

Dolly Parton helps Rotarians spread literacy

by Susie Ma
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It can be hard to find books in Canada's vast Yukon. Claire Derome, 2009-10 president of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse-Rendezvous, knows of only one bookstore outside the capital, and in remote areas, access to libraries is also limited. Derome wanted to launch a literacy project that would reach all Yukon communities, and she found one in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



Dolly Parton signs a book for a child at an event held by her Imagination Library. Rotary International and the Imagination Library are service partners.

Every month, Imagination Library mails an age-appropriate book to each child in the program, until age five. Research showed that up to 85 percent of families receiving books through the program read to their children every day.

Derome, who has a graduate degree in education, did not need more convincing. "The number of books you have at home is a good indicator of future success in school," she says. Her Rotary club worked with the Yukon government and the Yukon Literacy Coalition to bring Imagination Library there, and 900 children are currently enrolled. The Dollywood Foundation and the participating community split the program costs; in Yukon, the Whitehorse-Rendezvous club covers the \$3.60 per child per month. [Read entire article www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chase Munro and Curtis Smith have been proposed for membership. Curtis is a lawyer and Chase works for the Red Cross. They were both sponsored by Bill McLeod.

Also, we are pleased to announce that Francis Farmer has rejoined the club.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| March 6 | Rayola Dougher |
| March 13 | Mitchell Williams |
| March 20 | Claire Whittington |
| March 27 | Chad Newell |
| Apr 17 | Night In Italy - (All members help will be needed for this event) |
| Apr 19-21 | District Conference |



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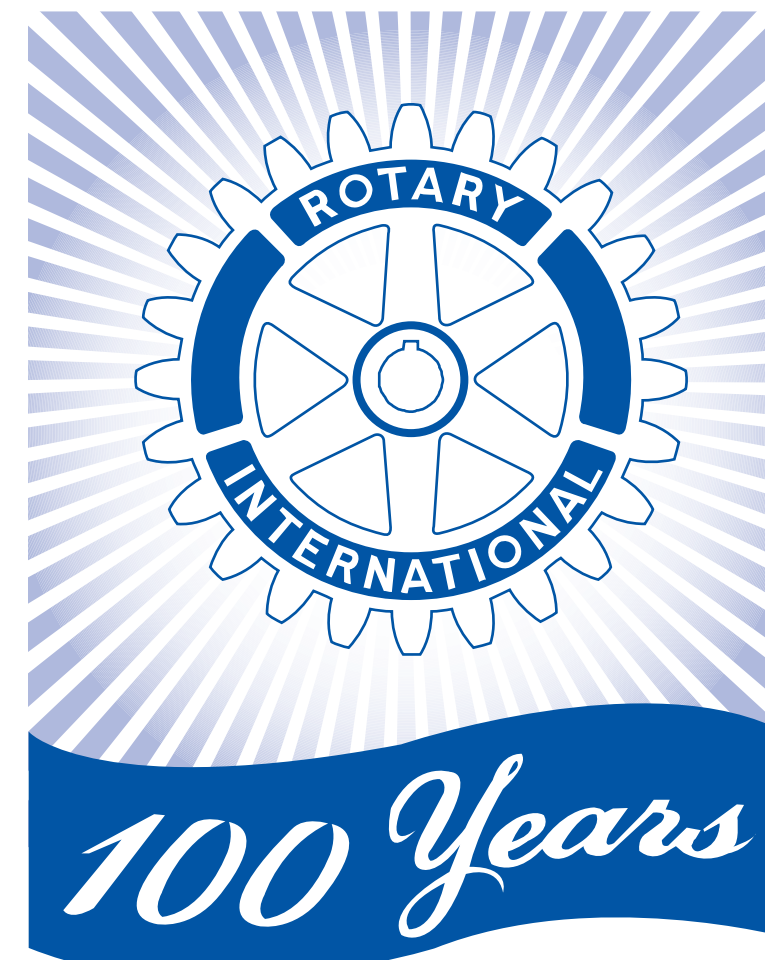
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Rayola Dougher is a senior economic advisor in API's Media Relations Department. She currently is one of API's principal spokespersons. Her efforts focus on informing policymakers, the news media, and the public on energy market issues and trends.



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India is no longer polio endemic

By Dan Nixon
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The World Health Organization has officially removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries. Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the [Polio Summit 2012](#) in New Delhi on 25 February. Azad said that he had been informed of WHO's action by its director-general, Dr. Margaret Chan.



The All India End Polio Now Road Show, organized by District 3201 (parts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu), inspired support for polio eradication in India, Nepal, and Bhutan in late 2011 and early 2012. *Photo courtesy of District 3201*

"It is a matter of satisfaction that we have completed one year without any single new case of polio being reported from anywhere in the country," said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the summit, which was organized by the government of India and Rotary International. "This gives us hope that we can finally eradicate polio not only from India but from the face of the entire mother earth. The success of our efforts shows that teamwork pays."

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. Before polio eradication can be certified in India, it must go two more years without another case of the disease. Polio remains endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

[Read more at Rotary.org](#)

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on **Tuesday or Friday** mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.



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sign up at lunch meetings
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March Reading Volunteers Needed!

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 3/2 9:30am		
Tuesday, 3/6 9:30am		
Friday, 3/9 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	
Tuesday, 3/13 9:30am		
Friday, 3/16 9:30am		
Tuesday, 3/20 9:30am		
Friday, 3/23 9:30am		
Tuesday, 3/27 9:30am		
Friday, 3/30 9:30am		