

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, a volunteer nonprofit organization, is committed to asbestos related disease prevention through education, research and advocacy.



**ADAO March Newsletter
Special Asbestos Awareness Day Edition
April 1st 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"

<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad.htm>

President's Message ~ Alan Reinstein

It's extraordinary, unprecedented and astonishing 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 1st is a means to recognize accomplishments, remember and honor loved ones, and empowers ADAO to speak for victims of asbestos diseases. Please join us to express your support for ADAO and become involved with Asbestos Awareness Day by visiting our website at www.AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org.

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING ASBESTOS AWARENESS ON APRIL 1st

Asbestos Awareness Day will be an international opportunity to collectively "speak out" about the need for increased asbestos awareness. Join us for the inaugural Asbestos Awareness Day as we reflect upon the hundreds of thousands of victims of asbestos, and celebrate the strength of awareness by:

- Honoring our [Tribute of Hope, Inspiration and Unity Honorees](#)
- Signing the urgent [Petition to Ban Asbestos](#)
- Wear [Asbestos Awareness blue wristbands](#) and spread the word about ADAO
- Sending a Victim Tribute eCard to loved ones, family and friends
- Remembering someone in the [Victims Tribute Page in Reflections](#)
- Viewing the [Asbestos Awareness Slideshow](#)
- Sharing the information resources available in ADAO's library [ADAO eLibrary](#)

All links we be working on April 1st

Direct your questions to AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

ADAO has scheduled a 1:00 PM Press Conference on 4/1/05 in Washington D.C. and will email details as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome to attend the Press Conference.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY BY ...

1. Submit a listing about the first Asbestos Awareness Day for any local organization, radio station, or newspaper that has a Community Calendar or Calendar of Events. Use this text as a foundation for your listing:

April 1st is the first Asbestos Awareness Day. To participate, Asbestos victims and supporters around the globe are wearing blue wristbands on that day to show that asbestos is still not banned. For more information, and details on how to order wristbands, visit www.asbestosdiseaseawarenes.org.

Types of **local contacts** include:

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| a. Newspapers | e. Gilda's Club (for cancer patients and families) |
| b. Radio stations | f. Cancer Support Groups |
| c. American Cancer Society - local office | g. Any lung disease or asthma group |
| d. Cancer clinics and centers | |

2. Share ADAO's Asbestos Awareness Day Press Release with your local paper!. ADAO will email a copy to all members. Be sure to seek guidance from your attorney prior to discussing your legal case with the media. If you are interested in writing a story, please contact ADAO Communications Director Doug Larkin at doug@asbestosdiseaseawareness.org and he will help coordinate the article.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS WRISTBANDS

Asbestos victims and supporters around the globe will be wearing blue wristbands on April 1 to make people aware that asbestos is still not banned. Official ADAO "Asbestos Awareness" blue wristbands are for sale at \$5.00 per wristband, with free shipping within the United States. Send email orders to aadwristbands@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org and use the online PayPal link or mail checks to ADAO, 1525 Aviation Boulevard Suite 318, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. **Supplies are limited.** The "Asbestos Awareness" blue wristbands will be shipped promptly upon receipt of payment. **Orders received after 3/21/05 will be filled after April 1st.**

You can help to advertise this important symbol of unity by printing and distributing the online photo flyer at <http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad-wristbands.doc>

A BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: On March 12th, 9 students and 4 adults filled wristbands orders were mailed around the world. Please join me in thanking: Patti, Freddi, Ellen, Alan, Emily, Krista, Nicole, Briana, Laura, Sara, Austin, Lewis and Daniel. ~ Linda

MESSAGE FROM CATHY DORF, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Cathy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

"Every other day we get letters of gratitude and e-mails asking how you can help. There is no better time than now for us to be able to be effective. Right now, we ask each one of you to buy ten blue Asbestos Awareness wristbands and sell or give them to your family and friends to wear. Why? More bracelets translates to more awareness. When people ask what the blue band stands for, you can educate them. Wear your blue band of courage as you fight against the unjust tragedy, your band of defiance as someone who won't take this sitting down, your band of compassion for others who walk your walk. Wear it as long as you want. I know I will."

One of the ways we are recognizing this date is with Asbestos Awareness Day "Tribute eCards." E-mail your family and friends, doctors, and Congressional leaders.

Tribute eCards will have links to education information regarding early detection and preventing exposure. Tribute e-Cards will be available to you on our website no later than 3/29/05.

Personalized Tribute eCards! With a donation of \$100.00 ADAO will personalize your Tribute eCard with the name of your loved one who has suffered an asbestos disease.

Your personalized eCard request must be received by March 17th. Please e-mail: Shelly-MO@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org. These eCards will be sent on 3/29/05.

For additional information and examples, please visit
<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad-tributecard.pdf>

ON ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY ADAO IS PLEASED TO HONOR:

Laurie Kazan-Allen with the Tribute of Unity Award
Gayla Benefield with the Tribute of Hope Award
Jill Vaughn with the Tribute of Inspiration Award

Laurie, our Tribute of Unity Honoree, unites, educates and empowers asbestos activists, victims and public health workers around the world.

Gayla, our Tribute of Hope Honoree, is determined and unflinching in her quest for justice and medical care has helped countless people in Libby, MT, and around the world.

Jill, our Tribute of Inspiration Honoree, is a bridge to hope for mesothelioma victims and their families and offers encouragement, comfort, guidance and humor.

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

ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, WE SINCERELY THANK THEM FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS.

