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*Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
Drexel University School of Public Health
International Ban Asbestos Secretariat*

The 3rd Annual
Asbestos Awareness Day Conference

CALL TO ACTION TO PREVENT,
DETECT AND TREAT ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASES
AND TRAUMA

Conference

Saturday, March 31, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Remembrance Service

Sunday, April 1, 2007
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



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Asbestos Awareness Day Conference Agenda

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization's **3rd Annual Asbestos Awareness Day Conference**, *Global Mission: Call To Action To Prevent, Detect Treat Asbestos-Related Diseases & Trauma*, is made possible with the support and collaborative efforts of the Drexel University School of Public Health and the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS). Our mission is to provide the most advanced medical, occupational and environmental information available about asbestos related disease to individuals throughout the world. Presentations will include occupational and non-occupational exposure, public health and environmental aspects, early warning symptoms, trauma, and end of life issues.

- 8:00 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45 AM **Welcome and Conference Goals**
Arthur L. Frank, MD, PhD, Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Drexel University School of Public Health and ADAO Science Advisory Board Co-Chair
- 8:50 AM **ADAO Sponsor and Committee Message**
Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Cofounder, ADAO and Mesothelioma Widow
- SESSION I: Prevention**
Chair: Dr. Arthur L. Frank
- 9:00 AM **Asbestos Exposure-the Workplace and Beyond**
Richard Lemen, PhD, MSPH, Assistant Surgeon General (retired), Former Deputy Director of NIOSH, Co-Chair, ADAO Science Advisory Board
- 9:45 AM **Asbestos in the Environment: Public Health Issues and Concerns**
Aubrey K. Miller, MD, MPH, Senior Medical Officer & Toxicologist, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- 10:10 AM **Putting the Media to Work for Workers**
Jonathan Bennett, Public Affairs Director, New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH)
- 10:25 AM **Break**
- 10:40 AM **All Dollars And No Sense: Public Health Versus Corporate Profit**
Sharry Erzinger, Colorado State Representative, ADAO
- 10:50 AM **U.S. Capitol: Blind Oversight of Workplace Hazards**
John E. Thayer, Supervisor, Power Plant Tunnel Shop, Office of the Architect of the Capitol
- 11:00 AM **Q & A**
- 11:15 AM **ADAO Award Presentations**
United States Senator Patty Murray, *The Tribute of Hope Award* * video acceptance
Presented by Dr. Richard Lemen
Dr. Michael Harbut, *The Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award*
Presented by Dr. Arthur Frank
Patrick Martin, Member of Canadian Parliament, *The Tribute of Unity Award*
Presented by Laurie Kazan-Allen, Coordinator, International Ban Asbestos Secretariat
Survivor Paul Zygielbaum and Michelle Zygielbaum, Activists, *The Tribute of Inspiration Award*
Presented by Doug Larkin, Communications Director and Cofounder, ADAO
Les Skramstad, honored posthumously, *The Alan Reinstein Memorial Award*
Presented by Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Cofounder, ADAO
- 11:45 AM **World Health Organization: Tackling a Global Problem with Global Solutions**
Peter Orris, MD, MPH, FACP, FACOEM, Professor and Director Occupational Health Service Institute, University of Illinois

- 12:10 AM **Year in Review**
Jordan Zevon, *National Spokesperson, ADAO*
- 12:20 PM **Lunch**
- SESSION II: Detection and Treatment**
Chair: Linda Reinstein
- 1:20 PM **Asbestos's Feminine Side: The New Patient Profile**
Linda Reinstein, *Executive Director and Cofounder, ADAO and Mesothelioma Widow*
- 1:30 PM **Early Screening for Lung Cancer**
Albert Miller, MD, *Adjunct Clinical Professor of Medicine and Community and Preventive Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine*
- 1:45 PM **Deciphering the WTC 9/11 Numbers**
Stephen M. Levin, MD, *Director, Mount Sinai Irving J. Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine*
- 2:00 PM **Overview of Nonmalignant Diseases: Detection and Treatment**
Michael R. Harbut, MD, MPH., FCCP, *Co-Director, Karmanos Cancer Institute National Center for Vermiculite and Asbestos-Related Cancers, Director, Center for Occupational and Environmental Health*
- 2:15 PM **Overview of Malignant Diseases: Detection and Treatment**
Anil Vachani, MD, *Assistant Professor of Medicine Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Division, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine*
- 2:30 PM **Overcoming Trauma: The Patient and The Family**
Brad Black, MD, *Medical Director, Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD)*
From Crisis to Control
Kimberly Rowse, RN, *Clinical Coordinator, Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD)*
Tanis Hernandez, MSW, *Outreach Coordinator, Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD)*
- 3:15 AM **Break**
- 3:30 PM **Coping with Cancer**
Mary Hesdorffer, BSN NP, *Assistant Director Mesothelioma Center Clinical Research, Columbia University Medical Center*
- 3:45 PM **End of Life Issues: Hospice, Autopsy, the Law, Religion, Emotions**
Freddi Segal-Gidan, PA, PhD, *Keck School of Medicine, USC and Board Member of ADAO*
- 4:00 PM Q & A
- SESSION III:**
Chair: Laurie Kazan-Allen
ACTION: International Panel - Asbestos Legacy: U.S., Canada, India & World
- 4:15 PM **The View from Canada**
Patrick Martin, *Member of Parliament, Canadian House of Commons*
- 4:30 PM **The View from the U.S.**
Barry Castleman, ScD, *Environmental Consultant*
- 4:45 PM **The Year of Action on Asbestos: A Global Overview**
Laurie Kazan-Allen, *Coordinator, International Ban Asbestos Secretariat*
- 5:00 PM Q & A
- 5:15 PM **Adjourn**

SENATE RESOLUTION

Designating the first week of April 2007 as 'National Asbestos Awareness Week'.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
110th CONGRESS
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Mr. Baucus submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

SENATE RESOLUTION 108

Designating the first week of April 2007 as 'National Asbestos Awareness Week'.

Whereas there is no known safe level of exposure to asbestos;

Whereas deadly asbestos fibers are invisible and cannot be smelled or tasted;

Whereas when a person inhales or swallows airborne asbestos fibers, the damage is permanent and irreversible;

Whereas these fibers can cause mesothelioma, asbestosis, lung cancer, and pleural diseases;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases can take 10 to 50 years to present themselves;

Whereas the expected survival rate of individuals diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

Whereas little is known about late-stage treatment and there is no cure for asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases would give patients increased treatment options and often improve their prognosis;

Whereas asbestos is a toxic and dangerous substance and must be disposed of properly;

Whereas in 1977, The International Agency for Research on Cancer classified asbestos as a Category '1' human carcinogen, the highest cancer hazard classification for a substance;

Whereas in 2002, The United States Geological Survey reported that in companies in the United States consumed 9,000 metric tons of asbestos, of which approximately 71 percent was consumed in roofing products, 18 percent in gaskets, 5 percent in friction products, and 6 percent in other products;

Whereas in 2006, the World Health Organization issued a policy paper, and the International Labour Organization adopted a resolution, agreeing that all forms of asbestos are classified as human carcinogens, no threshold for "safe" exposure exists, and the elimination of asbestos use is essential to stop the global epidemic of asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas nearly half of the more than 1,000 screened firefighters, police officers, rescue workers, and volunteers who responded to the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001, have new and persistent respiratory problems;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases kill 10,000 people in the United States each year, and the numbers are increasing;

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Whereas the industry groups with the highest incidence rates of asbestos-related diseases, based on 2000 to 2002 figures, were shipyard workers, builders of vehicle bodies (including rail vehicles), pipe fitters, carpenters and electricians, construction workers (including insulation and stripping workers), extraction workers, energy and water supply workers, and manufacturing workers;

Whereas the United States has substantially reduced its consumption of asbestos yet continues to consume almost 2,000 metric tons of the fibrous mineral for use in certain products throughout the Nation;

Whereas asbestos exposures continue, but attention to safety and prevention has reduced significantly and will continue to reduce asbestos exposures and asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas, the United States continues to import over 100,000,000 worth of asbestos products annually, such as brake pads and linings, cement pipe, floor tiles, and other asbestos products from other countries for use throughout the Nation;

Whereas the small community of Libby, Montana, has asbestos-related diseases at the rate 40 to 60 times the national average, and suffers from mesothelioma at a rate of 100 times the national average;

Whereas asbestos exposure is responsible for 1 in every 125 deaths of men over the age of 50;

Whereas asbestos has been the largest single cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas asbestos is still a hazard for 1,300,000 workers in the United States;

Whereas asbestos-related deaths have increased greatly in the last 20 years and are expected to continue to increase;

Whereas 30 percent of all victims of asbestos-related diseases were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975;

Whereas safety and prevention will reduce asbestos exposure and asbestos-related disease; and

Whereas the establishment of a 'National Asbestos Awareness Week' would raise public awareness about the prevalence of asbestos-related diseases and the dangers of asbestos exposure: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate

- (1) designates the first week of April 2007 as 'National Asbestos Awareness Week'.*
- (2) urges the Surgeon General, as a public health issue, to warn and educate people that asbestos exposure may be hazardous to their health; and*
- (3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Surgeon General.*

Statement of United States Senator Max Baucus

March 2007

Mr. President, I rise today to talk to you about an important resolution I am introducing this afternoon - The Asbestos Awareness Week Resolution. This resolution recognizes the first week in April as National Asbestos Awareness Week.

This resolution acknowledges the dangerous nature of asbestos. Importantly, it gives tribute to hundreds of thousands of people who have died from exposure.

To me this resolution is very personal. Deaths from exposure to asbestos are common in my home state of Montana – all too common. Libby, Montana is a small community in the western part of Montana. Libby is a very unique place.

It is surrounded by the beauty and splendor of the Cabinet Mountains. But it is also plagued with sickness and disease. The extent of asbestos contamination in Libby. The number of people who are sick. The amount of people who have died from asbestos exposure, is just staggering.

The community of Libby suffers from asbestos related diseases at 40 to 60 times higher than the rest of the country. Folks in Libby are diagnosed with mesothelioma, the deadly form of cancer from asbestos, at 100 times higher than the average rate.

Mesothelioma recently took the life of a very dear friend of mine from Libby – Les Skramstad. Just a few weeks ago, I came to floor to talk about Les and how he was an outspoken advocate for Libby.

Until the day he died, Les worked tirelessly to share his story and the story of Libby's quiet emergency.

The first night I met Les in January of 2000 he challenged me to help all those in Libby suffering from asbestos related diseases. Les challenged me "to do something."

He said, "Max, please, as a man like me -- as someone's father too, as someone's husband, as someone's son, help me. Help us. Help us make this town safe for Libby's sons and daughters not even born yet. They should not suffer my fate too. I was a miner and breathed that dust in.

