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OAC 4th of July Event!

Red, white, blue, and...smashburgers! Our Office Activities Committee (OAC) bought the sparks and flavor with the help of Travie's Patties for a Fourth of July Celebration! From delicious burgers to friendly games of connect four and bean bag toss, we truly felt the essence of the Fourth of July, and the joy of spending time together. Thank you to our amazing OAC for always finding ways to fire up the workday and brighten up our week!



OAC 4th of July Event!, Cont.



Congrats, Ken!

Baby Leo Kobayashi was excited to come into this world and before they knew it, he was here! Leo was born July 19, 2026 at 3:37 PM, weighing in at 6 lbs 1.9 oz, measuring 19 in. Congratulations to Ken and his family!



Congrats, Greg!

Please join in celebrating Greg Matsuura, recipient of MMA's PACE Award! Greg has been recognized with Marsh McLennan Agency's PACE Award, a prestigious national honor that celebrates colleagues who consistently exemplify MMA's core values of integrity, collaboration, passion, innovation, and accountability. PACE, which stands for Promote and Celebrate Excellence, recognizes individuals who make a meaningful impact through their leadership, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

"From intern to Associate Vice President, Greg represents the power of embracing our core values and committing to continuous growth. As a respected leader of our Young Professionals team, he inspires others through his integrity, positivity, and collaborative approach. Greg consistently demonstrates a deep commitment to our colleagues, our clients, and our culture, setting an example for others to follow." - Chason Ishii

Greg's journey is a testament to what can be achieved through hard work, continuous learning, and a genuine commitment to serving others. His leadership, willingness to mentor those around him, and dedication to living our values have made a lasting impact across Atlas and the broader MMA organization.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone and grateful to have Greg as an integral part of our Atlas Ohana!

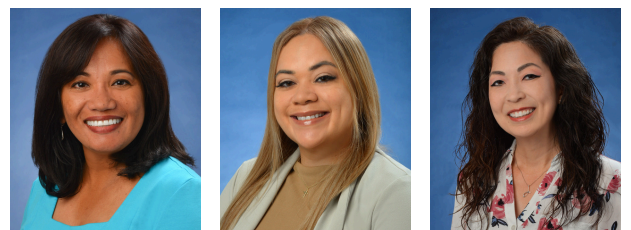


PL Referrals

Please continue to refer your friends and family (all islands) for a personalized Insurance Analysis for our Personal Lines Referral Program! Staff receives \$25 per referral quoted and then \$25 for every referral bound. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact Mike Salvatera at (808) 533-8663 or msalvatera@atlasinsurance.com.

Here are the staff that helped with the program for the month of July 2026!

Della Nakamoto, 7 referrals; Elaine Gascon, 1 referral, 2 bound;
Jill Yamada-Murota, 1 referral; Kaimana Rosso, 2 referrals, 1 bound;
Sandy Ferreira, 2 referrals, 2 bound; Shane Choi, 3 referrals; Tricia Miyashiro, 1 bound.

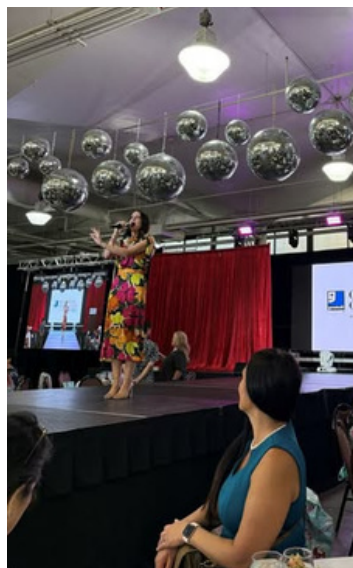


Atlas Out & About!

Atlas was proud to co-sponsor the 62nd Annual Parker Ranch, Inc. 4th of July Rodeo, celebrating one of Hawai'i Island's most treasured traditions and the enduring legacy of our paniolo! More than just a rodeo, this annual event brings together families, ranchers, local businesses, and visitors to honor the history, culture, and values that make our communities so special. We're grateful to support an event that preserves Hawai'i's unique heritage while creating lasting memories for generations to come!



We were proud to sponsor Goodwill Goes GLAM!, joining Goodwill Hawaii in celebrating their 15th annual showcase of sustainable fashion at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall! This year's fashion show, themed "POSHd," was produced by local stylist Valerie Joseph, who brought secondhand style to life through storytelling. Our team also volunteered to help with set-up, because supporting our community means showing up in more ways than one. Mahalo to Goodwill Hawai'i for the opportunity to support work that changes lives across our islands. Funds raised go directly toward free job training and employment programs that helped 8,887 Hawai'i residents in 2025 alone!



Atlas Out & About, Cont.!

The Atlas team was proud to support our very own Cale Guillermo, Atlas' Agency Marketing Project Specialist, at the Hawai'i State Capitol, where he received a Hawai'i House of Representatives certificate recognizing him as the 2026 Ad Person of the Year! This honor celebrates Cale's leadership, creativity, and commitment to advancing Hawaii's advertising community — both through his work at Atlas and his service as President of Ad 2 Hawai'i. Congratulations, Cale! Your creative storytelling, digital marketing, and community-focused campaigns continue to strengthen Atlas' brand and reflect our commitment to serving Hawaii.



Our Employee Benefits team here at Atlas proudly supported Helping Hands Hawaii's Ready to Learn 2026 School Supply Drive with donations! This year's initiative will distribute 3,000 backpacks — each packed with \$50 worth of essentials — to students from kindergarten through 12th grade across Hawai'i, helping ease back-to-school costs for local families. We're honored to stand behind a cause that supports our island's students and community. Mahalo to Helping Hands Hawai'i for the incredible work you do!

