If you have visited the Honolulu County Medical Society office lately you would think we were packing up for a move! We have successfully collected more than 500 textbooks, journals and reference books for the HCMS “Operation Iraqi Medical Colleague”. Because of the overwhelming “last minute” success we postponed the shipping of them, but of course as you read this in October, the much needed books will be at their destination helping physicians in the Middle East treat their patients and educating medical students. I feel very honored to have been a part of the collection. Approximately 90% of the books I picked up myself and while waiting in physicians’ offices many patients and others asked me what I was doing and were very impressed. Good public relations for HCMS! Thank you again to all who contributed to this very gratifying effort.

Our Resident/Student and Young Physician Mixer was a blast! We all enjoyed the evening as we watched the sunset from the top of Dave and Busters on their Sunset Lanai. The attendees were very appreciative of our efforts to reach out to them. They enjoyed the team building activity in the game room as well as the prizes in the end. Hooray to the winning team! I do believe it was Team B!

As a reminder, our final General Membership Meeting of 2005 is scheduled for October 27, 2005 at the St. Francis West Hospital Facility, 6 pm. The topic will be “The Drug Epidemic in Hawaii”. Speakers will include Mason Henderson, director of the Hawaii Alcoholism Foundation Sand Island Treatment Center, as well as others in the drug addiction awareness field.

As the end of the year approaches, we are busily preparing for the HCMS Annual Inaugural Dinner. Our 80th Annual Inaugural Dinner will once again be held at the Halekulani Hotel on Sunday, December 4, 2005 where Dr. John Rausch will be installed with his newly elected cabinet. More information will be announced shortly.

Speaking of the newly elected, by the time you read this message the HCMS Annual Election will be well on its way. Ballots should be in your office mail and due back to HCMS no later than November 10, 2005. If you do not receive a ballot, please let me know, 536-6988.