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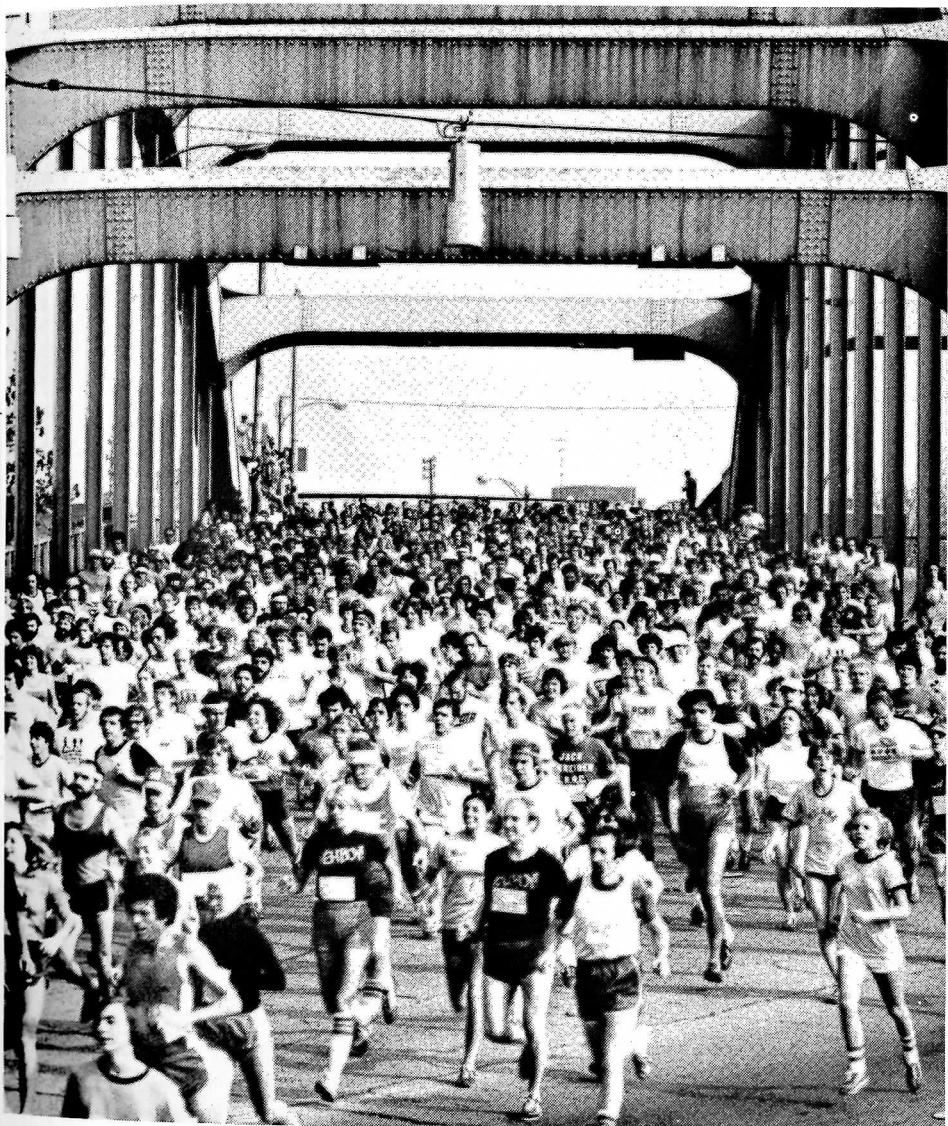
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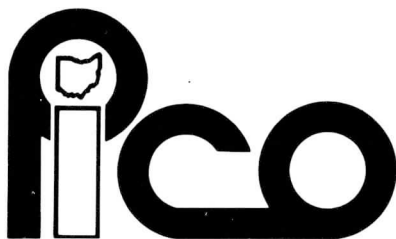


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From the Desk of the President



PARTICIPATION

Now that Christmas and New Year is over we settle down for another new year. First, let me thank you for electing me your new president. I pledge my best to serve as your president, and I also hope that you will all support me in this difficult time that we are facing.

