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*Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute
International Ban Asbestos Secretariat*

The 5th Annual
Asbestos Awareness Day Conference

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

**Manhattan Beach Marriott
1400 Parkview Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA**

**Friday, March 27, 2009
Meet and Greet with Jordan Zevon 7:00 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 28, 2009
Conference 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 29, 2009
Remembrance Service 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

ADAO 2009 Conference

Advances to Prevent, Detect and Treat Asbestos-Related Diseases

- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
Introduction
- 8:30 - 8:40 Welcome: Linda Reinstein, ADAO Executive Director and Co-Founder
- 8:40 - 8:45 Arthur: L. Frank, MD, PhD
- 8:45 - 8:50 Richard Lemen, PhD, MSPH
- 8:50 - 8:55 Michael Harbut, MD, MPH, FCCP
- 8:55 - 9:00 Laurie Kazan-Allen, Founder and Coordinator, IBAS
- Session I Prevention, Still Our Only Cure - Chairperson: Michael Harbut**
9/11 Monitoring and Libby CARD Programs,
- 9:00 - 9:15 Stephen Levin, MD
- 9:15 - 9:30 Preventing Asbestos Exposure in Your Home, Workplace and Beyond,
Brent Kynoch
- 9:30 - 9:40 2009 Update: ADAO Product Testing Report,
Paul Zygielbaum, ADAO Project Manager and Mesothelioma Patient
- 9:40 - 9:50 2009 Update: Asbestos Under the Steps of the U.S. Capitol, John Thayer, Former
U.S. Capitol Tunnel Worker Supervisor
- 9:50 - 10:05 Protecting Workers Safety and Health: Challenges and Opportunities Ahead,
Margaret Seminario, Director of Safety and Health, AFL-CIO
- 10:05 - 10:20 Panel Q & A, Moderator Arthur: L. Frank, MD, PhD
- 10:20 - 10:40 Break
- Session II Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of ARD - Chairperson: Dr. Richard Lemen**
- 10:40 - 11:00 Non-malignant ARD, Michael Harbut, MD, MPH, FCCP
- 11:00 - 11:20 Malignant Mesothelioma, Robert Cameron, MD
- 11:20 - 11:40 Making the Case for Palliative Care in Mesothelioma, Dr. Helen Clayson
- 11:40 - 12:10 ADAO Awards * *Acceptance Speech via Video*
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, Tribute of Hope*
Presented by Paul and Michelle Zygielbaum

Dr. Stephen Levin, Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented by Dr. Arthur Frank

Margaret Seminario, AFL/CIO, Tribute of Unity

Presented by Terry Lynch

Pralhad Malvadkar, Tribute of Inspiration Award*

Presented by Laurie Kazan-Allen

Raghunath Manwar, Tribute of Inspiration Award*

Presented by Dr. Richard Lemen

Dominick Marzicola, honored posthumously, The Alan Reinstein Memorial Award

Presented by Linda Reinstein

12:10 - 12:40 Andrew Schneider, Keynote Speaker, Investigative Journalist and winner of two prestigious Pulitzer Prizes

12:40 - 1:45 Lunch

Session III Patient and Family Resources and Support - Chairperson - Dr. Richard Lemen

1:45 - 2:00 Taming Diagnosis and Treatment Chaos,

Linda Reinstein, ADAO Executive Director and Co-Founder

2:00 - 2:10 Building your Resource Community,

Jill Vaughn, ADAO ACOR Representative and Mesothelioma Survivor

2:10 - 2:25 Panel Q & A, Moderator Arthur: L. Frank, MD, PhD

Session IV Global Advocacy and the Continuing Crisis - Chairperson: Dr. Arthur L. Frank

2:25 - 2:35 Asbestos Crisis in South Africa, Richard Lemen, PhD, MSPH Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS (Ret.) ADAO Science Advisory Board Co-Chair

2:35 - 2:45 Asbestos Disease and Death in the Kgalagadi District Municipality of South Africa, Sarah Mereethle, RN

2:45 - 3:00 The Rotterdam Convention, World Bank, and Other International Issues, Barry Castleman, ScD, Environmental Consultant

3:00 - 3:15 Asbestos and its victims in Germany: challenges of an occupational epidemic, Joachim Rösler, MD, MPD, Germany

3:15 - 3:25 India, The Asbestos Time Bomb,

Laurie Kazan-Allen, International Ban Asbestos Secretariat

3:25 - 3:40 Panel Q & A, Moderator Arthur: L. Frank, MD, PhD

Concluding Session

3:40 - 4:20 Open Forum Q & A

4:20 - 4:40 Jordan Zevon and Jordan Summers Performance

4:40 - 5:00 Linda Reinstein, Dr. Michael Harbut and Laurie Kazan-Allen

Join us on Sunday, Sunday, March 29th at 10:30 am PST, and light a candle for victims throughout the United States and around the world.

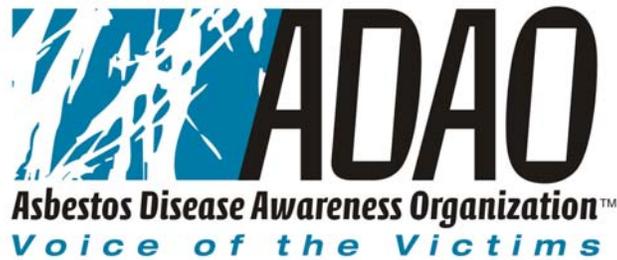
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Welcome Home!

This, our 5th Annual International Asbestos Awareness Conference, has particular significance as it brings us back to the place where it all began. It was in my kitchen only blocks from here where, during an early-morning telephone call with Doug Larkin in 2004, ADAO was born. The impetus, of course, was my husband Alan's battle with mesothelioma. Through that struggle, it was our community of friends in Manhattan Beach who helped and supported us in ways too numerous to list. Many of those same folks are participating in the conference this weekend – behind-the-scenes, and as volunteers, presenters, and attendees. I hope you'll have the opportunity to meet them all; I specifically want to introduce you to Freddi Segal-Gidan, an ADAO Board Member, and Ellen Tunkelrott, our founding Webmistress. Two of our most committed volunteers, ADAO National Director Margy Urnberg, and Herman Hamilton, ADAO Executive Assistant, send their best wishes.

In the past five years, our ADAO family has grown exponentially. We are now over 4000-strong, with supporters around the globe. I am so proud that we are an independent, volunteer organization, powered solely by the love and commitment of victims, families, doctors, scientists, and activists who have dedicated themselves to the cause. Their efforts have already catalyzed important change. Over 40 nations have banned asbestos and I am optimistic that the United States will pass a ban bill this year. The Department of Justice is bringing the first-ever federal criminal charges against executives of the WR Grace Company who, they charge, knowingly put workers and citizens in Libby, Montana at the risk of asbestos exposure. The asbestos industry's last stand – the "Chrysotile Defense" – is crumbling under relentless international pressure. The public is more educated about, and aware of, the dangers of asbestos than ever before.

And for that we owe a debt of gratitude to Andrew Schneider, our keynote speaker this weekend. A Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist, Mr. Schneider is the author of An Air That Kills, as well as a series of articles published in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* entitled "Uncivil Action: A Town Left to Die." Both brought much-needed public attention to the urgent health crisis surrounding asbestos.

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I am so pleased and honored that, for the fourth year, ADAO's National Spokesperson, Jordan Zevon (along with his wife Jodi and beautiful daughter, Willow), is joining us. Jordan's father, Warren Zevon, died of mesothelioma; the soundtrack to ADAO's slideshow "Asbestos Kills" features Jordan singing his father's song, "Keep Me In Your Heart."

That, of course, is the mantra which inspires every member of the ADAO family. Those of us who have a loved one who is battling, or died from, asbestos-related disease are motivated by our memories to create a world free from the deadly dust. I am touched every day by the volunteers who have not been personally scarred by asbestos, but who have found a place in their hearts for us – and who fight alongside us, tirelessly and with determination, kindness, and compassion, in this life or death battle.

Every bit of our combined energy will be necessary to accomplish the work which ADAO has before it in 2009. We will conduct the second phase of our product testing; continue to serve Congress as a trusted resource and witness; work to advance our "Swap The Rock" initiative which seeks to change California's state rock from serpentine, which serves as a host for deadly chrysotile asbestos; create a one-stop informational brochure for asbestos victims and their loved ones; and spread news of the latest accomplishments and challenges at conferences and meetings around the world. I feel particularly privileged to be able to represent ADAO at the Asian Asbestos Conference in Hong Kong in April, where a topic of discussion will be "Building the Global Ban Asbestos Network." Laurie Kazan-Allen, organizer of the Hong Kong meeting, was the 2005 recipient of ADAO'S Tribute of Unity Award and joins us in Manhattan Beach for the first time this weekend.

Together, Alan and I used to run marathons. I thought those days were behind me -- until I found myself immersed in the fight against asbestos. Since 2003, I've been navigating, once again, a long and winding course. I feel so blessed to be able to share this profound, difficult – and rewarding – journey with all of you, my ADAO family. And I welcome you home.

Linda Reinstein

Executive Director and Co-Founder, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

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Robert Cameron, MD is a cardiothoracic surgeon who attended college at Stanford University, majoring in medieval studies and biology with “distinction” and graduating as a junior member (top 2% of the class) of the distinguished Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society. Subsequently, he attended the University of Michigan Medical School as well as UCLA Medical School where he graduated in 1984 again as a junior member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. His surgical training includes a general surgery residency at UCLA as well as cardiothoracic surgery training at Cornell-New York Hospital and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He also trained in surgical oncology at the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. He is highly trained in chest surgery as well as cancer surgery and has chosen to specialize in cancer surgery of the chest. He has served as the chief of thoracic surgery at the University of California, San Francisco, the University of California, Los Angeles, and the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center. He currently heads the mesothelioma research program and the Punch Worthington Research Laboratory at UCLA. His research interest in mesothelioma dates back to 1994 when he began the program to explore the tremendous unmet need for new treatment and approaches for patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma.



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.



Helen Clayson, MD has worked in palliative and hospice medicine for 13 years having previously been a family practitioner in rural South Cumbria, UK. Previous use of asbestos in the local shipyard, in Barrow-in-Furness, resulted in the area having the highest incidence of mesothelioma in men in England. Concerned about this dreadful disease, from 2000 to 2007 she conducted a doctoral study at the University of Sheffield, UK, investigating ‘The experience of mesothelioma in Northern England’. This examined the impact of the disease from the perspectives of patients, their families, and healthcare professionals and also reviewed, in depth, the complete medical records of 80 people who had died due to mesothelioma. Her clinical practice includes symptom control and psychosocial support for patients and their families as hospice inpatients and outpatients. In addition she founded a support group, BARDS (Barrow Asbestos-Related Disease Support) that meets monthly and provides medical, nursing, legal and social advice and support free of charge.



Portia Cohen was elected to the Manhattan Beach City Council in March 2007 to serve a four-year term, encompassing a nine-month mayorship term. On March 3rd, Mrs. Cohen became Mayor. Mayor Cohen presides over important community initiatives including environmental stewardship, partnership with the school district, and fortification of the independently owned local small business community. Mayor Cohen represents the City regionally as a delegate to the League of California Cities, the South Bay Cities Council of Government, the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority, the Coastal Corridor Mobility Task Force (LAX), the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Prior to her election to Council, Cohen practiced law as a litigator, and served as corporate counsel to the largest international architecture firm. Most recently, Cohen directed environmental protection programs for a private foundation, and conducted legal and historical research for former California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary and Cabinet Secretary, Terry Tamminen.



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.



Laurie Kazan-Allen is the Founder and Co-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. In 2008, she organized and/or participated in asbestos events in Egypt, Austria, Brazil, England, the U.S, Slovenia, South Korea and Hong Kong; the same year, she co-edited the monograph: *India's Asbestos Time Bomb*.



J. Brent Kynoch

Kynoch Environmental Management, Inc. (KEM) was formed in 1996 to provide value engineered consulting services within the asbestos abatement industry. Since 1996, KEM has earned a reputation as one of the leading consultants in asbestos inspection, assessment, abatement design, and management. J. Brent Kynoch has been a leader in the asbestos abatement industry since 1984. KEM's licensed Asbestos Inspectors and Management Planners have provided extensive service in support of federal AHERA and NESHAP regulations. Over the years, they have successfully provided asbestos consulting for historic restorations, hospital renovations, and AHERA school abatement projects. With their experience in asbestos testing and management for the federal agencies, the Department of Defense, and architecture and engineering firms, they have earned a reputation for diversity and dependability.



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.



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.

