

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization  
"The Voice of the Victims"



**ADAO February Newsletter**  
**Special Asbestos Awareness Day Edition**  
**February 2005**

**"Asbestos kills - but asbestos education can save lives." Senator Harry Reid, (NV), Sponsor of Senate Resolution 43 designating April 1st 2005 as "National Asbestos Awareness Day"**

**Asbestos Awareness Day is intended to be a vehicle to recognize accomplishments, remember a loved one, honor a loved one and strengthen ADAO's resolve to speak for victims of asbestos diseases. Join us for Asbestos Awareness Day, on April 1<sup>st</sup> as we reflectively remember the numerous victims affected by asbestos, and celebrate the strength of awareness with:**

- [Tribute of Hope, Inspiration and Unity Awards](#)
- [Focus on Banning Asbestos](#)
- [Asbestos Awareness blue wristbands](#)

- **Wearing Blue Ribbons**
- [Victim Tribute eCards](#)
- [Reflections, an online publication](#)
- **Asbestos Victims Tribute Page in Reflections**
- **Asbestos Awareness Slideshow**
- **Global Asbestos Organization Unity Page**

Click here for more Asbestos Awareness Day details:  
<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad.htm> Direct questions to [AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

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**Presidents Message ~ Alan Reinstein**

It's astonishing, unprecedented and inconceivable that in one year ADAO has gone from "Zero to Hero". Finally the victims of asbestos diseases have a voice that is being heard "on the hill", by the medical community and even by insurers and asbestos product manufacturers.

**ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY** on April 1<sup>st</sup> is intended to be a vehicle to recognize accomplishments, remember a loved one, honor a loved one and strengthen ADAO's resolve to speak for victims of asbestos diseases. There are several ways to become involved with Asbestos Awareness Day. Please join us and express your support for ADAO.

**Message from Jordan Zevon**

"One small step... One giant leap..." This is what the Asbestos Awareness Day means to all of us that have hurt and work to open the eyes of so many who are unaware of the dangers that surround themselves and their families. We believe awareness does not have to come from tragedy."

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**CALL YOUR U.S. SENATORS BY  
3/2**

**URGENT - READ THE ALERT NOW  
Express Your Opposition Against  
Senator Specter's (Fair) Asbestos  
Trust Fund Legislation**

**Call the Capitol switchboard at  
(202) 224-3121. Click here for  
instructions.**

<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/alert2-24-05.doc>

**Passing Landmark Asbestos  
Legislation Needs YOU!**

[ADAO-2-8-05 Press Release](#)  
[Senator Harry Reid's Floor  
Speech](#)

[Senate Resolution 43](#)

**Support Senate Resolution 43 -  
Designating April 1<sup>st</sup> as National  
Asbestos Awareness Day - by  
signing the petition:**  
[http://www.gopetition.com/online/  
5889.html](http://www.gopetition.com/online/5889.html)

ADAO will fax your form letter  
supporting S. Res. 43 to your U.S.  
Senators. Form letter at:  
<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/senator43.doc>

**On April 1<sup>st</sup>, ADAO is pleased  
to honor**

**Laurie Kazan-Allen with the  
Tribute of Unity Award**  
Laurie unites, educates and  
empowers asbestos activist, victims  
and public health workers around  
the world.

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### **Gayla Benefield with the Tribute of Hope Award**

Gayla's determination and quest for justice and medical care has helped countless people in Libby, MT and around the world.

### **Jill Vaughn with the Tribute of Inspiration Award**

Jill is the bridge to hope for mesothelioma victims and their families and offers encouragement, comfort, guidance and humor.

Laurie, Gayla and Jill and are truly inspirational women of commitment, compassion and leaders in asbestos awareness and victim support.

Congratulatory comments can be made online at <http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>

Asbestos Awareness Day Victim Tribute eCards

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Asbestos Awareness Day Tribute eCards will be available around the world, honoring and remembering victims of asbestos disease. Each Tribute eCard will provide hyperlinks to resources for education and prevention and a link to our AAD slideshow.