This year I would like to set a theme for my office. The theme is to be "Participation." This medical society is your medical society, every one of you. I often hear comments that the Mahoning County Medical Society is being run by a small group of people, and that they do not represent the majority of feelings; but then when there is a crisis, you all do come out to support your Society. You are standing up there fighting for the best for your patient as well as letting everyone know that we indeed care.

I set the theme, "Participation," and I want everyone of you to participate actively in our meetings. Come to the Society meetings and express your opinion. We do practice majority rule; and I need your in-put to enable me to go on the way that you want me to go instead of some arbitrary form of direction that might not completely represent the general Society. The Council meeting is always open to every member. If you feel that you want to see how the action is in the Council, please get in touch with me or Howard Rempes to arrange to attend a meeting. The door is always open. I invite you to "participate."

On my own part, the participation will be projected into the formation of a dialogue with the labor union, the industrial group and the insurance company. It is long overdue that we should have some form of communication going. We need to participate in the society in which we live, instead of regressing into our own selves and being a group of complete untouchables and strictly minding our own business.

With your active participation we can unite and be a very strong group. We can show the political, labor and industrial leaders that we care and that our main concern is our patients; and that we are not, as some people have portrayed us, a money-seeking minority group.

Let me thank you in advance for your support and participation.

—Y. T. Chiu, Jr., M.D.
President



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Editorial

NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK

Toward the end of a year, or the beginning of a New Year, we pause a moment to assess what we have accomplished in the past year and to put the coming year into perspective. Economically, our Valley has moved forward with more vigor than most of us expected, thanks to the effort of people from all walks of life who displayed generous devotion, countless hours of time, and considerable effort. It is determination and our human resource that put us where we are today. Undoubtedly, there is still a long, rough road before us.

Our Medical community is saddened by the loss of a distinguished colleague, friend, and teacher in the person of Dr. John McCann. The "Physician of the Year" award is only a small remembrance and an inadequate honor for a man of this caliber. It is people like Dr. McCann who have established the respect that our profession enjoys. We are all honored that he was one of us.

In another sphere we are losing ground through the intervention of government. In other countries, National Health Insurance has proven costly, unworkable, and often disastrous with its bureaucracy and governmental domination of medical judgment. This specter still stands in the future, but a new liberalism led by Senator Edward Kennedy is pushing hard to make this goal a reality. House Bill 0413 would allow Podiatrists to work shoulder to shoulder with us in the hospital. Senate Bill 163 would allow Optometrists to use pharmacological diagnostic agents if Governor Rhodes signs this into law. The Federal Trade Commission is compelling serious erosion of our Ethical Code which we have followed and firmly believed since the days of Hippocrates, 2000 years ago. Unfortunately, all of these changes are not based on sound facts and statistics, but solely upon the interests of a small group of lobbyists, legislators, and government bureaucrats. Yet, this is only the tip of the iceberg, much worse may yet be to come. It is time for we, the medical profession, to awaken; to let our voices be known to our patients, to their families, and to our local legislatures. We must enlighten them as to the best way to provide health care to our community and our nation, and to inform them of the hazardous pitfalls of the alternatives. These are very im-

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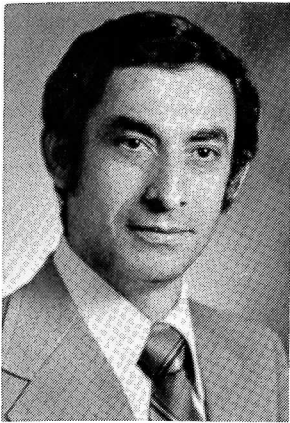
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DOCTOR OF THE YEAR 1978



Ramiro Albarran, M.D.



John N. McCann, M.D.

The first of what will be an annual "Doctor of the Year" award went to two physicians, Dr. Ramiro Albarran and, posthumously, to Dr. John N. McCann.

