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**From The Editor:**

My birth certificate says I was born on November 1, 1936. My mother swears I was born on November 11, 1936. So, I

don't know with 100% certainty exactly when I was born. However, I am 100% sure of one thing. I WAS born! I choose to celebrate this profound event on November 11 along with the rest of the nation (They use the code phrase "Veteran's Day" to protect my identity).

Some 21 hundred or so years ago Jesus was born. Was He born on December 25? No, probably not. In fact, I can definitely state, He was NOT born then. Judging from the story of the shepherds, the birth of Jesus was probably born some time in the fall. You would guess He was born in the year zero and we have now counted 2011 years since then. That is not even correct. He was born somewhere between 4 BC and 2 BC. Some years later the Pope declared that we celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25 to coincide with a Roman holiday already being celebrated at that time.

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January Meetings**Monthly Club Meeting**

January 11, 2011
Jimmies Restaurant
9635 Mission Gorge Rd
Santee, CA
6:30 PM



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Cover: Terry Cowan giving directions to John and Kathy McVeety while standing alongside Lou Galper's BN1, Rick Snover's Tri-carb, and Sam Talbert's Bugeye at the Christmas Social in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA

Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>



Happy New Year !!!

Well we all hope so...

I can't believe it has been another year gone by....Yikes and I'm creepin' up on 'old guy' status, "That's Just Not Right" as Kevin Meanie used to say...well I've heard tell that Sixty is the new Forty...someone should tell my body that !!

President's Message:



Especially after flinging myself off a ladder onto my noggin...that broke down to \$510.00 per stitch...that is some BAD math.

OK enough of my flights of fancy....we here at the Shop Of Toys are looking forward to a brighter 2012 and I hope you all are as well, with plenty of Healey related events, drives, tech sessions lets get some more on the road this New Year, starting with a Lets Find It Session at the Schmidts on the 7th of January, knowing Dick as I do, I Know he just thrilled about that !!!!!

I would like to take a moment and give a big THANK YOU to Lynne Stark for all her hard work on the CHRISTMAS / Holiday party, the food was outstanding again !!! Also all the folks who showed up early to help with the set up, UDO for being Santa and himself at the same time which is really what makes it work for sure!!

Also a big Thanks to the 2011 officers,

Mike Williams VP, AHC Delegate & Chief Head Counter.

Secretary **Dick Schmidt** who knows what we say and keeps track.

Lynne Stark who makes sure where all those monies go...at least that what she says LOL.

Activities Udo & Gisela Putzke for always having something for us to do.

and last but not least **Sam Talbert** Newsman extraordinaire who makes sure we see and hear all of which we do or not do...that be the question.

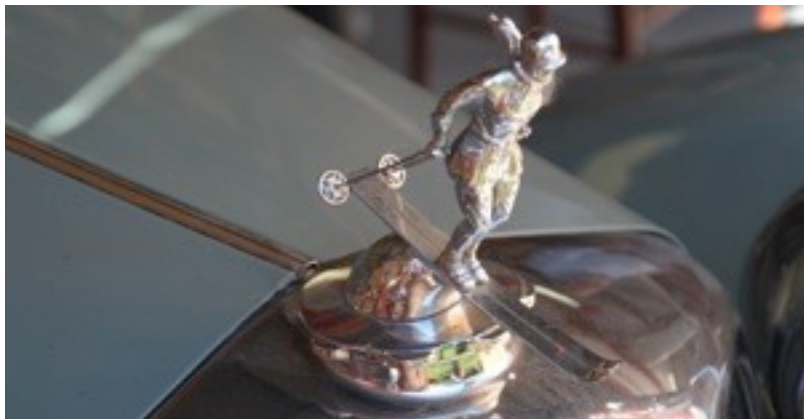
Also Web Master **Rick Snover** without whom the Web would not know us and will now be our new Activities Chair for 2012,

Gerry Kwiat without whom we would not know what the rest of the local car clubs be doin'.

