

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

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

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

We, as members of ADAO, have successfully unleashed the power of unity by coming together and educating thousands around the world about asbestos disease and working to ban asbestos. Join us for Asbestos Awareness Day, on April 1st as we reflectively remember the numerous victims affected by asbestos, and celebrate the strength of awareness with:

- Tribute of Hope, Inspiration and Unity Awards
- Asbestos Awareness blue wristbands
- Wearing Blue Ribbons
- Victim Tribute eCards
- Reflections, an online publication
- Asbestos Victims Tribute Page in Reflections

Click here for more Asbestos Awareness Day details:

<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad.htm> Direct questions your to AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

Presidents Message ~ Alan Reinstein

It's astonishing, unprecedented and inconceivable that in one year ADAO has gone from "Zero to Hero". Finally the victims of asbestos diseases have a voice that is being heard "on the hill", by the medical community and even by insurers and asbestos product manufacturers. Asbestos Awareness Day on April 1st is intended to be a vehicle to recognize accomplishments, remember a loved one, honor a loved one and strengthen ADAO's resolve to speak for victims of asbestos diseases. There are several ways to become involved with Asbestos Awareness Day. Please join us and express your support for ADAO.

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**Passing Landmark Asbestos
Legislation Needs YOU!**

Support Senate Resolution 43 –
Designating April 1st as National
Asbestos Awareness Day – by signing the
[http://www.gopetition.com/online/5889.h
tml](http://www.gopetition.com/online/5889.html).

ADAO will fax your form letter
supporting S. Res. 43 to your U.S.
Senators.

Form letter at
[http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.or
g/eLibrary/senator43.doc](http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/senator43.doc)

**On April 1st, ADAO is pleased to
honor**

**Laurie Kazan-Allen with the Tribute of
Unity Award**

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

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

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

**Congratulatory comments can be made
online at
[http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.or
g/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi](http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi)**

Asbestos Awareness Day Victim Tribute eCards

**On March 27th, Asbestos Awareness Day
Tribute eCards will be available around
the world, honoring and remembering
victims of asbestos disease. Each Tribute**

eCard will provide hyperlinks to
resources for education and prevention
and a link to our AAD slideshow.

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

eCards are available with a donation
\$100. See links below for examples.
Your much needed donations will be
listed on the Tribute page in the
"Reflections". Your personalized eCard
request must be received by March 10th
by emailing

AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org.

Personalized Tribute e-Cards example

ADD EXAMPLE

Message from Jordan Zevon

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

AAD Reflections

**The history of asbestos and lives lost
from disease will never be forgotten.**

**"Reflections", an online publication, will
review the tragic history of asbestos use;
provide information about preventing
exposure and early detection of asbestos
related diseases, and present new
research information. Articles from Dr.**

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Richard Lemem, Dr Michael Harbut, Dr Arthur Frank, Paul Brodeur and a photographic essay from Bill Ravanese will be featured. Individuals, physicians, and unions around the world will be able to print "Reflections" as an invaluable medical and historical asbestos resource. Reflections will acknowledge asbestos victims and list global asbestos organizations.

AAD@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org.

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

- List of common high-risk occupations
- List of common early warning symptoms for asbestos related diseases
- Provide information about preventing exposure
- Pullout flyer for patient distribution
- Present new medical research
- Review the tragic history of asbestos

Meet ADAO Logo Designer

Sean Shields designed our Asbestos Awareness Day Logo in loving memory of his father and Doug Larkin's father-in-law, Bill Shields, who died from mesothelioma. Green represents ADAO's goal of awareness about asbestos diseases and its symptoms and possible treatments for such diseases. Red signifies prevention and ADAO's efforts to have asbestos banned in this country. Yellow is for remembering all the victims who have died, losing their battle with horrible asbestos diseases. Purple is for uniting

victims and activists from around the world to end asbestos exposure and diseases. Finally, the light blue ring in the middle represents ADAO, which brings all of these goals together.

AAD Wristbands

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

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

WELCOME AND MEET YOUR NEW REPRESENTATIVE - Jack from Colorado.

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For a complete list of volunteers refer to:

<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/aad-volunteers.pdf>

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

Cathy@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

Debra@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

Asbestos Awareness Day Committees

Volunteer today by emailing

ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

ADD EMAILS TO ALL CONTACTS

AAD Medical Resource Coordinator (Cathy)

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

AAD Veterans' Resource Coordinators (Herman & Debi)

Coordinate and disseminate asbestos awareness material to Veterans Organizations--

AAD Publicity Coordinator (Maxine)

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

AAD Legislative Coordinators (Alicia & Jeanne)

Organize ADAO members Senate Resolution 448 support letters to

encourage their U.S. Senators to co-sponsor Senator Reid's Resolution Organize ADAO members asbestos trust fund legislation opposition letters if Senator Specter's bill is introduced

AAD Tributes & eCards Coordinator

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

AAD Reflections Design Coordinator

Organize the Unity, Tribute and Volunteer Acknowledgment pages

April 1st - Wear a Blue Ribbon

In preparation for our 1st Asbestos Awareness Day, please purchase a sky blue ribbon that can be pinned to your clothing. This will proudly signify your unity with all past, current and future asbestos victims throughout the world for asbestos policy reforms. Give to your family, friends, workgroup members, doctors, and everyone you meet on Friday. It also gives you the opportunity to tell the ones you don't know why you'd like them to wear it And in doing so, helps them become aware of the dangers of their past or future asbestos use. Email ADAO a digital photo of your family or work group wearing their blue ribbons for the April Newsletter. Smile big for the camera! We are making the difference, one by one, around the world!

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

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

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS ... Our fight for asbestos disease awareness and fair and balanced legislation needs YOU...yes all of you.

Remember to email copies of your letters

to:ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

Support Asbestos Awareness and sign and circulate the petition at www.AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

Email your one page victim's story that you are willing to publish to ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

Add your loved ones name to our Tribute list of asbestos victims by emailing ACTION@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org Please support the National Mesothelioma Research and Treatment Program (NM RTP) by signing the online petition at www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/69847374(The details of the NM RTP Proposal itself are available from MARF's home page www.marf.org.)

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

Direct your questions to: FERNANDA GIANNASI at fer.giannasi@terra.com.br

DONATIONS: The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, an independent grassroots organization, does not accept donations from corporations. ADAO relies solely on donations from victims, concerned citizens and the medical community. Please make a tribute donation today; contribution will be listed in Reflections. For additional information please refer to:<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/donations.html>

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In unity and hope, Linda
Linda@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org

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