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Pralhad Malvadkar The son of a poor farmer, Pralhad has never had health insurance. Even so, he has long focused on winning quality health care services for the working class. He spent many years organizing workers at textile mills and power looms. He helped these mainly migrant workers register as a group to gain credibility. Slow progress and internal politics, however, led Pralhad to stop organizing in 1990. He spent a few years as an auto-rickshaw driver though determined to return to his previous work with a new strategy that would overcome the challenges he had faced early on. In 1998, Pralhad joined the Occupational Health and Safety Center in Mumbai and an organization called Participatory Research in Asia in New Delhi as a senior trainer on ESIS. His conversations with patients visiting the center revealed that while workers were contributing to ESIS monthly, they were hardly benefiting from the scheme. With Pralhad's intensive training, workers from eighteen textile mills were examined for occupational diseases and taught how to access information about their rights under ESIS. As a result, two hundred and fifty workers received benefits for their occupational ailments. Fueled by this success, Pralhad decided to spread his approach to helping workers take action by training and providing medical assistance to many more workers, reforming the entire ESIS system, and continuing to directly involve workers in this effort.



Raghunath Manwar a mechanical technician in a Gujarat power station is organizing a comprehensive approach to occupational health hazards in power plants across India. He is building multiple coalitions among factory workers, health officials, and lawyers to raise awareness of preventive measures and to lobby for reform of worker health and safety laws. As Manwar's children grew up and his personal financial responsibilities increased, he nonetheless worked as an individual activist for over fifteen years. He spent much time researching the occupational diseases that afflict power plant workers and building connections with credited partners — the NIOH, Participatory Research in Asia, and respected doctors and lawyers with expertise on occupational health issues. He is currently Secretary of the Occupational Health and Safety Association in Gujarat, India.



Bothhajana Sarah Mereothlhe R.N. was born in May 1946 in Kuruman, Northern Cape in the rural village of Gamopedi. She is a trained nurse as well as a qualified researcher. Among others, she conducted a research on the Ex-Asbestos Miners who worked from 1956-1975. She reported at Medical Research Council. She is currently studying towards and MBA. She served as a board member of St. Helen Joseph development center in Kimberly, Northern Cape. The Center was addressing issues on women empowerment, poverty alleviation, skill development and orphanages. Sara had been a member of the African national Congress even long before the unbanning in 1990. She was the first ANC organizer in the Northern Cape from 1990-1993. She was deployed to the North West Provincial Legislature from 1994-2006. She served as a deputy speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature from 1999 to 2004. She has chaired many portfolio committees and served as a member of ACOPA. She was most recently Executive Mayor of Kgalagadi District Municipality in the Northern Cape until November 2008.



Linda Reinstein is Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO). Reinstein became an activist when her late husband Alan was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2003. Since the co-founding of ADAO in 2004, Reinstein has globally united countless individuals and families who have been affected by asbestos related diseases, giving a voice to the victims. Reinstein has written and produced the slideshow "Asbestos Kills" and numerous educational materials including "Asbestos: The Dust, Disease, and Death" and "Reflections", an internationally distributed online asbestos disease book with articles from renowned global experts. Reinstein also established a growing web-based medical resource center for victims which provide critical information on asbestos and related diseases. 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. As a global speaker and author, Reinstein has presented in Japan, Thailand, Holland, United Kingdom, and before the British House of Commons, to U.S. Congress, the White House, and victims groups, businesses, and health and safety organizations across the globe. Reinstein, a frequent Congressional witness, continues to work domestically and internationally to help promote awareness about this deadly mineral, fuel research for treatment and a cure, and implement a worldwide asbestos ban.

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Joachim A. Rosler, MD, MPD, is the Head Occupational Physician at the University of Cologne, Germany and Professor of Medicine at the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences with focus on occupational diseases. Aside his activities in special preventive medicine, Dr. Rosler is an expert evaluator of asbestos related diseases in Germany. His thesis in 1992 “Occupational Asbestos Exposure and Mortality from Malignant Tumors” (summa cum laude) was done at the Institute and Outpatient Clinic of Occupational and Social Medicine, Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen under the mentorship of Prof. Hans-Joachim Weitowitz, the leader of asbestos research in Germany. Dr. Rosler is a member of the German Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (DGAUM) and the Society of German Company and Industrial Physicians (VDBW).



Andrew Schneider has decades of experience investigating issues of public health and safety. His stories have explained questions like what makes grocery store shrimp glow to complex issues involving government and corporate cover-ups of actions which can kill workers, harm the public, damage the environment or diminish the quality of life for many. Schneider, who is senior national correspondent for investigations at the P-I, was formerly a national correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, deputy assistant managing editor at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, editor for investigations for The Oregonian, an assistant managing editor for Scripps Howard Newspapers in Washington and a special editor for The Pittsburgh Press. He has also worked for The Associated Press and Newsweek. He also was co-founder and first director of Indiana University's National Institute for Advanced Reporting.

During his journalism career, Schneider has won two Pulitzer Prizes, one in public service and for specialized reporting, as well as a National Headliner Award, the Society of Professional Journalists' public service award, the George Polk award and others. He recently won the John B. Oakes Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism. He credits whatever success he has had to bunch of courageous whistleblowers, dedicated government investigators and that he was allowed to team up with reporters, photographers, artists and editors who care passionately about using their journalistic skills to make a difference.



Margaret M. Seminario M.S. is a nationally recognized leader and expert in occupational safety and health. For the past 18 years she has been the Director of Occupational Safety and Health for the AFL-CIO, where she joined the staff in 1977. At the AFL-CIO, she has led the federation's efforts to seek improved safety and health protections for workers, organizing broad-based campaigns on the Right-to-Know about chemical hazards and ergonomic protections. For the past several years she has been working on legislation to provide health care and compensation to 9/11 responders who are sick as a result of exposures resulting from the terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center and legislation to ban asbestos. Ms. Seminario has extensive international experience, participating in the development of the ILO Convention on Asbestos and leading the successful effort in 2006 to adopt an ILO resolution calling for the elimination of asbestos worldwide.



Jordan Summers is the songwriter and keyboardist for the band ALL DAY SUCKER as well as New West recording artist Jordan Zevon. Summers co-produced and co-wrote Zevon's debut album, *Insides Out* to much critical acclaim. Summers and Zevon, along with All Day Sucker front man Morty Coyle also won best song in the Pop category and grand prize over all in the prestigious U.S.A. Songwriting Competition for their song *Home*, a touching love song to Jordan Zevon's late father, Warren Zevon. “The Jordans” previously took first prize in the Pop category in The U.S.A. Songwriting Competition for their original song *The Joke's On Me*, which they performed on Late Night with David Letterman.



John Thayer, is a former 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.

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Jill Vaughn was the first recipient of ADAO's Tribute of Inspiration Award. She has been a volunteer with MD Anderson Network and Bloc Cancer Center for more than 20 years. She is a mesothelioma survivor and continues to offer hope, information and support through the ACOR website. Her candle burns brightly to comfort hundreds of victims every year.



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 veteran business executive whose career spans the aerospace, electric utility, electronic communications and biomedical device industries. He holds masters degrees in engineering and business administration. Paul has published technical papers, articles and reviews in the fields of aerospace research, energy technology, and medicine. He is a co-founder and vice president of C8 MediSensors, a corporation developing non-invasive medical sensors. An experienced community volunteer, Paul has chaired the Sonoma County Human Services Commission and served on the boards of his local United Way and other organizations. Since his 2004 diagnosis with malignant peritoneal mesothelioma, Paul and his wife, Michelle, have become activists in grass-roots campaigns to ban asbestos, to protect the rights of asbestos-related disease victims and their families, and to improve medical treatment and seek cures. Paul and Michelle have three grown children.



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Bonnie Diana is the NJ State Representative for ADAO, and Events Co-Chair for the annual conferences, 2006-2009. Bonnie's husband, Ron was diagnosed with Mesothelioma, after a brief time period of symptoms in 2004. Ron worked as a Tai Chi instructor, herbalist, and massage therapist and was deeply committed to achieving optimum good health. Sadly, Ron passed away eight months after his diagnosis and before his goal of living to see their daughter, Kate graduate from college. Ron's exposure to asbestos was in the 1970's where he worked part time in construction, and as a painter inside a ship in Quincy, Massachusetts where when he questioned what "the white dust in the air" was, they said, "flame retardant". All Ron wanted was to pay for his college loans and to live an American dream of achievement of goals, home ownership, a family, and a long and healthy life. Ron's plight speaks of the working man's experience and is the fuel that sparks Bonnie's commitment for workers and their families who have been exposed to asbestos fibers and for the banning of asbestos, in order to eradicate future asbestos related risks and a cure for treatment. Bonnie currently lives and works in the arts community of Woodstock, NY where she is a landscape painter.



Sharry Erzinger, Dr. P.H., ADAO Colorado Representative. 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.



Herman Hamilton, Executive Assistant of ADAO first became familiar with the medical and legal aspects of Asbestos as a result of meeting his neighbor and now long time friend of 25 years, Dr. Barry Castleman. Herman joined ADAO in January of 05 as the Veterans Representative before moving on to assist Linda in the day-to-day operations of ADAO. Among his many duties he has been a liaison for other like-minded asbestos groups, works with Congressional staffers to set up meetings regarding ongoing legislation and everything in between. The goal he would like to achieve the most is the passage of legislation for a total ban of Asbestos. It's been a perfect fit, ever since. Outside of ADAO, Herman has served on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid Bureau of Maryland for the past 8 years and counting.



Margy Urnberg, ADAO National Representative Director, is a former resident of Libby, Montana. Her father, Ronald Johnson, went to work at Zonolite in 1959 as a laborer on the same crew as Les Skramstead. Mr. Johnson's health started failing in the mid 1960's and he died from mesothelioma in 1987. During her Jr. & High school years Margy waited for the school bus at the bottom of Zonolite mountain across from the screening plant located on the Kootenai River where the Ute trucks brought the ore to be shipped. She became an outspoken activist when Andrew Schneider printed his series "An Uncivil Action" in 1999 and has kept in touch with Gayla Benefield since then. She wrote several letters to fellow 1966 LHS graduate Marc Racicot, then governor of Montana, to help the community in Libby. The response was sadly lacking. In 2004 Margy joined ADAO as a representative for Nevada to help ban asbestos and bring awareness. To honor the memory of those lost, Margy hosts ADAO Memorial/Tribute pages.

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IBAS Activities in 2008

by Laurie Kazan-Allen, IBAS Coordinator

Last year was a very busy one for the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS). As well as publishing the landmark monograph: India's Asbestos Time Bomb and maintaining the IBAS website as an international resource, the collaboration and/or participation of IBAS staff with colleagues in victims' groups, medical associations, trade unions and research organizations contributed to the following high profile events:

- February: The International Trade Union Conference on Asbestos, Vienna, Austria; Malignant Mesothelioma in the 21st Century, Cairo, Egypt, Action Mesothelioma Day Rally, Portsmouth, England;
- March: 4th Annual Conference of the Asbestos Diseases Awareness Organization, Detroit, U.S.;
- April: Mesothelioma Research Fund-raising Concert, Ljubljana, Slovenia;
- May: Annual Parliamentary Asbestos Conference, London, England;
- June: International Conference on Mesothelioma, Sao Paulo, Brazil and Asbestos Workshop and road trip to abandoned chrysotile mine, Vitoria da Conquista, Brazil, XVIIIth World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, Seoul, South Korea and International Asbestos Conference, Busan, South Korea;
- July: Asbestos Workshop, Hong Kong;
- September: 2008 International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.



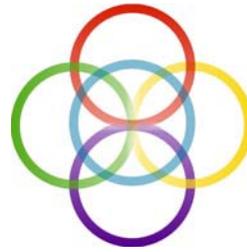
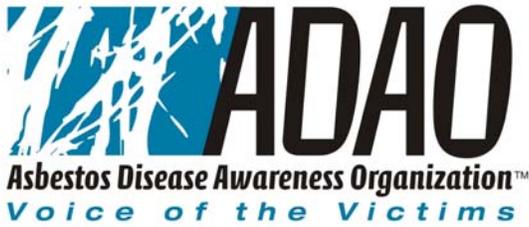
Seoul demonstration in June 2008

In 2008, the global ban asbestos network grew not only in the number of its members but in the number of countries in which it was active. Until recently, asbestos activism was considered, in many countries, a fringe activity – not any more! The Sao Paulo International Conference on Mesothelioma (June 8-11, 2008), which had the participation of establishment groups and bodies from every strata of Brazilian public and professional life, marked a coming-of-age of the national ban asbestos movement. Not very long ago, the campaign mounted by ABREA, the Brazilian Asbestos Victims' Group, existed at the furthest reaches of the radical

fringe; by 2008, it had become mainstream. In Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong progress in raising public and professional awareness of the asbestos scandal is being made. Throughout the world the ruthless behaviour and "scientific" lies told by vested interests are being exposed. The momentum generated by this global virtual movement will continue with the input and participation of its supporters. An asbestos-free future is possible!

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March 29, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time

Please join ADAO for our annual worldwide candlelight vigil in honor and celebration of those who have died from asbestos exposure, to support the families and friends who are grieving, and to find strength from those whose mission is to have a world free of asbestos.

