

high standards of evaluations and concern for learners. Over the last year, I have transitioned from Rheumatology Examination Chair to the Royal College Examination Committee. The Royal College examination boards continue to work hard to prepare valid tools to assess competency in a safe manner.

As a respected teacher-educator, what would your advice be to a prospective rheumatologist?

If you are interested in a career that provides the opportunity to see amazing patients, perform high-level research, and be able to teach fantastic learners, you should consider rheumatology! We are fortunate to have such rewarding careers.

How many cups of coffee does it take to make a productive day?

Most people who know me are aware that I do not drink coffee. I like herbal tea, but my guilty pleasure is an almond milk chai tea.

What is a hidden talent of yours that not many people know about?

I really enjoy playing the piano; I used to play when I was a child. I started taking lessons again a few years ago, and love to play Chopin. I have also learnt from my piano teacher how patient one needs to be as a teacher!



Dr. Yacyshyn receiving the CRA Distinguished Teacher-Educator Award during the virtual gala in February.

What would you be if you weren't a rheumatologist?

I think I would be a teacher and, like my kindergarten teacher, hand out Peak Freen cookies!

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Looking Ahead Boldly

By Trish Barbato, President and CEO, Arthritis Society

As the Arthritis Society heads into a new fiscal year, we're excited about what lies ahead.

While the year was difficult for us and for so many people we support, it pushed us to innovate and change the way we do our work.

The year had many bright spots. Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to fund four additional research projects in March, bringing our investment last year to almost \$4 million.

Close to two million people visited our website for credible and timely information to help them manage the disease. Our pages about COVID-19, which are updated regularly with new information, such as the CRA's vaccine decision aid, continue to be accessed frequently.

We reached 50,000 people from across the country

through our monthly Arthritis Talks webinars. We encourage you to share information about upcoming Arthritis Talks with your patients, with topics including how to reduce flares, joint surgery 101, nutrition, physical activity and what research is revealing about medical cannabis. They are hosted in both English and French and all past webinars are available for viewing at arthritis.ca.

As we look to the year ahead, we're ramping up our efforts to think and act innovatively. We've re-launched our Strategic Plan, with goals to fund more research and reach more people than we ever have before.

We're thinking boldly, because we have to be bold, to get arthritis and the people living with it the attention they deserve. Thank you for partnering with us in that effort.