Everyday I carried that deadly dust home on my clothes. I took it into our house and I contaminated my own wife and each of my babies with it too. I just don't know how to live with the pain of what I have done to them.

If we can make something good come of this, maybe I'll stick around to see that, maybe that could make this worthwhile."

I told him I would do all that I could. That I wouldn't back down and that I wouldn't give up. Les accepted my offer and then pointed his finger and said to me, "I'll be watching Senator."

I have kept my promise to Les and I have worked hard to help people in Libby. I will continue to do all I can to help Libby.

I know that now even though Les is not with us today he is still watching. Les is my inspiration.

Because of Les's work and other advocates in Libby, we launched the Center for Asbestos Related Diseases in Libby- called the CARD clinic. CARD has screened and provided health care to hundreds of Libby residents.

Screening is an essential part of making sure people get the help they need. Spreading the word about asbestos exposure is also vital to ensure that people who are sick get the treatment they deserve.

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is a leader in this fight. They work tirelessly to advocate on behalf of asbestos victims so that thousands more in the future should not suffer the same fate.

Along with the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, others in the Libby community such as Gayla Benefield and Dr. Brad Black have worked to educate people about the dangers of asbestos exposure.

Then there are also those who have left Libby, but continue to advocate on behalf of asbestos victims such as Margy Urnberg and Kenny and Karen Moss, all former residents of Libby and remarkable volunteers.

An asbestos awareness week will help spread the word about the deadliness of these fibers and bring relief to those who suffer from asbestos related diseases. I will continue to fight for those like Les, whose lives have been taken by asbestos. I made a promise to Les and I won't stop until I've fulfilled that promise.



Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

"United for Asbestos Disease Awareness, Education, Advocacy, Prevention, Support, and a Cure"

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is an independent organization founded by Linda Reinstein and Doug Larkin on April 1, 2004. It is fully staffed by volunteers. ADAO will not be influenced by outside sources such as drug companies, law firms or companies that manufacture or use asbestos. ADAO is funded primarily through voluntary contributions.

ADAO's Goals

- Serve as the united voice for all asbestos victims
- Unite asbestos victims Educate the public and medical community about asbestos related diseases
- Support research that leads to early detection, prevention and a cure
- Ensure equitable compensation for victims and their families
- Ban the use of asbestos

ADAO Will:

Seek to give asbestos victims a united voice to help ensure that our rights are fairly represented and protected, including:

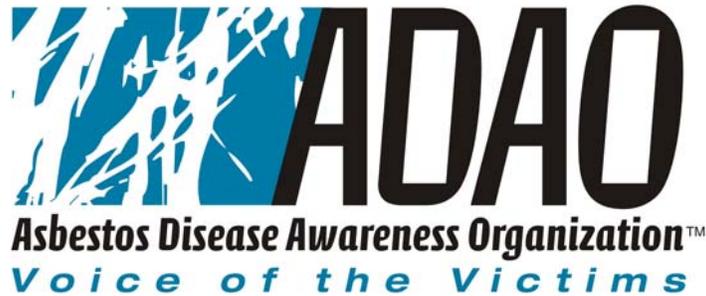
- Our right to medical research and treatments aimed at early detection, prevention and a cure for asbestos related diseases;
- Our right to file suit based on the merits of our individual asbestos related injustices;
- Our right to fair compensation.
- ADAO strives to implement an asbestos national asbestos disease database registry - to help unite victims of these tragic asbestos-related diseases.
- ADAO also works to support efforts to ban the use of asbestos and help protect future generations.

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization

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Dear Registrants, Speakers, Honorees, Volunteers and Guests:

Dedicated victims, families, friends, doctors and environmentalists, among many others, have joined our crusade to fight for asbestos disease awareness. The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization sincerely thanks each of you for unselfishly giving your time, support and contributions during the past year. Our office is the Internet, fueled not by large corporate donations, but by the power of the people. In the last three years, ADAAO has made significant advances in asbestos disease awareness. Thank you, one and all, for a year of endless support. Four important volunteers who are unable to attend our conference deserve special recognition for their unselfish support and dedication to ADAAO. Ellen, our Webmaster, Margy, our National Director, Herman, Executive Director's Assistant and Marsha, our Program Tribute Co-Chair are incredible volunteers.

Jordan, you are a man of great distinction, quietly humble, enormously gifted and possessed of kindness beyond belief. We are blessed that you are the National Spokesperson for ADAAO.

Asbestos Awareness Day offers a beacon of hope for hundreds of thousands of current and future victims of asbestos diseases. ADAAO is elated that the United States Senate has seen fit to acknowledge the severity of the asbestos problem in the United States and around the world. We strongly encourage the Senate to build on the righteousness of this day, by promptly enacting a complete ban on asbestos. That is the only way we can hope to eliminate this insidious epidemic.

Fear, despair and isolation are paralyzing, but knowledge is power. We can't change history, but we can give hope to the future. ~

Linda Reinstein
Executive Director and Cofounder

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Jonathan Bennett is Public Affairs Director for the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health, a workers' health training and advocacy organization. NYCOSH consists of some 200 local unions and over 400 individual union members, health and safety activists, injured workers, healthcare workers, attorneys, public health advocates, environmentalists, and concerned citizens. For more than 25 years, NYCOSH has been a leader in effort to prevent workers from being exposed to asbestos and ensuring that anyone injured by asbestos receives adequate compensation. NYCOSH trains over 6,000 workers every year and maintains a large website that offers information on all aspects of safety and health in the workplace, including online documents (fact sheets, checklists, etc.) and of a list of links to other sites on the subject (government sites as well as sites of social partners, institutes and so on). There is also a guide to looking for online information on safety and health.



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.



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.



Sharry Erzinger, Dr. P.H. Sharry has extensive experience in promoting public and community health. Using her medical background as a physicians' assistant and research training in public health, she brings technical research into practical programming and advocacy for broad audiences. She currently directs the Community Health Sciences program at University of Colorado at Denver where she continues to teach and provide consultation in evaluation of health programs. She has lived and worked in a variety of Latin American countries and has ongoing community health projects in Peru and Ecuador. She is committed to publicizing the toll of asbestos and preventing asbestos disease in low and middle-income countries .



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.

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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.



Tanis Hernandez LCSW is the Outreach Coordinator at the CARD and has contributed her talents since December of 2002. She is a licensed clinical social worker and has been one of the primary individuals involved in addressing the psychological and social needs of the Libby community related to asbestos exposure and its health impacts. Tanis was born and raised in northwest Montana and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Montana and her Masters through the Missoula campus of Walla Walla College. She moved to Libby in 2000. She has extensive experience in assisting, supporting and counseling individuals, families and communities regarding chronic health and mental health issues. Tanis also coordinates all community outreach and education activities at the CARD.



Mary Hesdorffer, MS, APRN-BC a member of ADAO's Medical Advisory Board has been a Clinical Research Nurse for the Mesothelioma Center of Columbia University/Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center for the past 8 years. She assists patients in the clinical setting as well as educates and writes about mesothelioma. In the future, she intends to post information about different aspects of diseases associated with asbestos exposure. She will use a team approach with experts in the field of medicine, pain management, pulmonary medicine, nursing, and pharmacy to give comprehensive and reliable information.



Laurie Kazan-Allan 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.”

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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.



Stephen M. Levin, MD is Medical Director of the Mount Sinai – Irving J. Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine, in the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. The Center is funded by the New York State Department of Health and is part of a statewide network of occupational medicine clinics established by the state legislature to examine and treat workers who have developed illness or injury caused by their exposures at work. Dr. Levin has testified in the senate regarding the asbestos exposure at Ground Zero and surrounding area on 9/11.



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.



Albert Miller, MD, FACP, FCCP is Professor of Clinical Medicine, New York Medical College, Clinical Professor of Community Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and Pulmonary Program Director at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Centers of New York. Dr. Miller had the honor to be one of “a group of ten of the nation’s most prominent physicians in the area of pulmonary function” who was “interviewed at length at the Chicago offices” of the ABA by the Commission, to establish a Standard for Non-Malignant Asbestos-Related Disease Claims.



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.

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Senator Patty Murray is currently Washington's senior Senator. Born in Bothell, Washington, Murray is one of seven children. Her mother was a homemaker and accountant. Her father earned the Purple Heart as one of the first G.I.'s to land on Okinawa. She is the first woman to serve on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. Murray is a graduate of Washington State University. She is married to Rob Murray and has two grown children, Sara and Randy. Patty Murray enjoys fishing, exploring Washington State's great outdoors and spending time with her family.



Peter Orris, MD, MPH, serves as Professor and Associate Director of the Great Lakes Center for Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health of the University Of Illinois School Of Public Health (a World Health Organization Collaborating Center) and is the Director of its Occupational Health Service Institute and Global Toxics Policy Program. He maintains an active clinical and teaching practice in Occupational Medicine and is the chief of the clinical department at the University of Illinois Medical Center. He is a Senior Attending physician in the Division of Occupational Medicine at the Stroger Hospital of Cook County (formerly Cook County Hospital) where he has been for close to 35 years.



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



Kimberly Rowse RN began her position as Clinical Coordinator at the Center for Asbestos Related Disease in mid-July of 2004. She brings with her over fourteen years of clinical experience in a variety of capacities, including nine years of administration. Kimberly's clinical expertise includes many years as a critical care nurse and brings an established network of professional resources through her work experiences. Kimberly's professional experience includes grant writing, start-up and program development including the implementation and maintenance of clinical programs that ensure quality care for patients. Not only is Kimberly the Clinical Coordinator, she also is the primary Clinical Nurse who provides day-to-day services for patients. Kimberly and her husband Peter, who is a family nurse practitioner in the Libby community, have lived in the area for over ten years and make their home in the Yaak.



Freddi Segal-Gidan, PA, PhD is the co-director of the Rancho los Amigos/USC Alzheimer's Disease Research Center of California. She is a physician assistant with 25 years of extensive clinical experiences, most of that caring for older adults with chronic illnesses. She received her doctorate in gerontology as part of the first class of doctorate trained gerontologists in the country from the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. Dr. Segal-Gidan holds appointments as assistant clinical professor in the department of neurology at the USC Keck School of Medicine and at the USC School of Gerontology. She is actively engaged in clinical care, research and training of health professionals and a strong advocate for geriatric training of all health providers.

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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.



Anil Vachani, MD is an assistant professor in the Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Division at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. His primary clinical interests are in evaluating new diagnostic techniques for patients with suspected lung cancer and mesothelioma, better defining patient prognosis for patients with thoracic malignancies, and novel methods for early detection and screening. Dr. Vachani sees patients at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and at the VA Medical Center in Philadelphia.



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.

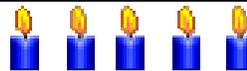


Paul Zygielbaum is a survivor of peritoneal mesothelioma. He is a veteran business executive and community volunteer. He holds master's degrees in Engineering from Caltech and in Business from Golden Gate University. He and his wife, Michelle, were married in 1972 and have three grown children.