Dr. Albarran was cited for his work in teaching cardio pulmonary resuscitation to thousands of people in the Youngstown area. Dr. McCann was honored for years of service with the State Medical Board, Youngstown State University, the United Appeal, Y.M.C.A., TB Sanitorium, American Heart Association and the Youngstown Education Foundation.

Presentation of plaques, signifying the honor, was made by Dr. Dietz at the Dec. 19th meeting. The introduction was made by Dr. Anderson, chairman of the awards committee. Dr. McCann's award was received by Dr. Ondash for presentation to Mrs. McCann. A standing ovation was accorded Dr. Albarran, who attended with his wife, Dr. Consuelo Albarran.

Selection of the Doctor of the Year was made from letters of nomination received from members of the Medical Society.

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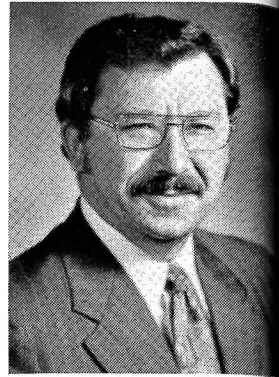
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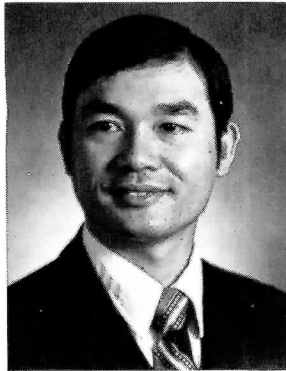
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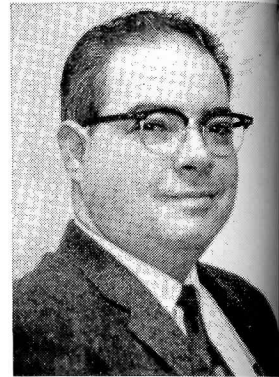
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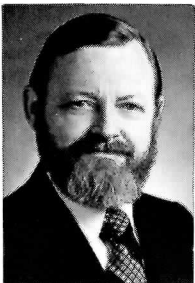
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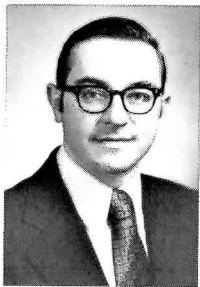


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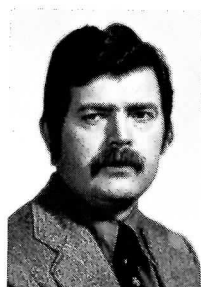
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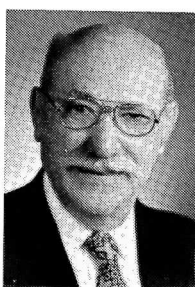
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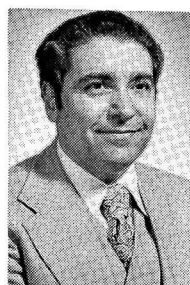
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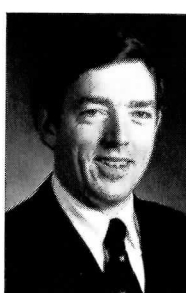
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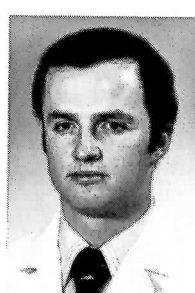
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PSRO — MORE FACTS

I would like to have the following response to Dr. Frank Gelbman's letter in the December 1978, MCMS bulletin included in the January 1979, *Bulletin*.

First, Dr. Gelbman's facts that he presented are essentially correct with two exceptions. Funding has not been slow; as a matter of fact the PSRO program has just been funded through September 1981, which is somewhat unusual, as funding is usually only for the following year. Secondly, Area XIII, which consists of Mahoning, Stark, Columbiana and Trumbull Counties, is the only area in Ohio which is not on a conditional status. This is because it was split off of Area VI and was incorporated only at the last moment in December 1977, and is still in the planning phase. It is expected that our local PSRO will become conditional in May or June of 1979. Membership in the organization does not require the payment of dues and the amount of involvement of the individual physician is only to the amount that he desires. Membership entitles him to hold office, serve on the Board or committees and to receive the PSRO newsletter and to attend meetings. Resignation is a simple matter of requesting the return of the signed application.