During the ADAO Remembrance Brunch, we will light five candles to

Remind us of love

Heal our grief

Give us courage

Honor our memories

Strengthen our pledge to continue

SENATE RESOLUTION 57

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
111th CONGRESS
1st Session

Designating the first week of April 2009 as 'National Asbestos Awareness Week'

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

Whereas the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause significant damage;

Whereas asbestos fibers can cause mesothelioma, asbestosis, and other health problems;

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

Whereas the expected survival time for those diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

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

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases may give some patients increased treatment options and might improve their prognosis;

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

Whereas asbestos-related diseases have killed thousands of people in the United States;

Whereas exposure to asbestos continues, but safety and prevention of asbestos exposure already has significantly reduced the incidence of asbestos-related diseases and can further reduce the incidence of such diseases;

Whereas asbestos has been a cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas thousands of workers in the United States face significant asbestos exposure;

Whereas thousands of people in the United States die from asbestos-related diseases every year;

Whereas a significant percentage of all asbestos-related disease victims were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

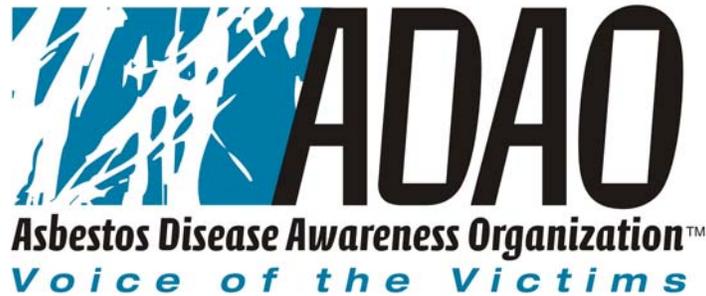
Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of a significant number of office buildings and public facilities built before 1975;

Whereas people in the small community of Libby, Montana have asbestos-related diseases at a significantly higher rate than the national average and suffer from mesothelioma at a significantly higher rate than the national average;

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 --

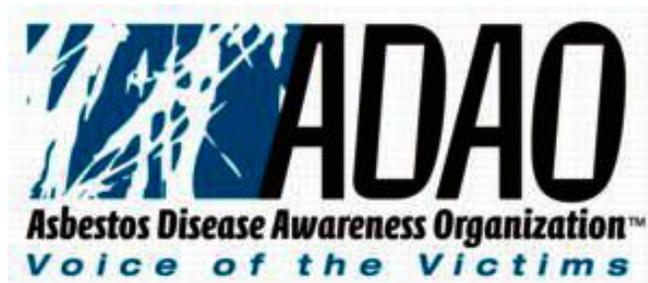
- 1) designates the first week of April 2009 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week";
- 2) urges the Surgeon General to warn and educate people about the public health issue of asbestos exposure, which may be hazardous to their health; and
- 3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Surgeon General.



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 and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit www.adao.us.

ADAO Summary of Accomplishments Include:

- Organized 5th Annual Asbestos Awareness Day International Conference to be held at the Manhattan Beach Marriott, Manhattan Beach, CA on March 27-29, 2009
- Dr. Richard Lemen keynote speaker, National Asbestos Conference 2008, South Africa
- Presented at American Public Health Association (APHA) about legislative update on Ban Asbestos
- Presented at Leeds, England at Patient Carer Day
- Presented at International Mesothelioma Interest Group (IMIG) Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Presented at the House of Representative Sub-Committee Staff Briefing
- Keynote Speaker at Environment Information Association (EIA) in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Organized 4th Annual Asbestos Awareness Day International Conference to be held at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, Michigan on March 29-30, 2008
- Launched online Asbestos Video Library featuring conference presentations and educational videos
- Testified before the EPW full Senate Committee about the health effects of asbestos and added support to Senator Patty Murray's bill, S.742, the Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007
- Presented at the House of Commons Occupational Safety And Health in London, England
- Met in the White House with Domestic Policy Counsel to President Bush for the third time
- Assisted in drafting and passage of Senate Resolution 108 declaring the week of April 1 – 7 as National Asbestos Week and urged the Surgeon General to warn and educate Americans that asbestos exposure may be hazardous to their health
- Published 2006 Asbestos Awareness Day conference selected papers and proceedings in the American Journal of Industrial Medicine
- Established a memorial tribute photo page to those who have lost their fight against asbestos related diseases
- Produced ADAO “Survivor” Video featuring Paul Zygielbaum, Mesothelioma Patient



- Organized 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
- Organized the 1st International Asbestos Awareness Day on April 1, 2005
- 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
- Presented 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"
- Established database distribution where over 2,500 supporters will receive bi-monthly ADAO eNewsletters with links to important resources
- 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
- Presented ADAO at the Asian Asbestos Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in 2006
- Represented ADAO at the Global Asbestos Congress 2004 in Tokyo 2004
- Developed resources, tools and support systems for victims and their families in both English, Spanish and French
- Assisted in drafting and passage Senate Resolution 448/43 designating April 1st 2005 as National Asbestos Awareness Day
- Assisted in drafting and passage Senate Resolution designating April 1st 2006 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
- 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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Emerging Leaders Looking Ahead Towards the Future

Kate, Emily, and I are newer to the ADAO's cause than many of those who gather at the annual Asbestos Awareness Day conference. Kate and I were fresh into college and working to build bright, independent futures when her father was suddenly diagnosed with mesothelioma. Living in Belgium and the Czech Republic for the year, it was difficult for me to watch from afar as my closest and dearest friend fell apart over her father's rapidly deteriorating health. In a matter of months he passed away; I hadn't even had time to adjust to the idea of this perfectly healthy man ailing, let alone dying. Emily was only an adolescent, still living with her parents and made to deal face-to-face with the loss of her father, on whom she was still fully dependent. I have no idea how Kate and Emily have found the strength to keep their chins up and their spirits high. But I do know that while the three of us were pulled into the cause of banning asbestos for very personal reasons, our interest and commitment over the years has broadened and deepened. We plan to follow the ADAO leaders, seminal researchers, medical experts, workers and trade unions, policymakers, victims, and advocates to carry on the fight until an international ban is achieved.

It is important that we make the most of opportunities like Asbestos Awareness Day to bring attention to the cause of banning asbestos. Meeting at the ADAO conference, the top medical and scientific minds share their newest discoveries and brightest breakthroughs in their effort to irrefutably prove the connections between the materials and the diseases, to which lawmakers will have to respond. Victims and their families share the knowledge and sources of strength they have uncovered in their efforts to cope with tragedy. And policymakers witness the humanity of improperly legislated asbestos.

On these rare occasions where such a full spectrum of stakeholders is brought together, discourse is broadened and collaboration is born. We sincerely thank each one of you for joining us in the global effort to ban asbestos by participating in the annual national Asbestos Awareness Day conference. We hope the conference leaves you with new knowledge, an enriched sense of community, and an inspired commitment to our goals. We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 conference!

-Caitlin Burton



Kate Diana



Caitlin Burton



Emily Reinstein

"Every Daughter Deserves a Dance with her Father"

Emily Reinstein

It's hard to believe that 5 years ago, my mom and I flew to Washington D.C. out of anger and hope for a change in our country. We had no expectations and couldn't even fathom walking down the halls of the Senate. But now, I constantly overhear my mom on the phone with representatives from Senators and we have personally met with Senator Boxer. Even more importantly, ADAO has embodied the need for international change by connecting with representatives from countries such as England, South Africa, India, and many others.

With the help of this international community, our common goal of prevention, education, and advocacy are closer than ever. The accomplishments of ADAO are an outstanding example of how turning anger into action can be more beneficial than simply complaining. All the volunteers involved in ADAO have all gone through their own personal struggles which adds personality to this organization and fuels others to make a powerful change.

My personal story started at a very young age. I was ten when my dad, Alan, was diagnosed with Mesothelioma. I had absolutely no idea what that word meant or even how to pronounce it. After coming home from summer camp, I was sat down at our kitchen table and told that Daddy had cancer, but that he would be okay. My parents did an incredible job of hiding the negative events going on in our life and making my life go on with little change. After a while and a few surgeries here and there, my true life began to emerge. My dad had one lung, and was hanging on with a thin string of hope, which was my mom and me. He passed away on May 22, 2006. It was the day of the season finale of our favorite T.V. show, 24. I was unable to finish that season with my father and realized that many other unfinished things involving him would come in my future, such as my graduations and wedding.

Through this time in my life however, my family was able to make a change in our government as well as in the lives of other families. When my mom and I went to D.C. for the first time, we wandered the halls with a picture of my dad and me dancing together at a Bat Mitzvah, asking to meet with representatives. Obviously, we didn't quite understand how things worked in the legislative process. All we had going for us was the picture and my mom's quote, "Every daughter deserves to dance with her father at her wedding."

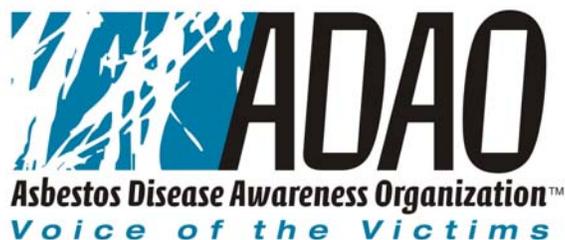


But now, ADAO is able to call a Senator, schedule an appointment, and talk to respected officials with ease. ADAO has deservedly earned the title of a highly valued nonprofit volunteer organization. The change that has been made internally is visible and tangible. I am proud to say that I am a part of this wonderful organization and hope that the children of victims will carry on this legacy for years to come. It is very true that the youth is our future and we

are well aware of this fact. I, personally, have never been pressured to do anything asbestos-related; I always do it out of my own will. My wish is for no family or individual to go through what my family and countless others have.

So from individuals fighting for the truth and change to a large organization with respect in the legislative community, this international family has and will continue to represent and aid those affected by asbestos. Ignorance has never, and will never be, bliss.





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ADAO Demands Justice for Congressional Tunnel Workers



Washington, DC ...April 10, 2007 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today demanded justice for the Congressional tunnel workers affected by asbestos exposure.

“It is amazing that any employer tries to get away with an asbestos cover up these days and still more amazing when the employer is Congress,” according to Linda Reinstein Executive Director and Co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. “Nearly a decade ago, the Architect of the Capitol (AoC)’s own investigations documented deadly airborne asbestos in the utility tunnels housing the systems that keep Congress warm in winter and cool in summer. One year ago the power plant tunnel crew wrote to members of Congress pleading for help because nothing

had been done to protect them in the intervening time. One year ago my husband died of mesothelioma, an unwitting victim of asbestos. The cycle of exposure and lies and inaction and death continues, unbroken.”

Reinstein continued: “Congress must immediately appropriate funds to fix the tunnels and to compensate the tunnel workers for life-threatening injuries they incurred just because they showed up for work each day and did their jobs. Congress must compensate their families, who were almost certainly contaminated with fibers carried home on work clothes, and who are now condemned to live under the perpetual shadow of asbestos disease. For those of us who have lost loved ones, it's too late. It's not too late for Congress to do the right thing by its own employees, and to make sure this doesn't happen again.”

According to Dr. Richard A. Lemen, former Assistant Surgeon General (ret) United States Public Health Service and Co-Science Director of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization: “To observe a deplorable situation like this in the tunnels of our United States Capitol is shocking - 37 years after the deliberative bodies housed there passed landmark public health legislation aimed to protect America's workers and our environment. This tragedy was unfolding right underneath the location of those historic deliberations that resulted in the passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.”

“ADAO has been assured by the U.S. Senate that it is working to protect and uphold the rights of asbestos victims, making this egregious discovery all the more inexcusable,” according to Douglas Larkin, Communications Director and Co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. “It is not only time for the truth to be told; it is time for justice to be enacted for these workers and their families.”

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2009 Asbestos Awareness Day Conference Country of Focus
INDIA

Written by Dr. Arthur L. Frank

India is a country with continuing extensive use of asbestos, much of it for use in building materials. While there is a small but strong movement to curtail or even stop asbestos use in India, a powerful and well connected industry fights against scientific truth and against restrictions on its use. There seems to be little interest in using safer asbestos substitutes.

India has some asbestos mines, and in one setting where the mines have closed, has left behind a serious environmental contamination situation that threatens the health and well being of those still living in the area. In other settings there continues to be attempts to open new mines as well.

Although there should be controls in the use of asbestos, they clearly do not exist as they should. Images exist of widespread contamination in settings where asbestos is used. When such facts are pointed out one response given is that somehow Indians are different from individuals in other countries and do not suffer asbestos-related disease as occurs elsewhere. Expounding this falsehood is that the government agencies that should be determining the extent of asbestos-related disease do not work as required, and few cases have ever been compensated because there is little that is done to properly document the extent of disease. Further making things difficult is the exceedingly small number of physicians with training in occupational medicine in this country of one billion, with only one academically based short-course training program which only trains about two dozen physicians each year.