Michelle Zygielbaum earned her nursing diploma from USC Medical Center and has over 35 years experience as a registered nurse, with extensive background in neonatal intensive care and pediatric inpatient nursing. She has served on various hospital staffs in California and Washington as well as working in marketing of medical and health training. Michelle has been a community volunteer in human services, compiling a record of effective leadership in nonprofit fundraising.

In Unity and Hope

ADAO would like to invite you to light a candle with us on April 1, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. (EST) in remembrance of those we love.



The light of this candle reminds us of love.

The light of this candle heals our grief.

The light of this candle gives us courage.

The light of this candle honors our memories.

The light of this candle strengthens our pledge to continue.



**World Health
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Elimination of asbestos- related diseases

World Health Assembly Resolution 58.22 from 2005 on cancer prevention and control urged Member States to pay special attention to cancers for which avoidable exposure is a factor, particularly exposure to chemicals at the workplace and the environment. Asbestos is one of the most important occupational carcinogens causing about half of the deaths from occupational cancer (1;2). Furthermore, the Thirteenth Session of the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health in 2003 recommended that special attention should be paid to the elimination of asbestos-related diseases (3).

The term "asbestos" designates a group of naturally occurring fibrous serpentine or amphibole minerals with current or historical commercial usefulness due to their extraordinary tensile strength, poor heat conduction, and relative resistance to chemical attack. The principal varieties of asbestos are chrysotile, a serpentine material, and crocidolite, amosite, anthophyllite, tremolite and actinolite, which are amphiboles (4).

Exposure to asbestos causes a range of diseases, such as lung cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis (fibrosis of the lungs), as well as pleural plaques, thickening and effusions (5;6). There is also evidence that it causes laryngeal and possibly some other cancers (7).

Exposures to asbestos and its impact on public health are substantial

Exposure to asbestos occurs through inhalation of fibres primarily from contaminated air in the working environment, as well as from ambient air in the vicinity of point sources, or indoor air in housing and buildings containing friable asbestos materials. The highest levels of exposure occur during repackaging of asbestos containers, mixing with other raw materials and dry cutting of asbestos-containing products with abrasive tools. Exposure can also occur during installation and use of asbestos-containing products and maintenance of vehicles. Friable chrysotile and/or amphibole-containing materials are still in place in many buildings and continue to give rise to exposure to both chrysotile and amphiboles during maintenance, alteration, removal and demolition (5).

Currently about 125 million people in the world are exposed to asbestos at the workplace (1). According to global estimates at least 90,000 people die each year from asbestos-related lung cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis resulting from occupational exposures (1;2;8). In addition, it is believed that several thousands of deaths can be attributed to other asbestos-related diseases as well as to non-occupational exposures to asbestos. The burden of asbestos-related diseases is still rising, even in countries that have banned the use of asbestos in the early 1990s. Because of the long latency periods attached to the diseases in question, stopping the use of asbestos now will only result in a decrease in the number of asbestos-related deaths after a number of decades.

All types of asbestos cause cancer in humans

Asbestos (actinolite, amosite, anthophyllite, chrysotile, crocidolite and tremolite) has been classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer as being carcinogenic to humans (9). Exposure to

chrysotile, amosite and anthophyllite asbestos and to mixtures containing crocidolite results in an increased risk of lung cancer (9). Mesotheliomas have been observed after occupational exposure to crocidolite, amosite, tremolite and chrysotile, as well as among the general population living in the neighbourhood of asbestos factories and mines and in people living with asbestos workers (9).

The incidence of asbestos-related diseases is related to fibre type, fibre size, fibre dose and to industrial processing of the asbestos (6). No threshold has been identified for the carcinogenic risk of chrysotile (5). Cigarette smoking increases the risk of lung cancer from asbestos exposure (5;10).

Chrysotile is still widely used

Asbestos has been used in thousands of products for a vast number of applications, such as roofing shingles, water supply lines, fire blankets, plastic fillers, and medical packing, as well as clutches and brake linings, gaskets and pads for automobiles. As a result of increasing health concerns, the use of asbestos has declined in many countries. The use of crocidolite and products containing this fibre as well as spraying of all forms of asbestos have been prohibited under the ILO Convention No. 162 from 1986 Concerning Safety in the Use of Asbestos. However, chrysotile asbestos is still widely used, with approximately 90% being employed in asbestos-cement building materials, the largest users of which are developing countries (11). Other remaining uses of chrysotile are friction materials (7%), textiles and other applications (11).

To date, more than 40 countries, including all member states of the European Union, have banned the use of all forms of asbestos, including chrysotile. Other countries have introduced less stringent restrictions. However, some countries have maintained or even increased their production or use of chrysotile in recent years (12). World production of asbestos in the period 2000-2005 has been relatively stable, at between 2,050,000 and 2,400,000 metric tonnes per annum (13;14).

WHO recommendations on prevention of asbestos-related diseases

Bearing in mind that there is no evidence for a threshold for the carcinogenic effect of asbestos and that increased cancer risks have been observed in populations exposed to very low levels (5;9), the most efficient way to eliminate asbestos-related diseases is to stop using all types of asbestos. Continued use of asbestos cement in the construction industry is a particular concern, because the workforce is large, it is difficult to control exposure, and in-place materials have the potential to deteriorate and pose a risk to those carrying out alterations, maintenance and demolition (5). In its various applications, asbestos can be replaced by some fibre materials (15) and by other products which pose less or no risk to health.

Materials containing asbestos should be encapsulated and, in general, it is not recommended to carry out work that is likely to disturb asbestos fibres. If necessary, such work should be carried out only under strict preventive measures to avoid exposure to asbestos, such as encapsulation, wet processes, local exhaust ventilation with filtration, and regular cleaning. It also requires the use of personal protective equipment - special respirators, safety goggles, protective gloves and clothing - and the provision of special facilities for their decontamination (16).

WHO is committed to work with countries towards elimination of asbestos-related diseases in the following strategic directions:

- by recognizing that the most efficient way to eliminate asbestos-related diseases is to stop the use of all types of asbestos;

- to provide information about solutions for replacing asbestos with safer substitutes and developing economic and technological mechanisms to stimulate its replacement;
- to take measures to prevent exposure to asbestos in place and during asbestos removal (abatement);
- to improve early diagnosis, treatment, social and medical rehabilitation of asbestos-related diseases and to establish registries of people with past and/or current exposures to asbestos.

WHO strongly recommends planning for and implementation of these measures as part of a comprehensive national approach for elimination of asbestos-related diseases. Such an approach should also include: developing national profiles; awareness raising; capacity building; an institutional framework; and a national plan of action for elimination of asbestos-related diseases.

WHO will collaborate with ILO on the implementation of the Resolution on Asbestos, adopted by the Ninety-fifth Session of the International Labour Conference (17) and will work with other intergovernmental organizations and civil society towards elimination of asbestos-related diseases worldwide.

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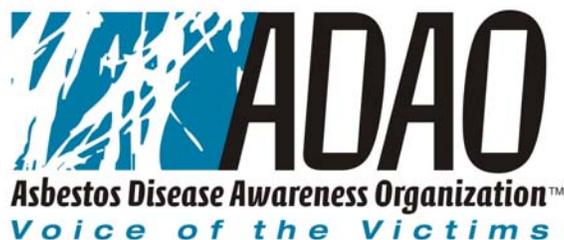
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Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) Awards Leading Voices in Asbestos Awareness Top Honors

Awards to be Received on Third Annual National Asbestos Awareness Day

Redondo Beach, CA ... January 2, 2007 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) today announced four award winners for their outstanding work and dedication to asbestos awareness related activities. Senator Patty Murray will be presented with the Tribute to Hope Award for her quest to ban asbestos and fund research for a cure; Pat Martin, Canadian Member of Parliament, will receive the Tribute to Unity Award for his global work to unite, educate and empower asbestos victims and public health workers; Dr. Michael Harbut will be recognized with the Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of his dedicated research into the social and medical impact asbestos has had on humankind; Paul and Michelle Zygielbaum will be presented with the Tribute to Inspiration Award for being a bridge to hope for mesothelioma victims and their families as they continue to offer encouragement, comfort, funding and guidance.

The honorees will receive their awards on the Third Annual Asbestos Awareness Day Conference scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2007 under the auspices of the Drexel University School of Public Health. This conference is made possible with the support and collaborative efforts from the Drexel University of Public Health and the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS).

“Senator Murray, Dr. Harbut, Pat Martin and Paul and Michelle Zygielbaum are truly inspirational human beings; their commitment, compassion and leadership have illuminated the darkness and brought hope to many whose lives have been so badly affected by these debilitating and fatal illnesses,” said Linda Reinstein, Co-Founder & Executive Director of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. “Asbestos Awareness Day is a landmark step towards education, prevention and a cure. More than 30 million homes and buildings across the nation contain asbestos - these incurable and often deadly diseases are not going away.”

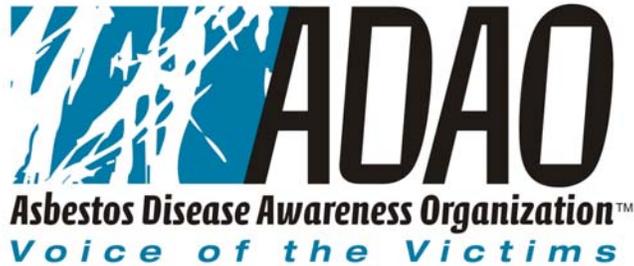
Asbestos Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize accomplishments, remember and honor loved ones and increase awareness about the present dangers of asbestos. Details will be posted on the ADAO website, www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org.

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About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

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*For Immediate Release:
Thursday, March 1, 2007*

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Applauds Senator Patty Murray for Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007

Important Legislation Will Expand Treatment Options for Asbestos-Related Diseases and Raise Public Awareness about its Dangers

Washington, D.C. – March 1, 2007 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today applauds Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) for the Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007. The bill is an effort to ban all production and use of asbestos in America, launch public education campaigns to raise awareness about its dangers and expand research and treatment of diseases cause by asbestos.

Murray's legislation, which was first introduced in the 107th Congress, will also authorize additional studies to determine which commercial products today still contain asbestos, increase funding for asbestos-related diseases, and call for a national Mesothelioma registry to help public health professionals track this deadly asbestos-related disease.

"We commend Senator Murray for all of her efforts to ban asbestos in the United States," said Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Cofounder of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO). "Senator Murray has shown great strength and leadership as she leads the fight to have this deadly substance banned forever – which will save thousands of lives by preventing asbestos-related illnesses and paving the road to recovery for victims and their families."