Free Tribute e-Cards can be sent to your family, friends, doctors and Congressional leaders.

Personalized Tribute eCards are available with a donation \$100. See links below for examples. Your much needed donations will be listed on the Tribute page in the "Reflections". Your personalized eCard request must be received by March 10<sup>th</sup> by emailing: [AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org).

### [Personalized Tribute e-Cards](#) EXAMPLE

AAD Reflections

The history of asbestos and lives lost from disease will never be forgotten. "Reflections", an online publication, will review the tragic history of asbestos use; provide information about preventing exposure and early detection of asbestos related diseases, and present new research information. Articles from Dr Michael Harbut, Dr Arthur Frank, Paul Brodeur and a photographic essay from Bill Ravanese will be featured. Individuals, physicians, and unions around the world will be able to print "Reflections" as an invaluable medical and historical asbestos resource. Reflections will acknowledge asbestos victims and list global asbestos organizations and published on be available on 4/1/05.

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*In our efforts to save and protect lives, "Reflections" will importantly include:*

- Common high-risk occupations
- Common early warning symptoms for asbestos related diseases
- Information about preventing exposure
- Pullout flyer for patient distribution
- New medical research
- The tragic history of asbestos diseases

**Meet ADAO Logo Designer**  
Sean Shields designed our Asbestos Awareness Day Logo in loving memory of his father and Doug Larkin's father-in-law, Bill Shields, who died from mesothelioma. Green represents ADAO's goal of awareness about asbestos diseases and its symptoms and possible treatments for such diseases. Red signifies prevention and ADAO's efforts to have asbestos banned in this country. Yellow is for remembering all the victims who have died, losing their battle with horrible asbestos diseases. Purple is for uniting victims and activists from around the world to end asbestos exposure and diseases. Finally, the light blue ring in the middle represents ADAO, which brings all of these goals together.

AAD Blue Wristbands

## Asbestos Awareness

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is selling blue "Asbestos Awareness" wristbands as one way to acknowledge this important day of awareness, prevention, remembrance and unity. "Asbestos Awareness" adult and youth wristbands are for sale for \$5.00 - free shipping within the United States. Email your order to [aadwristbands@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:aadwristbands@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org). Please include your name, address and phone number on all orders. Checks - Mailed to: ADAO, 1525 Aviation Boulevard Suite 318, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Pay Pal Credit Card purchases can be made online at [www.AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](http://www.AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org).

The "Asbestos Awareness" blue wristbands are due to arrive on 3/15 -- and will be promptly mailed. Thank you for supporting Asbestos Awareness Day. Supplies are limited. For more information refer to <http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad.htm>

**CONTEST - Sell the most wristbands and win a signed "Enjoy Every Sandwich: The Songs of Warren Zevon" cd from Jordan Zevon!**

## VOLUNTEERS

**WELCOME ADAO State Representative from CO [Jack-](#)**

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For a complete list of volunteers refer to: <http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad-volunteers.pdf>

Cathy and Debra, National State Representative Directors, are available to answer questions and help find the perfect volunteer job for you.

[Cathy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Cathy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

[Debra@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Debra@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

Asbestos Awareness Day Committees

**Volunteer today by emailing** [ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

**AAD Medical Resource Coordinator (Cathy)**

[Cathy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Cathy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

Coordinate and disseminate asbestos awareness material to the medical community -- doctors, institutions and organizations...like American Cancer Society and high-risk occupations

**AAD Veterans' Resource Coordinators (Herman)**

[Herman@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Herman@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

Coordinate and disseminate asbestos awareness material to Veterans Organizations

**NOTE: Nearly 30% of all victims are veterans. Send an ADAO letter of awareness to your veteran's organization TODAY.**

**AAD Publicity Coordinator (Maxine & Hedy)**

[Maxine@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Maxine@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

[Hedy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Hedy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

Organize ADAO members' publicity on a National, State and Local level via newspapers and magazines