Another aspect of significant potential exposure to asbestos comes from the ship breaking industry which exposes tens of thousands of workers to many hazards, including the rip-out of asbestos from old ships which may then be dried on the beach and then re-sold.

The best current source of information about the hazards of asbestos use in India can be found in the recent publication of the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat, "Killing the Future: Asbestos Use in Asia".

This author, who has been traveling on a regular basis to India since 2001, and who was vilified when speaking about asbestos hazards to an annual meeting of the Indian Association of Occupational Health takes pride in knowing that for speaking the truth about asbestos he was threatened with a fifty million dollar lawsuit by the industry.

More needs to be done worldwide about the dangers of asbestos, but India is a special case where much more needs to be done to protect many there.



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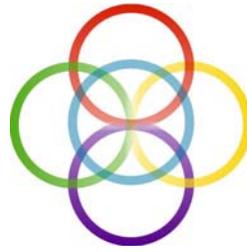
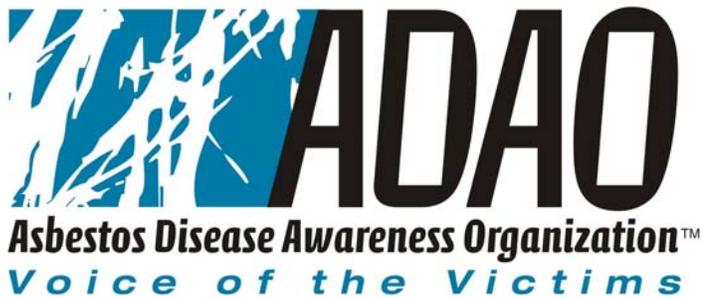
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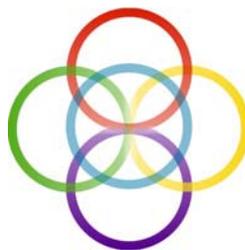
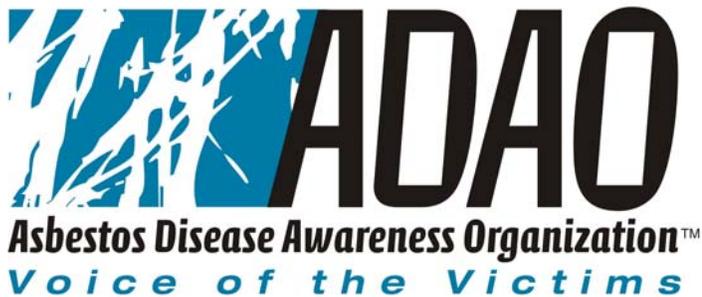
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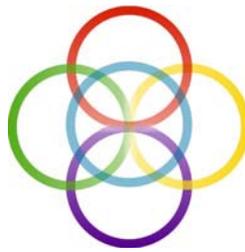
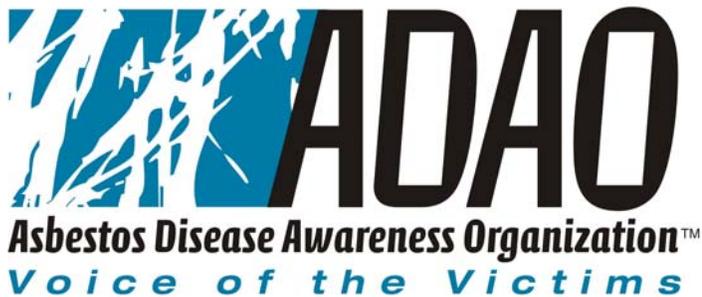
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Andrew Schneider

Conference Keynote Speaker

by Gayla Benefield

To the Victim's of Asbestos Related Disease, Andrew Schneider has been our "Angel in Disguise."

Andy came to Libby purely on a hunch. Being the type of investigative reporter that he is, he heard about Libby, Montana, W.R.Grace and sick people while touring Montana on a different type of story entirely.

My first encounter with Andy was a mutual feeling of not dislike, but certainly not love! Andy felt that I was a very crazy lady with a big imagination, I felt that he was an overblown pompous...well you can imagine the rest.

Andy came back to Libby, even after the first uneventful meeting. Andy asked for proof and I had it. Volumes of documents. From that began a wonderful relationship with Andy Schneider and the community of Libby.

Since that first report in the Seattle PI on November 18, 1999, Andy has been steadfast in his commitment to Libby. At times, Andy would come to Libby at his own expense, just to further the saga. When things would come to a standstill, we could count on Andy to "stir the pile" so to speak and get us back into the limelight.

As a reporter, Andy Schneider stands heads above others within his domain.

Andy has been here to celebrate what small victories we have had. Andy has been here to mourn with us the loss of another friend from this dreaded disease.

As a reporter, Andy has crossed boundaries that no objective reporter should. Andy has shown us that he has a heart and truly cares for the people of Libby.

Congratulations to you Andy, my friend, my co-conspirator. You have worked hard, put your own job on the line for us, and all we can offer in return is our undying gratitude. Thank you, Gayla

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Mayor Portia Cohen

Remembrance Brunch Keynote Speaker

By Linda Kail

A leader, negotiator, consensus builder and valuable community servant, these are attributes that describe Manhattan Beach Mayor Portia Cohen.

But these words don't go nearly far enough in portraying the big heart that lives within this shining light that has been beating for ADAO since its inception.

Last week Linda Reinstein and I attended a celebration of Portia's ascent to Mayor and were overjoyed to see hundreds of Portia's friends and family partake in the festivities.

Like myself, these hundreds of local residents recognize that special "something" about Portia. I saw it immediately when we met four years ago as students in Leadership Manhattan Beach. Portia has a magnetic quality about her, and during this 10-month leadership education and training program we became close friends. Linda, Portia and I formed a special bond that goes beyond civic relationships and connects at the heart. We pulled down the barriers that can so easily separate, and instead we all chose to share in each other's lives.

One of our first opportunities was upon hearing the tragic news about Alan's diagnosis. Like so many, Portia extended herself for the Reinstein family and the relationship grew in dimension and depth as Alan's challenging and heartbreaking journey unfolded.

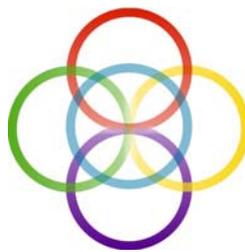
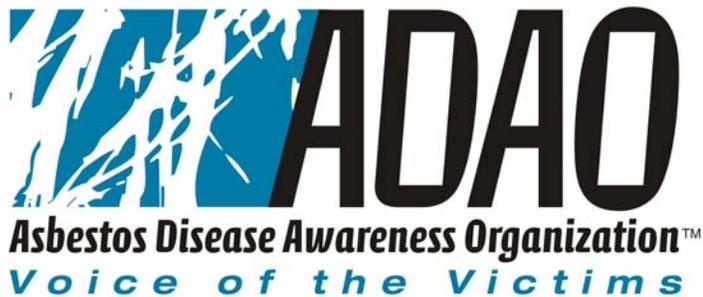
And again after Alan was gone, Portia's kindhearted and compassionate nature showed itself once more as she helped Linda wade through the reams of paperwork and provide her best legal advice on the important decisions facing our newly widowed friend.

Although it hasn't been easy with Linda's global travels and Portia's civic commitments, the three of us have made time to nurture our friendships and support each other in our varied endeavors by sharing our life stories during long walks at the beach, birthday lunches, phone calls and emails.

And as we've witnessed Linda emerge from her dark valley and co-create this powerful presence known as ADAO, we are overwhelmed with pride that our Manhattan Beach Leadership friend has become a true leader of this important global cause.

And it gives us great confidence to know that with Portia at her side drawing on her 20+ years of legal research, direction and management of environmental impact, architectural, construction, energy and human health projects that we're in very capable hands... **and compassionate hearts.**

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Dr. Stephen Levin
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The Alan Reinstein Memorial Award

2009 Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Honoree

Stephen Levin, M.D.

Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented by Arthur Frank, PhD., M.D.



Dr. Stephen M. Levin started his many years of asbestos-related work after finding occupational medicine to be his true calling as a physician. Throughout his career Dr. Levin has always been a physician in the true sense of the word, a healer with demonstrated care and concern about his patient. As a physician involved in public health, he has demonstrated that a patient may actually be a whole population.

His interest in asbestos started upon entering the occupational medicine program under the direction of Dr. Irving Selikoff. He quickly distinguished himself as a caring physician deeply concerned about those exposed to and then suffering from asbestos-related disease. After completing his training in occupational medicine, Dr. Levin stayed on at Mt. Sinai, first working directly with Dr. Selikoff in overseeing the development of data regarding the study of unionized asbestos workers, and then came to direct his work and became the responsible party of this important set of data.

This work alone would have become enough to justify an important life-long career in the field of asbestos-related medicine, but something more was to come. After the tragedy of 9/11 at the World Trade Center, Dr. Levin immediately became involved in the study of, and giving assistance to, survivors of that day, and those who toiled for days and weeks thereafter, many developing illness due to exposures during those early days. Follow up of those individuals continue today.

Not surprisingly, one aspect of the exposures related to 9/11 was to the asbestos that had been in the twin towers, and was now all over the metropolitan New York area. Dr. Levin became a leader in explaining to the public the potential health hazards of dust from the World Trade Center. His concern included groups not traditionally generating concern in a medical community, such as clean-up workers in lower Manhattan. Dr. Levin has been recognized for his contributions in other settings, such as his election to the Collegium Ramazzini. He has earned the respect of colleagues and patients alike.

For his years of concern and devotion to those exposed to asbestos, and to the diseases they develop, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization presents to Dr. Stephen Levin the Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award in gratitude for his work and dedicated effort.

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Tribute of Hope

Presented by Paul & Michelle Zygielbaum

Asbestos-related diseases generate their own peculiar brand of uncertainty. The historically poor prospects for survival, the bewildering array of possible treatments without well-established outcomes, the need for litigation to protect a victim's family from financial ruin, and the fear that the very lives of one's children are at risk because of career choices or simple household repairs made decades ago, combine to erase the victim's expectations for the future. The sense of one's place in the world and future possibilities are replaced by chaos, by fear, by pain, and by an absence of hope that any bit of normalcy will ever return. The victim of mesothelioma or asbestosis or any other asbestos-related disease faces a void that demands a special kind of courage, because without such courage in the face of that darkness, it is impossible to rebuild the first thing that we must have to keep going, and that is hope.



It takes a different form of courage, but no less demanding, to face the political maelstrom that surrounds asbestos usage everywhere in the world. More than one champion of putting an end to asbestos poisoning has been overwhelmed by adversaries well known, or from quarters unanticipated. Here in the US, law and regulation still tolerate and, therefore, encourage asbestos poisoning. Yet, the reasons for a ban are becoming ever clearer, and this remains our goal.

In recent years, some American political leaders have mustered the strength to bring our nation nearer to that goal. While falling short still, we have gradually pushed our way closer. It will require resolute dedication and perseverance to achieve a ban that is truly effective and stands the political test of time. Fortunately, we have leaders with such qualities on our side. And while they have not yet achieved the ban for which we strive, they have brought us something immeasurably important, and that is hope. Today, we move forward in the political arena with an increasing sense that, with focused leadership and effective management of the political process, we can ban asbestos, and perhaps quite soon.

Senator Barbara Boxer, of California, has demonstrated her determination on our behalf in the face of the strongest political opposition. And although she and her colleagues have yet to bring us to our goal, her efforts and dedication embody the one priceless commodity that keeps the advocacy community moving ahead, and that is hope. So, it is with great appreciation and admiration that ADAO presents the Tribute of Hope Award to Senator Barbara Boxer..

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2009 Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Honoree

Margaret Seminario AFL/CIO

Tribute of Unity

By Terry Lynch, International Vice President, Insulators Union



Margaret, or as her friends and colleagues call her “Peg” Seminario earned her M.S. degree in industrial hygiene from the Harvard School of Public Health and her B.A. in Biological Sciences from Wellesley College.

Peg has been a strong voice for the labor movement for more than 30 years. For the past 18 years she has been the Director of Occupational Safety and Health for the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.(AFL-CIO) The AFL-CIO has 56 National and International Unions under it’s umbrella and represents more than 11 million working men and women.

While diminutive in size Peg Seminario is a Giant in the Labor Community, who has dedicated her entire adult life to making the workplace safer for working men and women throughout the world. Peg can be tough as nails but she is also very objective, caring and compassionate.