Atlas had a blast at the Underwriters Association of Hawai'i's Annual Charitable Golf Tournament, hosted at Hoakalei Country Club! Mahalo to First Insurance Funding for sponsoring our 4-person team and making it possible for us to join this year's tournament. Proceeds from the event support the UH West Oahu Risk Management & Insurance Program, helping prepare the next generation of insurance professionals right here in Hawaii. We're proud to have joined this year's tournament in support of such a great cause!



Infatuation and Trust

By: Tom Allen



Being in Toastmasters is a lot more than honing your speechmaking skills in front of an audience. Toastmasters also helps you hone in on other aspects of speechmaking like clear thinking, confident leadership, active listening, and constructive feedback—skills you can carry into everyday conversations, meetings, and professional relationships. Lastly, you can learn some pretty interesting and fun facts about your fellow Toastmasters.

Case in point: Our last meeting featured Cale Guillermo and Ken Fujiwara as the main speakers. Cale took us all down memory lane when he regaled us with his story of the time he was so infatuated with his high school crush, he spent an entire math class writing a poem to her about how she occupied all the space in his brain, preventing him from thinking of anything else. With his heart clearly visible on his sleeve, he shared the poem with the group, allowing everyone a better understanding of the inner workings of Cale's mind.

Next up was Ken. Ken started off his speech by asking the group if someone you knew was offered a million dollars to kill you, could you trust them not to do it? Well, could you? Ken's speech on the topic of Trust got everyone thinking. According to Ken, about 40 years ago almost half the country thought our society was becoming less trustworthy. Today, that figure has dropped to about 1/3 of the population. As Ken reminded us, trust has to be earned. So if you make a promise or commitment to someone, honor it! This goes for not only big promises, but things like showing up on time, repaying small debts, or remembering to do something you said you would.

All in all, it was one of those meetings that reminded us why we keep coming back. Looking forward to next month's speakers and the next round of growth (and laughs).

Welcome, Justin!

Let's welcome Justin Van Hooser back to the Atlas team as an Account Manager in our Business Insurance Operations unit! Justin previously worked with us through the Tradewind Group Internship Program last year, where he spent time supporting our Business Insurance Operations unit.



Justin recently graduated from Sacramento State, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management and Risk Management & Insurance. Welcome back to the team, Justin!

WELCOME

EPIC Corner

By: Christopher Singhavara



EPIC: Connecting Through Community

As we continue to grow as a community, EPIC remains committed to creating opportunities that bring people together in new and memorable ways. While professional development and networking remain important parts of our mission, some of the strongest connections are built through shared experiences and a greater appreciation for the communities around us.

Sometimes stepping beyond our everyday routines can open the door to fresh perspectives, new relationships, and experiences that stay with us long after the event ends.

Coming Soon: EPIC Community Experience

EPIC is trying something a little different. We are planning an immersive experience that brings members together to learn, explore, and discover more about our local community. It is a chance to spend time with fellow members, see something new, and experience a different side of Hawaii together.

Thank You for Your Feedback

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our recent poll. Your input plays an important role in helping us create events that are accessible, enjoyable, and valuable for our members.

We are currently putting the finishing touches on this exciting experience, and we cannot wait to share more details soon.

Until then, keep an eye on your inbox. Trust us... you are going to want to be there.

Thank you, as always, for being an essential part of EPIC.

Your EPIC Board

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Risky Business Corner



Heat Illness Safety: Staying Safe Under the Sun

By: Tracie Akai

In Hawaii, warm weather is part of daily life, but so is the need to take heat exposure seriously. Outdoor work, warehouse conditions, and moving between indoor and outdoor areas can all increase the risk of heat-related illness, especially when temperatures and humidity are high. The good news is that heat illness is preventable. Knowing what to look for and taking a few practical steps can help everyone stay safe, healthy, and productive.

Why Heat Illness Is a Concern

Hawaii's tropical climate can make it harder for the body to cool itself. When humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate as easily, which means the body must work harder to release heat. Employees who work outdoors or perform physically demanding tasks are at greater risk. Heat-related illness may start with cramps or fatigue, but it can progress quickly and become serious if symptoms are not addressed. Watch for the Warning Signs:

Heat Cramps

- Muscle cramps or spasms
- Heavy sweating
- Fatigue

Heat Exhaustion

- Heavy sweating
- Cool, pale, or clammy skin
- Weakness or dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fast, weak pulse

Heat Stroke (Medical Emergency)

- Body temperature above 103°F
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Confusion or slurred speech
- Loss of consciousness
- Seizures



Risky Business Corner



Heat Illness Safety: Staying Safe Under the Sun, Cont.

By: Tracie Akai

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. If someone shows these signs, call 911 immediately. Move the person to a cooler area and begin cooling them with cold water, ice packs, or wet towels while waiting for emergency responders.

Preventing Heat Illness

A simple way to remember heat illness prevention is:

Water - Drink water throughout the day, even before you feel thirsty. Waiting until you feel dehydrated can make it harder for your body to recover.

Rest - Take breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas, particularly during the hottest parts of the day. Short, regular breaks give the body time to cool down.

Shade - Use shaded areas whenever possible. If natural shade is not available, temporary shade such as canopies, tents, or shelters can help reduce heat exposure.

Additional Safety Tips

- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Use a wide-brim hat when working outdoors.
- Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher.
- Pace yourself and avoid overexertion.
- Gradually build up to heavy work if you're new to the job or returning after time away.
- Work with a buddy and watch each other for signs of heat illness.
- Know who to contact if someone begins showing symptoms.



We All Play a Role

Heat illness can come on quickly, but it is usually preventable. Staying hydrated, taking breaks, using shade, and watching out for one another can lower the risk of serious injury.

As temperatures rise, keep the message simple:

Water → Rest → Shade

A few minutes of prevention can help prevent a serious emergency.