The following article is AMA policy on PSRO which was published in the December 15, 1978, *American Medical News* on page 11.

"The AMA expressed strong support for continuation of the PSRO program as a professionally directed effort to ensure that care provided to patients is of high quality, appropriate duration, and is rendered in an appropriate setting at a reasonable cost.

"In a status report on PSRO's approved by the house, the delegates also - -

*Expressed strong support for efforts currently under way to make the PSRO program more efficient through focused review on problem areas.

*Recommended that AMA actively seek to inform all physicians that the Department of HEW may terminate or not renew the contracts of PSRO's that are identified as significantly deficient in major areas of PSRO responsibility.

*Reaffirmed its position that physicians should be reimbursed for all mandated PSRO activity and that the level of reimbursement be negotiated by each PSRO with no arbitrary dollar limit imposed on the PSRO by the federal government."

—Louis Bloomberg, M.D.

COMMITTEES IN NEXT ISSUE

A list of committees for 1979 will be published in the February issue of the *Bulletin*. All members are urged to watch for this and to check for names. The published list is the official notification and committee members are not sent individual letters of appointment.

STOP-SMOKING CLINIC

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring its fifth Stop Smoking Clinic, which will be held at the Poland United Methodist Church on Route 224 in Poland, January 29, 30, 31 and February 1st and 5th. Programs begin each night at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. Participants are asked to come to all or as many of the programs as possible to benefit the most from the clinic.

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portant and challenging issues which we will face in the coming year. It will affect the health care in this nation for years to come.

This lesson appears to be clearly written. No longer can we merely practice the best medicine that we know how. Now we must also practice effective political action. To fail in either responsibility will result in harm in the patient's we have sworn to uphold.

—Hai-Shiuh Wang, M.D.
Editor

In Memoriam

FRANCIS J. GAMBREL, M.D.**1915 - 1978**

Dr. Francis J. Gambrel, 63, died of a heart ailment at St. Elizabeth Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Dr. Gambrel was born in Youngstown, where he attended Delason School, Princeton Jr. High School and South High School. At South, he was captain of the football team in his senior year. In 1938 he graduated from Youngstown College, and in 1942 he received his medical degree from the University of St. Louis Medical School.

He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital and completed a general surgery residency there in 1944, and another one in pathology at North Side Hospital in 1947. During World War II he was a major in the Medical Corps, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters.

He entered the private practice of OB-GYN at 306 Home Savings and Loan Bldg. in 1950. During his career, he delivered more than 5,000 babies. He was former director of the department of OB-GYN, a member of the American College of Surgeons, a board member for the Florence Crittendon Home. He was a member of St. Christine Church, Youngstown Rotary, the Chesterton Club, the Colony Club, Youngstown Club and Tippecanoe Country Club.

In 1974, he retired from practice due to ill health.

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LEWIS S. SHENSA, M.D.**1908 - 1978**

Dr. Lewis S. Shensa, 70, died of a heart ailment, Sunday, Dec. 24.

Dr. Shensa was born in Youngstown, where he attended Madison School and the Rayen School. He attended the University of Rochester and Ohio State University, where he received his B.A. and his M.D. degrees.

He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital and took his residency there. He practiced general medicine with the late Dr. J. M. Ranz prior to World War II and joined the armed services in 1942. In the service he pioneered research in fever therapy for American troops.

He reentered private practice in 1947. He was active in organized medicine, being public relations chairman of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the time Salk vaccine first came into use. In the same capacity, he served on a panel at the American Medical Association.

He was a member of the American Red Cross, B'nai B'rith, Rodef Sholom Congregation and Squaw Creek Country Club.



