inspired to donate!