And finally welcome to **Mike Dolphin** our new Treasurer for 2012.

Again Happy New Year be safe hope to see you all soon !!

Cheers, Terry



**Minutes Last Meeting:****January 7th Tech Session**

Since the Christmas Party (thanks again Lynne and all for a great time) replaces the December meeting and no minutes originate from that, we have a page that Sam needs to fill and since I normally do that, it occurs that maybe I could help him by expounding a bit on this tech session thing that Jan decided to help me with.



For those who haven't heard the story, one day when I had the engine OUT, sitting on the floor, just for grins I decided to check the camshaft lifter bottoms and the three at the rear of the engine showed unwelcomed pitting. The cam is a Schneider regrind and I measured the lobe lift against the "cam card" numbers you get with these cams and all lobes were within .002 inch of his regrind. So after actually going to Schneiders' shop and discussing things with Jerry, I decided to just go with a lifter set replacement and call it good. I purchased some 'break it in lube' from him for his time and eventually stuffed the engine

back in the car without a further tear down. Well Libra people are never happy, even after they've made a decision, so when my new lifter set arrived, I decided to try to view the offending cam lobe noses before installing the lifters. This visual didn't work well, and a fingernail across a lobe top when I got the cam positioned properly was somewhere between confusing to not very encouraging. This resulted in my dropping the pan to really look at it and to shorten this story, I finally sent for a NEW cam through British Parts North West which buys from a British specialty grinder –(not D.Welsh), but visit your local ATM machine first anyway. You'll also need a couple \$ for some ZDDP.

So that's where we are. It's stuff the 'stick' back in the block time. Jan and I took the old one out and so this isn't a very labor intensive task once all the stuff is out of the way (i.e. shroud off, radiator out, etc). But, so as not to discourage attendance of potentially interested COTY point seekers or those not minding looking at our " not a time capsule version of a Healey" as Kurt Armdt would phrase it, we will call this a project in/work clubmembers critique and hopefully someone will have answers for my questions.

Some potential problems do exist. This is our winter and the car is in our carport which is open to the weather, so if it rains or is a nasty day I probably won't want to be laying on a cold slab of concrete, likewise, if I'm ready on a good day before the 7th, we may stick the cam in and have the tech session be about degreasing it in. I've never done that with the engine in the car so that would be an experience.

Keep an eye on the Healey activity email for the latest news.

Dick n Jan 2866 Gobat Ave.



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With all this uncertainty about the timing of His birth, it is important to remember the one sure fact about the birth of Jesus. He **WAS BORN!** And the events of His life are recorded for us in the first four books of the New Testament. There is not much question about the fact that He lived here on Earth. The controversy about Him centers around who He was. I, and most of evangelical christianity, believe He was the son of God. Others disagree. We Americans have that right. One day this race will all be over and we'll see who bet on the right driver.

What does this have to do with Healeys? Nothing really. I am just in a Christmas frame of mind and want to get this off my chest.

Happy Hannukah, Howard and Lynne!! There is an amazing story behind this celebration as well. Whooooee!



Activities - what the future brings:

JANUARY AND BEYOND

January 7 -- Tech Session -- Schmidts
February 4 -- Ball Bearing Breaker Rally
February 5 -- Superbowl Party
March 30 - April 1 -- Del Mar Nationals
April 22 -- Rolling British Car Day
May 30 - June 3 -- California Healey Week
June 17 - 22 -- Austin Healey Conclave
June 25-29 -- Healey Rendezvous

For more information on these events and all activities of the San Diego Austin Healey Club check our website:
<http://www.sdhealey.org/>



Next Year

What'll Happen in 2012

This edition of the Hearsay represents a turning point. We are closing out 2011 and looking forward to 2012. On almost every channel of TV we are inundated with "Best of . . ." programs where we are encouraged to look back and relive the events of 2011.

