

Rotarian Jim Lauret



Even though Jim Lauret only joined the Orem-Lindon Rotary Club 3 years ago during a worldwide pandemic, he has already made an impact on the community around him. He initially joined because the club he was in before didn't meet during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and he was hoping to get to know the people around him and make a difference. The Orem-Lindon Rotary Club contributes to its six primary goals through various service projects, such as Coats for Kids. Coats for Kids, one of Jim's favorite service projects, provides winter gear for elementary school-age children who cannot afford it. Alongside event running and planning, Jim also helps Rotary through grant-writing, which gets them international funds that contribute to Orem's well-being.

Jim promotes sustainable growth in Utah by raising funds for youth leadership development. Alongside running a Cub Scout Troop, Jim raises funds for youth scholarships. He firmly believes in the power of education and investing in the upcoming generation. He sometimes feels frustration over members of Orem city who want the landscape to go back to what it was 30 or 40 years ago. Jim disagrees with them because Orem's economy will only stagnate if they keep thinking about the past. Jim wants businesses and families to continue to start and grow in Orem. Originally from California, Jim first came to Utah to get his college degree and moved to Orem a couple of years ago to experience the four seasons. With a changing climate, Jim promotes "smart" growth by engaging in political discussions and pushing for innovative initiatives. Through all his accomplishments, Jim leaves a legacy of growth and prosperity for his family, his Orem-Lindon community, and the world.

Interviewed by McKay Jones, UIMF Vice-President