2023 World Polio Day at Utah Valley University Reflection

I thought the World Polio Day Event was very interesting and informative. I didn't know much about Polio to begin with, so I think one of their main goals was accomplished (which was to inform the audience about polio). I felt like the way they presented their information was helpful because it wasn't too wordy or technical.

Utah District Governor John Redd speaks at Utah Valley University

One of the biggest takeaways I gained from the event on October 24, 2023, at Utah Valley University, was the power of non-profit organizations. I have always known about Rotary International (RI), but I can't say I knew what they did. I liked the structure of the organization. I'm glad that polio is a concern for them, but I'd be interested to see what other topics and issues they delve into. I enjoyed Governor Redd's comments and considerations about Polio and what we in Utah can do to help the cause. He seems like an upstanding guy.

I must admit, it was a little hard to follow the speech of Stephan Atkinson, President of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU, and what his main point was. I'm assuming he was speaking about the

connection between all the clubs under UIMF and the work they do in the community, but it was hard to gauge that during the speech.

Stephan Atkinson, President of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) speaks about UVU Rotaract contributions

I'm excited for International Mountain Day in December and to hopefully meet some of those amazing students from Kyrgyzstan. All in all, I enjoyed the event and thought it did well at explaining what polio is doing to our world and the ways we can help combat it.

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