

Rotarian Derek Marshall



Derek Marshall as a member of the Orem-Lindon Rotary Club, describes the club as an opportunity to engage with the community and be a force for good, as well as a great way for his family to participate in service projects. Derek joined the club nearly fifteen years ago for the networking opportunities, but he has stayed for the relationships he has built and the impactful ways he has seen the club help people from all walks of life. The club fills a gap outside the political or religious groups that dominate this area of Utah, serving as a neutral space that brings together a diverse range of individuals. One thing Derek admires about the Rotary Club is its quiet generosity—it does not publicize donations and projects it supports.

Derek has deeply cherished the opportunity to engage with people whose paths he might not have crossed through church or political affiliations alone, enriching his life in meaningful ways. During our conversation, I couldn't help but notice his humility. Rather than highlighting his own generous contributions of time and services, he focused on how much the group has enriched his life. His modesty was clear, even as he has contributed not only his time, bringing others to join the group and also contributing his resources and connections as an attorney. He hopes his children will get involved when they are older, having witnessed the significant impact the club has on both its members and the broader community.

Derek humbly credits the Rotary Club with helping his practice grow immensely while also fostering relationships that he cherishes. His personal goal is for the club to continue growing, but not to the point where it loses its close-knit atmosphere. He also hopes to see the city grow in a healthy way. Reflecting on the changes and growth in the area, he noted that his ancestors were farmers who owned orchards, and he finds it interesting to see how all of that has disappeared with the city's development. He closed by saying just being willing to be involved, serve, learn and help are key characteristics to contribute and be a part of this group.

Interviewed by Glory Ellison, UVU student