

## Speakers and Honorees – Asbestos Awareness Day - 2008



**Brad Black MD** is the Medical Director for the Center for Asbestos Related Disease and has been a leading advocate for healthcare, treatment, and research to benefit those impacted by Libby amphibole asbestos. A pediatrician by specialty, he additionally spent 10 years as the Medical Director for the urgent care center and as an emergency room physician. Since 2000, emerging out of his role as County Health Officer, Dr. Black has become dedicated to developing the healthcare infrastructure for asbestos related disease healthcare, including the planning and implementation of the original ATSDR screening program and the developing the CARD. The Libby medical community believes in the importance of the CARD for specialized care and research efforts. Dr. Black brings to Libby a level of experience, enthusiasm, and dedication that is appreciated greatly by the CARD as well as the community.

**Jim Brophy, PhD**, Executive Director, Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers, Sarnia

**Rebecca J.W. Cline, PhD**, Senior Scientist, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences, Wayne State University



**Barry Castleman, ScD**, is an Environmental Consultant trained in chemical and environmental engineering. He holds a Doctor of Science degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He has been a consultant to numerous agencies of the US government and other governments, international bodies, and environmental groups dealing with a wide range of public health issues. He has testified as an expert in civil litigation in the US, on the history of asbestos as a public health problem and the reasons for failures to properly control asbestos hazards. Dr. Castleman has spent the past 35 years working on asbestos as a public health problem.



**Arthur L. Frank, PhD, MD** is co-chair of ADAO's Science Advisory Board and serves as Professor of Public Health and Chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine at the Drexel University School of Public Health in Philadelphia. Trained in both occupational medicine and internal medicine, Dr. Frank has been interested in the health hazards of asbestos for more than 35 years. He has published extensively on the hazards of asbestos, and clinically cared for asbestos effected patients. He has lectured internationally about the problems of asbestos, and worked in many settings looking at the diseases caused by this material.



**Michael R. Harbut, MD, MPH, FCCP** is Chief of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine: Clinical Assistant Professor, Wayne State University, School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan. An Internationally known expert in the diagnosis and treatment of environmental and workplace diseases Dr. Harbut has been named co-Director of the National Center for Vermiculite and Asbestos Related Cancers. He is the co-author of the American Thoracic Society's 2004 Recommendations for the Diagnosis and *Treatment of Non-Malignant Disease Caused by Asbestos Exposure*. Dr. Harbut is a past chair of the occupational and environmental health section of the American College of Chest Physicians and has served on the Board of Directors of the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation. Dr. Harbut brings his expertise to address the need for early diagnosis and aggressive treatment of asbestos related diseases.

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**Lyle Hargrove**, Director of CAW Health and Safety Training Fund



**Laurie Kazan-Allen** is Founder and Coordinator of the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS), an independent body set up in 1999 to campaign for a global ban on asbestos and justice for all asbestos victims. As the editor and publisher of the British Asbestos Newsletter, she has been writing about international asbestos issues for more than 15 years. Ms. Kazan-Allen is an adviser to the UK All Party Parliamentary Group on Occupational Safety and Health and was Guest Editor of asbestos special issues of the International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health in 2003 & 2004 and Joint Editor of the Annals of the Global Asbestos Congress 2004. In 2005, she received the ADAO Tribute of Unity Award in 2005 as well as the Antonio Raposo Tavares Medal from the City of Osasco, Brazil.



**Doug Larkin** is the Communications Director and Co-Founder of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) – which works to help raise awareness about asbestos related diseases, while serving as a global community for asbestos victims and their families. Doug holds a B.A. in political science from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. “Congress responds to their constituents. It’s through your letters, phone calls, stories, and donations to ADAO, that enables us to advocate fair and just legislation for present and future victims. That is the power of grassroots.” Doug has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to advocate fair and just legislation to present to Congress. Doug’s father-in-law William D. Shields was a victim of mesothelioma.

Doug’s wife, **Kim Larkin**, stepdaughter of William Shields, is also involved and supportive of ADAO. She says, “Through unity, we can make asbestos victims’ voices heard so that future generations will not have to suffer what my family has endured. I’m honored to be a part of ADAO – which is working hard to make asbestos disease a thing of the past.”



