



**Koleya Karringten:  
Bitcoin and Crypto Currency Education**



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**Shellie Marshall** began by saying that It is my pleasure to introduce you to **Koleya Karringten**. Koleya is the Co-founder and CEO of Bitquest Corporation a bitcoin and blockchain educational company and Absolute Combustion International, a clean energy Tech company.

I met Koleya last year through Lorne Patterson, her VP Business Development, Lorne and I have known each other for over 25 years. I was keen to learn more when he spoke of blockchain and bitcoin and the exciting things happening in that space... when he introduced me to Koleya, the CEO of Bitquest, I was so impressed with her and excited for the knowledge that she is sharing and bringing to the public about blockchain and crypto currency - which she will be sharing with us today..

Koleya has a contagious enthusiasm for tech, and what the future brings. She aims to educate and promote Alberta's tech sector in all she does. She has over 14 years of entrepreneurial experience with companies in mechanical and technological advancements.

She sits on the boards of Alberta Blockchain Consortium and Women in Blockchain and recently played a critical role in putting on the Alberta Blockchain and Technology Symposium - a technology conference developed to promote the tech sector in Alberta; where she combined government, venture capital and banking with blockchain, robotics, IoT as well as machine learning.

Beyond all of her credentials as a leader, educator and tech advocate. Koleya is a wife and mother of two sons.

Koleya comes to Rotary as an expert in the field of cryptocurrency after 14 years of experience in the tech world. She is the Co-founder and CEO of Absolute Combustion, The Bitcoin Rodeo and BitQuest Corp as well as the Executive Director of the Alberta Blockchain Consortium and co-founder of Women in Blockchain Alberta.

Her introduction to cryptocurrency and Bitcoin came when her mother posted an article about it online. Her interest piqued, she proceeded to research the subject and was initially disappointed in how many scammers she came across. However, her diligence paid off after several months of searching and research, and now she is a proud spokesperson and advocate for what she describes as the future of currency.

Koleya walked the room through the history of currency and made a case for the future coming full circle back to a backed currency that is protected from inflation and damaging influences.

She clarified that Bitcoin, unlike a lot of other cryptocurrencies, is not as risky or sketchy as its reputation may suggest, and that many legitimate brands (including ATB) have adopted it as a means of payment they accept.

#### Additional Notes:

- Bitcoins require a ton of energy to generate and as a result, are not something anyone would be able to feasibly hack, duplicate or steal
- There will only ever be 21 million coins in existence and it will take until after 2120 for the final Bitcoin to be mined.
- While Rotary is a bit of an exception, cash isn't as popular as it used to be and while there are no guarantees, digital currency is definitely going to be prominent and growing in influence over the next ten years.
- All transactions are trackable (despite the assumption that money can be hidden/laundered through Bitcoin)
- Bitcoin surpassed the value of gold in just 9 years since its creation Japan accepts bitcoin across the country as a payment method.



Like anything new, Bitcoin comes with its own risks and need for clarity, but we were all urged to learn more and consider its potential before dismissing it as something too "smoke-filled" to be viable.

**Gena Rotstein** gave a short thank you due to going overtime in our program and confirmed that Koleya would stick around for questions after the meeting.

**2009**  
Bitcoin came about after the 2008 housing crisis. A group of developers that called themselves Satoshi Nakamoto as a desire to create sound money not subject to government inflation.

**2017**  
Hit parity with gold and has exceeded its value since. Today over 160,000 global merchants accept the currency and in Japan it is fully recognized as a currency.



**2010**  
A little over a year after bitcoin was created, the first real transaction was completed when someone traded 10,000 bitcoin for two pizzas. This is by far the most expensive pizza ever purchased, around 53 million at today's value.

**2012**  
Within 3 years over 1000 merchants worldwide accepted it as a currency in exchange for their goods or service.