**AAD Legislative Coordinators (Alicia & Jeanne)**

[Alicia@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Alicia@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

[Jeanne@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Jeanne@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

Organize ADAO members Senate Resolution 43 support letters to encourage their U.S. Senators to co-sponsor Senator Reid's Resolution

Organize ADAO members asbestos trust fund legislation opposition letters if Senator Specter's bill is introduced

**AAD Tributes & eCards Coordinator - NEEDED - Email**

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Process requests for personalized cards  
Keep a list of tribute donations for Reflections

**AAD Reflections Coordinator**  
- **NEEDED- Email**

[ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

Organize the Unity, Tribute and Volunteer Acknowledgment pages

April 1st - Wear a Blue Ribbon

In preparation for our Asbestos Awareness Day, please purchase a sky blue ribbon that can be pinned to your clothing. This will proudly signify your unity with all past, current and future asbestos victims throughout the world for asbestos policy reforms. Give to your family, friends, workgroup members, doctors, and everyone you meet on Friday. It also gives you the opportunity to tell the ones you don't know why you'd like them to wear it And in doing so, helps them become aware of the dangers of their past or future asbestos use. Email ADAO a digital photo of your family or work group wearing their blue ribbons for the April Newsletter. Smile big for the camera! We are making the difference, one by one, around the world!

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**AAD Legislative Coordinators**  
(Alicia & Jeanne)

[Alicia@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Alicia@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

[Jeanne@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:Jeanne@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

1) **Oppose Specter's draft -- it is available online at**

<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/Specter.pdf>

2) **Support Senate Resolution 43**

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/5889.html>

3) **Support Asbestos Awareness – Global Ban on Asbestos**

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/5020.html>

**RESOLUTION: Passing  
Landmark Asbestos  
Legislation Needs YOU!**

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[Senator Harry Reid's Floor](#)

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**The Veterans of Foreign War have been SUPPORTING asbestos trust fund legislation since 2002. Call you VFW Commander today – voice your opinion.**

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**View the Convention  
Asbestos Resolutions at  
<http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=news.levelc&cid=229&tok=1>**

**TRUST FUND:** ADAO believes the victim should have the freedom to exercise their constitutional right to a fair and speedy trial OR choose trust fund compensation, BUT Big Business will NOT support such an opt out clause, as it poses a huge risk to the manufacturers, insurers and reinsurers who want to limit their financial liability and responsibilities. Presently, ADAO is opposed to the "discussion draft" bill for the following reasons.

- Incorrect, outdated and incomplete Medical Criteria.
- Inordinate compensation delays and ineligibility for the victims.
- Inadequate funding for not only compensation, but also research, education, prevention and outreach.
- No opt out clause for the victim.

**ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS ...** Our fight for asbestos disease awareness and fair and balanced legislation needs YOU...yes all of you. Remember to email copies of your letters to: [ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)

- Email your one page victim's story that you are willing to publish to [ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)
- Add your loved ones name to our Tribute list of asbestos victims by emailing [ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org](mailto:ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org)
- Please support the National Mesothelioma Research and Treatment Program (NM RTP) by signing the online petition at [www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/69847374](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/69847374) (The details of the NM RTP Proposal itself are available from MARF's home page [www.marf.org](http://www.marf.org).)

**GLOBAL NEWS:** On April 28, 2005, The Asbestos Tribunal will meet in Sao Paulo, Brazil to debate asbestos issues. The tribunal is sponsored by the most prestigious University of Laws in the country (Universidade de Sao Paulo). This remarkable alliance between academics and the asbestos victims reinforcing their ties for a world free of asbestos.

Direct your questions to: FERNANDA GIANNASI at [fer.giannasi@terra.com.br](mailto:fer.giannasi@terra.com.br)

**DONATIONS:** The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, an independent grassroots

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**organization, does not accept donations from corporations. ADAO relies solely on donations from victims, concerned citizens and the medical community. Please make a tribute donation**

**today; contribution will be listed in Reflections. For additional information please refer to:**  
<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/donations.html>

***In unity and hope, Linda***  
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