16th Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference

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“Where Knowledge and Action Unite”

Living Streaming
September 17 - 18, 2021
Conference Event Schedule

FRIDAY, September 17
Film Festival:
"Art, Advocacy, and Shared Stories"
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET

SATURDAY, September 17
Academic Conference
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET

SUNDAY, September 18
Awards and Recognition Ceremony
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ET
Dear Speakers, Honorees, Sponsors, Guests, and Volunteers,

On behalf of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, I am thrilled to welcome you to our 16th Annual International Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. This year’s conference, “Where Knowledge and Action Unite,” is our first-ever virtual conference, which allows us to bring together distinguished domestic and international experts and asbestos victims to drive forward the efforts to raise asbestos awareness, prevent asbestos exposure and end asbestos-related diseases. The format also allows a much larger audience to join us from the comfort and safety of their homes. Socially distant, but still together, we can all raise awareness and advocate for a total and complete global ban on asbestos.

ADAO is excited to welcome more than one hundred speakers, honorees, sponsors, guests, and volunteers from nearly ten countries to this year’s conference. Since our inception in 2004, we have worked together to strengthen our education, community, and advocacy initiatives. While doing so we have created an ever-growing community of global support.

This year, we’ll talk about progress and challenges, medical advancements, prevention, global advocacy, and one subject that is very important to me: art and advocacy. I am thrilled to announce that this year we will host our first-ever film festival: “Art, Advocacy, and Shared Stories.” We will be showing “The Mother” by Paolo Monico, “Breathless” by Daniel Lambo, “Dirty Laundry” by Conor B. Lewis and Zack Johnson, and ADAO’s 16th Congressional Staff Briefing, “Impact of Asbestos on Public Health, Environment, and Economy.”

We are also eager to hear from our three featured Keynote Speakers: Rebecca Reindel, the Safety and Health Director at the AFL-CIO; Julie Gundlach, Mesothelioma Warrior and ADAO friend; and Wendy Ruderman, an investigative journalist at The Marshall Project and previously a reporter for The Philadelphia Inquirer, who will give our Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture.

This conference would not be possible without the work of many wonderful and dedicated volunteers, speakers, and honorees. In addition, our esteemed ADAO Board of Directors, and the Science and Prevention Advisory Boards’ unfailing commitment to our mission support our work all year long. And finally, we are endlessly grateful to our generous sponsors, donors, and supporters, whose support allows us to be a voice at the legislative table, in courtrooms, and in communities around the country.

Let me also express my sincere appreciation to all those who have selflessly given time, expertise, and support not only for this conference, but also for ADAO’s numerous year-round initiatives. You are truly saving and changing the lives of asbestos victims around the world.

As we open our 16th conference, I am deeply remembering and missing Annamarie Kearns and Mike Mattmuller, two amazing Mesothelioma Warriors who sadly lost their battles since our last conference. I hope you take a moment to reflect on their extraordinary lives, and the lives of so many others we have lost to asbestos-related illness and disease. Everything we do is in their honor, and to prevent other families from experiencing the loss of their loved ones.

Our 16th anniversary is a time to celebrate what we have accomplished together, strengthen our bonds, and look to the future as we work to prevent asbestos exposure in the U.S. and around the world. Thank you again for joining us. We are a family, and this conference is a reminder that together we can make change happen.
In Loving Memory
Doug Larkin
1972 – 2017

ADAIO Cofounder, Visionary, and Friend
## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021: FILM FESTIVAL: "ART, ADVOCACY, AND SHARED STORIES"

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**Warriors:** Laura and Bob Kuzmick  
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Andrea Wolf, MD, MPH  
Steven Markowitz, MD, DrPH  
Brad Black, MD  

**Introduction:** Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH  

**Keynote Speaker:** Rebecca L. Reindel, MS, MPH, Safety and Health Director, AFL-CIO  

(MODERATOR: Tom Laubenthal)  

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Simon Butt-Bethlendy, Institution of Occupational Safety and Health  
Bob Sussman, JD  
Mark Catlin  
Tony Rich  

**Introduction:** Kathy Best, Howard Center for Investigative Journalism, University of Maryland  

**Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecturer:** Wendy Ruderman, Journalist  

**Session IV: Global Ban Asbestos Action**  
India: Richa Patel, ADAO Communications Director  
Brazil: Fernanda Giannasi  
Italy: Barry Castleman, ScD  
England: Harminder Bains, Solicitor  
Portugal: Carmen Lima  
Africa: Ehi Iden  
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**Linda Reinstein, Closing Remarks**
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021: AWARDS AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Linda Reinstein, Opening Remarks