Good afternoon and Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join Lisa Fernandes in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace

**Head Table: Shellie Marshall, Chad Hason, Gena Rotstein, Amy Giang, Guest Speaker Koley Karrington and Guest of Speaker Lorne Patterson**

**Bulletin Editor: Chad Hason Photographer: John Shield**

**Blake Pelham introduced our Visitors and Guests**



**50/50: Jim Hutchens** took the draw as an opportunity to introduce himself (by his real name) to the group. **Carol Rosdobutko** is the winner of \$122.00 Jim also told a joke that bears repeating:

Two workers are trying to find a way to leave work early. The first worker says to the other – watch this and hangs himself upside down from the rafters. The boss arrives and asks, “what are you doing up there?” The worker replies, “Look at me, I’m a light-

bulb!” The boss, assuming the worker has lost his marbles as a result of too much work exclaims, “Good Lord man, get down from there and go home for the rest of the day, you’ve lost your mind.” The worker complies; swings down and starts to walk out, and the second worker follows him as he leaves. “Wait a second” says the boss, “where do you think you’re going?”. “Home” he replied, “I can’t work in the dark.”



**Sergeant-At-Arms: Tom Walton** took revenge on anyone that didn’t read the same Facebook article on “The Moon” that he read this week. He pulled about \$50 out of non-astronomers as the room tried in vain to define terms like “equinox”.

Those fined included: **Amy Giang, Paul Brick, Keith Davis, Gena Rotstein and Al Johnson**



**Amy Giang: Winner of Immigrant Distinction Award** for entrepreneurship and innovation.

Amy arrived in Canada from Vietnam without the help of English or much else.

Since then, she has created several businesses and is a proud contributor to the City we all live in. Another success for Amy!

## MUSTARD SEED: APRIL 16TH

### Volunteers Needed



**We need 4 to 5 servers from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

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**New Member Celebration: April 11: John Lamming** reminded us that The New Member Celebration is coming up in a little under a month at the Hanger Flight Museum. This event is always a good time and will feature dinner, comedic entertainment, 50/50, wine draw, and a silent auction. The event helps fund our club administrative costs and is focused on raising \$20K this year. You can get your tickets now from the ClubRunner Invite or at meetings.



**Terry McDonough Attendance Milestone Award: Charlie Gouldsbrough** announced that **Glen Richardson** celebrated his 1600<sup>th</sup> consecutive meeting.

Glen was quoted as saying that his sole motivation is to try to catch club leader **Ben Steblecki**!

## Health and Wellness Report: Dorothea Schaab

**Leon Popik:** Waiting for a hip replacement within the next three months ... difficulty in getting around and sitting for long periods. His son is available to assist him. Calls from members would be appreciated

**George and Lois Adam:** Happy to see the warmer weather so they can get out of the house to walk around their neighborhood. They follow the club activities through the Bulletin and were advised how to link into our on-line recorded meetings. Visits are not required. However, they no longer have access to an automobile so rely on their son and daughter to take them shopping and out for appointments. So if you have an opportunity to assist in this area or perhaps offer to take them for a drive on the nice sunny day that would be appreciated.

**Ed Whitaker:** Requires rides to meetings when he is able to attend. Stays in touch with club activities through Dick Shaw.

**Jim Burns:** Upon his arrival down south on Feb 23, Jim developed flu-like symptoms. His illness progressed and he spent 11 days in hospital. He was released from hospital on March 19 and is well on the road to recovery, says Pat. She says the Calgary South Rotarians in their area have been so supportive. They say hello to everyone and will be back in Calgary April 6.

**Larry Koper:** On February 27, Larry Koper suffered a serious fall at his ranch as he stepped off a bobcat. He was hospitalized for about four days and is now recovering at home. Donna advises that he is improving but that he will be away from club meetings for some weeks as he concentrates on getting better. At this time he is not taking visitors or callers.

**President Ron Prokosch adjourned the meeting HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK**

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Please be advised that **Imma Dike-Shittu** is a current Rotarian wanting to transfer to the Rotary Club of Calgary South. She has been proposed for active membership as Sponsored by **Brenda McKinley** and Seconded by **Carol Rosdobutko**

Imma's membership has been approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendation of the Membership, Qualifications and Classifications Committee. Her Classification is Accountant. If any Member objects to **Imma Dike Shittu** joining our Club or to the classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary at [larrystein@shaw.ca](mailto:larrystein@shaw.ca) prior to **April 4th, 2019**







**Rotary**  
Calgary South  
SOCIAL COMMITTEE



# ROTARY DIM SUM LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:45 AM**

**Central Grand Restaurant**  
**Second Floor**  
**1623 Centre Street North**

Join our hungry group of enthusiastic Dim Sum Rotarians. You'll be glad you did.