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

MESSAGE FROM HERMAN, ADAO VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE

Herman@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

I'm coordinating an outreach program to reach as many veterans as possible, with our message. As you may know, asbestos related diseases have especially affected veterans. As fellow veterans, I would very much appreciate your thoughts, ideas or suggestions that would best help me to achieve this goal.

THREE TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Legislative Coordinators (Alicia & Jeanne)

Alicia@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org and Jeanne@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

- 1) [Oppose Specter's asbestos trust fund legislation draft](#) -- Call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to contact your U.S. Senators today. Click here for instructions.

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

[Opposition letter for Doctors](#)

[ADAO Opposition letter for your Senators](#)

- 2) Support Senate Resolution 43 - designating April 1st as National Asbestos Awareness Day
<http://www.gopetition.com/online/5889.html>

[Support letter for Doctors](#)

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- 3) Support Asbestos Awareness - Global Ban on Asbestos
<http://www.gopetition.com/online/5020.html>

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LEGISLATIVE BLURB - BY MARILYN AMENTO

Marilyn Amento (Pennsylvania), wife of the late Joe, Jr, Mom of Joey III and Julie

I was amazed and extremely disappointed when I went online to sign the ADAO Petition in favor of Senate Resolution 43, which would designate Asbestos Awareness Day on April 1st. As of this writing, we have a paltry 113 signatures on our petition, yet the "Save Spongebob Squarepants" Petition has over 28,000 signatures. Where are our citizen's priorities? We should all be embarrassed by such priorities since we have either lost someone we loved dearly to asbestos disease, or that special someone is suffering from asbestos disease right now. Here is what I propose: each and every one of you please send out a simple email to your entire address book. Here's the one I sent - it resulted in about 70 additional signatures on the petition. And, many people said they would send it on to their address books. We are so quick to pass around jokes, warnings about parking lot muggers, prayers to St. Teresa, etc. Let's pass this on too. Else it will be quite embarrassing to go to Congress where they will laugh at us and say, "Of the millions of people in this country, you could only get 122 signatures on your petition? If you want the full email message, please email me at Marilyn-PA@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org with "ADAO Petition Request" in the subject line and I'll forward you the whole thing.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Amento (Pennsylvania), wife of the late Joe, Jr, Mom of Joey III and Julie.

State/Country	# Petitions
AL	1
AZ	2
WI	11
CA	10
CO	1
DE	2
IL	10
KS	1
KY	1
MA	2
MI	1
MN	1
MT	1
NY	4
OH	1
PA	28
TX	15
VA	1
WA	2
FL	2
GA	3
NJ	5
OK	1
TN	1
U.K.	4
Canada	2
TOTAL	113

SAMPLE EMAIL: As you all know, asbestos upsets me, not only because it killed Joe, but also because it is still legal and killing many in these United States. Please read the Petition below. If you are willing to sign such a petition, please go to <http://www.gopetition.com/online/5889.html> and sign the petition there. Then we (the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization) will fax your petition to your two U.S. Senators.

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DONATIONS

Asbestos-related diseases lack adequate funding for education and research. ADAO, a non-profit grassroots organization, is committed to disease prevention through education, research and advocacy. In order to maintain our independence, ADAO is unable to accept donations from subjective parties such as law firms or medical organizations. However, we do accept individual and corporate donations. If you are interested in supporting our efforts, tax-deductible donations are graciously accepted and can be made in honor of, or in loving memory of a family member or friend. Please send donations to:

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
1525 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 318
Redondo Beach, California 90278

Donations can also be made using "Pay Pal" on our web site. www.AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

NOTE ON DONATIONS by Marilyn Amento (PA) Marilyn-PA@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

In early January, I had the opportunity to visit many U.S. Senate offices with Linda Reinstein, Doug Larkin, Jordan Zevon and Ellen Patton. I experienced first hand, how knowledgeable and well-respected ADAO is from those meetings. With all the litigation concerning Joe's death behind me, I decided to send a good sum of money to ADAO. Afterwards, I realized that Linda and Alan were using their own money to run this organization. Traveling frequently from California to Washington, DC for Linda has to be very costly on a family budget. Doug is fortunate to live in the DC area. ADAO has come a long way in less than a year; please consider a small or large donation, whatever you can afford, to support this tremendous organization, the only one that speaks for the victims of asbestos disease. ADAO even makes it easy for you to make a credit card donation through PayPal.com. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

[Why be a Volunteer](#) by Cathy Dorf

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NEWS & EVENTS:

GLOBAL ASBESTOS NEWS ~ Courtesy of Ban Asbestos Canada / Bannir L'amiante Au Canada

<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/BAC.doc>

Please join me in thanking Kyla and Derek for sharing their weekly eNews with ADAO.

Medical Advances... MESOTHELIOMA BLOOD TEST GAINING TRACTION...

Fujirebio Diagnostics launched the first blood test for mesothelioma in Australia and New Zealand. ADAO does not endorse the product, but certainly MESOMARK supports the need to fund research for new treatments and a cure. To view the entire press release please use the link below or visit their website at <http://www.fdi.com>. <http://www.fdi.com/newsroom/releases/30305.pdf>

MESO WALK 2005 will take place in Philadelphia on Sunday, April 10th, 2005, 9 AM at Lloyd Hall - Boathouse Row, Kelly Drive. This is a paved 5-mile walk. You can print a registration form from our website www.mesosociety.org and send or fax to MesoWalk/CCCF at 28 W. Market St, West Chester, PA 19382 or fax to Kathryn at (610) 696-8213.

THE ASBESTOS TRIBUNAL will meet on April 28, 2005 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

To unsubscribe from this email service, send an email to info@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org with the word REMOVE in the subject.

In unity and hope,

Linda

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