If we did this for the Healey Club, we'd start out with the Superbowl party. Then we roll through the Hawk Watch, The Wild Flower Run, Rolling British Car Day, Bugeye Bar-B-Q, Frank the Train Man's Museum, Mike & Delia's wedding, Ice Cream Social, British Car Day, Oktoberfest, and the Christmas Social among others. Udo and Gisela did a great job keeping our darlings on the road.

That brings us to 2012. Where will we go? What will we see? As the CotY winner in 2011 I can say that there was an abundance of

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Garage Talk

At the last club meeting I met the new

couple who just joined because they dug a tricarb Healey out from the backside



of a garage and brought it home. This is a strange couple in many ways. First, when you call out, "Hey Sandy" they both answer. Then when you ask, "What's (Watt) your name" they answer "Yes." They live in Santa Ana and their garage is in Point Loma. He (I refer to him as SANDY and her as *Sandy*) works better with 19th century tools than modern ones. He has a two story garage and she



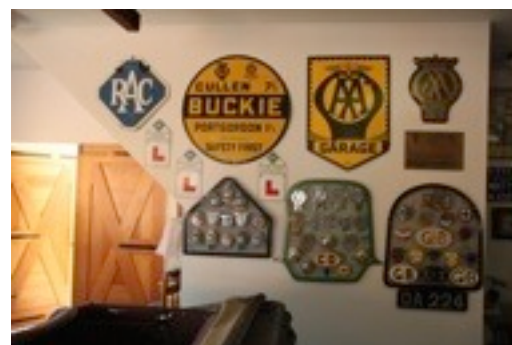
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has a closet at least 15ft deep packed with turn of the century clothes and hats. On top of all that he was born in

When I arrived at SANDY and *Sandy's* garage I saw the Healey, an Aston Martin, a Riley, a '57 T-Bird and unfinished Brooklands racer (a highly modified Model T). Inside the garage was parts from a collection of early cars. On the second floor (by means of a full car lift) there is a Peerless, an Argyle, an '09 and a '13 Phoenix. That is not all. SANDY has more cars stored in other places.



Beyond the cars there are collections of tools, badges, model cars (mostly Aston Martins), old signs, old gauges and other parts. There are piles of wood all over that either came out of an old car or waiting to be fashioned into new body structure pieces.



The Sandys have been married 28 years. SANDY worked for many years in the environment

field. He is now retired but he has been drawn back into service to drive the Emergency Response Vehicle (a mobile command center).



However, he spends much of his time bringing rare old cars back into their former glory.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

I started weeks before asking my wife to ride with me to the Christmas social in the Sprite, promising to drive carefully and not scaring her. I also started tracking the weather patterns to make sure the winter storms would land right and provide a nice sunny day for the drive to Balboa Park.

Well, God came through. He calmed my wife and scheduled the rain with me in mind, and off we went up I5 to the Automotive museum. I parked along side Rick's tri-carb and Lou's BN1 and joined the festivities up stairs. About 65 folks gathered on the mezzanine overlooking a floor full of



automotive exotica, for a grand meal and great fellowship.

After lunch our Fahrpass Santa, with his musical hat, held court over the distribution of the gifts. There was lively



exchange of gifts moving from person to person. I chose to take an Amaryllis

kit that turned out to be the puniest plant I have ever seen.

The most important event of the day was the presentation of the CotY Award for 2011. This year it went to the little red Bugeye named Whooeee! He made the effort to amass 158 points attending many of the club activities and a bunch of local car shows all summer long. Hear my testimony. It was a fun year driving my Healey and showing off what I consider one of the world's beautiful cars. I encourage you to dig your car out of the garage, dust it off and put it on the road.





Million Dollar Baby



This classic Austin-Healey 100 Special test car sold at a Bonham's auction on Dec. 1 for ? 843,000 (\$1.142 million Canadian).



Aside from its racing heritage, the test car also has provenance of a different sort - it was

involved in the 1955 Le Mans disaster that left 83 spectators dead and hundreds injured.