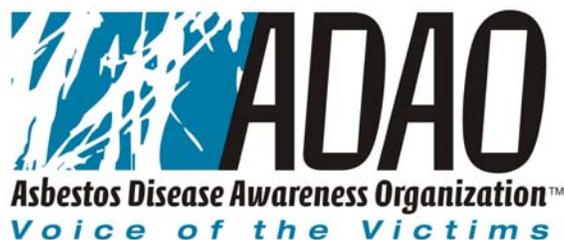
The occurrence of asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis, is growing out of control. Studies estimate that during the next decade, 100,000 victims in the United States will die of an asbestos related disease – equaling 30 deaths per day.

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*For Immediate Release:
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ADAAO Urges Senate for Passage of ‘National Asbestos Awareness Week’

Legislation Promotes Increased Awareness of the Dangers of Asbestos

Washington, DC ... March 16, 2007 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today urges the United States Senate to unanimously pass S. Res. 108 designating the first week of April as “National Asbestos Awareness Week.”

“This Resolution continues to recognize the national tragedy created by the continued uncontrolled dissemination and use of products containing asbestos in the United States,” said Dr. Richard Lemen, former Assistant Surgeon General and Co-chairman of the ADAAO Science Advisory Board.

“While the most devastating asbestos related disease may be mesothelioma, we should not forget the much larger number of lung cancers that arise from asbestos exposure, the interactions with smoking, and the many other cancers such as GI, larynx, and kidney that can also arise. Also, asbestosis continues to affect many who have been exposed to asbestos over the years,” stated Dr. Arthur L. Frank, Chairman of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at Drexel University and Co-chairman of the ADAAO Science Advisory Board.

“The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization asks the Senate to continue their leadership in addressing this preventable public health crisis by urging the Surgeon General to warn and educate Americans that asbestos exposure may be hazardous to their health,” said Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization.

To recognize National Asbestos Awareness Week, ADAAO will hold its third annual conference and Remembrance Service at Drexel School of Public Health on March 31st and April 1st respectively in Philadelphia.

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Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
is pleased to award
The Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senator
with the
Tribute of Hope

Written by Dr. Richard Lemen



When Senator Patty Murray introduced her Ban Asbestos in America Act to the Senate on March 1, 2007, she could be forgiven for experiencing a sense of déjà vu for she had been here before. For six years, Senator Murray has been campaigning for national prohibitions on this deadly substance. This is Senator Murray's 3rd attempt to pass a ban asbestos act since the 107th Congress; the bill would prohibit the import, manufacture, processing and distribution of asbestos within two years. It would also allocate \$50 million over 5 years for research and treatment of mesothelioma and for the setting up of: a national network of treatment centers, a federal survey of asbestos disease and their health effects, and a public awareness campaign on asbestos exposure

At the Washington D.C. Press Conference this time round Senator Murray asked: "How many more Americans have to die before our government finally does the right thing and bans asbestos?" Photographs she showed of ban asbestos campaigners Brian Harvey and George "Fred" Biekkola, now deceased, brought home the reality of hazardous asbestos exposures: "We have to do the right thing, and we have to do it now," she added.

The fact that John Thayer, a representative of the Capitol Hill Tunnel Workers, was one of the handful of experts invited to give evidence at the hearing is a clear indication of the Senator's knowledge of the on-going threat posed by asbestos contained within the U.S. infrastructure.

The ADAO congratulates Senator Murray for her dogged determination to tackle America's worst industrial catastrophe and for her breath of understanding about the very complex and multi-faceted needs of asbestos victims. This legislation would impact positively on the lives of so many of our fellow citizens who, through no fault of their own, have fallen victim to asbestos-related diseases.

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
is pleased to award
Michael Harbut, M.D., M.P.H., FCCO
National Center for Vermiculite and Asbestos Related Cancer
with the
Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award

Written by Dr. Arthur Frank

Michael R. Harbut, MD, MPH, FCCP, working in the spirit of Dr. Irving J. Selikoff the former Director of the Environmental Sciences Laboratory at Mount Sinai and a pioneer in asbestos-related research, has often been recognized for his important work in the area of asbestos related disease and its treatment. Heading the Karmanos National Center for Vermiculite and Asbestos-Related Cancers, Dr. Harbut has conducted research on asbestos related diseases and their treatment, and has given of himself in terms of promoting knowledge about the problems of asbestos. He heads up the occupational medicine unit at Karmanos.



He has served as the Chief U.S. Medical Advisor to the Solidarity Movement in Poland, testified before the Senate of the United States, and was a co-author of the ATS 2004 document on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Non-Malignant Disease Caused by Asbestos Exposure. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation.

Dr. Harbut has taken special interest in the identification of disease caused by asbestos. He has worked with a group seeking to use serum osteopontin levels to identify patients with asbestos exposure who have developed pleural mesothelioma (NEJM 353:15, 2005).

In addition to his work on asbestos, Dr. Harbut echoes Dr. Selikoff's humanitarian service with his work in Rwanda, his advocacy and testimony in the U.S. Congress on a variety of matters, and his dedication to Human Rights. In addition to his medical degree, and his public health degree, Dr. Harbut has a masters degree in Eastern European History, a part of the world in which he has done considerable work.

Dr. Michael Harbut has shown his career-long concern for those with pulmonary and occupational health problems mirrors the work of Dr. Selikoff, and like him, speaks out on behalf of those put at risk. For these, and other contributions the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization awards Dr. Michael R. Harbut its 2007 Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award.

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
is pleased to award
The Honorable Patrick Martin
A Member of the Canadian Parliament
with the
Tribute of Unity

Written by Laurie Kazan-Allen

As a young man Pat Martin, MP for Winnipeg Center since 1997, worked in the shaker room in an asbestos mill in the Yukon Territory; as the name indicates, the processing of asbestos which took place in this part of the factory was very dusty. Subsequently Martin was a journeyman carpenter and a union official. Pat has an asbestos-related condition.



In 2006, Martin told delegates at the Asian Asbestos Conference in Bangkok that the industry lied to the workers about the health risks of asbestos decades ago and is still lying. “In my opinion,” MP Martin said “the asbestos industry is a corporate serial killer and the Canadian Government is using my tax dollars to promote it.” Pat’s criticism of his Government’s pro-asbestos stance was reported widely in Canada in articles such as that published on July 25, 2006 entitled *Canada Tarnished by Asbestos Trade*¹ which reported Martin as saying:

“While the rest of the developed world is banning asbestos in all its forms, Canada is busy exporting over 220,000 tonnes per year into under-developed and Third World countries where health and safety regulations are non-existent or not enforced, thereby exposing millions of ill-informed and unsuspecting people to its hazards. Without exaggeration we are exporting human misery... Canadian government officials have taken on the role of globe-trotting, asbestos industry propagandists.”

Pat has campaigned throughout Canada about the dangers of asbestos-contaminated Zonolite insulation used extensively in first nation housing; he has been out-spoken about the plight of several first nation families who have lost loved ones to asbestos cancer. Believing that no exposure to asbestos is safe, Pat proposes that the Canadian Government ban asbestos, shut down the mines, provide early retirement or transition measures for affected workers, undertake comprehensive testing and removal programs to eradicate asbestos from public and private places and, as an act of contrition, invest heavily in medical research for improving the diagnosis and treatment of asbestos-related diseases so that Canada can begin to export solutions and not human misery.



On March 1, 2007, with his colleague Catherine Bell, he introduced two new ban asbestos activists to the Canadian media at a press conference in Ottawa. The debut performances of Puppets Timmy Toxic and Ms. O'Thelioma drew some laughter but garnished serious press attention for revisions to Canadian federal asbestos regulations which, technically, would allow the use of asbestos in a range of items including children’s toys.

Pat’s determination, intelligence and innovation has ensured that asbestos issues are on the Canadian political and social agenda. In newspaper articles, radio interviews and TV sound bits, he has spoken out on behalf of those who have paid the ultimate price for Canada’s commercial exploitation of “white gold.” His commitment is total and his vision is global.

¹ Harris K. *Canada Tarnished by Asbestos Trade*. Ottawa Sun. July 25, 2006.

**Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
is pleased to award
Paul and Michelle Zygielbaum
with the
Tribute of Inspiration**

Written by Laurie Kazan-Allen



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

Michelle Zygielbaum earned her nursing diploma from USC Medical Center and after a 35 year career as a registered nurse, with an extensive background in neonatal intensive and pediatric care in California and Washington, retired in 2006. Michelle has also worked in marketing of medical and health training.

Paul and Michelle have had full and busy professional, family and community careers; Paul was a coach for Little League Baseball, a Chairman of the Sonoma County Human Services Commission, a member of the board of a community free clinic and an active fund-raiser for local good causes. Michelle has been a working Mom and a community volunteer in human services; with her team, Michelle raised a record amount for a local nonprofit group.

The couple's reaction to Paul's peritoneal mesothelioma diagnosis was typical; how do we fight this thing. They researched and read and talked to everyone and anyone in their quest for answers: what did this diagnosis mean, how could it be fixed, what is the best solution for Paul.

Outraged by the criminal behavior of the corporations which exposed Paul to the killer dust, Paul and Michelle took on a number of U.S. asbestos defendants in the California law courts. Since resolving the case, Paul has been even more outspoken:

“Industry is putting enormous funding into influencing legislation, corrupting scientific research and mounting strenuous legal defense, but not a penny (has been put) into honest medical research or assistance to their victims, except under duress. Industry does not want to solve the problem or face responsibility for the wrongs they have done to people, but only to keep making profit with impunity.”

In early 2004, Paul underwent radical surgery and chemotherapy at Creighton University Medical Center. He recovered and was doing well until a setback last year. In December 2006, Paul had surgery to remove a small mesothelioma tumor from his abdominal muscle.

Paul and Michelle are united in their determination to reclaim the initiative in the national asbestos debate from the “injured corporations” to the human beings who are suffering. Paul has published papers in medical journals, worked with surgeons to draft a gold standard for peritoneal mesothelioma care, spoken at numerous conferences and even made an infomercial about mesothelioma. He and Michelle have had meetings with politicians in California and Washington D.C. to represent the thousands of nameless and faceless individuals who make up U.S. mesothelioma mortality statistics. The Zygielbaums have contributed substantially to support medical research into the diagnosis and treatment of mesothelioma.

Throughout their asbestos activism they have shown a unity of purpose and an unwavering commitment. Paul and Michelle are dyed in the wool optimists with a terrific sense of humor and a real zest for life. They bring light and hope and are a true inspiration to all of us.

**Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
honors**

Les Skramstad

posthumously

the Alan Reinstein Memorial Award

Written by Gayla Benefield



Les was an honest, simple man, devoted to his family and his music. Within his family, he instilled his love of music and his admirable sense of values.

When Les was faced with the diagnosis of Asbestos Related Disease, he could have accepted his lot in life, his illness and even his own death, but what he couldn't accept was what he had done to his family, his wife and children. Just knowing that he had carried the fiber into his home on his work clothes caused him great pain and guilt. When he spoke of the future of his family, most people didn't understand that he was speaking for every worker's wife and child, not just his own family.

