

8. What has been the most poignant observation you have realized over the course of your career?

To always listen to feedback; no one knows it all and it is a shame when you think you do, that you are an expert and thus cannot learn anything more.

9. What do you foresee as challenges to Canadian rheumatologists in the future? What can individual rheumatologists and the CRA do to meet these challenges?

Being averse to change, and not thinking that things will change in the future. I remember when I went back to work after I had my first daughter and they had this stupid new thing called AOL and the World Wide Web (internet) and I thought,



Christine did eventually come around to the idea of the World Wide Web...

“I am not going to learn this as I will **never** use it! Now my life is consumed by it!”

10. You are provided with a blank billboard. What do you put on it?

Zip your mouth and open your ears—you will learn so much even if you are an expert!

11. You are handed a plane ticket to anywhere in the world. Where are you going?

Tahiti—I think the glass-bottomed cabins are so beautiful!

12. What was your first paid job? How long did it last?

Delivering the *Toronto Star* newspaper at the age of seven...I did it for seven years! I have never been without a job since then.



Pillars of the CRA indeed: Dr. John Thomson, Dr. Michel Zimmer, and Christine Charnock.

13. What is your biggest pet peeve?

People not being considerate to or thinking of others!

14. What would you like to do when you retire?

Sell our house and have a cottage somewhere to come back to in the summertime, but spend the winters in Africa or Haiti, learning, helping, and living a simple life. I would like to do house exchanges all over the world and experience new communities and people.

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## WELCOME TO THE RHEUM

The CRA would like to welcome the following new members:

Zainab Alabdurubalnabi,  
Edmonton, AB  
Samar Alharbi, Toronto, ON  
Sam Aseer, Halifax, NS

Janique Dyba, Kingston, ON  
Isabelle Fortin, Rimouski, QC  
Maya Gerstein, Toronto, ON  
Waleed Hafiz, Toronto, ON

Karlene Hagley, Toronto, ON  
Mark Harrison, Vancouver, BC  
Linda Hiraki, Toronto, ON  
Alena Ilic, Quebec, QC

Yael Luck, Montreal, QC  
Anas Makhzoum, Kingston, ON  
Mohammad Refaei, Edmonton, AB  
Alexander Tsoukas, Montreal, QC