The car was put under the hammer at Bonham's "Important Collectors' Motor Cars and Auto-mobilia" sale.

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opportunities to show off my car. That is an underlying purpose of the club. After all that sweat and skinned knuckles it is a great reward to actually take it out and drive it.

Now here is where I want to get preachy. You who have your cars neatly tucked in the back



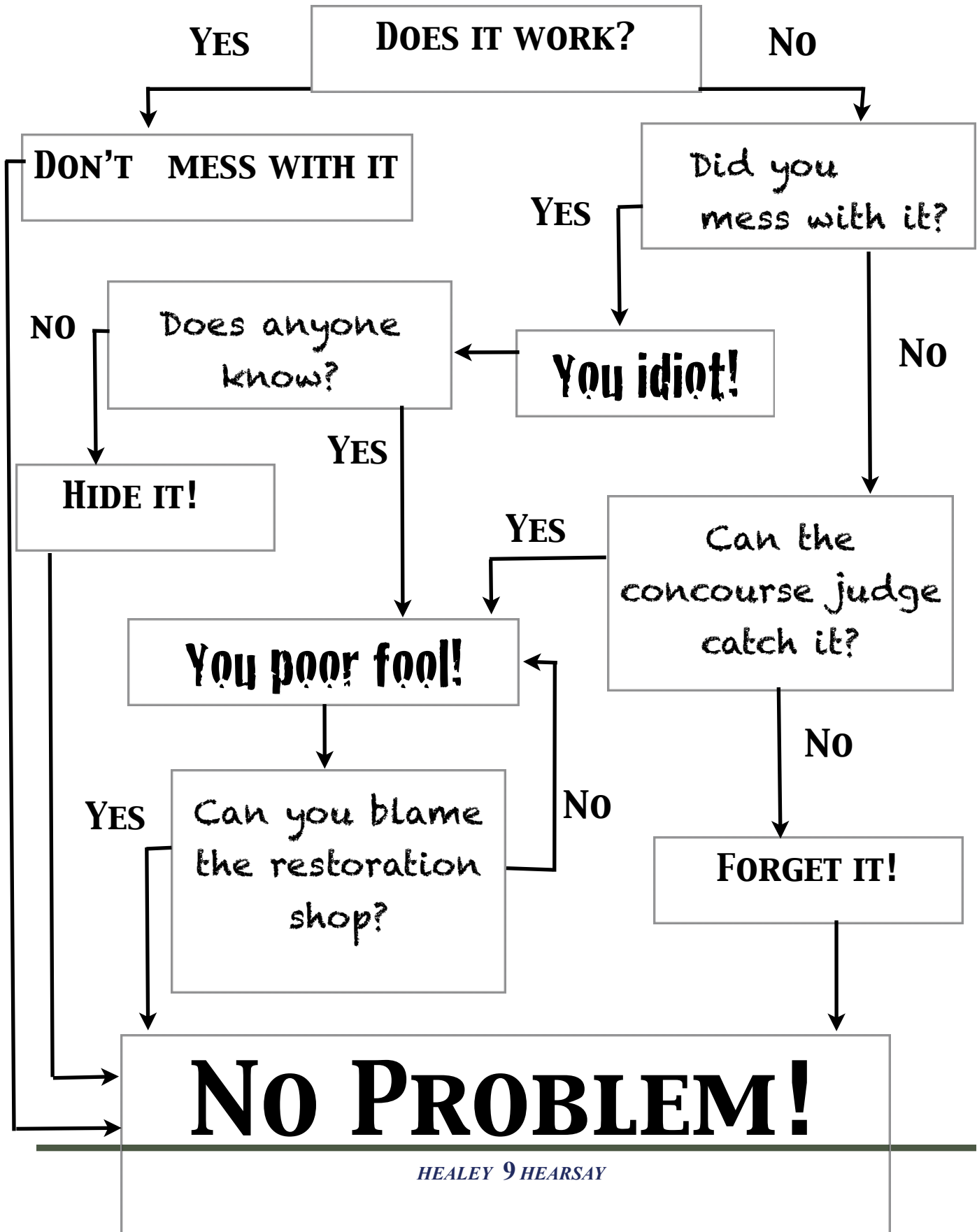
side of your garages really need to get them out and dusted off and on the road.

