Midventricular $^{82}$Rb transaxial rest (A) and postdipyridamole (B) tomograms. See pages 39-43.

Fluorine-18-FDG and CT of retroperitoneal tumor mass pre- (A,B) and postchemotherapy (C,D). See pages 99-101.

Serial transaxial $^{123}$IIBF at striatum level (test and retest). See pages 31-37.

Technetium-99m-platelet receptor binding peptide in a canine PE model at 1 (A) and 4 (B) hours. See pages 105-111.
Another Opening, Another Show

After three years of Scatter columns dealing with New Year greetings of one sort or another, I was relieved when the phrase from a Broadway musical from some time ago occurred to me. Yes, the start of a new year is somewhat like the beginning of a theatrical show, a musical or a play. We have been through it before. We know the script. Most of what will happen is somewhat predictable.

Even when the actors follow a script, each performance is, or should be, somewhat fresh, a new experience, a unique performance. At least, it will appear that way if the performers are good ones—if they are, as the expression goes, professionals.

And what about us? Are we tired actors going through our paces, or do we “get up” for each performance? Will we “get up” for this year’s performance? ...in our professional lives?...in our departments? ...in our work for our professional societies?...in our personal lives?

As professionals, we owe it to ourselves and to our audiences to make each performance lively and special: as if it were the only one we have ever done, or the best one we have done so far.

Regardless of the heights or the exhilaration we have experienced in the past, this is a new year, a new performance, and we will be the better. We will be appreciated more, and we will be more gratified ourselves if we make this a special performance, one that is crisp and new. And the next time, and the time after that, we will be gratified even more if we make those future performances our most important and best.

After all, isn’t each audience different? Isn’t each year a new one? Doesn’t it deserve our best? Yes, it is not just another year. It is another year! A new year.

I am going to give this one everything I have. If I am lucky, I will be even better than before, and next year, I will be even better again.

I think I hear my cue. Yes, it is “another opening, another show.” Let’s go out there this year and do it better than it has ever been done before! Happy New Year!

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