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Jan Damery: Building Bridges, Building Peace

Jan Damery, an economist by training with experience in TransCanada Pipelines and fundraising for United Way (she doubled the revenues in four years), developed a passion for Africa. She has taken on the role with the Aga Khan organization as the chief fundraiser.

She shared the story with us of how she brokered a unique partnership with Rotary International. Bridges that Reach the Unreached. Aga Khan University (AKU) has developed a strong relationship with downtown Calgary. This relationship, like the one with the university, has been building for five years. Over a classic Rotarian coffee, Jan Damery and Steve Allan took the initial steps to create a linkage between AKU and Rotary International.

As Preston Manning used to say in Calgary more business decisions are made and executed over a cup of coffee than you would be discussed and deferred for action in a month in Ottawa or Toronto.

The RI/AKU partnership was implemented immediately. They have started a program in East Africa, expanding to Pakistan and Afghanistan. RI is providing scholarship, mentoring and upgrading skills. Vocational training teams of five to six people are working with the faculty on clinical practice and skills for nurses and midwives. The results are maturing now. The first teams from Africa are now helping each other.

AKU and RI have focused on childbirth. Every 90 seconds another child dies of preventable disease. Educating nurses and midwives to support remote locations prevents needless death.

AKU is unique in that it is based in the developing world, not the developed world. People who are trained in the developing world stay in the developing world, staying at home to help their neighbors.

The Rotary Club of Calgary is an organization of professional and community leaders who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a better future for generations to follow.



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Laura Krantz sells Stampede lunch tickets



President Doug's First Meeting!



Eva Friesen and Doug MacDonald welcome new member George Elijaalouk



Cristina Castro thanks our speaker

The Aga Khan has had a millennium of support for education. RI is a natural partner. Aga Khan University is found in 30 countries, with 80,000 employees, with local leaders and local capacity.

The partnership has yielded the conclusion that simple skills save lives, such as applying antiseptic to umbilical cords.

It was an exciting and vital presentation that really highlighted the latest RI partnership.

The Meeting

The meeting commenced and to everyone's great surprise there was no head table. Newly elected president Doug MacDonald decided on a "shock and awe" technique to institute change. No fanfare, no announcement, no head table.

Then if things weren't chaotic enough, while the meeting was still digesting the fact that there was no head table, Dave Macdonald took the podium! Ralph Lundberg saved the day by calling to everyone's attention that the wrong MacDonald had taken the podium. Doug MacDonald then rightfully assumed his place behind the podium and opened the meeting.

Pins were presented to each new director. The message seemed to be that for problems, target each of these pinned directors. The pins are reliable for heat-seeking missiles and complaints from members.

Barb Young presented a "Who in Rotary" segment featuring Steve Allan. She praised Steve Allan and his career and contributions greatly. One suspects that purchasing rights for future "Who in Rotary" might be available.

Our exchange student introduced her grandmother and aunt who had come all the way from Thailand. They presented some terrific gifts to President Doug.

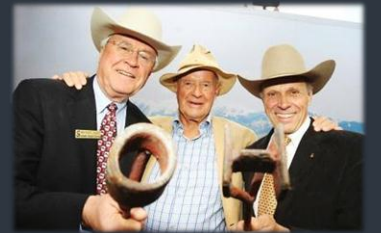
The business end of the meeting wrapped up with two new member introductions. Catherine Brownlee introduced Zahra Al-Harazi. This is an outstanding catch for our club and it was a terrific introduction by Catherine. Eva Friesen then introduced George Elijaalouk as her new member. George is another great catch. Our club is doing very well on the membership front.

What's Happening – Fellowship Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Bi-weekly	Mastermind Group	Steve Stein stevejstein@gmail.com
June 28 – July 15	Jersey Boys Musical Discount tickets for groups of 10+	Nicholas nmelymuk@dancaproductions.com
July 7	Ismaili Stampede Breakfast	Catherine Brownlee Catherine@catherinebrownlee.com
July 11 & 13	Stampede BBQs	STAMPEDE ROUNDUP website OXFORD STOMP website
August 29	Calgary Airport Authority Challenger Cup (9:30am shotgun start)	donaldross@shaw.ca
September 15, 16	Rotary Music and Motion	Rick Erven RotaryMusicandMotion.com



Nook with her aunt and grandmother



Amazing Rotarian Steve Allan!



Jack Daniels, aka Rod Phipps says,

*“Y’all volunteer,
now!”*

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Want to help our club and have a blast?

The **OXFORD STOMP** Barbecue on Friday, July 13 needs **VOLUNTEERS**, lots of them!

Information: [OXFORD STOMP web site](#)

Sign up: [OXFORD STOMP volunteer sign-up form](#)

Our big BBQ event on Wednesday, July 11 is the **STAMPEDE ROUNDUP**, and we need 200 more volunteers to provide a balanced work load for all.

Information: [STAMPEDE ROUNDUP web site](#)

Sign up: [STAMPEDE ROUNDUP volunteer sign-up form](#)

Guatemala Banner



*Recognition of:
The Rotary Club of Calgary
for its support in
the construction of
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Upcoming Luncheons



- July 10 **STAMPEDE LUNCH** – No speaker
- July 17 **Bill Lawless – Building Basic Education in Guatemala**
- July 24 **Corey Poirier – 21st Century Leadership**
- July 31 **Glenda Standeven – Learning to Smile**

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