**Richard Lemen, PhD**, is co-chair of ADAO’s Science Advisory committee. He is a former Assistant Surgeon General of the United States and also served as the Acting Director and the Deputy Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health before his retirement. He has been a practicing epidemiologist for more than thirty years and has taught graduate level classes on environmental and occupational health issues, including asbestos, at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He has also testified in litigation on behalf of asbestos victims, Dr. Lemen is a world-renowned author, speaker, and lecturer on this topic.

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**The Honorable Patrick Martin** is a Canadian politician. He has been a member of the Canadian House of Commons since 1997, representing the riding of Winnipeg Centre for the New Democratic Party. Martin graduated from Argyle High School in 1974. He worked as a journeyman carpenter for several years, and was employed in forest service, mines and construction. Martin also served as business manager of the Manitoba Carpenters Union from 1989 to 1997, and was vice-president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour for a time. He has been an executive member of the Manitoba Building Trades Council, and was part of the Winnipeg 2000 Economic Development Committee. He is a strong opponent of asbestos and introduced legislation advocating April 1 as Asbestos Awareness Day in Canada.



**Captain Aubrey K. Miller, M.D., M.P.H.** of the US Public Health Service, is currently a Senior Medical Officer and Toxicologist for the US EPA Regional office in Denver performing health investigations and risk assessments of hazardous environmental exposures. Formerly, Captain Miller worked for HHS Regional Health and CDC (NIOSH) program offices, promoting emergency preparedness and occupational health. Captain Miller has been extensively involved with the response to asbestos contamination in Libby, Montana; assessing health effects, exposures, and facilitating improved access to health care for members of Community. He has also provided assistance during a number of nationally significant events including: Hurricane Katrina, Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, WTC attack, and the anthrax response in Washington, DC. He is Board Certified in Occupational Medicine.



**Linda Reinstein** is Executive Director and Co-Founder of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. She became an activist when her husband Alan was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2003. Reinstein has been invited to address politicians, businesses, and health advocates about the deadly mineral. Since the co founding of ADAO in 2004, Reinstein has written and produced the slideshow “*Asbestos Kills*” and “*Asbestos: The Dust, Disease, and Death*”. Reinstein continues to speak domestically and international about asbestos awareness, solicited and compiled articles from renowned experts and published *Reflections*, an online asbestos disease book, with international distribution. In 2006, Reinstein presented the *Asian Asbestos Conference “Alan Reinstein Memorial Award”* to the Thai Director-General of the Department of Disease Control in Bangkok.

**John C. Ruckdeschel, M.D.** president and CEO, Karmanos Cancer Institute

**Sari Sairanen**, CAW National Health & Safety Director

**Warren Teel, M.D.** Consultant Physician Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers, Sarnia-Lambton

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**John Thayer**, is a Supervisor for the Tunnel Workers and has worked at the AOC in Washington DC for the past 22 years. The Architect of the Capitol is responsible to the United States Congress for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the United States Capitol Complex, which includes the Capitol, the congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the Supreme Court building, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities. He is a member of Local 5 Ironworkers and a highly trained steamfitter. John is also a Navy veteran of five years. He is married to Vikki, an RN and they have 2 children, Christina and Michael and 5 basset hounds.



**Jordan Zevon**, ADAO's tremendous National Spokesman, is a teacher, singer, and songwriter. Jordan was executive producer of his father, Warren Zevon's, final album *The Wind*. He also co-produced "*Enjoy Every Sandwich: The Songs of Warren Zevon*" which features an all-Star cast of singers and musicians. Jordan recently released his own EP entitled *Jordan Zevon* which is available from CDBaby.com. Jordan's immeasurable commitment to asbestos victims and concerned citizens has provided a united voice that will continue to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected, while raising public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and often deadly asbestos related diseases.



**Paul Zygielbaum** is a survivor of peritoneal mesothelioma. He is a veteran business executive and community volunteer. He holds master's degrees in Engineering from Caltech and in Business from Golden Gate University. He and his wife, Michelle, were married in 1972 and have three grown children.