Peg is the architect and lead organizer of Workers Memorial Day, observed annually on April 28 to remember workers killed, injured and diseased on the job and to highlight the need for improved safety protections on the job site. First observed in the U.S. in 1989, Workers Memorial Day is now observed in more than 75 countries around the world and the International Labor Organization (ILO) has adopted April 28 as World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

Peg is extremely well known and highly respected in Washington D.C. She has testified extensively before House and Senate committees on occupational safety and health, environmental and compensation matters. Peg has been at the forefront in efforts to craft and enact legislation concerning occupational safety and health, mine safety and health and the Department of Energy workers compensation. Peg worked tirelessly with Senators Arlen Specter PA (R) and Patrick Leahy VT (D) in an attempt to craft bi-partisan asbestos disease compensation legislation that would have benefited the victims of the dreaded diseases that are caused by asbestos exposure. For the past several years Peg has been working with House and Senate members on legislation to provide health care and compensation to 9/11 responders who are sick as the result of exposure to asbestos and other deadly toxins caused by the terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center.

Working men and women from around the world are extremely fortunate to have Peg Seminario in our corner and it is fitting that she has been awarded the ADAO Tribute of Unity Award 2009.

2009 Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Honoree

Raghunath Manwar

Tribute of Inspiration

by Laurie Kazan-Allen and Madhumita Dutta



In 1963, Raghunath Manwar joined the workforce at the Ahmednagar Electricity Company in Ahmedabad, the largest city in the Indian state of Gujarat. Concerned about the elevated incidence of mortality he observed amongst the workforce, he attended workers' education classes where he pursued his interest in occupational health and safety. This interest brought him into contact with other individuals and groups working on these issues.

Despite growing financial and personal commitments, Raghunath's work as an activist continued; much of his free time was spent in discussions with contract and casual labourers. Raghunath maintained files documenting the deteriorating conditions at the power station and the mounting number of deaths. At work Raghunath, who had become a member of the company's Safety Council, pursued the issue of asbestos contamination in the boiler rooms. Outside of work, he set up the Occupational Safety and Health Association (Ahmedabad) to formalize his efforts to obtain justice for power stations workers who were daily experiencing risks from hazardous exposures and unsafe working practices. As a result of a presentation he made to the Safety Council in 2002, in which he listed a multitude of occupational hazards at the factory, he was fired.

Despite this, Raghunath's commitment to the work spurred him to continue his efforts to help the workers from the power stations and asbestos cement factories in Ahmedabad. On his rickety motorbike, he pays daily visits to the worker's colony and talks to the injured and family members. With virtually no financial support, and often dipping into his own personal meagre resources, he helps the injured: get diagnoses of their illnesses, apply for compensation to government agencies and file cases in the labor courts. Having identified many asbestosis sufferers, Raghunath in 2007 played a key role in devising and implementing plans for a "diagnosis camp" which carried out medical checks on asbestos-exposed workers. As a result of these tests, 8 individuals were diagnosed with asbestosis and 2 with other respiratory diseases. Using these diagnoses, Raghunath has filed compensation claims for them. Raghunath continues to seek out small and big asbestos processing units in Ahmedabad to identify and assist the injured. His mission is to organise the city's asbestos victims into a support/lobbying group which can reinforce the work he began.

Raghunath's continued support for the asbestos sufferers in Ahmedabad and his innovative efforts to identify and mobilize victims is an example of the very best in grass-roots activism. We congratulate Raghunath on being awarded the ADAO Tribute of Inspiration 2009.

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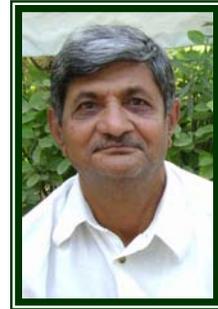
2009 Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Honoree

Pralhad Malvadkar

Tribute of Inspiration

by Laurie Kazan-Allen and Madhumita Dutta

After a lifetime spent in the working class movement as a government employee, a trade unionist, an auto-rickshaw driver, a social worker, a researcher and an activist, Pralhad Malvadkar has accumulated a vast knowledge about working conditions in construction, agriculture, forestry, textile mills and other factories and small scale industries in India. It was almost inevitable that he would wind up in the field of occupational safety and health; that he did so owes much to his meeting and being mentored by the renowned Vijay Kanhere from the Mumbai Occupational Health and Safety Center (OHSC); Vijay's unexpected death in 2006 is still much mourned by those who knew and loved him.



Working with the OHSC and other groups such as the Centre of Oppressed People's Elevation, and the People's Health Movement, Mumbai JSA (an all India Network of NGOs), trade unions and NGOs, as a private individual and as a Fellow of the Ashoka International, Pralhad and his colleagues were able to identify the existence of much suffering caused by unsafe working practices in Mumbai. The research they conducted established that the Government agency tasked with helping the injured workers – the Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) – was ineffective and elitist; amongst its many failings, applicants did not have the right to participate in decisions the ESIS made.

In 2006 Pralhad, as part of the OHSC team, set up a Health Check Camp in Mumbai to conduct clinical tests of workers from the Hindustan Composites asbestos factory. Out of 215 individuals examined, 150 were sent for X-rays. Forty-five cases of asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma, asbestosis and cancer, were identified. Compensation claims were filed for the injured. The same year Pralhad, working with trade union colleagues, assisted grass-roots activists Madhumita Dutta and Dr. Gaitonde to identify and interview former asbestos workers from the Hindustan Composites factory to record their experiences; their testimony became part of the monograph: *India's Asbestos Time Bomb*. Previously, Pralhad had been in Ahmedabad where, in cooperation with Dr. Murlidhar, he took part in a program to carry out clinical tests and X-rays of workers from the Ahmedabad Electric Power Company and Digvijay Cement Company.

In April 2008, Pralhad began a new asbestos project which involves following up on a list of 850 ex-workers from the infamous Hindustan factory; it is known that at least 100 of those listed have died and 200 have moved away. With the help of activists in different areas many of the workers were invited to have medical check-ups. In the first 3 months (April-June 2008), 230 workers were checked and 160 were sent for X-rays. Of the 100 who had X-rays, 45 were diagnosed (June 2008) as suffering from asbestos-related diseases. To increase the success of this ongoing project, an outreach program has begun.

Pralhad's determination and willingness to work with a multitude of individuals and groups to identify and assist asbestos sufferers in Mumbai is inspirational. He is a worthy recipient of the ADAO Tribute of Inspiration 2009.

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Dominick Marzicola

Honored Posthumously

The Alan Reinstein Memorial Award

Respectfully submitted by: Francey Marzicola-Seckinger, niece of Don Marz on behalf of the Marz Family.



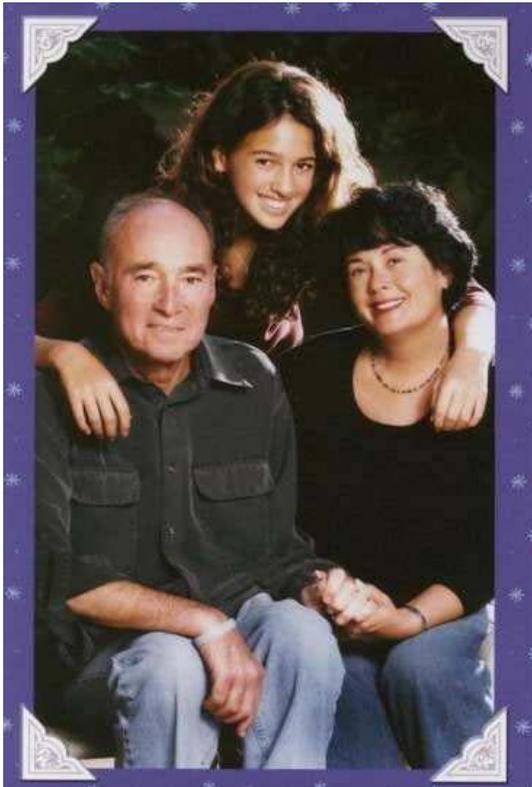
Don Marz passed away in Santa Barbara early this year, just weeks after the formal diagnosis of Mesthelioma. He was 87 years-young and died peacefully in his sleep. Those that knew this loving man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, knew him to be a man who loved life to the fullest. He loved his family and friends above all others. It has been said he lived at least two lifetimes: He circled the globe, fought in two wars to preserve our country's freedom, was in Pearl Harbor the day it was attacked and served as a Naval Captain and Director of Athletics in the Navy for 30 years and was a highly decorated Naval Officer.

During his navy career, he was assigned to the USS Helena, a brand new ship involved in a shake down cruise south of equator before the war began. Working with a British ship, they were able to track a German carrier which navigated into neutral territory to avoid the joint pursuit. Later the USS Helena was sunk in the Battle of the Coral Sea along with nine other vessels. Don's life was spared because he had been pulled off the ship earlier to play on the Naval All Star Baseball Team and was not present when the ship went down. He bore a tattoo with the ship's name engraved on his arm through out his life after this event.

Despite growing up an Italian immigrant's son during the depression in Michigan, somehow he learned to ride a horse, was a recognized, top ranked, competitive swing dancer, become a "B movie actor" in Hollywood and taught tennis to movie industry celebrities as tennis professional. He worked and lived in Brentwood, where he owned his own tennis shop and raised four children. Following his retirement from the field of tennis, his first love of baseball kicked in and became the batting coach for UCLA. Later he moved to the Santa Ynez Valley where he kept two horses and precocious dogs on a ranch. Added to the family were three beautiful grandchildren along with his beloved wife Charlotte and children, Cammie, Carrie, Scott (deceased) and Brady. With Scott and Brady and lovely wives, Leah and Heather brought the joys of his life into the world; Jake, Annabella and Gianna.

He loved to tell stories and regardless of how many times you had heard them, you listened anyway. Most people could never really believe one man could have that many stories or have possibility done all that he did in life, yet they were all true. Without this dreaded disease, this man, with family members in Italy, living well past 100, would have kept going. Now, this amazing man rests in peace and is grieved daily.

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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 five 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 had 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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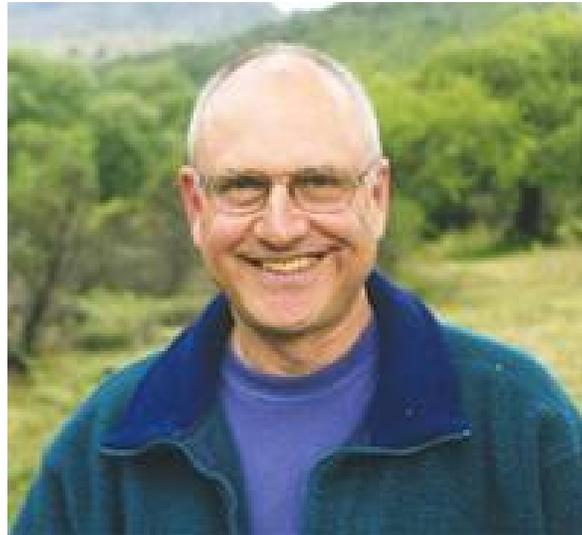
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Ronald H. Diana
1946 -2005

Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Friend



James Ernest "Doc" Robinson

1925-2005

WW II - Five bronze stars



Gone Fishin'

Wow, This is a fishing trip of a lifetime!
What a reunion-why just today,
I saw several buddies who'd gone before

You wouldn't believe how pretty this place is..
The streets-they're paved in gold
And my pole - it's made of jewels!

When I got here,
Everyone welcomed me with their arms opened wide
I pulled out my cap, so excited about...

The Fishin' Trip

They said-"Oh No"
"We have a cap for you"
Funny thing-it looks a lot like a crown
And it's full of the most beautiful stones.
(Seems he thought I put my best into everything I did)

Better go now, got lots of catchin' up to do-remember
I love each and every one of you and will
Miss you,

So, Please, don't be sad and start wishin'
Just think of me as.....

Gone Fishin'

With all our love your loving family

Written by a family friend

*John,
I think about you every day and
remember all the sweet moments we
shared. You were my life, my love- my
everything. You will always be in my
heart. I miss you.
Love, your wife,
Lee*

In loving memory of my beloved son, John.
It's been three years since you left me. Although
the pain, sorrow and tears have not subsided, my
memories of you have only intensified. My
memories of your brief fifty years are now
treasures that I often visit. They keep you close,
make me happy, and always make me smile. Your
spirit will always be a part of me, now and forever.
Mom

John was our son-in-law, although he
seemed more like a son to us. He was
kind, caring and thoughtful. He is in our
thoughts and prayers every day. We miss
him very much.

Joann & Leo Pazdziorko

I think of my younger brother John in my own
special way, forever cherishing the picture of
two brothers given to me many years before. I
view the photo each morning as I dress for the
day. The memories of his warm smile comforts
me once more.

Sincerely,
Tom & Mary

Remembering our brother, John:
Some people are a blessing to everyone they meet,
and their passing leaves fond memories behind,
both sad and sweet.