Les was burdened by this personal guilt and the only solution to him was to try to fix the problem. Les wasn't an educated man and didn't claim to be, but his direct

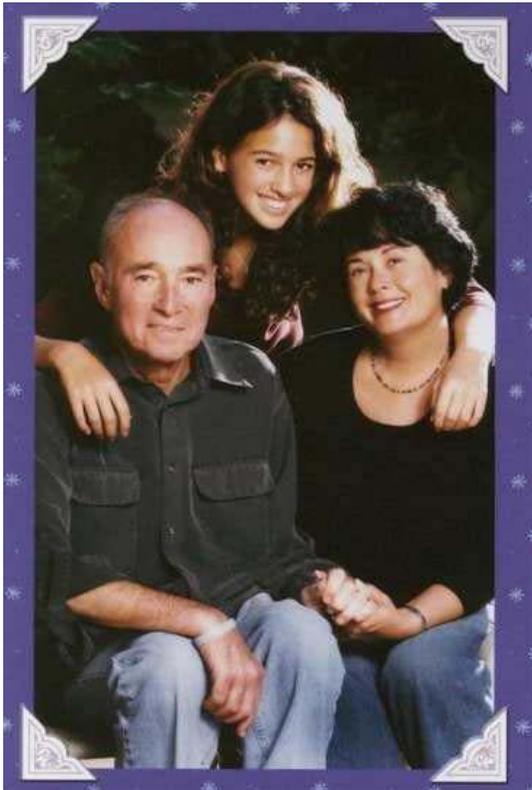
approach and quiet manner of speaking truthfully opened many doors for everyone.

To Les, a solution to the problem was the only acceptable answer and Les spent the remaining ten years of his life, not enjoying the few golden years that everyone works for, but for the betterment of people around the world.

When Les was diagnosed with Mesothelioma, he only had days before his death, but once again, Les put his family and his challenge in life ahead of his own demise. Les pointedly spoke to his friends making each promise to carry on the torch.

A true friend of the family sent a card with the following saying. It read, "Singer, Songwriter Red Foley once said, "The second that a person draws his last breath here on earth, all his worldly goods suddenly belong to someone else. The only things that are still theirs are the things that they have said and done. That being the case, Les is a very Rich man and we are all the richer for having known him.

The Alan Reinstein Memorial Award was created in honor of Alan Reinstein who served as the former President of ADAO and activist before his death in May 2006 of mesothelioma, an asbestos caused disease.



*In Loving Memory of
Alan Reinstein
Former ADAO President*

Alan was an incredible husband, father and friend. It is because of his mesothelioma diagnosis almost four years ago, that ADAO was founded. Prior to Alan's diagnosis, he was a successful regional manager for an IT consulting company, skied black diamond runs, climbed Half Dome and even ran NY and LA marathons.

Alan was a valiant and selfless leader who, with dignity and compassion, gave enormous strength to those suffering from asbestos disease, and spoke extensively about the need for prevention, education and research to create a future where asbestos no longer needlessly takes lives. Alan knew first hand, that hope was medicine that every patient needed.

Alan was diagnosed with mesothelioma at age 63, on the day after Father's Day in 2003, with mesothelioma, an incurable cancer caused by inhaling perhaps a single fiber of asbestos up to 50 years ago. In July 2003, Alan chose the radical Extrapleural Pneumonectomy (EPP) which involved the removal of his lung, pleura, pericardium, and diaphragm as a 'treatment'. This surgery is one of the most horrific surgeries that a person can undergo.

In May 2005 Alan was diagnosed with a recurrence. Alan faced his new treatment with courage, hope and faith. Alan has a special goal in mind, Emily's Bat Mitzvah in January of 2006. Enduring chemotherapy and additional surgeries to prolong his life, Alan proudly watch Emily chant Torah. My courageous husband insisted on making the trip from California to New York City for the 2nd Annual Asbestos Awareness Day at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

On May 22nd 2006, with us by his side, Alan lost his three year battle with mesothelioma.

Even though our lives are shattered, we are grateful for the years of love, laughter and family. Alan taught us the true meaning of courage, hope and strength and to live life without regrets.

Love,

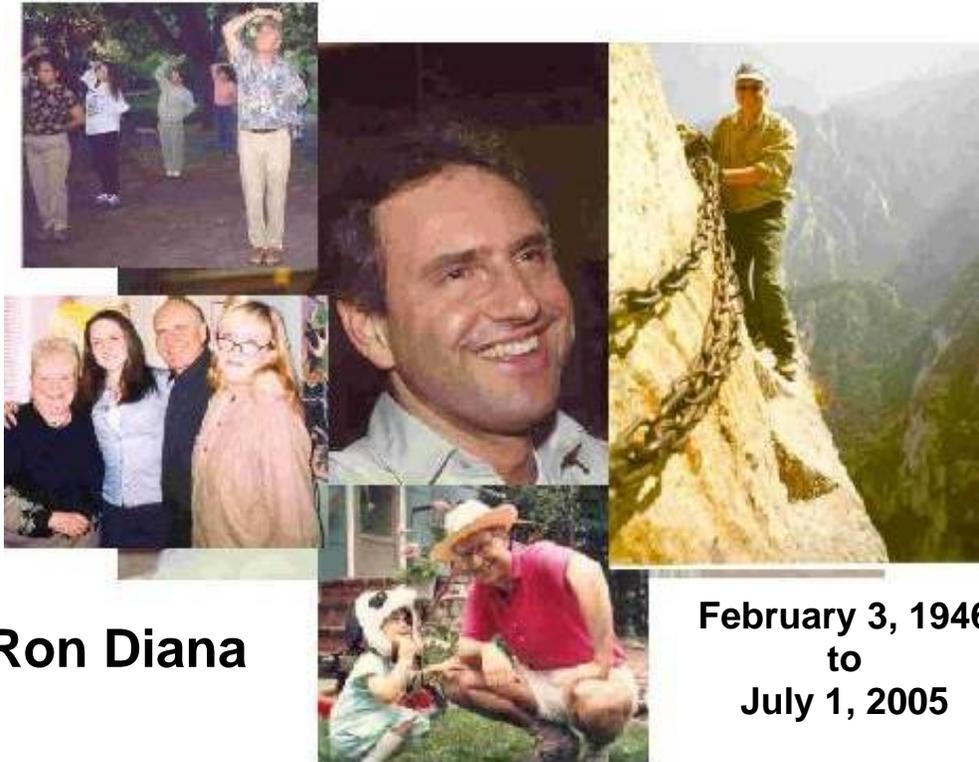
Linda and Emily

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Ron Diana

**February 3, 1946
to
July 1, 2005**

Ron Diana loved to laugh; the party didn't get started until Ron was there. As much as he loved to belly laugh, he also loved philosophy, to examine life's purpose: how he could experience it all in just one lifetime.

When Ron's daughter, Kate was growing up they both looked forward every year to the annual "Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance." Kate and Ron most of all though loved to go fast on anything, wagons, bicycles, riding mowers, skies, skates, and cars. Nothing could get in their way of searching for that thrill of the ride. Ron also enjoyed parties and company at the house all the time. Kate's sweet sixteen, Easter, Christmas, New Years or just a gorgeous summer evening to sit on the deck by the pool watching the sun go down behind the pine trees on his much loved home at Coles Crossing with friends and family.

Ron was a much dedicated advocate of Taoist & Chinese healing philosophy's and was a beloved teacher to many in his 25 years of teaching meditation and Tai Chi. He loved to travel and went all over the globe teaching what he felt was the truest way to maintain good health and fitness.

At Ron's memorial service one friend said, "*Ron's secret medicine was his laughter and sense of humor.*" The saddest day for his family is July 1, 2005 but we shall always be blessed with the memory of his smile, how broad it was, and how it touched so many. We miss him so much that it's just too difficult to really believe he is truly gone.

Pictures: Center: Ron's beautiful smile; Clockwise from Left: Ron teaching Tai Chi; Ron scaled this mountain in China in 2001; Ron and little Katie; and Ron between Sweet 16 Katie and wife Bonnie with Ron's mom Olga.



John Giannini
September 3, 1954 – February 13, 2005

Not a moment goes by that I don't think of him. I would do anything to have him with us for one more hour, one more day, one more year, a lifetime. I miss his smile, the way he would make us laugh, and how he took care of us. I will remember how, as a lawyer, he always made the time to help others who would have no place else to turn. He always spoke out against injustice and for peace. He always had room in his heart and home to rescue just one more shar-pei looking for a place to live.

When he was diagnosed with mesothelioma, he showed more courage and strength than we thought humanly possible. Three weeks before John's death, still searching for a cure, we traveled to Chicago in a snowstorm for yet another specialist. John never gave up hope. In spite of all the pain and agony he always had a positive attitude.

John has inspired us to find our own hope and courage in order to face the future and believe that we can find a cure for this illness. We must fight to get asbestos banned in the world so that others don't have to suffer and die needlessly. It is what he would do and what he would want us to do.

We love you John and miss you terribly.

Love,

Lee and Noelle



John Giannini
1954 – 2005
Sterling Heights, MI

Paul Kippert, John's best friend, shares his thoughts

He was my best friend for over 35 years. Best man at my wedding and my daughter's godfather. He loved his wife. He had a wonderful, large family. He loved them all. He loved his dogs, too. He was an attorney who cared more about helping people and animals than how much money he would make. But none of that matters because the asbestos industry is making millions and millions of dollars.

He was the most intelligent person I've ever met; he could discuss just about any subject with familiarity and insight. And he was one of the funniest people anywhere. He could always lift your spirits with his laugh alone; it was infectious. Only none of that matters because the asbestos industry is making millions and millions of dollars.

People always speak about loving unconditionally, but he was the only person I ever met who could actually do that. I did a lot of stupid things when I was around him and he never once held a single one of them against me and he never had to forgive anything because he never thought of any of it as something that required forgiveness. Only forgetting. But none of that matters because the asbestos industry is making millions and millions of dollars.

You can say he was just one man and that he didn't change the world. Only he did change the world. The same way each and every single person can change the world – the way all of us can change the world – in the way we interact with each other, the way we treat one another each and every single day. That's how he changed the world.

And that makes him worth more than all the millions and millions of dollars the asbestos industry could ever make.

Lynne Allgaier

Born November 14, 1955
lost her courageous battle with Meso
November 29, 2005



A wonderful person, mother, wife, daughter and sister to the family. It is so sad that this terrible disease took you away from us. Without any fault of your own, MESO has taken one of the most beautiful and wonderful people in the world away. Your loving, caring, devotion to us will never be forgotten or replaced. We all love you and miss you, forever and for always.

The Allgaier and Golebiewski families.