Please RSVP to Keith Davis by March 25<sup>th</sup>  
in order to insure you can be accommodated.

Cell: 403-630-1983 or [daviscomm@shaw.ca](mailto:daviscomm@shaw.ca)



**Rotary**  
Calgary South

Join us for an Evening of Laughter,  
Celebration &  
Shopping as we go

# Up, Up & Away!

**To new heights of Fearless Fundraising!!!  
Rotary Club Calgary South Annual  
New Member Fundraising**

 **Dinner & Auction**  
**Thurs. April 11th, 2019**  
**The Hangar Flight Museum**

5:00pm: Cocktails – Silent Auction  
6:00pm: Delicious Buffet Dinner  
by fellow Rotarian Christine Kyte of Reflective Catering  
7:00pm: Entertainer – star of stage, TV screen & banquet ballroom,  
the hilarious stress management expert & certified credit card utilization consultant, Dr. Shirley Best  
8:15pm: Live Auction

**Tickets only \$65 until April 4th - Worth every penny!**  
(\$75 after April 4th)  
**Win big! 50/50 draw, bring a bottle of wine – ‘win a barrel’ draws**  
**Come, Fly High With Us! Buy your tickets online NOW!**  
**Hangar Flight Museum - 4629 McCall Way NE, Calgary T2E 8A5**  
(Please advise of allergies or dietary restrictions.)

**The Rotary Club of Calgary West** is having a fundraiser on March 30<sup>th</sup> for a Honduras Water Project that our World Community Service Program is supporting with \$2,000.00 The details are on their website at the link below.

<http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/Fundraising/WaterIsLife.htm>

### Here are the details - Save the Date

We will celebrate 'Water is Life!' with a dinner and dance to raise funds for this project. What is the purpose? To provide clean water for the people of Honduras! Beautiful, clear, drinkable, life-giving water.

**Water is Life! Banquet and Dance March 30, 2019**  
**Place: Marda Loop Community Association Hall**  
**Address: 3130 16 St SW, Calgary, AB T2T 4G7**  
**Time: 6:30 - 12:00 Cost: \$60**

Here is a great photo of **Jamie Moorhouse** in **Cambodia**. The two ladies are from the **Rotary Club of Angkor** and the other guy is a fellow director of Carpenters4Cambodia.





Here's a photo of Myrna & Jack Thompson in Uganda presenting a Cheque for latrines for the hospital in Mbarara



This is a picture of Al and Wendy Johnson, Penny Lecke and Roselyn Jack attending the St. Patrick's Day meeting at the Rotary Club of High River

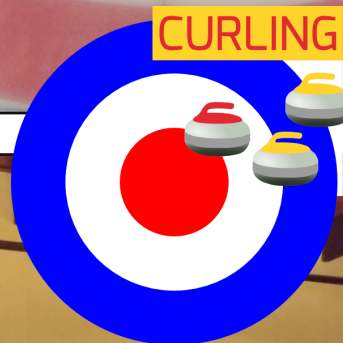




Larry Kennedy (Skip), Mark Ambrose, Troy Fredeen, and Roselyn Jack won the 'A' Event of this year's Calgary Rotary Curling League representing RCCS on Tuesday



Jim Bladon, Allan Johnson (Skip), Penny Leckie, and Jim Hutchens won the 'B' event of this year's Calgary Rotary Curling League representing RCCS on Tuesday March 19





If you are musing about attending the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany this June then **REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1 AND SAVE \$US100 PER PERSON**. Join the other 75 registrants from our District in the learning, fun and fellowship being offered by the Convention in this beautiful German city.

Go to: [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) to register





My ringette team has been practicing hard for the tournament that is already next week. We're excited and the goal is to bring a medal back home!

My host family is a member in The Glencoe Club and I've been going to there a lot and I really like the gym.