**Jordan Zevon's Performance**
Presenter: Linda and Emily Reinstein

Honoree: Barry Robson, The Alan Reinstein Award
Presenter: Linda and Emily Reinstein

Honoree: Robert Sussman, The Alan Reinstein Award
Presenter: Dr. Steven Markowitz

Honoree: Dr. Jacqueline M. Moline, The Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award
Presenter: Ellen Costa

Honoree: Former Congressman John Shimkus, The Tribute of Hope Award
Presenter: Jessica Mattmuller

Honoree: Congressman Paul Tonko, The Tribute of Hope Award
Presenter: Dr. Richard Lemen

Honoree: Alan Feinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act Supporters, The Tribute of Inspiration Award
Presenter: Jordan Zevon

Honoree: Judd Apatow, Warren Zevon “Keep Me in Your Heart” Tribute Award
Presenter: Kathy Best

Honoree: Wendy Ruderman; The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture
Presenter: Dr. Celeste Monforton

Honoree: Rebecca L. Reindel, MS, MPH, Safety and Health Director, AFL-CIO
Presenter: Brent Kynoch

Honoree: Julie Gundlach
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Linda Reinstein, Closing Remarks
ADAQ Conference Speakers

Spreading asbestos awareness and prevention around the globe…

American Federation of Teachers
Harminder Bains, Solicitor, Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK
Kathy Best, University of Maryland
Brad Black, MD, ADAO Science Advisory Board
Simon Butt-Bethlendy, Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH)
Jill Cagle, Mesothelioma Warrior
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Kim Cecchini, ADAO Board
Ellen Costa, ADAO Board
Earl Dotter, Photojournalist
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Anna Forgie, Mesothelioma Warrior
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Fernanda Giannasi, Brazilian Association of People Exposed to Asbestos (ABREA)
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Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH, ADAO Science and Prevention Advisory Board Liaison
Paolo Monico, Filmmaker
Mavis Nye, Mavis Nye Foundation
Christine Oliver, MD, MPH, MS, ADAO Science Advisory Board
Richa Patel, MPH, ADAO Intern
Rebecca Reindel, MS, MPH, AFL-CIO
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Robert Sussman, JD, ADAO Counsel
Kelly Trautner, JD, American Federation of Teachers
Andrea Wolf, MD, MPH
Jordan Zevon, ADAO National Spokesperson
Warren Zevon “Keep Me in Your Heart” Award Honoree

**Judd Apatow** is one of the most sought-after comedic minds in the industry—having directed, produced and written many of the biggest comedy films and hit TV shows of the last two decades. Apatow’s most recent feature film, *The King of Staten Island*, starring Pete Davidson, Marisa Tomei and Bill Burr, is inspired by events from Davidson’s own life. Apatow directed and produced the film, which will be released by Universal Pictures on June 19, 2020, and co-wrote the script alongside Davidson and Dave Sirus. He most recently executive produced comedian Gary Gulman’s HBO special, *The Great Depresh* which premiered on HBO on Saturday, October 5, the eve of Mental Illness Awareness Week. Outside of film and television, Judd has gathered journal entries, photographs and essays for an intimate portrait of his mentor and legendary stand-up comic, Garry Shandling to create *It’s Garry Shandling’s Book*, a testament to the lasting impact Shandling had not only on Judd personally but in the world overall. Published November 12 via Random House, the book expands on Apatow’s HBO documentary *The Zen Diaries of Garry Shandling*. The documentary, which released on March 26, 2018 won Apatow the 2018 Emmy Award for Outstanding Documentary Or Nonfiction Special. Previous director credits include *The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Knocked Up, Funny People, This is 40, Trainwreck, May It Last: A Portrait of the Avett Brothers* (with co-director Mike Bonfiglio). He produced *The Big Sick* (nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay), *Superbad, Bridesmaids, Pineapple Express, Anchorman, Step Brothers, Talladega Nights, Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, and *Popstar*. For television, he also executive produced *Crashing* (HBO), *series Girls, Freaks and Geeks, Undeclared, The Ben Stiller Show* and *The Larry Sanders Show* and co-created *Love* (Netflix). His Netflix comedy special, *Judd Apatow: The Return*, marked his comeback to the stage after a 25-year hiatus.