Gerald T. Krussell

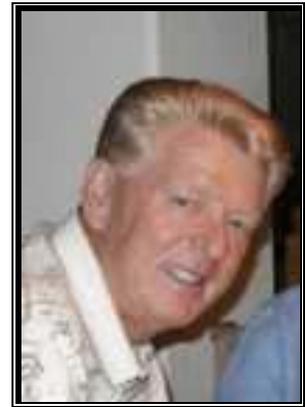
1940-2002

Harbor Springs, MI

My heart still aches in sadness,
And secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

Loved and missed by your wife,

Virginia



In Memory of
Ron Simkins
Rancho Mirage, CA
9/17/41 – 12/8/03
You were a warrior
And fought so bravely.
Loving you always...

Janet

In Loving Memory



R

reliable

O

openhearted

N

noble

A

accessible - altruistic

L

loving

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devoted - decent

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joyful

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optimistic

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honest humanitarian

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noteworthy – notable

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sincere – significant

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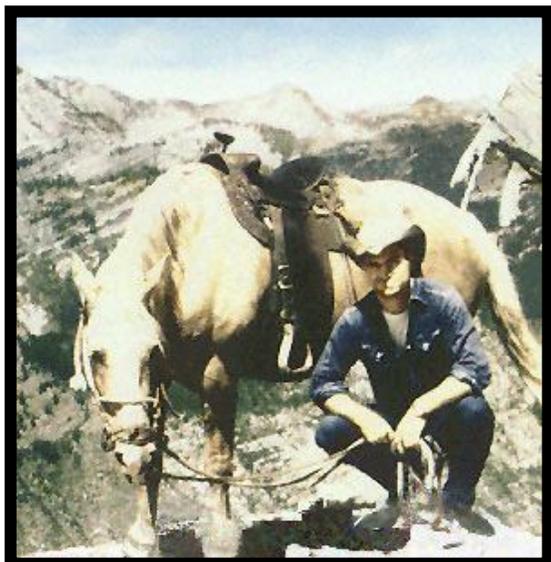
neighborly



Oct 29, 1912 – Mar 19, 1987

We will never forget you and never give up fighting for justice. Love from your children
– Peggy, Dennis, Gordon, Margy, Pamela, Gaylyn, Betsy and Eric –
20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pictures: 1950 railroad conductor –at work on Zonolite mountain covered in asbestos dust
1979 portrait – Libby memorial cross 2002



Francis (Bud) Cole
Libby, MT

Sept 15, 1923 –Apr 14, 2001

“He was everything you imagine when you think of a Montana man; strong, resolute, tougher than rusty nails and bigger than the entire outdoors that surround his town of Libby. He will likely be remembered more as a victim of what happened in Libby rather than the real man of Libby he was.”

Lisa Moscynski & family

I love and miss you dad.

Lynda Cole



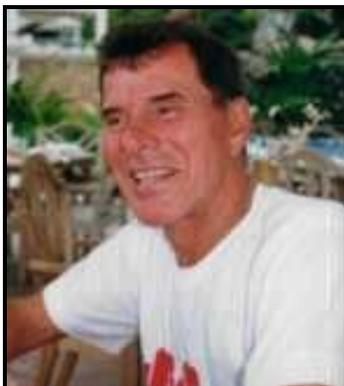
Cliff & Thelma Moss



Dale – Katherine – Mel Bowker
Former residents of Libby, Montana

In loving memory of our parents and brother
Kenny and Karen Moss

TRIBUTE TO EDMOND GRANT



For thirty years we were two halves of one person until exposure to asbestos dust developed into Mesothelioma and robbed you of your life, decades before your time. Ten years later, I am still half a person without you.

Those who distribute and profit from asbestos in any form are no different than common drug dealers. The only difference is that you can recover from a drug addiction but asbestos exposure is far less forgiving...it's deadly.

We must ban asbestos and find a treatment and cure for future victims, in the names of those less fortunate who have gone innocently before them.

Tim Devlin

In memory of
John Giannini

We miss you.

Nancy, Brian, and Zoey
Wisniewski.

Leo and Joann
Pazdziorko

Madison Heights Senior
Center

In loving memory
Albert Black

Mt. Holly, NJ
1926 - 2003



Asbestos took this loyal unsuspecting veteran. Asbestos can never take his memory. Sadly missed by his loving family and friends.

Raye Black

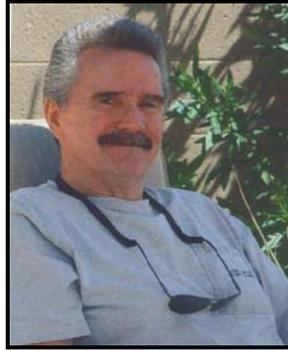
A Brother's Tribute

Paul Zygielbaum

My wife and I are honored to donate to the ADAO in recognition of my brother, Paul Zygielbaum. Mesothelioma is a vicious disease. For most people, the battle to fight the disease and to maintain an acceptable quality of life would be all consuming. My brother has gone beyond what is expected. His passion extends to trying to prevent others from suffering the disease through corporate or governmental ignorance, neglect, or lack of social responsibility. We are proud of him and of his wife, Michelle.

Chris and Art Zygielbaum

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



Jeffrey Alan Farnsworth

4/3/46 – 7/24/03

TO MY BELOVED HUSBAND, JEFFREY FARNSWORTH

I love you enough to do anything for you, give my life, my love, my heart, and my soul to you and for you

Enough to willingly give all my time, efforts, thoughts, trust and prayers to you

Enough to want to protect you always, to care for you, to hold you and to comfort you ...

Enough to listen to you, laugh with you, and cry with you

Enough to share my dreams, my fears, my hopes and my worries with you

Enough to share my entire life with you

Enough to only want the very best for you, to wish all your hopes and dreams be fulfilled

Enough to keep every promise to you, and to pledge my loyalty and my faithfulness to you

Enough to cherish your friendship, adore your personality, respect your values and see you for exactly who you are

Enough to "fight" for you, compromise for you, and sacrifice myself for you

Enough to miss you incredibly when we are apart, no matter what length of time, regardless of distance

*Enough to spend the "Rest of my life loving you"...**UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.***

All my love forever, Debra

In Loving Memory of
Warren E. Faubert

March 11, 1933 – June 7, 2002



Five years ago the angels came and took you away from earth. The greatest man I ever knew. He was my inspiration, my guide, and my biggest fan. Dad faced life with the most positive and realistic attitude of anyone I have ever met. He loved life beyond words. He never knew a stranger. He could be in a room with a thousand people and walk away with a thousand friends. He talked to everyone; laughing, joking and caring about everyone he met.

In May of 2002, he was faced with the greatest challenge of all...CANCER. He was diagnosed with an asbestos related cancer called MESOTHELIOMA. It is incurable, inoperable and untreatable. There was nothing to be done. Radiation was prescribed in an effort to buy time and help with the pain. Dad had 40,000 rads of radiation done to him and the cancer still grew. Not to be defied, six tumors actually grew out from between his ribs and became the size of a grapefruit.

**CANCER IS SO LIMITED
WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO**

IT CANNOT CRIPPLE LOVE
IT CANNOT SHATTER HOPE
IT CANNOT CORRODE FAITH
IT CANNOT EAT AWAY PEACE
IT CANNOT DESTROY CONFIDENCE
IT CANNOT KILL FRIENDSHIP
IT CANNOT SHUT OUT MEMORIES
IT CANNOT SILENCE COURAGE
IT CANNOT INVADE THE SOUL
IT CANNOT REDUCE ETERNAL LIFE
IT CANNOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT
IT CANNOT LESSON THE POWER OF THE RESURECTION!

LOVE YA DAD,

DEBI, GLENN, JACKIE, CHAD, TANNER , DEVEN

Mom,
We miss you.
Clare and I are always
telling Jimmings and Caird
how great you are.
We plan all of our parties
with you in mind.
Love, Sev

Mom,
Ben still talks about his Grandma
Pat, you really impressed him. Victoria
and I think about you all the time.
We love you and miss you. We know
that you are watching over us,
and we feel safer because of your
loving vigilance.
Love forever,
Ben & Victoria
Pat

Mom,
I pray that you get to
look down on your grand kids
everyday. They do so many things
I'd love to tell you about that I'm sure
I'll forget. Some stories by the time we
meet again. We really miss you.
Thank you very much for the love you
gave us. It helps us everyday.

Love John

Taken by
Mesothelioma

October
27, 2001



We love
and
miss you
daily

In loving memory of
Veronica Hirschman "Pat" McCarthy

DEAR MOM -

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE
WITH YOU AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE
BEEN TAKEN FROM US BY THIS
HORRIBLE DISEASE.
PLEASE ASK GOD TO WATCH OVER
ALL THOSE FIGHTING TO PUT AN END
TO THIS COMPLETELY AVOIDABLE KILLING.

I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU.

LOVE,
JULIA

Ma,
There is not a day that goes by, that I don't
think of you and miss you terribly. You were
a good egg! I think we're all doing OK, no
doubt under your watchful eye.

Love,
Stella Mary.

P.S. The world is not a better place without you!

My Dearest Beloved Pat,

When Mesothelioma took
you away much too early
in your life, I lost my
best friend and most
wonderful companion.

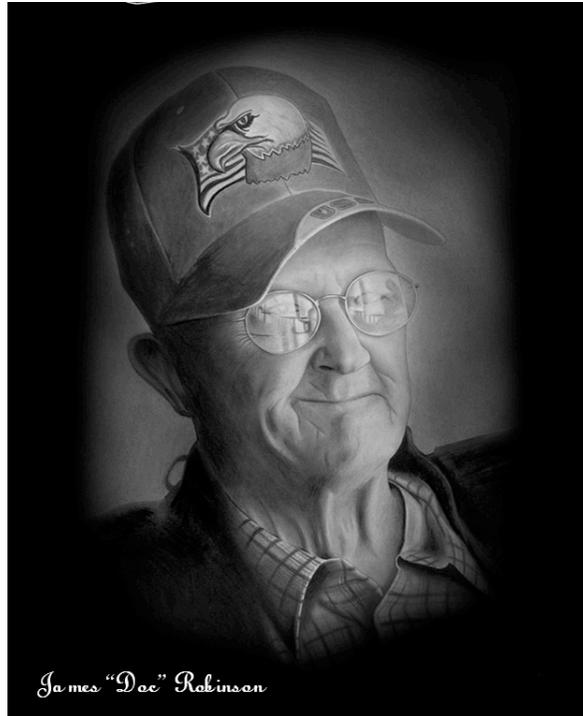
Both I and our six
children will always
remember you and pray
for and to you.

May God rest your soul

With Love,

Your Husband, Burke

**In Loving Memory of
James "Doc" Robinson**



To my father. You were always the anchor in our family, the person who kept us grounded. The ship may have shifted from time to time but you held on, never letting go. As time passes we have come to realize even through your passing, you still have us anchored. Holding on as the winds blow shifting us about, we know you will never let us go until we see each other again.

