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4th of July!

Our Office Activities Committee (OAC) really outdid themselves with an awesome 4th of July celebration that consisted of games, patriotic music, and delicious BBQ inspired food courtesy of Kuoha Culinary! Here are some highlights from the event!



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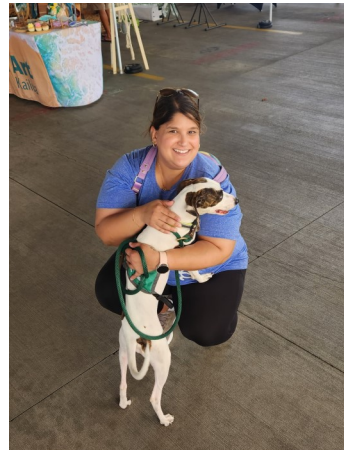
EPIC Event

A big mahalo to Eating House Waikiki for hosting our EPIC group's unforgettable cooking demonstration, where members indulged in delicious food and beverages prepared by Chef Garret Mukogawa (who also happens to be our Account Executive, Jana Mukogawa's husband!)



Hawaiian Humane Society Adoption Event!

This July, Atlas employees and their families had the pleasure of volunteering with the Hawaiian Humane Society at the Aloha Home Market for their adoption event! The collective effort of everyone involved led to finding new forever homes for three lucky pups! Interested in adopting a new friend? Check out the Humane Society's website! <https://hawaiianhumane.org/adoptions/>



New Hire Lunch!

We held our annual new hire lunch to welcome our new employees to our Atlas 'Ohana! Congratulations to our two winners of the "Who am I?" game, Colissa and Emily!



Development of Toastmasters

By: Ken Fujiwara

Personal and Professional development and making friends are some of the prime benefits shared by members of our Atlas `Olelo Hui Toastmasters Ohana. The theme for our July meeting was "A Penny for Your Thoughts", the meeting was organized and run by Cale Guillermo. Cale kept the meeting professional, on-time, and seasoned with light humor.

Shane Choi gave his "Ice Breaker" speech titled "My Favorite Movie". It was a uniquely moving speech that evoked childhood memories and emotions. He artfully tied in the nostalgia he felt for his favorite movie series, Star Wars, with his audience. Colissa Kagihara also gave her "Ice Breaker" speech titled "Bridging Cultural Gaps Between Generations". Colissa took us on a journey through her childhood experiences in a bicultural household. What she appreciated about it and her struggles and successes in carrying that forward to a new generation: her children. Colissa won "the Best Speaker Award" for her speech.

Our Atlas `Olelo Hui Toastmaster group is always growing and inviting new members. If you are curious about joining, please feel free to contact any of our members to find out more!



Photo: Colissa Kagihara winner of July "Best Speaker" Award with outgoing Atlas `Olelo Hui President Kale Kippen.

Welcome, Darren!

Please welcome Darren Shigemura to the Atlas Ohana! Darren is the Vice President, Compliance & Operations and he will be working within our Commercial Lines Operation's unit. Darren recently came from IC International where he was the Executive VP. He began his insurance career in 2007 where he worked as an underwriter for National Interstate Insurance Company, DTRIC and Hull & Company. Darren is a graduate from the University of Hawaii where he obtained his Bachelors in Business Administration. He also holds his CPCU, CIC, CRM and MLIS designations.



Welcome, Tracie!



Let's welcome Tracie Akai to the Atlas Ohana! Tracie is a Senior Risk Consultant in our Client Consulting Services unit. She has over 20 years of experience working in construction, hazardous materials, and safety consultation. Tracie recently was employed with Lawson & Associates as a Safety Management Professional where she had oversight to the Honolulu Rail Project and servicing other large commercial clients/projects. Tracie has a number of safety certifications and will be a great addition to the Risk Consulting Team .

Welcome, Tyler!

Please welcome Tyler Hodson to the Atlas Ohana! Tyler joined us as an Account Manager III in our Surety Department. He is graduate from the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Shidler College of Business and received a BBA in Management. Right before Atlas, he was recently at our sister company, Island Insurance, as a Surety Underwriter. He will be reporting to Dani Ulmann, please welcome Tyler!



WELCOME!

Risky Business Corner

Staying Healthy and Safe During Wildfires By: Reference MyAtlas Connection



In many parts of the United States, the risk of wildfires begins early spring and continues into the fall. Being prepared for fire activity is crucial if you live in a wildfire-prone area. Wildfires can be a serious threat to lives and property—and smoke pollution can affect your health. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), wildfire smoke mostly consists of fine inhalable particles known as PM2.5, which is of greatest concern to public health. Air pollution from large wildfires can be widespread and linger over other states or countries. This article highlights strategies for staying healthy and safe amid wildfires.

Health and Safety Measures

When wildfires create smoky conditions, everyone needs to reduce their exposure to the smoke. Wildfire smoke irritates your eyes, nose, throat and lungs. It can make it hard to breathe and make you cough or wheeze. Consider the following tips for protecting you and your family during a wildfire:

Follow guidance from local and state officials. Pay attention to emergency alerts for information and instructions, and listen to authorities for guidance on evacuating your home and when it's safe to return.

Keep smoke outside. Staying indoors is highly recommended for reducing exposure to smoke pollution, but contaminants can make their way inside. To protect yourself, you should: Choose a room you can easily close off from the outside air in your home. It could be helpful to use a portable air cleaner or filter to maintain clean air in the designated room or space. A quality heating, ventilating and air conditioning system with air filters can also help remove particles from the air. Keep all doors and windows shut in your vehicle and put the air on the recirculate setting.

Wear a fitted N95 mask. The EPA recommends using a particulate respirator labeled NIOSH, N95 or P100. Two straps above and below your ears will create a good seal. Masks only protect against particles, so experts advise staying indoors on poor air-quality days.

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Protect pets. Smoke can also irritate your pet's eyes and respiratory tract. Animals with heart or lung disease and older pets are especially at risk from smoke and should be watched closely.

Track wildfires. Be prepared for wildfires and smoke pollution by tracking fires near you. For example, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [fire weather outlook website](#) maps fire watches and warnings.

Monitor your local air quality. Websites, including the EPA's [AirNow.gov](#), can explain which air quality levels may be hazardous and how much outdoor activity you should engage in. Apps reporting on local air quality are also available.

Pay attention to health symptoms. Children and people with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or heart disease need to be especially careful about breathing wildfire smoke. Older adults and pregnant people are also more likely to get sick if they breathe in wildfire smoke.

For More Information

During wildfire season, it's important to monitor wildfires that may be happening in or around the country to best protect your health and safety. Monitor local authorities for updates and contact your health care provider with further questions about how wildfires can impact your health.



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