I've been enjoying the warmer weather and when the spring comes, I'm hoping to go do new sports as golf and tennis which I have only tried a few times before.

Last weekend I finally bought a new phone because my old one was barely working..

I'm on spring break now and don't have to go to school until the 1st of April!

I'm also happy to tell that according to the World Happiness Report, my home country, Finland, is the happiest country in the world for the second year in a row!

*Liisa*



### **MARCH 2019: WATER AND SANITATION**

- Mar 27:** Rotary Dim Sum at Central Grand Restaurant: Contact Keith Davis to join  
**Mar 28:** Christina Hassan: FullSoul

### **APRIL 2019: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

- Apr 4:** Dr. Allan Jones: African Eye Clinics  
**Apr 11:** New Member Celebration: Evening Meeting: Hangar Flight Museum  
**Apr 16:** Mustard Seed Dinner Prep and Service: Need 4 or 5 more volunteers  
**Apr 18:** Ann Maria Sysiak: Canadian Parks Society  
**Apr 24:** Partners Luncheon: Willow Park Golf and Country Club: 11:30 am  
**Apr 25:** Bob Sartor: Calgary Airport Authority: Blue Room

**New Members  
Celebration**

### **MAY 2019: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

- May 2:** To Be Determined  
**May 7:** Ronald McDonald House Dinner  
**May 9:** St. Mary's 4 Way Test Contest  
**May 16:** Art Borzel Tribute  
**May 23:** Stay In School Luncheon: Carriage House Inn  
**May 30:** Dream Home Kick off  
**May 31-June 2:** RCCS Invermere Golf and Fellowship Weekend



### **JUNE 2019: ROTARY FELLOWSHIP**

- June 6:** Liisa Lehtio: YEX Presentation and Farewell  
**June 12:** Annual Partners Dinner: Willow Park Golf and Country Club: 5:00 pm  
**June 13:** Stampede President Presentation: Club House  
**June 20:** Small Grants Charity Day Presentation  
**June 27:** Changing of the Guard: Must park in Lot 10



### **JULY 2019:**

- July 4:** Dream Home Kickoff  
**July 11:** No Meeting: On Park: Dream Home Ticket Selling  
**July 18:** East Village Centre: Walking Tour  
**July 25:** No Meeting: Stay In School Golf Tournament

### **AUGUST 2019**

- Aug 1:** Inaugural Address and District Governor Visit  
**Aug 8:** Melissa D'Souza/Lucy Mrakawa: "gutChek" Presentation  
**Aug 15:** TBA  
**Aug 22:** Returning YEX Student Presentation  
**Aug 29:** TBA

### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

- Sept 5:** Glen Street (CEO): Street Characters  
**Sept 12:** TBA  
**Sept 19:** Janice McTighe: Renfrew  
**Sept 26:** CRCF Campaign Kick off



## **Health, Wellness & Transportation for January and February 2019**

Contact **Dorothea Schaab** at: 403-238-1730 or: [schaab@telus.net](mailto:schaab@telus.net) if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.



### Weekly Meetings & Bulletin Requirements

If you are asked or request to speak at a weekly meeting please note the following:

- Advise President Ron that you wish to make an announcement on Monday before the meeting by email
- Provide a digital copy of your notes to the Bulletin Editor and/or Kathyann Reginato in advance of the meeting. If you can't then immediately after the meeting
- At a minimum please give the Editor your hand written notes after you speak

This is for Speakers, Intro Speakers, Thankers and anyone making announcements at the Podium.

We cannot guarantee that your announcement can be made if you don't provide this information.

Thank you for your assistance with this. It is very difficult for the Bulletin Editors to take so many notes at a busy and loud meeting so let's help them out

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### 2018 2019 Club Officers

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Health Wellness & Transportation Chair: Don O'Dwyer  
Large Grants Chair: Myrna Dube-Thompson  
Small Grants Chair: Mark Ambrose  
Social Committee Chair: Keith Davis  
Stay In School Golf Tournament: Ted Stack  
Stay In School Scholarship Program Chair: Bill Sumner  
Programs and Tours Chair: Jim Fitzowich  
World Community Service Chair: Jamie Moorhouse

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