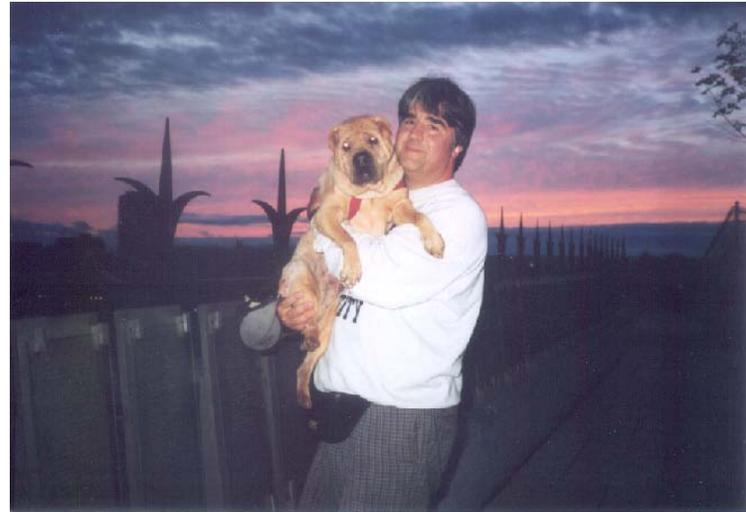
John was a blessing in so many ways and to so
many people- friends, colleagues, clients, team
members, as was clearly evidenced at his
untimely funeral.

John left behind such a rich legacy of good deeds,
kind words and very special memories.

Memories, like flowers, make beautiful bouquets.
John has left us with a beautiful bouquet.

Donald, Loretta, Robert, Kenneth and Thomas

John J. Giannini
September 3, 1954 - February 13, 2005



*John,
You were one of the most intelligent persons we have
known; yet you were never showy about it. You were a
kind and generous person with a mischievous side to
you. We often look at your picture and, as a family,
share stories about you. We are so grateful for having
shared moments in time with you. We miss you!*

*Jeff, Marsha and Robert
Sister- & brother-in-law*

John Giannini should be here with us. He should not have
been taken away from his wife and loving family because
of a disease that never should have existed and has been
allowed to proliferate. John is missed because he meant
so much to the people he touched in this world- people
who let that be known after his passing. John was strong
for the people who couldn't be strong for themselves- a
legacy we should all aspire to. How sad that this
inspiration should have left this world so quickly because
of an unkind and deadly disease.

*Claudia & Gregg Wilczynski
Sister- & brother-in-law*

John,
We truly miss your laughter, wit and warmth every
day. We will always remember the good times and
share them with Zoey. She asks about you when
she sees your picture. She knows that you are in
heaven with other relatives and Frank Yankovic
too! You would have a good laugh knowing that
Zoey has you listening to polka music in heaven.
We will never forget you and we miss you with all
our hearts.

Love,
Brian, Nancy & Zoey Wisniewski
Brother- & sister-in-law

John,
The fond memories I have of you are so numerous. You will forever be in my heart. A day does not pass that I do not think of you.
Your sister, Lorry

Uncle John,
We miss the way you always made us laugh. Your sense of humor was such a huge part of your personality and it's what made you such a unique person and one of the many reasons we love you so much. xoxox
Sandy, Julia and Christian

Uncle John,
As a child growing up in your presence, I always idolized you. When I became an adult, it was a pleasant surprise to witness that you did not let me down in that regard. You continue to be my hero today and always.
All my love, Shari

My Uncle John was instrumental in the development of my love for music and was one of my biggest supporters when I started my career in music writing. I always enjoyed all of our conversations about bands and styles of music (even when he was teasing me for getting my facts wrong, which was often).

Melissa

My Uncle John was the type of man who gave lawyers a good name (an amazing gift but not even his most impressive). He cared about those he represented and dedicated his short time with us to causes he believed in. He was a just and honorable man. During those tortured days leading up to his last I had wished to comfort him, give him hope, but it was he who comforted me, who gave me hope. This disease took my Godfather from me, and from all who knew him in life too soon, for I know he had so much more to give and so much good left to do. Thank you Uncle John.
Jason Giannini

John J. Giannini
September 3, 1954 - February 13, 2005



*I never dreamed of this sorrow,
I never thought I'd have reason to lament,
I hoped I'd never know heartbreak,
How I wish I could change the way things went!
I wanted nothing but goodness,
I wanted reason to prevail,
Not this bare emptiness.*

*But I refuse to feel tragic,
I am aching for more than pain and grief.
There has got to be meaning,
Most of all when a life has been so brief.
I have got to learn something,
How can I give him any less?
I want life to go on.*

We all have to believe that there is a reason to hope and we have to believe that the cure for this disease will come. We can't let this defeat us. We must fight to keep John here within us.

Believe that John will always matter and that he always will. He will always be with us. He'll be part of the days we've yet to feel! He will live as we carry on our lives.

*So we'll carry on
Full of hope
He'll be there...*

*Taken in part from the song Days of Plenty
I will love you always,
Lee*

Dust to Dust



Words by Kevin Brown
Music by Michael Brown
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The morning dawns,
The frost now dew,
Warm is the sun,
No rain.

I wake and yawn,
My sleep now gone,
I walk, I run,
No pain.

Daydreams in paradise
Light on cool waters,
But, at what price,
Our sons, our daughters?

And so it goes,
Ashes to ashes,
Earth to earth,
My life in flashes.

Why, I wonder,
Breathe, I say
To dance I hunger,
But, not today.

This place, my home,
I hold so dear,
But now it knows,
The face of fear

And those I love,
And those I know,
Are bound as one,
Until I go.

The waters run,
As melted snow,
A setting sun,
So I must go.

What's mine now lost,
Too soon I trust,
And at what cost?
Dust to dust.

In memory of
Ronald Johnson
and friends from Libby, Montana



Love from your family



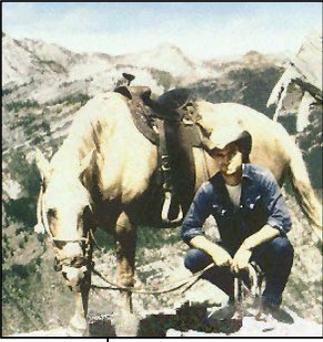
Mary Lou Ward
Perley & Margaret Vatland
Verle Olson
Ken Sagen



Jack & Bud Vinion
Art Bundrock
Virgil Priest



Les Skramstad
Don Kaeding
Morris Kair
Harvey Noble



Bud Cole

Sept 15, 1923 –Apr 14, 2001

Libby, Montana

Myra Cole

Apr 5, 1926 –Oct 11, 2007



My dad was a rough, tough mountain man who loved life, horses, fishing, hunting, and his garden. He ran a logging crew in the mountains he dearly loved. He had the most wonderful sense of humor, especially with his grandchildren. He was awarded the Purple Heart while serving in Italy during WWII. One of the men in his company was wounded as they lay in a ditch, and my father put this soldier over his shoulder and carried him to safety. Mom worked in the Seattle shipyards and at Fairchild Air Force Base during WWII. Dad provided the first horseshoe service in Libby and was a member of the Sheriff's Posse. He and my mother loved to fish together and dad was famous for his smoked fish. Mom loved to cook, make jam from local berries, and can vegetables from dad's garden. Dad was always generous to others with the bounty. When I was a toddler, my mom would carry me in the saddle with her as we rode horses to the high lakes in the Cabinet Mountains. Mom was very active at the St. John's Lutheran church, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, volunteered at the Libby Care Center, St. John's Lutheran Hospital and the Libby Heritage Museum. Asbestosis took both of my parents. It robbed my dad of his inner strength during his long struggles against this terrible disease to the point that he prayed to be released from the shell of a man he had become. My memories of him will always be of the strong resolute man he was. I love and miss you mom and dad.

Lynda Hanley-Cole



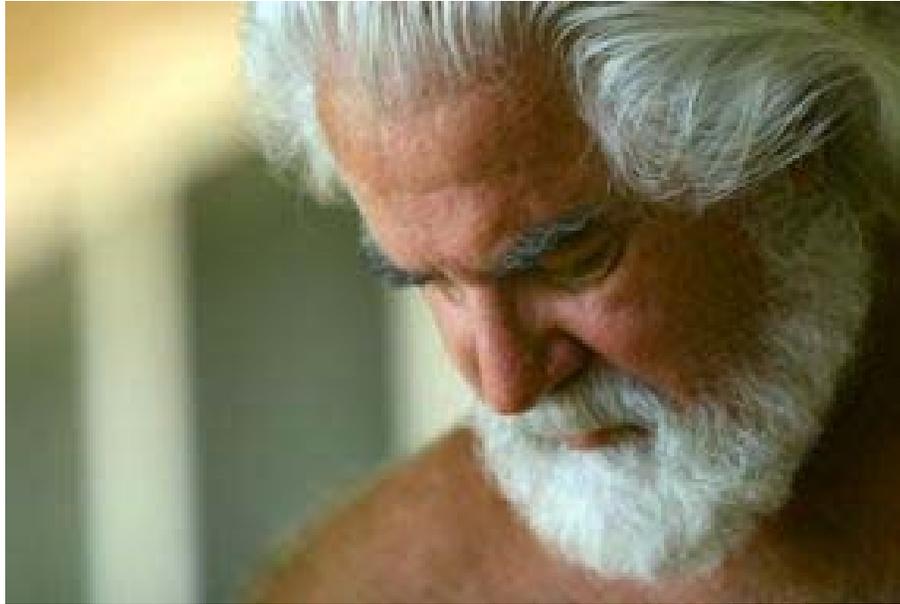
Cliff & Thelma Moss



Dale – Katherine – Mel Bowker

Former residents of Libby, Montana

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



No words on paper could ever describe my hero, a man of great gentleness and passion. His loss is overwhelming and like far too many others, it was unnecessary and avoidable. We had an adventure all too short which left my family behind, but his legacy was to unite the Mesothelioma groups and to Ban Asbestos. It is with great pride and honor we continue to do so, and with each tragedy we remember our goal to fight to educate and end this useless nightmare, and to create a world where no one has to suffer like our families have.

The John McNamara Foundation is proud to work with ADAO and applauds its tireless efforts to make this world a better place. One life is too many-

Make memories that take your breath away-

TC McNamara

JEFFREY FARNSWORTH
LOVING FATHER & HUSBAND

1946 – 2003



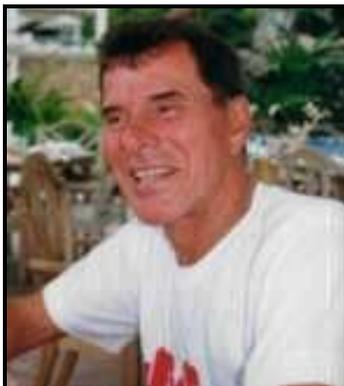
KEEPING YOU IN OUR HEARTS

MISSING YOU EVERY DAY

LOVE,

YOUR GIRLS

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

Warren E. Faubert

1933 - 2002

It has been 7 years since my Dad's death, and I still miss him as if it were yesterday.

How I remember, so vividly, that very painful day, when I got the news that Dad had passed on to the other side. I felt as if my heart was torn out and a part of me had died along with him.

Even though I was an adult, I was still daddy's little girl. I felt so lost without him! Where was dad? My rock? My confidant to help me through this nightmare. Where was the man who had all the answers to life's problems? How could I possibly get through this without him? After all, he was the one that I would turn to when I needed answers to my problems.

Now life and all it's problems were in my hands! How scared I was! I felt so alone!

Somehow, I don't think I will ever forget him nor would I want to. Now I believe I will just learn to live my life in a much different way. How I wish he were still here to give me his advice when I need it. People say that once your loved ones move on to the other side, they are still around us to guide us through life's trials and tribulations. I would like to believe that! I would like to believe that he is still here with me today.

I hope that he knows that he will always be a part of me and I will forever hold all those precious memories we shared together deep in my heart. I will always remember all his sound advice and all that he taught me.

Most of all I will remember his famous phrase. "Listen to daddy, Debra Jean!" he has been and will always remain an inspiration to me and he has helped shape me into the woman that I have become today. Thanks for everything, dad.

I love you!

Debra Swagart and Family



HOPE

It's magic and it's free,
It's not in a prescription. It's not in an IV.
It punctuates our laughter, It sparkles in our tears,
It simmers under sorrows, And dissipates our fears.
Do you know what Hope is? It's reaching past today,
It's dreaming of tomorrow, It's trying a new way,
It's pushing past impossible, It's pounding on the door,
It's questioning the answers, It's always seeking more,
It's rumors of a breakthrough, It's whispers of a cure,
A rollercoaster ride of remedies, unsure.
Do you know what Hope is?
It's candy for the soul,
It's perfume for the spirit.
To share it, makes you whole. ~ Author Unknown ~

In Memory of

Ann Treher



I miss you now more than ever before
But I trust that time will open a door
And show me how to go on without you.
To give me some hope and some comfort too
For you were my Mom and I loved you so

And it breaks my heart that you are not here.
But life will go on and I will too,
I just wish it wouldn't go on without you.

I miss you Mom!