**Harminder Bains, JD** is a partner at Leigh Day, a law firm in London, UK. Her father died from mesothelioma and as a consequence she has campaigned and successfully used the law to protect the rights of victims of asbestos-related diseases. Many of her cases have been reported as a result of setting precedents and have shaped current legislation for other lawyers in the UK. She has a formidable reputation as one of the country’s leading litigators. Due to this reputation, she is currently representing the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK pro bono in their application for documents dating back to the 1960s which they say will reveal what the international asbestos company, Cape, really knew about the dangers of asbestos.
After four decades writing and editing stories designed to make a difference in readers’ lives, Kathy Best moved to academia in June to train the next generation of investigative reporters as the inaugural director of the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism at the University of Maryland. The center’s first project on the impact of global warming on the urban poor, a collaboration with NPR, won the National Press Foundation's innovative storytelling award. Best was the editor of the Missoulian in Missoula, Mont., from 2016 to 2019. She previously worked as executive editor and managing editor of The Seattle Times and as a top editor for the Baltimore Sun, St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Seattle Post-Intelligencer. She was also a reporter for the Post-Dispatch in Washington, D.C., where she met her late husband, Andrew Schneider. At the Times, she led the staff to two Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of breaking news, including real-time reporting of the manhunt for a gunman who shot four police officers. The staff also won two prestigious Online Journalism Awards under her watch for a project on ocean acidification across the Pacific and coverage of a devastating mudslide in Oso, Washington, that claimed 43 lives, which also won a Pulitzer.

Brad Black, MD is Senior Medical and Research Advisor at the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD Clinic) in Libby, Montana and he also serves as Lincoln County Montana’s Public Health Officer. Black founded the CARD Clinic, and served as its Medical Director and CEO until early 2021 when he transitioned away from patient care to focus on scientific and research pursuits. The CARD Clinic continues to provide asbestos health screening and care to a population with significant Libby Amphibole exposures and diseases. Since 2000, Dr. Black has had the opportunity to care for thousands of patients and this longitudinal observation of progressive pleural fibrosis has led to a clear characterization of Libby amphibole asbestos disease. He has been published in numerous peer reviewed medical journals and has instituted collaborations with multiple academic centers around the U.S. Dr. Black is currently working to establish a Libby Amphibole registry and science advisory group for ongoing support of the CARD Clinic and all of those impacted by Libby Amphibole exposures.

Simon Butt-Bethlendy Simon Butt-Bethlendy, Public Relations and Campaigns Manager, Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) is a chartered PR practitioner who oversees day-to-day public relations and campaigns communications for global professional body IOSH,
Simon is also responsible for managing communications for the organisation’s award-winning No Time to Lose campaign.

After more than a decade handling education, research and innovation communications for universities, research organisations and entrepreneurial start-ups, he now advocates internationally for professionals dedicated to achieving a safer, healthier world of work, via IOSH communications channels, the media and at events.

With Campaigns Communications Co-ordinator, Jasmeen Daji, the IOSH team develops and grows support for this vital effort to tackle cancers caused by work. In the past year, the campaign has been presented during Global Asbestos Awareness Week in Washington DC and rolled out internationally in Australia, Canada, Malaysia and Nigeria.

No Time to Lose seeks to inform ‘hard-to-reach’ workers most at risk of exposure to carcinogens. Its strengths are founded in awareness-raising, useful free resources and commitment from supporters and pledge signatories. It has twice been nominated for CIPR Excellence Awards (2017 & 2018) and achieved a ‘Mark of Excellence’ in the International Campaigns category in 2018.

Jill Cagle is a performer and Mesothelioma Widow. She is the surviving spouse of Mesothelioma Warrior Robbie Cagle, who lost his 6-year battle with Peritoneal Mesothelioma on 9-11-11 at the age of 46. She is a mother and now grandmother of 3. She is a Christian and her faith in God truly sustains her. She is the lead singer in the Band Backstreet and plays the Fiddle. She makes primitive crafts and candles and she loves to ride her Harley and feel the wind in her hair. She has been associated with ADAO since 2007 and has now started an annual Motorcycle Ride, "Ridin the Wind with Rob" which includes a 110-mile ride, dinner, silent auction, raffles and t-shirt sales to raise funds for awareness and ultimately a CURE of Mesothelioma. Jill and Rob marched on Capitol Hill in 2010 to help get Illinois to sign the National Asbestos Awareness Day Bill and also met with the DOD. She is committed to doing whatever it takes to get this killer 100% banned. She is truly honored and proud to be a part of this organization.