I fully expect to see a bumper crop of Healeys on the road in 2012.





Healy problem Solving Chart





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- 47 local chapters across the continent.
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www.healeyclub.org



made a non-cancellable reservation to attend, but did not make it.

Most of the 61 in attendance were Triumph owners and we all had a good time. After Lunch,

CORK TOUR TO TEMECULA

Text and Photos by Lou Galper

Early last month on Dec. 4, the Triumph club hosted their annual Cork Inspection Tour coordinated by Randy Zoller.

We met by the freeway in Mira Mesa and took off toward Temecula. We made a stop at the Deer Springs offramp to pick up the North County group and continued on a scenic drive through the Pala Reservation and ended up at Wiens Family Cellars for wine tasting and lunch.

Healey members attending were Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Neil Tabachki, Ed & Abbie Neumeyer, Mike & Delia Williams and Louis Galper. The organizers are still on the lookout for SDAH President Terry Cowan who had



there was a tour of the winery with unlimited tastings of all the products in production. After our tour, those of us left traveled down the road to the Mt Palomar Winery for more tastings.

With such a great turnout, it looks like there is a demand for excuses to drive our cherished cars.





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According to the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry, approximately 20 percent of those waiting for an organ transplant nationwide live in California. One out of three patients waiting for a transplant will die due to a lack of life-saving donors.

More than 8.6 million Californians have already checked "Yes!" to register as a tissue and organ donor. With every donor, up to eight lives can be saved through organ donation and another 50 people can be helped through a tissue donation. The DMV has made it easier to become a donor by including the option on the new driver license and ID applications and it has been a success. In fact, 94 percent of all California donor registrants have made this generous choice thanks to the partnership between the DMV and the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry.

For additional information regarding Donate Life California, please visit www.donateLIFecalifornia.org. For more information about signing up to be an organ and tissue donor through the DMV and the other online services the DMV provides, please visit www.DMV.ca.gov.

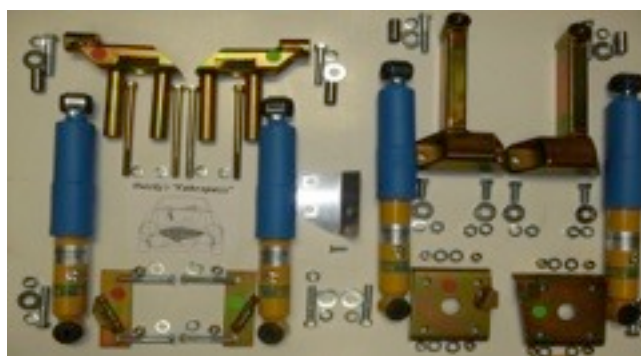




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commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the CotY recorder, Rick Snover 619-980-4194 ricksnover@earthlink.net, within 30 days after the event. AHCSO events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For multi-Healey families, be sure to indicate which car(s) you drove.

CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSO one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSO multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Galper, L	AH 100 BN2	6
McVeety, J&K	AH3000 MK III BJ8	6
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Talbert, S	Sprite AN5	6
Turner, C&S	Aston-Martin	3
Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	2
Tabachki, N&N	AH 100-6 BN6	2
Williams, M&D	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	2
Galper, L	Jaguar Mk II	1

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Kathy McHarris	1/03
Jan Schmidt	1/05
Gerry Kwiat	1/12
Diane Schneider, MD	1/12
Karen Goldsworth	1/20
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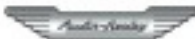
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