

“PETS” AND UVU ROTARACT 2019

As Utah Valley University Rotaract breaks into the New Year with new plans and goals of service, the group joined the Rotarians and Rotaractors from across the state in the annual President-Elect Training Seminar on February 15-16, 2019 .

During the year of 2019, Rotaract at UVU has been very focused on a few goals. As we plan to serve and reach out in the best way possible, we have been focusing on growth and outreach as a club. For several years, the UVU branch of Rotaract has stayed small. However,

this is expected to change. PETS was an excellent way to kick off this new year in line with our goals of growth and outreach.

UVU Rotaract had the amazing opportunity to meet with the amazing members and leaders of Rotary from across the state. With our hopes for growth, connecting with these amazing leaders and other amazing people from the community has helped provide UVU with the vision to truly grow and give back. With the addition of several new members, it became critical that UVU Rotaract have the chance to meet with rotary leadership again. I personally had the chance to speak with Martha Velasco, a powerhouse within Utah Rotary. With these connections being strengthened, UVU Rotaract will have a much higher chance of being



successful in our future plans, including an expedition to Puerto Penasco this coming summer; a location originally introduced to UVU Rotaract by Jose Velasco the year before.



These Opportunities to network are critical for a Rotaract club to be able to last. Over the last several weeks, Jesse Sandstrom and myself have had the opportunity to reach out to and learn from to our sponsor club of Orem Rotary. This has been very beneficial at allowing UVU Rotaract club leadership to strengthen its understanding of Rotary and our mission as a Humanitarian NGO. Clark Merkley, D.J. Smith, and Dean Robinson

were very helpful during the PETS seminar and we look forward to working in combination with Orem Rotary in the months to come.



In addition to the Networking opportunities the training provided at PETS gave the clubs a chance to work with each other and learn from one another. I was very happy to hear about the projects that St. George Rotaract, as well as Salt Lake Rotaract had been working on and hearing how much advice they had to give to us as a club. Overall, I feel

that PETS was an amazing way to start off the new year and open our eyes to all the Rotaract can to grow, get involved, and give back.



Kyle Warren, President-Elect of the UVU Rotaract