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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 **Year in Review**
Jordan Zevon, National Spokesperson, ADAO

- 11:55 AM **Tackling a Global Problem with Global Solutions**
WHO Spokesperson (to be announced)
- 12:20 PM **Lunch**
- SESSION II: Detection and Treatment**
Chair: Linda Reinstein
- 1:30 PM **Asbestos's Feminine Side: The New Patient Profile**
Linda Reinstein, *Executive Director and Cofounder, ADAO and Mesothelioma Widow*
- 1:40 PM **Early Screening for Lung Cancer**
Albert Miller, MD, *Adjunct Clinical Professor of Medicine and Community and Preventive Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine*
- 1:55 PM **Deciphering the WTC 9/11 Numbers**
Stephen M. Levin, MD, *Director, Mount Sinai Irving J. Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine*
- 2:10 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*
- 2:25 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*
- 2:40 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 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*
- 4:25 PM **The View from the U.S.**
Barry Castleman, ScD, *Environmental Consultant*
- 4:35 PM **Asbestos in ship breaking: A deadly reality in Bangladesh**
Dr. Tridib Ghose, *National Training Officer (Health), International Labour Organization*
- 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**



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:

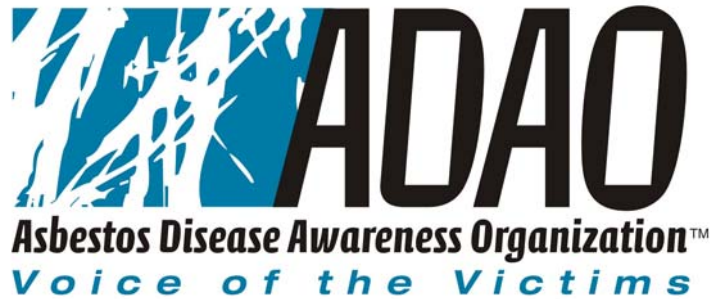
- Our right to medical research and treatments aimed at early detection, prevention and a cure for asbestos related diseases;
- Our right to file suit based on the merits of our individual asbestos related injustices;
- Our right to fair compensation.
- ADAO strives to implement an asbestos national 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. Three 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 and Herman, our Executive Assistant, 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.

In unity and hope,

Linda Reinstein
Executive Director and Cofounder

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SENATE RESOLUTION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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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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Dr. Tridib Ghose is the National Training Officer (Health) for International Labour Organization in Bangladesh . He is a Medical Graduate from Dhaka Medical College. He previously worked in arsenic mitigation program in Bangladesh & with Medecins Sans Frontieres in a primary health care program for internally displaced people in the Hill Districts of Bangladesh.



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 it's 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.

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

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



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



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.

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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.

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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.



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.

On February 6, 2003, Senator Murray delivered a major floor speech on asbestos. The speech was part of Murray’s ongoing work to raise awareness about asbestos and to protect workers and consumers. On June 18, 2002, Senator Murray introduced the Ban Asbestos in America Act S.2641



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.

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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.



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.



***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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About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

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

Thursday, March 1, 2007



Today U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash) re-launched her six-year effort to ban deadly asbestos by introducing legislation and holding a hearing on it. Murray's bill, The Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007, would ban asbestos, invest in research and treatment, and launch a public awareness campaign to protect American workers and families.

"How many more Americans have to die before our government finally does the right thing and bans asbestos?" Murray asked at the hearing. "We have to do the right thing, and we have to do it now."

At the hearing, Murray held up photos of two advocates who worked with Murray to ban asbestos over the years, but who have since died from asbestos diseases. Murray honored Brian Harvey of Marysville, Washington and George "Fred" Biekkola of Michigan, saying "Fred and Brian are not with us, but their words hang over this hearing."

Murray noted that up to 10,000 Americans die from asbestos exposure, and that asbestos is still put in consumer and industrial products on purpose. Murray held up a box of brake pads that are made with asbestos, which often pose an unknown hazard to auto mechanics.

Also testifying was John Thayer, a pipefitter-welder and supervisor of the 10-man power plant tunnel crew which maintains the heating and cooling systems beneath the U.S. Capitol. Mr. Thayer, who works for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), said he and his crew have been exposed to asbestos on the job.

"Just over a year ago, we found out that the AOC had been misleading us for years about the extent of our workplace exposure to asbestos," Thayer said. "We asked to see the medical records from our annual employment physicals conducted by the Office of Attending Physician. My own records stated that my lung age was 118 years old. I was 33 at the time. No one ever told me this: on the contrary, every year the doctor gave me a paper saying I was cleared to work in the tunnels. . . Even worse, the Architect had let us carry deadly asbestos home in our clothes every day for years, without telling us that this posed a real risk to our wives and children."

Other witnesses included: Dr. Barry Castleman, Dr. Harvey Pass, Mrs. Sue Vento, and Dr. Richard Wilson.

Mrs. Vento spoke about her husband, the late Congressman from Minnesota Bruce Vento, who died from asbestos exposure in 2000.

"On the morning of January 29, 2000, Bruce was told that he did not have lung cancer, but instead he was diagnosed with pleural mesothelioma," Vento said. "Bruce wracked his brain to determine where he could have been exposed to asbestos. He later recalled those jobs at the factories and the brewery during the early 1960s. His exposure to asbestos was no more significant than that which so many Americans have experienced in their work and home settings."

Senator Murray held the hearing in her role as chairman of the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety. The bill has already garnered support from more than a dozen other Senators, including Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), who chairs the committee of jurisdiction, the Environment and Public Works Committee. Boxer joined Murray, Vento and Thayer at an afternoon press conference to express support for the bill.

Senate cosponsors include:

Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Max Baucus, Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Hillary Clinton, Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Russ Feingold, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Tom Harkin, Senator John Kerry, Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator Patrick Leahy, Senator Harry Reid, Senator Maria Cantwell

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-related disease.

Tribute pages – see pdf



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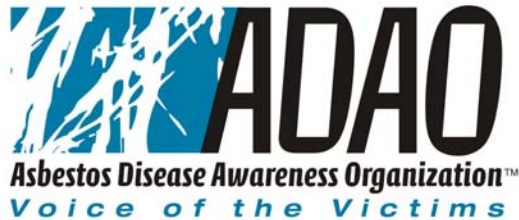


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ADAO summary of accomplishments include:

- Organizing 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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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 (ADAAO), 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 (ADAAO). "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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Full audio and text can be found at: <http://murray.senate.gov/news/>



Dr. Barry Castleman

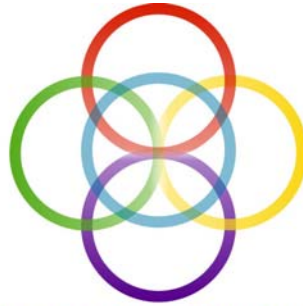
"U.S. imports of brake shoes from countries that mine asbestos and manufacture asbestos products are growing and now total over \$100 million annually. There is no surveillance to assure that asbestos brake imports from China, Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico even carry the cancer warning labels "required" 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.



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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
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