Love always, Linda A.

In Memory of Joe Amento, Jr.

June 19, 1950 – July 26, 2003

Ambler, PA



Our Family Picture, Christmas 2002

There are many things I miss about my Dad. One thing is the smell of him when he walked through the backdoor. I also miss his optimism. He was also happy and always told me, no matter how bad the situation that everything was going to be alright. I also miss having fun with him. He always made me laugh whenever I was unhappy; he always let me win no matter how much my Mom disagreed to it.

There are also experiences I never got to share with my Dad. We never played a real game of tennis together (I learned recently that he was a tennis coach). I've been taking tennis lessons, and it would be great to have him as my tennis coach. He taught me to play chess when we were visiting my Great Uncle Jimmy. I have learned so much about chess in the 5 plus years since he's been gone. I'd bet that if we played chess today, he would probably move his Queen right next to my Rook so that I could take it. I miss you Dad.

Love,
Your Son, Joe

What can I say about my Dad? I could go on for eternity explaining to you how amazing my Dad was. He still is. I swear he is an angel sent from heaven above to be with us. I still can't get over how lucky we were to have him. I didn't deserve to have his goodness. I couldn't have asked for a better father. He was a saint. I can imagine him now: St. Joseph Amento, Jr.

My Dad was the best father and husband in the world. Although I only knew Dad for 8 years of my life, I have to say those were the greatest years of my life. He made me who I am today. Sometimes I still think how unfair it is, how utterly wrong it is to have him gone. I know heaven really needed him up there but couldn't heaven have waited until he walked me down the aisle? I can imagine it. He'd be whispering in my ear, "My baby doll." We'd both be crying as he led me to the man of my dreams. I know my husband-to-be would have felt as if my Dad were his Dad too because my Dad made everyone feel that way. He had room in his heart for everyone. He did. He would have gladly shared his love with everyone. He was such a good man. He would have opened his arms to the asbestos CEOs and forgiven them for killing him. I'm not even kidding.

My Dad was the best baseball player ever. He was even better than Mickey Mantle and Scott Rolen. He was a better basketball player than Michael Jordan and Yao Ming combined. He was a better coach than anyone I have ever known. I can't remember when there wasn't a huge smile on his face when he was coaching. He never stopped helping kids and giving them advice. He never ever yelled at kids. I think he'd rather stop playing baseball himself than ever do that. Baseball was his all time favorite sport and he taught me even when he was sick. I swear I was better when I was 8 years old than I am now. I still play softball in his memory and I know he is cheering me on. He taught me all there is to know about softball and I was a pro when I was 8. He was the perfect coach and I know that there was not one time that any kid was ever mad or afraid of him. My Dad never played favorites during a game. He played every person equally even when some of the other kids weren't very good. He'd say at first base you were doing great. He gave the whole team confidence.

I love you, Dad, and I miss you.

Love,
Your Daughter, Julie

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 performed 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.

In Loving Memory

Todd Hall



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Love, Mom and Dad

In memory of my
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who died on March 5, 2008
of mesothelioma
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Love, Irene

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Tribute for Jill Vaughan, From your ACOR Family

JillyPoo, your inspiration gives us strength and hope and your humor is the best medicine ever. Cheers to you!
Love, Linda

Jill Vaughn means the world to me and my family. My dad (in South Africa) was diagnosed with mesothelioma having worked on the Railways all his life and insulated boilers with asbestos in his younger years. He was diagnosed in January 2000 and sadly we buried him in December the same year. Jill was supportive, encouraging, and gave wise counsel for the other changes in my life at the time. Jill is the most incredible survivor and an inspiration to all who come into contact with her. She has taught me to take responsibility for my own health and she and her husband Bud have become firm friends. Brent Stephens

Jill, Know you are loved and thought of and also remember all the people you have given hope to. I know that God is with you and will carry you when you can't walk. Love, Sue B

Smile - God loves you! I ask the Lord to bless you, as I pray for you today; to guide you and protect you, as you go along your way. God's love is always with you, God's promises are true. And when you give God all your cares, you know God will see you through! Kim & Ray Hoover

Jill, I don't post often but I read the digest every night. My thoughts and prayers are with you! Barbara Cutts

Dear Jill, You are one tough fierce warrior and have won so many battles....One more just for you now. You are a fountain of knowledge and support for so many others...Now is our time for support for you. Our thoughts and prayers and support are with you now as you have been for so many already.
Thank you, Love, HUGS!!!!!! Irene, widow of Hermann

Dear Jill, I'm thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery! Carmen Landreth and family

My dear Jill, "Everyone has his burden. What counts is how you carry it." - Merle Miller
You carry it beautifully. Thanks for blessing me with your friendship. Phyllis Doss

The speech the stuffed horse makes to the Velveteen Rabbit in Margery Williams' 1922 classic applies to you. The horse says that when somebody REALLY loves you, then you become real:

"It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily or have sharp edges or have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby, but these things don't matter at all because once you are real, you can't be ugly except to people who don't understand."

You, Jill, are REALLY loved by so many people on the ListServ that you couldn't be more real or more beautiful! Love you, Bec Gilbert

Jill, Writing a tribute to an amazing woman should have come easily, it doesn't how do you say thank you for being the wind breath my wings, for making breathing a little easier for me and accepting me, for me. I am inspired by your every breath and thank God daily for having you there for me, when my candle was almost out you've always held out a match, your my hero! When I grow up I want to be just like you! Love ya Jillypooh! TC

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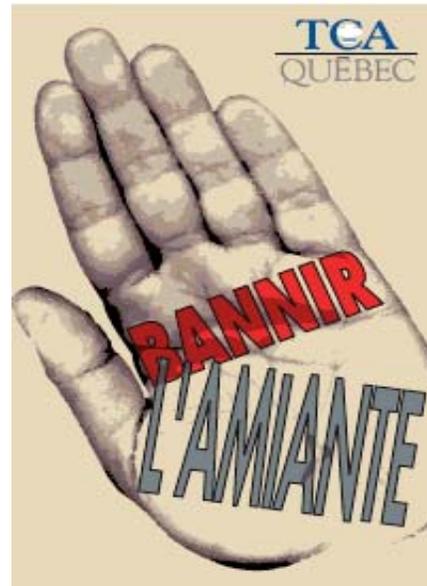
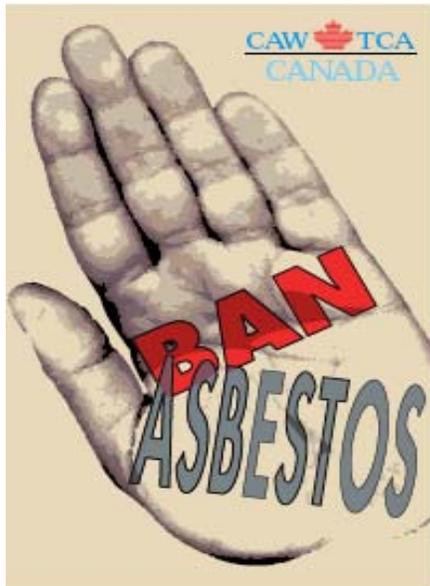
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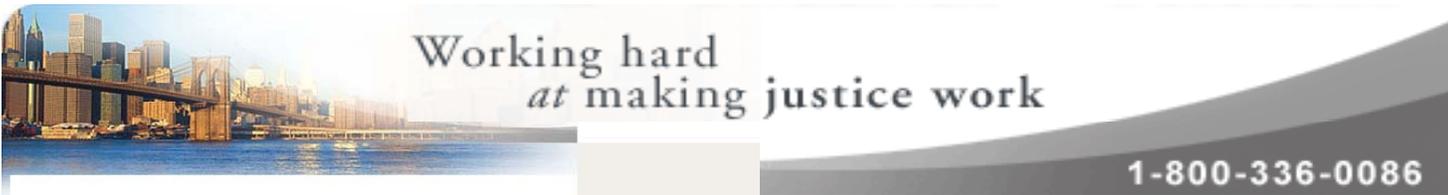
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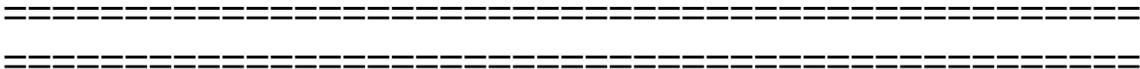
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In particular, to **Senator Barbara Boxer**, our deep appreciation for your ongoing commitment to passing federal legislation to ban the presence of asbestos in products in America. May the 111th Congress bring the success we seek!

Let's continue our progress toward greater public awareness of the hazards of asbestos, greater protection of the rights of victims and their families, and improved medical treatments and eventual cures.

Paul & Michelle Zygielbaum

The 2009 Libby Update: From Crisis to Cure



The community of Libby, Montana courageously continues to face the many struggles associated with the community wide asbestos exposure. We continue to recognize and honor the many wonderful people who have lost their lives to asbestos related disease as we experience many new losses each year.

As a community, we are doing all we can to confront the many needs that still remain. After 9 years, Libby continues to speak with a LOUD & UNITED voice to our state and federal officials. We vigilantly watch over EPA as they clean up our community. We advocated for our state district representative to introduce a bill that we hope will serve as a band-aid for critical healthcare needs as we work with our federal representatives to find long term solutions.

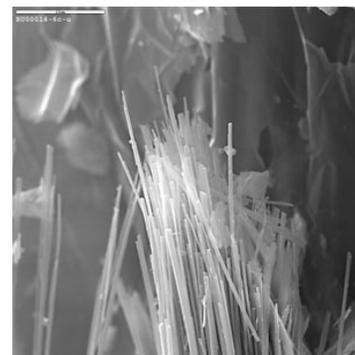
The Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) continues to provide asbestos health screening and holistic care for individuals and families living with asbestos exposure and disease. In addition, CARD works with many community and national partners in research activities to move from Crisis to Cure. CARD has implemented the Libby CARD research database which will allow us to better characterize the exposure risk of Libby amphibole asbestos and its patterns of disease. 1043 patients have already given their consent to participate and we anticipate hundreds more. The community is excited as the database is a critical first step in working toward improved treatments and cures.

The Libby Community is VERY appreciative and thankful for all of the dedication and hard work of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization.

Thank you for all you do!

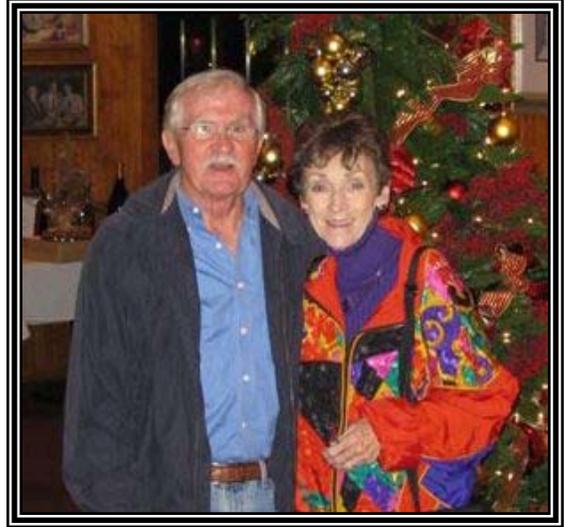


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As a Meso survivor and a phone volunteer at MDAnderson Network and Bloc Cancer Center for over 20 years, I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many Meso families. The ACOR website has also been a great source of information, support and meeting of lasting relationships from sharing in the War on Meso. My husband and I would like to honor the Caregivers and Meso Warriors who are fighting. And, to the memory of those Meso friends that have gone on before us ...