Miss Your Laughter, Fun, and Gentleness

I miss your laughter, fun, and gentleness.

I miss the things I used to do for you.

I miss the time, now filled with emptiness, when each day was a stage for something new.

I miss your love, though mine for you remains, a passion with no outlet to the sea.

A teardrop in a desert that contains what's left of the maternal ecstasy.

I miss your presence, like a silent chord that anchored even solitude in grace.

I miss, for my love's labor, the reward of seeing some small pleasure in your face.

All these I miss, and yet they are all here within my heart, far more than I can bear.

I love you Daddy, my dear sweet daddy. Continue to give us your strength.

With every beat of my heart, your daughter

Melinda Lynn Robinson

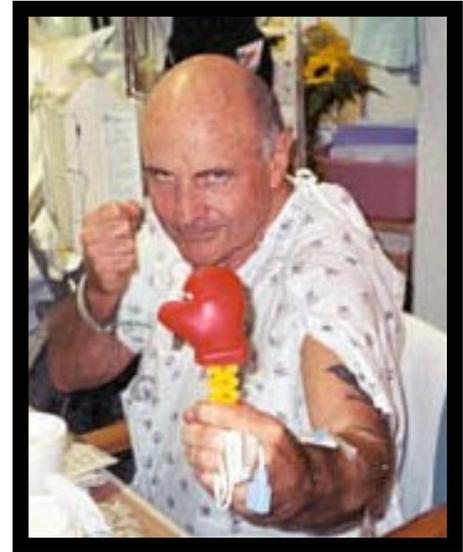
Drawing by Kim Babin

In Memory of

David Hansen "Punch" Worthington, Ph.D.,

Oct 25, 1935-Aug 25, 2006

We remember honesty, integrity, the keenest sense of justice, and a father who wrung out of life every last bit of joy, passion and excitement that there was to be had.



We remember a man who lived in harmony with the life force, who loved nature and the outdoors, and who faced the most terrible adversities with unbending courage and extraordinary good cheer.

We remember a man, who died before his time, but who died unbowed.

"Punch" Worthington succumbed to asbestos-induced lung cancer, but not before he left us all with a living model of the best-lived life.

The "Punch" Worthington Research Lab
http://www.phlbi.org/pages/punch_ucla.htm
at UCLA's school of medicine bears his name so that others will remember his courage and dedication, too.

For more, please visit:
http://www.mesothel.com/profiles/punch_obit.htm

Held in Our Thoughts, Taken to Our Dreams, Kept in Our Hearts

Warren Zevon died of mesothelioma on Sept. 7, 2003. The news made headlines all over the world. His distinctive body of work, the grace with which he handled his diagnosis and his determination to die as he had lived – making amazing music – combined to add a special heartbreak to the news.



Mr. Zevon's fellow professionals were especially aware of his worth: A stunning array of popular music royalty perform on his final album, "The Wind," which Mr. Zevon began after being told he had only months to live. And top artists from Jackson Browne to Bob Dylan had already sung or played on his recordings over the years. "The Wind" was honored with two Grammy Awards, and Mr. Zevon and his song, "Keep Me In Your Heart," formed the centerpiece of a Grammy ceremony tribute to industry members who had passed away.

Thought, passion, humor, and precision characterized Mr. Zevon's lyrics. Those qualities drew many writers who eagerly collaborated with him on songs -- Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon, Carl Hiaasen, Mitch Albom -- as well as those who simply counted him as a friend, such as Dave Barry and Jonathan Kellerman. Surely, no other "heavy metal folk singer," as he called himself, had so many books dedicated to him. Then again, there was and will be no other heavy metal folk singer -- no other Warren Zevon.

On Nov. 6, a few months after his death, the official Warren Zevon Bulletin Board (WZBB found at www.warrenzevon.com) made its debut, and his most dedicated fans -- or "customers," as Mr. Zevon preferred -- gathered there online. Like Mr. Zevon, the WZBB is unique. It is a true community, perhaps because its members came together in grief. When we first joined to celebrate Mr. Zevon's life, we also began to learn about mesothelioma, and about ADAO.

It seems incomprehensible that such a brilliant artist could be taken from us by a disease that is so easily preventable -- *and that asbestos is still not banned*. The simple fact that none of us will ever again eagerly await a CD filled with brand-new Warren Zevon compositions, or arrive at a concert venue absurdly early in hope of speaking to the man himself, because of a deadly material that *is still not banned* is mind-boggling -- and infuriating.



Warren Zevon is irreplaceable, but with ADAO's help, tragic deaths like his can be stopped. The members of the WZBB wholeheartedly support ADAO and the work it is doing to help mesothelioma victims and to prevent, detect and treat asbestos-related disease. We're proud that Jordan Zevon, Warren's son, is ADAO's national spokesperson.

Warren Zevon

1947 - 2003



Warren was the smartest guy I've ever met. Don't get into an argument with him; he'll best you in every instance. He had an amazing amount of information stored in that incredible mind of his, stuff that he could pull out at random without warning. It was quite evident in his music, whose lyrics were full of allusions to famous outlaws, historical events most textbooks no longer mention and the peculiarities of authors and physicists. But he could do that in person, too – once we were talking on the phone and from out of nowhere, he talks about Gustav Klimt, the Austrian Secessionist painter best known for “The Kiss.” Every conversation was a learning experience with him, and I couldn't tell you if it was intentional or not.

Warren said he really didn't want to be a teacher, that his job was to make music. However, I can hardly think of anyone from whom I learned more. Warren taught me the importance of words. At the time, I was a funky 25 year old who thought of herself as a nice pretentious poet-type who had license to bend words. Warren laughed at that, and demanded that I use the right word for whatever it was I was trying to describe. My vocabulary grew immensely; I now use words like archilochian (pertaining to bitter or sarcastic verse) and supralacular (to the last drop) on a regular basis.

Warren also taught me about God with a classic exchange of e-mails:

Me: How do you build a relationship with God? Through experience?

Warren: No, that's how you build a relationship with American Express.

In addition, I learned how not to schedule a tour, how much money a personal manager really makes, why tact is important, why *Dr. Zhivago* is among the most beautiful books ever written and why I should never accept Federal Express packages from Hunter S. Thompson. These are very, very important things to know. Especially to friends who appreciate these things.

The current catchphrase regarding Warren's life is “*Enjoy Every Sandwich*,” the ability to indulge in every moment. But Warren's life also held another meaning, one that resonates deeply in my life. Like Warren, I had a semi-infamous father. I often feel compelled to live up to him. But through my friendship with Warren, I discovered that in the end the legacy I leave belongs to no one else. Warren owed no one anything. He is recognizable on his own terms through his intellectually stimulating music, his storied, fiery personality, and his instantly quotable lines. He left to me the legacy of becoming myself without worrying about those who have come before me. It is rare that a friend with such a gift comes along. It is the legacy we will pass on together.

Deep peace,

KT Lowe,

The Warren Zevon Other Page
zevonicism.tripod.com



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You are a source of endless inspiration, and we are proud to serve you.

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The attorneys and staff of SimmonsCooper are proud to support the mission of the ADAO. Your work in giving victims a voice and providing hope for so many is commendable. We stand united with you in your efforts to ban asbestos and fund research that will, one day, end mesothelioma forever.

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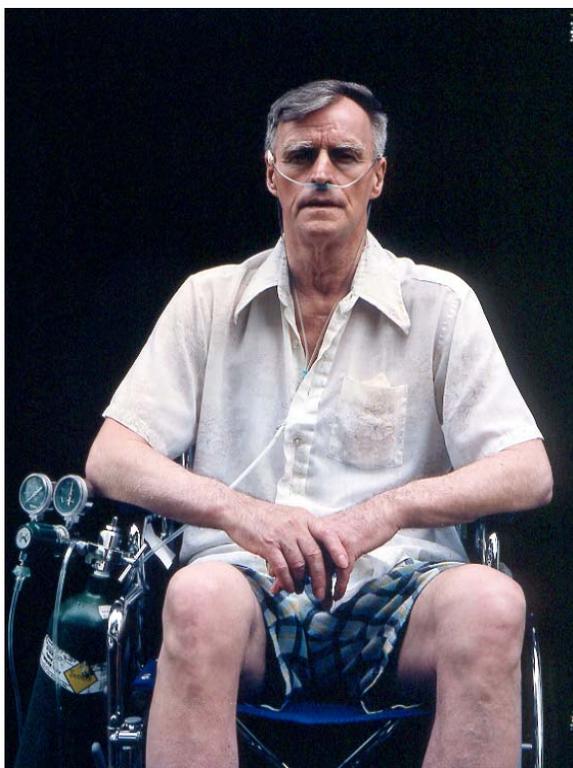
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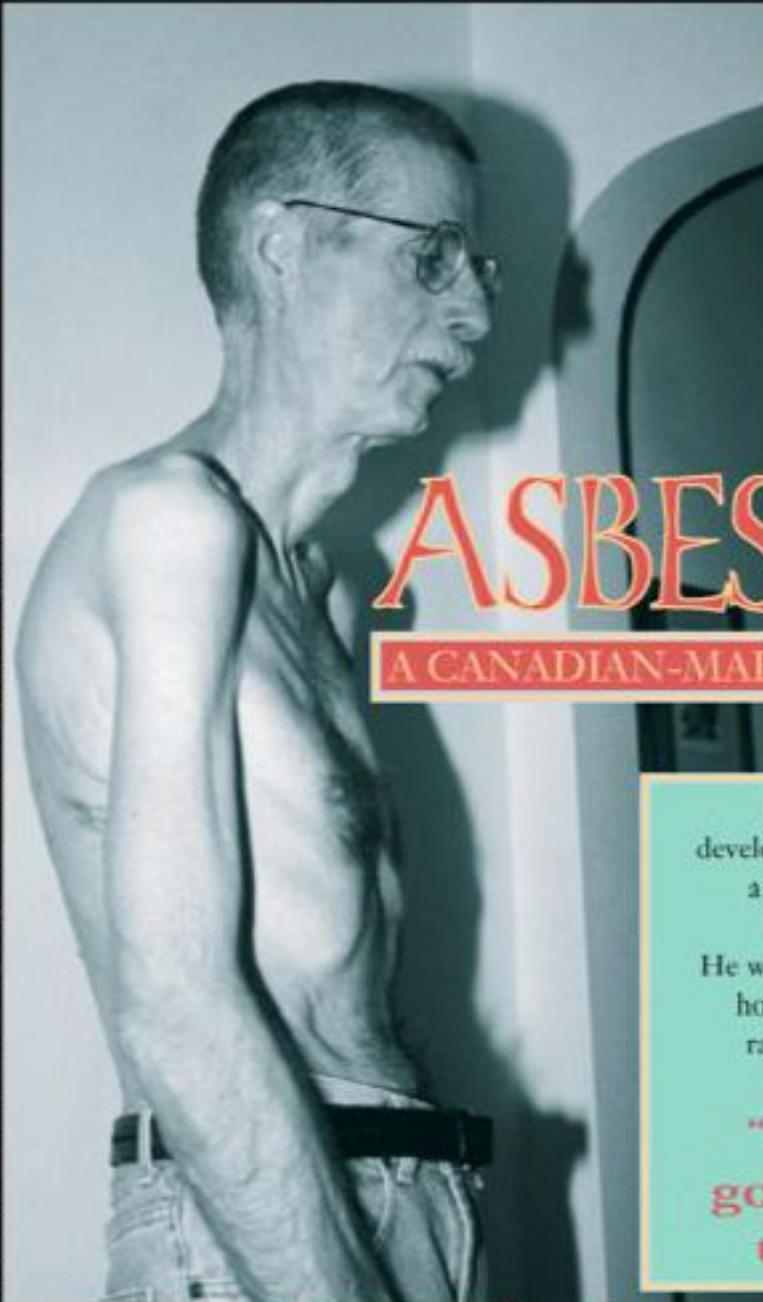


February 27, 2007 was the UK's 2nd Action Mesothelioma Day. On a typical overcast winter's day, asbestos victims, family members and campaigners turned out in venues all over the country to bring a visibility to the national epidemic of asbestos-related diseases which is claiming more than 4,000 lives every year.

