

District 42
Mainland British Columbia



Greetings from the Executive of RTOERO District 42!

We hope that you are safe and keeping well. Covid-19 may have turned our world upside down but your District 42 Executive is still actively working for you. We continue to attend meetings and workshops virtually via Zoom and webinars to be updated so we can share what is new for our members.

NEW DIRECTIONS

Because we are currently unable to hold any face-to-face social events as we have done in the past, we have been exploring alternatives. Our district now has a secure Zoom account through head office. Therefore, instead of our annual Christmas luncheon this year, we have planned a holiday virtual coffee party for our District 42 Mainland British Columbia members. If you have never used Zoom and need help, please let us know.

EXECUTIVE AND AGM

Due to COVID-19, all in-person events have been cancelled or postponed. Consequently, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been postponed until further notice. Executive members cannot be automatically reappointed but they can remain in their current roles until an election is held. Fortunately, the members of your current Executive have agreed to continue working on your behalf until an AGM and election can be held safely. No decision has been made yet about the date or format of our next AGM, but as soon as these questions are decided, we will provide you with the details.



RTOERO District 42
Virtual Holiday Coffee Party

Coming in December
Details to come!

Your Executive includes:

- President Janice Wasik
- Vice-President & Health/Benefits Rep . . . Shannon Redmond
- Interim Secretary Rhona Charron
- Treasurer Bev Wilson
- Goodwill Committee Kathy Bell & Barb Schultz
- Membership & Communications Imants Straumers
- Social Committee Audrey Newton (chair), Albert Michael,
Barb Schultz, Bev Wilson

DONATIONS

Adjustments are being made to the budgets for 2020 and 2021 and our goal is to continue to use our district funds in ways that align with the mission statement of RTOERO, which is to “improve the lives of members and seniors”. To that end, District 42 recently made a donation of \$1000 each to *Meals on Wheels* and *Seniors First BC*. There were many options available but after careful consideration, we concluded that these two best met our criteria at the present time.

VENNGO

There are many perks to being a District 42 RTOERO member, but one of the most exciting and free perks is Venngo MembershipPerks. The discount website is available to our members, and offers amazing deals on fitness, travel, restaurants and more. There are 3000+ discounts available. More BC businesses/services have been added for wonderful discounts, so check it out.

Follow these simple steps.

1. Visit <https://rto-ero.venngo.com>
2. Log on. If it is your first time using Venngo, set up an account using your RTOERO membership number.
3. Enter your info and personal information such as address and email.
4. Enjoy the savings. For more information, call 1-866-383-6646.

BENEFITS AND TRAVEL

For the most up-to-date information regarding travel coverage during the Covid-19 pandemic, please refer to the RTOERO pandemic preparedness web page at <https://rtoero.ca/rtoero-pandemic-preparedness/>. There have been new enhancements to your travel coverage.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure that you notify RTOERO of any changes to your contact information. You may call the switchboard at 1-800-361-9888 to leave a voicemail message or send the details in an email to membership@rto-ero.org. If at all possible, please provide an email address (your own or that of a relative or friend who can relay the messages to you) so that you can receive information in a timely and easily accessible way.

IN CONCLUSION

Instead of two large newsletters per year, we are switching to a monthly message to connect with you more frequently during this time of the rapidly changing pandemic situation. If you have something to share, you have any questions or concerns, or you are interested in getting more involved in RTOERO and would like to join the District 42 Executive or one of our committees, please get in touch with the Executive by emailing us at president42@districts.rtoero.ca.

As Dr. Bonnie Henry reminds us, “**Be kind, be calm, be safe.**”

RTOERO District 42 Executive