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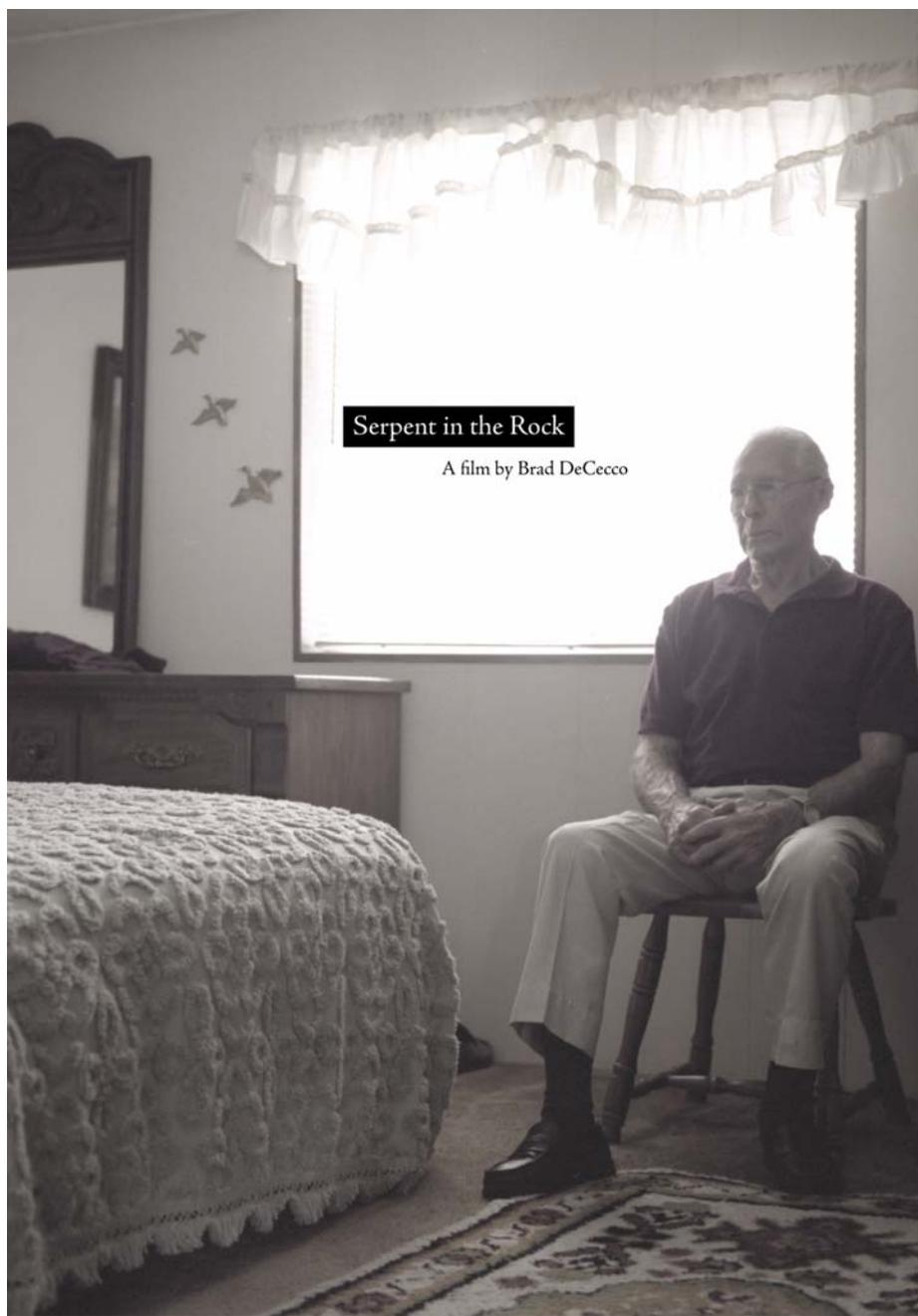
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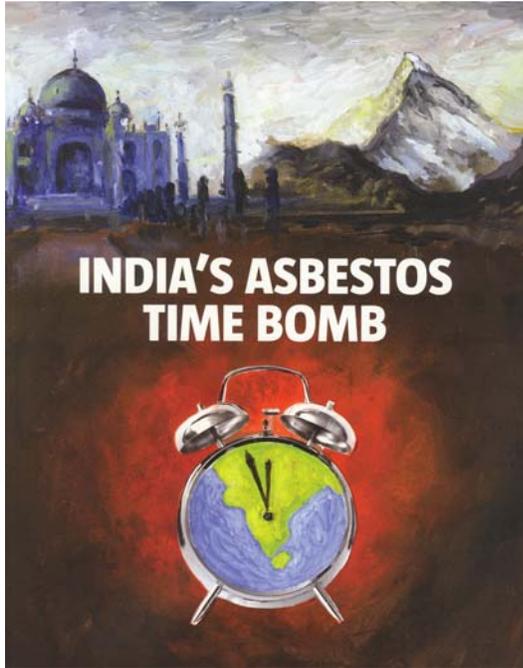
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India's Asbestos Time Bomb

by Laurie Kazan-Allen



India is "on the cusp of a devastating asbestos cancer epidemic," according to the new monograph: *India's Asbestos Time Bomb*. Since 1980, India's total usage of chrysotile asbestos has exceeded 6 million tonnes and the country is the world's largest importer of asbestos with annual imports of 250,000+ tonnes. According to several eminent authors, whose papers are featured in this publication, the country's increasing usage of asbestos is responsible for an invisible cancer epidemic; in light of the rising tide of asbestos consumption, things can only get worse.

This unique report draws on the expertise of grass-roots activists, trade unionists and medical professionals working in India to quantify the fallout from the country's consumption of asbestos and document the

multiple failings of a government and society which prioritizes commercial needs over the health of workers and the public. India does not have a national cancer registry or any system to record asbestos cancers or asbestos exposures. Even where legislation exists to regulate hazardous exposures, it remains unenforced by government officials with close ties to the asbestos industry. It seems that in India no one wants to know about the problems asbestos causes. The injured and their families remain on their own when it comes to coping with the all too common effects of asbestos exposure: ill health, debilitating disease, financial deprivation and death.

"There is an unimaginable and unconscionable level of ignorance of the asbestos hazard in India, a situation that is a great boon to Indian asbestos companies that are benefiting from huge levels of economic growth," says the IBAS Coordinator Laurie Kazan-Allen. "The Indian government is a willing conspirator in this state of affairs, with devastating consequences for the health of its citizens."

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International Mesothelioma Interest Group (iMig)

9th International Conference was held in Amsterdam on

September 25 - 27, 2008

Since its first conference, the IMIG has underlined the need to translate new discoveries in cancer research into clinical practice. In this tradition, we hope that the next meeting again will be a platform where new discoveries and insights in the genetics, epidemiology, biology, pathology and clinics of mesothelioma will be presented to a multidisciplinary forum. We hope that the cross-fertilization between the different scientific cultures will be a source of new ideas and will help to unravel some of the unsolved problems in this fatal disease.

The iMig conference was organized by Paul Baas and Sjaak Burgers of the Netherlands Cancer Institute.

The Final Program and Abstract Book are available online at
http://www.imig.org/images/file/IMIG_p3.pdf

The June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund



The June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund (JHMRF)¹

by Kimberley Stubbs²



On Action Mesothelioma Day 2009 (AMD), asbestos victims' groups and charities throughout the United Kingdom held events and ceremonies to raise awareness of the epidemic of asbestos-related cancer that is killing more than 2,000 people every year. To mark the 2009 occurrence of AMD, the JHMRF hosted an event on February 27, at the Carriageworks Theatre in central Leeds. The day was judged a great success by the 80+ attendants who included mesothelioma patients, widows, widowers, relatives and friends. The varied programme included contributions from a mesothelioma patient, medical personnel, researchers, a Member of Parliament and a global activist. During the proceedings, a new support group: Mesothelioma and Asbestos Related Concerns (MARC) was launched; MARC will hold regular meetings and events in the local area to enable mesothelioma sufferers to draw

strength from others in the same situation. There was a musical interlude by guitarist Boff Whalley from Armley in Leeds (where June and her mum were exposed to the asbestos dust spewing out of the JW Roberts asbestos textile factory) before the day's activities were brought to a close with the release of several white doves from Millennium Square.

Many people appreciated the practical advice provided by the speakers which included information on pain relief and symptom control as well as some positive news about research into how the body's immune system can be used to fight mesothelioma. There was general agreement that although the research being conducted by Dr. Zsuzsanna Tabi, the recipient of the JHMRF research grant award in 2007, was very promising, more work was needed. Delegates added their voices to calls being made throughout the country for the establishment of a National Centre for Asbestos-Related Disease Research. The day's events raised over £1500, all of which will be going to research into mesothelioma.

¹ See website: www.junehancockfund.org

² Kimberley is June Hancock's daughter and a trustee of the Fund set up in her name.

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Mesothelioma UK provides impartial up-to-date information for patients diagnosed with Mesothelioma and their carers. The Centre supports the development of specialist nursing practice and research which promotes the highest possible standards of care. A Consultant Nurse is the lead for Mesothelioma UK.

There is a free phone helpline available which provides access to timely, accurate and relevant advice for patients, carers and health care professionals. Callers are able to access local information and support and be signposted to relevant websites.

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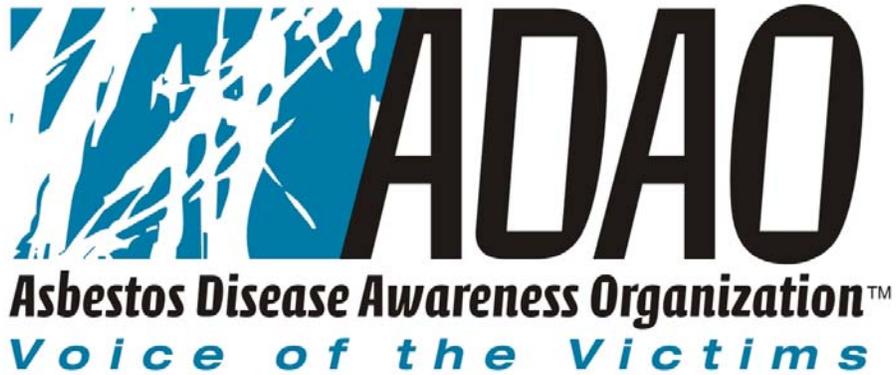
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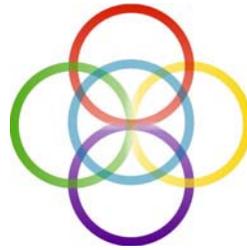
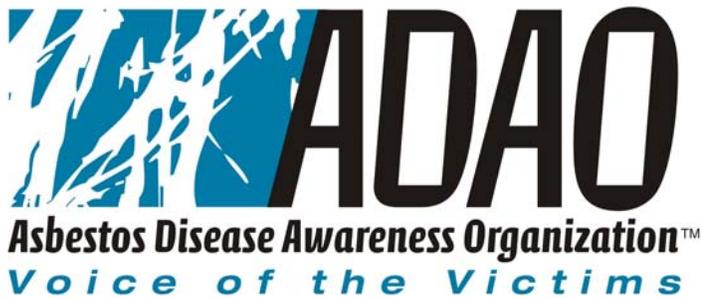
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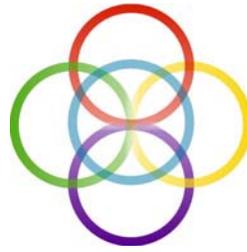
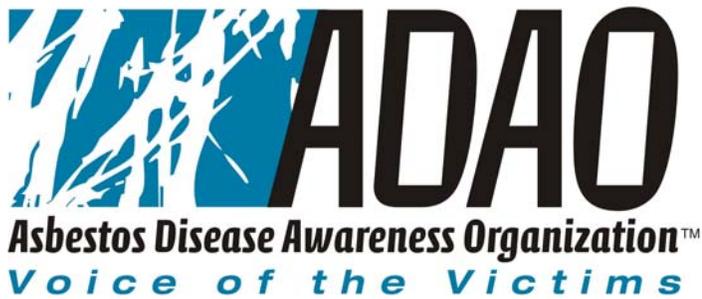
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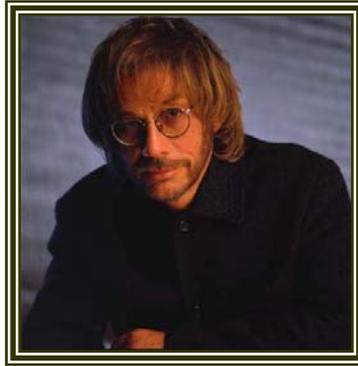
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Keep Me In Your Heart By Warren Zevon



Shadows are falling and I'm running out of
breath

Keep me in your heart for awhile

If I leave you it doesn't mean I love you any less

Keep me in your heart for awhile

When you get up in the morning and you see
that crazy sun

Keep me in your heart for while

There's a train leaving nightly called when all is
said and done

Keep me in your heart for while

Sha-la-la-la-la-la-li-li-lo

Keep me in your heart for while

Sha-la-la-la-la-la-li-li-lo

Keep me in your heart for while

Sometimes when you're doing simple things
around the house

Maybe you'll think of me and smile

You know I'm tied to you like the buttons on
your blouse

Keep me in your heart for while

Hold me in your thoughts, take me to your
dreams

Touch me as I fall into view

When the winter comes keep the fires lit

And I will be right next to you

Engine driver's headed north to Pleasant Stream

Keep me in your heart for while

These wheels keep turning but they're running
out of steam

Keep me in your heart for while

Sha-la-la-la-la-la-li-li-lo

Keep me in your heart for while

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A face is worth 1,000 words.



We will never forget those we have lost.



Thank you from the program Editor

It has been a privilege to be a volunteer for ADAO for the past 5 years. I honor the memory of those lost by hosting a memorial/tribute page on the ADAO website.

In 2005, we started with 4 names and now we have more than 400.

The tribute pages can be viewed at:

http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/patients_supporters/tribute.html

The tributes submitted for this program are so full of love and bring comfort to others.

Thank you for attending our conference and supporting ADAO.

Margy (Johnson) Urnberg

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