At public meetings, ecumenical services, trade union rallies and balloon releases they carried photographs and memories of their loved ones. They stood resolutely in city squares and on wind-swept bridges to commemorate so many private tragedies and so much national shame over collusion between government and industry which forestalled attempts to minimize hazardous exposures.

Asbestos is not yesterday's story. It is an on-going industrial disaster on a colossal scale and one which would have remained behind closed doors but for the work of outraged victims, grieving relatives and dedicated campaigners such as the members and staff of the asbestos victims groups which comprise the Forum of Asbestos Victims Support Groups.

Thanks to Blayne's family, the Commission, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, Judy Kowaluk for the photograph used in *One Time*



ASBESTOS

A CANADIAN-MADE EPIDEMIC

Blayne Kinart developed mesothelioma, a form of cancer, from asbestos.

He wanted people to see how mesothelioma ravaged his body.

He said,

"I didn't go to work to die."



This is chrysotile asbestos, mined in Canada. How can anything that looks so innocent be so deadly?

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CANADIAN AUTO WORKERS



**The White Lung Association Supports the 3rd Annual
Asbestos Awareness Day Conference**

Global Mission: Call To Action To Prevent, Detect, Treat Asbestos-Related Diseases and Trauma

The White Lung Association (WLA) fully supports the Conference and thanks its organizers for the dedication, hard work and principled unity that have brought us all together in Philadelphia.

For over twenty years the WLA has been working to raise awareness of the asbestos hazard throughout the United States; in our shipyards and steel mills, schools and workplaces, Americans were exposed to the dangers of asbestos. To prevent hazardous exposures from spreading, we have advocated and continue to advocate the importance of the safe removal of asbestos from public and private buildings.

The marginalization of asbestos victims, lack of medical research and aggressive propaganda campaigns by the asbestos industry have been amongst our prime concerns; federal legislation to compensate victims and to ban asbestos in the U.S. are also regarded as top priority issues.

The White Lung Association supports U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Ban Asbestos in America act which is being considered by Congress and remains committed to working with all social partners to realize these goals.

For the National Board of Directors

James Fite, National Secretary

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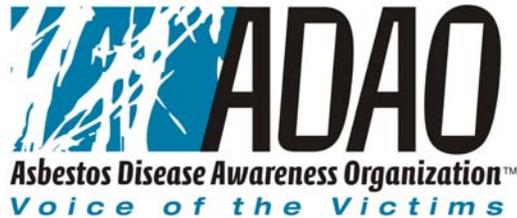
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Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) was founded by asbestos victims and their families in 2004. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims and concerned citizens a united voice to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected, while raising public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and often deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAO is an independent organization funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org

ADAO summary of accomplishments include:

- Organizing the 3rd 2007 Annual Asbestos Awareness Day International Conference held at Drexel University School of Public Health and is co-sponsored by Drexel University School of Public Health and International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS)
- Organized the 2nd 2006 Annual Asbestos Awareness Day International Conference held at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and was co-sponsored by MSSM and NYCOSH. [2006 AAD Program](#)
- Organized the 1st 2005 International Asbestos Awareness Day on April 1st
- Published 2006 Asbestos Awareness Day conference selected papers and proceedings in the American Journal of Industrial Medicine
- Published "[Reflections](#)", an online global publication, which reviews the tragic history of asbestos use; provides information about preventing exposure and early detection of asbestos related diseases, and presents new research information
- Spoken at Health and Safety conferences in Thailand and California
- Produced the "[Asbestos Kills](#)" slideshow. "Keep Me in Your Heart," a song from Warren Zevon's Grammy-winning album "The Wind", narrates the slideshow alerting viewers to the dangers of asbestos. Many of the photographs in the slideshow are from photographer/producer Bill Ravenesi's award-winning exhibit, "Breath Taken: The Landscape and Biography of Asbestos"
- Produced ADAO "[Survivor](#)" Video featuring Paul Zygielbaum, Mesothelioma Patient
- CNBC Live Debate - 1/7/05 Linda Reinstein, ADAO Executive Director & Cofounder debated Mike Baroody, Executive VP of the National Association of Manufacturers and Chairman of the Asbestos Alliance Steering Committee
- Represented ADAO at the Global Asbestos Congress 2004 in Tokyo (GAC2004)
- Developed resources, tools and support systems for victims and their families in both English, Spanish and French
- Championed Senate Resolution 448/43 designating April 1st 2005 as National Asbestos Awareness Day
- Established collaborative support resources with *The Wellness Community*
- Met and/or contacted every U.S. Senator, special assistant to President Bush and Union Health and Safety Directors
- Launched the National Asbestos Awareness Campaign
- Unleashed the power of unity, brought together over a thousand of asbestos victims, concerned citizens, doctors and environmentalist around the world

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Ban Asbestos in America Hearing

March 1, 2007

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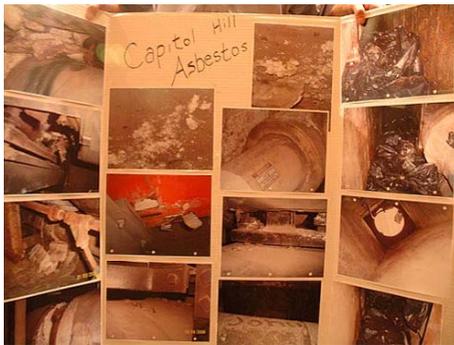


Dr. Barry Castleman

"U.S. imports of brake shoes from countries that mine asbestos and manufacture asbestos products are growing and now total over \$100 million annually. There is no surveillance to assure that asbestos brake imports from China, Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico even carry the cancer warning labels "required" by OSHA. We also are importing a lot of asbestos-cement sheet from Mexico. These products are no longer made in the US, and they compete against safer products made here."

Dr. Harvey Pass, Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, New York School of Medicine, New York, NY:

"It is essential that we ban asbestos now and find alternatives to asbestos use. Armed with mountains of evidence about the profound risk of asbestos, it is our responsibility to act by stopping the flow of asbestos into our environment and protect future generations. By finally banning asbestos, Senator Murray's bill will save lives which without doubt, would otherwise be lost to this disease."



John Thayer shared these photos document asbestos in the tunnels beneath the U.S. Capitol complex, where workers were exposed to deadly asbestos. At Senator Murray's hearing, one tunnel worker testified that contractors used unsafe procedures - including turning on an exhaust vent that sent asbestos fibers up through a grate in the sidewalk near the Hart Senate Office Building - exposing unsuspecting pedestrians to a substance that causes cancer.



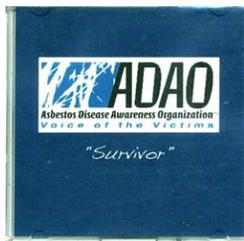
Help Support Asbestos Awareness

Your donation will help ADAO continue the fight for asbestos victims' rights, to raise public awareness of asbestos exposure dangers and related diseases, and to seek a ban on asbestos.

ADAO is an independent, volunteer run organization funded solely through sustaining voluntary contributions like yours!



Blue "Asbestos Awareness" wristbands make people aware that asbestos use in the United States is still not banned and to raise the level of awareness of asbestos dangers.



October 19, 2006 - The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) announced an online awareness campaign designed to spread the word about the dangers of asbestos. The effort centers on a powerful educational video that can be easily forwarded through e-mail. Through a "viral marketing" effect, the e-mail ad aims to save lives by raising awareness about the widespread use of asbestos, which takes 10,000 lives annually in the United States alone.

"Many people do not realize that asbestos continues to permeate our lives and that it is not banned in the United States, making this kind of educational e-mail-driven campaign more important than ever," stated ADAO Executive Director Linda Reinstein. "Paul Zygielbaum, who is featured in the video, is fighting asbestos disease and reminds us all that there is hope and strength in unity. We must continue to work together to ban its use and fuel critical research and education efforts that can save lives."

Wristbands \$5 each **Survivor Video \$10 each**

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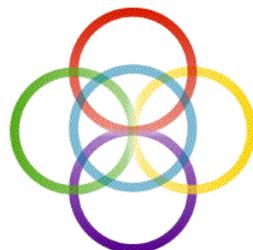
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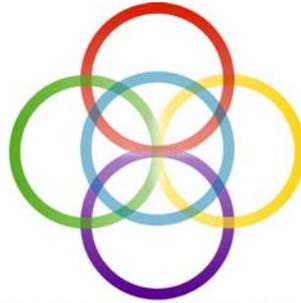


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Thank you from the program Editor

It has been my privilege to assist in putting together this year's program. There are so many people to thank for their contributions.

To the families of victims, my heart aches with you and I shed tears with you.

To the professionals who lend their voices to raise awareness, my gratitude is deep.

To those who are sick, we all hold you in our prayers with the hope that others will not have to suffer. Little did I know in 1987 when my own father succumbed to mesothelioma, that I would someday help to spread education and awareness to put an end to this insidious disease.

To my hometown of Libby, Montana, I honor the memory of those lost and have hope that the tragedy in that beautiful mountain setting will soon end.

I am grateful to the leadership, courage and integrity of ADAO and those who help in this never-ending battle against asbestos related diseases.

I made a promise to my dad, and a renewed pledge to Les Skramstad the week before he passed away in January 2007 that we would continue to carry the torch and never falter in the work that needs to be done.

I hope that you will be touched by the love that was submitted in tributes to our loved ones. I certainly was.

Margy (Johnson) Urnberg



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Third Annual Asbestos Awareness Day Conference
March 31st and April 1st 2007
Drexel University College of Medicine
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