

*Ary Coury Dinner  
Orlando, December 2010*

Art, Judy, Ladies and Gentlemen

Sorry that I could not get here earlier, it was a slow and long walk

The Man, the Myth, the Materials!

Art, you know, I always thought you worked for Medtronic not 3M

Bob's e-mail emphasized that this was the last day of Art's 69<sup>th</sup> year

The King James bible says clearly that the days of our years are numbered at three score and ten.

So Art, please enjoy and make the most of the next 4 hours

Art says he will never retire

To paraphrase a famous American comedian – I can't remember who but I am sure that there was one once – Retire? Never!, I'm going to stay in Biomaterials Science until I'm the only one left.

To the older members of this group, we mark the passing days by celebrating some event, a significant birthday, a retirement, a less significant birthday, another retirement and so on, by events such as this, usually a roast dressed up as a Symposium

And some of you will know that a Symposium is an occasion where we take a group of individuals who can do nothing by themselves and put them together where they collectively decide that nothing can be done – a bit like a G20 or Global Warming Summit.

And we all agree, Art, that life would be infinitely better if we were born at 70 and gradually approached 18. Art still struggles to know how he got over the hill without even getting to the top

I have known Art for many years, going back to his Medtronic days.

Over the last few years, Art got into the habit of sending me e-mails asking for my thoughts on what new words, or concepts in medical engineering meant, so he could use these definitions and ideas at ISO or ASTM or other committees.

So I got to thinking how we could construct an alternative Williams Dictionary, perhaps the Wikipedia of Wrong Definitions for Art

Here are a few possible entries;

<b>Porcine</b>	Unclear label on a tissue heart valve
<b>Ovine</b>	Ratner worship of an excellent Cabernet
<b>Acute response</b>	A knowing wink after a late night suggestion
<b>Hip joint</b>	A pleasurable smoke for an arthritic patient
<b>Gene therapy</b>	Morning relief at still getting into your tightest pants
<b>Bioinert</b>	Dead
<b>Bioactive</b>	Nearly dead
<b>Complement</b>	Something unheard of at a roast
<b>Pathologist</b>	He who leaves stains all over the place
	OR
	An aspiring surgeon who always gets there too late
<b>510 (k)</b>	Two simultaneous races for the metrically challenged in Washington, run over 3.1 and 6.2 miles, the first for those on drugs, the second for those with an implantable device
<b>Pegylated</b>	Having one's paper rejected by Biomaterials without it even getting to the Editor-in-Chief
<b>Sprained ankle</b>	Secret Taiwanese weapon.
(Digressing)	
<b>Alcoholic</b>	Some-one you don't like who drinks as much as you
(Digressing Further, in fact over the border)	
<b>Vichyssoise</b>	A Canadian soup – cold, half French and difficult to stir
(Finally)	
<b>King Arthur's seat</b>	Mythical location where the Man and his Materials will meet their Maker.

