

Jim Evans: A Dedicated Community Leader and Rotarian



Jim Evans is a committed community leader with a rich history of public service and civic engagement. A resident of Utah for 47 years, Jim originally hails from the San Francisco Bay Area. His journey to Utah began with his studies at Brigham Young University, where he met his wife. Together, they have built a family-centered life, celebrating 46 years of marriage and raising three children.

Jim's professional and civic contributions are remarkable. He has served as the mayor of Orem, a member of the city council, and a board member for the Alpine School District. His leadership extends to roles such as the chair of United Way, a member of the Timpanogos Hospital board, and his current position on the State Transportation Commission, where he focuses on funding road infrastructure projects. As the executive director of America's Freedom Festival, Jim helps foster community spirit through events that celebrate God, family, freedom, and country.

A proud Rotarian for six years, Jim joined Rotary during his tenure as mayor, seeking to connect with service-oriented individuals. His contributions include financial support for initiatives like polio eradication and community-focused projects. While his busy schedule occasionally limits his in-person participation, Jim remains actively engaged in service whenever possible.

Jim's love for Utah is deeply rooted in its family-friendly environment, natural beauty, and culture of volunteerism. He enjoys the state's mountains, hiking trails, and sporting events, while also cherishing the strong community ties and rich pioneer heritage that inspire his commitment to service.

Through his work with the Orem-Lindon Rotary Club, Jim focuses on fostering economic development, which he views as essential to maintaining a high quality of life in the community. He is passionate about creating opportunities for volunteering, promoting creativity, and ensuring Orem remains a great place for families to thrive.

Jim's vision for community building extends beyond Rotary. Whether through organizing family reunions, supporting neighborhood gatherings, or encouraging volunteerism, Jim continues to lead by example, emphasizing the importance of connection, service, and shared values in creating a vibrant and resilient community.

Interviewed by Louyoko Nianza, UVU student

About the Author

Louyoko Nianza, originally from the Congo, is a political science student in the United States with a vision for transformative leadership. He is the advocate of "smart-Africanism," a groundbreaking philosophy aiming to empower a new generation of African leaders committed to prosperity and progress on the continent. A passionate Rotaractor, Louyoko blends academic insight with visionary ideas to inspire change and champion a brighter future for Africa.