It's here! **Benjamin B. C. Young MD**, Executive Director and Principal Investigator at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM)'s Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence (NHCOE) has added a splendid successor to his Division's annual *Hawaii Medical History Calendar*. Production of the 2004 calendar, *Fragments from Hawaii’s Medical History*, was supported in part by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Resources.

This year's calendar provides a succession of vignettes of lives of twelve men and women whose legacy has molded today's Hawaii. Formatting includes glossy photographs of *kapuna* with succinct medically related texts, similar photographs and brief comments by *mo’opuna* (descendants), and appropriate third party quotations. The cover Seal of the Kingdom of Hawaii introduces the reader to a quotation on the following page which provides the calendar's theme: *I lulu no kaka lala i ke kumu*, roughly translated as Without our ancestors we would not be here.

*Kapuna* and *mo’opuna* honorees represent a broad slice of society in Hawaii over the past two centuries.

**January** introduces **High Chiefess Kino‘ole o Liliha**, the grand-daughter of King Kamehameha I's High Chief Kame'eiamoku. Her marriage to merchant Benjamin Pitman Sr produced many prominent descendants including today's **Diane Kino‘ole Pitman Spieler** who treasures her heritage. **February** features **Miriam ‘Auhea Kekauluohi, kuhina nui** for King Kamehameha III and mother of King Kamehameha IV (Lunalilo). Current Hawaii State Department of Health Director **Chiyomi Leina’ala Fukino MD** places the *ali‘i*’s death from influenza in historical perspective. **March**’s **Abraham Fornander** championed preservation of all things Hawaiian and married Chiefess Alanakapu Kauapinao. He died of mouth cancer. Great-grandson and endocrinologist **Ralph Beddow MD** has maintained love for Hawaiian culture.

**April**'s selection is **William Pitt Kalaho‘olewa Leleiohoku**, brother of King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani. On his death from pneumonia, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop became the next heir to the vast estate of her *hanai* mother, Princess Ruth Ke’elikolani. Waikiki Health Clinic Medical Director **Eliot Kalauawa MD** adds that pneumonia still causes 100 deaths a year in Hawaii. **May** highlights **Dr. William Joseph Arthur Goodhue**, Medical Director at Kalaupapa from 1902 to 1925, who married Christina Augusta Meyer. Her progenitor Rudolf Meyer had married Kalama Waha, Chiefess of Kalae, and was co-executor with Charles Reed Bishop of Princess Ruth's Molokai estate. Kalaupapa visitor Jack London wrote, "Dr. Goodhue...is a hero...". Grandson and Honolulu First Deputy Medical Examiner **William W. Goodhue, Jr. MD** (your Associate Editor!) is one of a long line of physicians in his family including his father, one of Kauai's last plantation doctors. **June**'s choice is **Archibald Scott Cleghorn**, first President of Queen's Hospital, husband of Princess Miriam Likelike, brother-in-law of King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, and Governor of Oahu. Child psychiatrist and APS Healthcare Executive and Medical Director **J. Kuhio Asam MD** values Cleghorn's many legacies to Hawaii. King Kamehameha I appointed July's **John Papa I‘i** to train Liholiho. He helped draft the 1852 Constitution, was an associate justice of Hawaii's Supreme Court, and provided insights into health of the Hawaiian people in a series of articles collected into a book, *Fragments of Hawaiian History*. Architect **Kenny Brown FAIA** values his great-grandfather's insights. **William Hillebrand MD** (our December Na Kauka a Hawai‘i selectee) is August's choice. He was physician to many of Hawaii's *ali‘i*, first Medical Director of Queen's Hospital, and an expert botanist. Queen's Health System CEO and President **Gary Okamoto MD** maintains Hillebrand's commitment. **September** spotlights **Dr. Tai Heong Kong Li** who delivered over 6000 babies here in the 50 years after her arrival in 1896, including **Director Young!** Obstetrician-gynecologist **Gaylin Li MD** has followed in her great-grandmother’s footsteps.

**Paula Kaiulani Akana**, television journalist, describes October honoree **Dr. C. T. Akana**'s work in searching for a Hansen's disease cure and her great-grandfather's expertise in treating diseases of men. *E hi‘i i ke kapu! (Maintain the tradition!)* was the motto of November's **Princess Miriam Likelike**. Sister of King Kalakaua...
technology systems, health and safety repairs and upgrades, etc), and cutting leadership positions. Service line development will be retarded. Recruitment of qualified staff and talented physicians to our hospital will be jeopardized. Good nurses and clinicians, unable to perform to their potential, will leave. And so will you, the patients...you will be flying to Honolulu to get the quality of care you need and deserve. From being the only profitable hospital in the system, we will lose market share and join the rest of the HHSC facilities swimming in red ink.

Thirty years ago, the state assumed the ongoing responsibility for assuring that our hospital care meets the minimum requirements of care. At this moment, the legislature, for reasons of political infighting, seems to have forgotten that cardinal responsibility. We are being “punished” along with the HHSC by the legislature. The legislators, some of whom are our own representatives, don’t seem to understand how we operate, what we need to get the job done, and what effect their vindictiveness and short-sightedness (I can’t believe they don’t know how to read a balance sheet) will have on us here at the local level. Either they provide for us, or they should get out of the hospital business and allow this hospital to go on its own, or allow another to be built by private concerns. Or at least anesthetize us before they use the axe (when we run out of scalpels).

Why is this so hard? Is Hawaii really such a poor state that we can’t afford to give excellent health care to our residents and visitors? Vancouver charges a $10 exit fee to fund its airport. We could do the same for visitors leaving our airports and raise $40M a year to fund not just our hospital’s crying needs, but other infrastructural necessities as well. An old idea to be sure, but isn’t time to try something that would work?

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and Queen Liliuokalani and mother of Princess Ka‘iulani, she died of unknown causes. Pediatrician and NHCOE Fellow Kelli-Ann Noeau Frank Voloch MD emphasizes the importance of addressing spiritual and psychological, as well as physical, needs of patients. December’s choice, Elizabeth Keawepo’oleimamoku Summer Achuck, lady-in-waiting to Princess Likelike, composed the beloved song *Sanoe* with the future Queen Liliuokalani. She died of diabetic complications. Cultural expert Nalani-Alua Olds treasures her great-grandmother’s legacy of musical talent and compositions.

NHCOE’s 2004 Hawaii Medical History Calendar, like those in prior years, is a treasure trove for anyone interested in delving more into Hawaii’s history. Perhaps next year’s calendar will include a sketch of NHCOE Director Benjamin B. C. Young MD’s many contributions: he was crew member on the 1976 maiden voyage of the Hokulea, has recorded a CD of Irish folk songs, and is the first kanaka maoli to have become a psychiatrist! Mahalo, Ben, for this outstanding calendar!

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left uncompleted, a great loss to his readers. Although well known to his family, friends and colleagues we will not have his particular insight and literary statement of that period of his outstanding life. What we do have is a synopsis in the form of his retirement speech to the physicians of Straub Clinic June 26, 1995, a witty and insightful snapshot of medical practice at one of the premier clinics and hospitals of Honolulu, Hawaii.

I strongly recommend this book not only for a medically oriented reader but for a general readership. I am grateful for the family members who urged him to write down the stories that he had told them and for the fact that he did what they asked and for the editors who were responsible for making this delightful book available to us all.