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OAC & HEART Partner Up for Valentine's & Go Red Day!

By Bryce Nishiyama

February 5th was National Red Day and it was awesome to see so many people show their support! The OAC & HEART Committees partnered for Atlas' annual Valentine's event this year, but we took the focus a little bit off Valentine's Day, and focused more on raising awareness about the dangers of heart disease, heart attack, and stroke. Rubber duckies, ribbons, and apples were just some of the merchandise people could purchase to support the American Heart Association. We managed to raise \$300 including the Hilo office's support, so feel free to give yourselves a pat on the back! Of course we had to bring in some sugary goodness as no Valentine's Day event would be complete without it, so cupcakes, malasadas, and slush puppies were also available. (OAC side) As fun as the event was, I hope we all went home with more than rubber duckies and malasadas. Let's not forget that eating healthy and exercising are vital to avoid cardiovascular diseases and obesity. (HEART side) National Wear Red Day may be over, but what it stands for is something we should all remember each and every day of the year!

Sandy Ferreira is all smiles as she won the big gift basket for coming the closest to guessing how many pieces of candy was inside the glass jar that Steven Lam is holding. I believe she was only off by one! Amazing!



Fe Torres with her small gift basket for guessing the least amount of candy inside the candy jar. I bet Fe's family was thrilled when she brought home the goodies!



Ladies in red! Tina Leger enjoying her slush puppie while at the same time trying to avoid getting a brain-freeze. Chenise Blalock proudly showing off some of the items she bought, whose proceeds went to support the American Heart Association.



OAC & HEART Partner Up for Valentine's & Go Red Day!, cont.



What's Up with HEART? OAC & HEART Partner Up for Valentine's & Go Red Day!, cont.

By Catherine Yamamoto

February is National HEART Month! This year, the OAC and HEART committee teamed up to celebrate Valentine's Day and support the annual American Heart Association's® Go Red for Women® event. The combined efforts of the OAC and HEART committee paid off – literally! Atlas raised \$300 for the American Heart Association to aid in the fight against heart disease and stroke.



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Welcome Stella!

By Lance Kawano

Atlas Employee Benefits is pleased to introduce our newest team member, Stella Cabana! Stella joins Employee Benefits as a Benefit Consultant. Prior to joining Atlas, Stella held the position of Strategic Account Executive at Hawaii Dental Service. As a Strategic Account Executive, Stella worked with mid to large employers in Hawaii, including Taft-Hartley groups. In her role as a Benefit Consultant she will be working with Tina Leger and Aleksandr Razloga to service our small business clients. Stella graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration. She is an experienced Triathlete and generously volunteers her time to Child & Family Services as a Guild member. Please join me in giving Stella a warm Atlas welcome!

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Welcome Charlene!

By Allison Horimoto

Please welcome a familiar face to the Atlas family, Charlene Meneses, our new Personal Lines Account Administrator. Charlene grew up in Hawaii but left with her family for the Philippines after graduating from high school. She earned a degree in physical therapy but decided that customer service was her calling and started her career as a call center representative and worked her way up to being a coach and trainer before deciding to return to Hawaii. Charlene enjoys spending her free time with her family. Welcome!



Congratulations, Anna!

By Dana Tokioka

Please help Atlas in congratulating Anna Gima, Atlas' new controller. Anna has been with Atlas for 8 ½ years as a Unit Manager and has proved critical in making sure we all get paid! Anna originally planned to study Computer Science but, lucky for us, changed her mind and went into Accounting. She went to UH Manoa and doubled majored in Accounting & Management Information Systems. Since graduating she has worked 20+ years in Accounting. Anna believes that the most important thing about accountants is that they support the business by providing valuable financial information. Despite her amazing professional accomplishments, she considers her greatest achievement is raising her daughter. Congrats, Anna!

“IF YOU’RE NOT ENJOYING THE MEETING, SOMETHING’S WRONG WITH YOU!”



By Peter Junker

The above statement was proclaimed by Aleksandr Razloga, Table Topics Master, prior to fulfilling his role. This sentiment would apply to most meetings but was particularly applicable to the one on February 18th this month.

For starters, we had TWO members give their “Ice Breaker” (first) speech. Both Erika Nacar and Michael – it’s “Cravalho” - spoke like they were already seasoned toastmasters. Erika provided insight into how she overcame some major obstacles in her life while Michael spoke about the three things he loved – family, music and his hometown.

Recognizing that the Academy Awards will be handed out later this month, Alex asked Sylvia Baptiste to talk about winning an Oscar for makeup for the movie “Zombie” and Lily Yamamoto for costume design for “Avatar”. Their table topics responses were hilarious! Sylvia sounded as if she was currently working on the set for the “Walking Dead” while Lily, with a little help from Tina since she had never seen the movie, aptly described how the wardrobe was created by her assistant who really deserved the award more than her.



Toastmaster of the Day Teri Fabry kept the laughter-filled meeting flowing smoothly and provided our answers to the memorable February events in our lives.

If you’re not enjoying your life, then, all I can say is: “You should attend a Toastmasters meeting!” The next one is on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th. We hope to see you there!

New Business—Agents

Commercial

Personal

January Winners



Scott LaRue



Matt Arine