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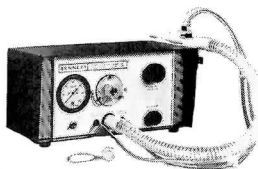
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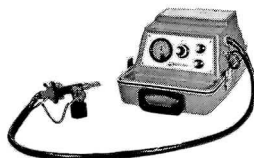


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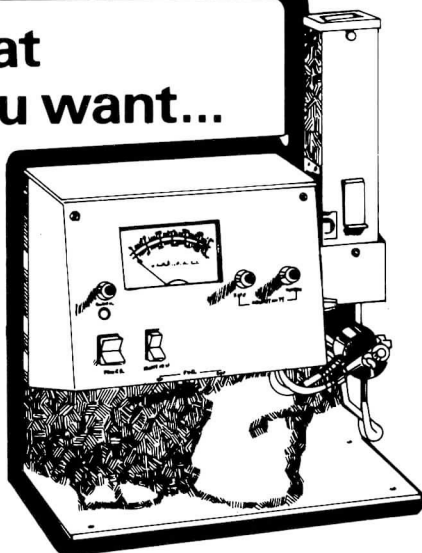
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FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1939

President Skipp said the Society needed a central office with an Executive Secretary.

The A.M.A. was under indictment in Washington, accused of being a combination in restraint of trade. It caused a great stir in medical circles because it was a criminal action, tried in a criminal court. The details cannot be given in small space but the outcome was that the A.M.A. and the Medical Society of Washington were found guilty.

The "Medical Crier" was bragging about the wonderful modern age of transcontinental air flights, radio, assembly lines, Diesel engines, pneumonia serum, spinal anesthesia, insulin, diathermy, fever therapy and sulfonamide.

He never heard of Television, Antibiotics, Rockets or Space Ships. There was no measles vaccine, polio vaccine, electroencephalograms, brain scans or open heart surgery. It makes one afraid to write about how modern we are. Thirty years later the reader may laugh.

There were 271 members; 211 active, 12 non-resident, 42 associate and 6 honorary.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1949

Dr. John McCann took office as President. C. A. Gustafson was the Editor. Other officers and committees were not named.

A recovery room was instituted at the North Side Unit for patients after surgery. Dr. A. J. Fisher advised the doctors to tell the anxious relatives that there would be a delay of several hours before the patient was returned to his room but in the meantime he would be receiving the closest attention.

New members that month were R. J. Scheetz, E. A. Shorten, Ben Brown, and D. M. Metcalf.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1959

N. W. Neidus was President. He welcomed the new Executive Secretary, Howard Rempes, and urged the Society to be more active politically.

Editor L. O. Gregg said that victory over polio was in sight.

C. A. Gustafson was Councilor for the Sixth District and very diligent in his duties. He would drive to Columbus and back on Sunday through ice and snow when the rest of us would hate to go down to the hospital.

Dr. Golden died. He was a leading orthopedist and a man of kindness and compassion. We miss him..

New members that month were: William Hall Bunn, Jr., Marie J. Colucci, Jordan Dentscheff, Frederick W. Dunlea, Arthur T. Laird, Charles Waltner, Joseph Constantini, William D. Loeser, Richard Roland and Albert Starr. They were welcome members.

TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1969

J. W. Tandatnick was the new president. D. J. Dallis was the new Editor. Both begged for improvement in the old problem of attendance at meetings. The old Tod Hotel was torn down, a Youngstown landmark. Dr. L. H. Getty passed away. Seventy-five years old, he died "with his boots on". We still miss him. Dr. Bernard Schneider became a new associate member.

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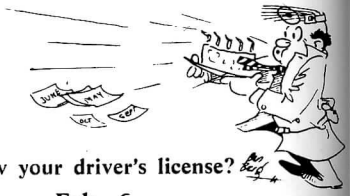
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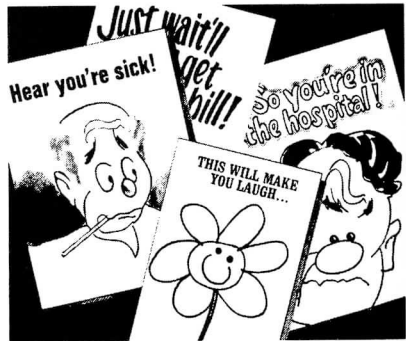
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