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 failure to properly control asbestos hazards. Dr. Castleman has spent the past 40 years working on asbestos as a public health problem.

Mark Catlin is the former Occupational Health and Safety Director (retired) for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), representing two million healthcare, service and public workers in the United States and Canada. An industrial hygienist and health and safety activist, since 1981, he has been involved with asbestos issues over his entire career, from investigating asbestos problems at worksites, schools and homes to conducting EPA and OSHA asbestos training for thousands of workers and managers. Mark has advocated for strong public policies to eliminate asbestos use and exposure. In the early 1990s, he was the clinic industrial hygienist for the Harborview Occupational Medicine Clinic at the University of Washington and conducted many occupational histories for workers with asbestos-related disease. Mark is honored to serve on the ADAO Prevention Advisory Board.

Kim Cecchini, ADAO Board Member, has been involved with the organization since its founding in 2004. She is a senior communications strategist, with more than 25 years of experience managing diverse PR and corporate communications programs for a wide variety of high growth companies, specializing in technology and the federal sector. She currently resides in Raleigh, NC.

Ellen Costa is a ADAO Board Member and volunteer. She has been with ADAO since 2012 and is honored to be of service to this very special organization; its mission, founders and supporters. Professionally, she has been in the financial services industry for over 30 years and has served various firms in marketing, communications, product management, strategic planning and regulatory policy impacts. Inspired by Linda Reinstein’s commitment and passion in making change, influencing political policy and advocating for practical issues on a global level, lead to her involvement with the organization. The awareness, family support and leadership ADAO provides in creating the change needed in this world is truly powerful. Most importantly, she believes in Linda Reinstein and is truly privileged to serve and support the mission of ADAO.

Earl Dotter is the Photographer and Creator of the exhibit BADGES: A Memorial Tribute to Asbestos Workers. Earl began photographing coal miners in 1969, then the most dangerous job in America. After which, he focused on other hazardous occupations in the USA. After 30 years of documentation, he created the exhibit and book, THE QUIET SICKNESS: A Photographic
Chronicle of Hazardous Work in America. He has been a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard School of Public Health since his appointment in 1999. In the year 2000, Dotter received an Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellowship to document commercial fishing. It had become our nation’s most dangerous trade. After 9/11, he photographed the rescue recovery effort at Ground Zero. For that exhibit project he received APHA’s Alice Hamilton Award. Currently, Dotter is currently touring his retrospective exhibit, LIFE’S WORK, A Fifty Year Photographic Chronicle of Working in the U.S.A. His recently published book of the same name is a companion to the touring exhibit.

Raja Flores, MD, is the Chairman for the Department of Thoracic Surgery at Mt. Sinai Medical Center and ADAO Science Advisory Board Co-Chair Member. Raja is a recognized leader in the field of thoracic surgery for his pioneering efforts in the treatment of mesothelioma. Dr. Flores’ research interests include numerous past projects relating to the multimodality management of malignant pleural mesothelioma. He helped pioneer the use of intraoperative chemotherapy for mesothelioma, and led a multi-center trial designed to improve patient outcomes. He changed the surgical management of pleural mesothelioma cancer with a landmark study comparing extrapleural pneumonectomy and pleurectomy/decortication. An expert in his field, Dr. Flores has appeared on many national and local television news reports to discuss mesothelioma. With over 250 related publications to date, his energies and commitment to the plight of mesothelioma patients remains paramount.

Anna Forgie is a lawyer in Washington, DC, where she also serves as an elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. Anna’s mom, Patty Forgie, lost her life to peritoneal mesothelioma on May 4, 2017. Patty was a lifelong explorer and adventurer. Her creative spirit, energy, and love brightened the lives of so many. Anna’s sister, Julia Forgie, started the non-profit Mother’s Day Meso Run, an annual race held in Los Angeles to raise awareness about mesothelioma.

Arthur L. Frank, MD, PhD is a physician board certified in both internal medicine and occupational medicine and currently serves as Professor of Public Health and Chair Emeritus of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Drexel University School of Public Health in Philadelphia. He is also a Professor of Medicine (Pulmonary) at Drexel College of Medicine. He also holds a position at Drexel as Professor of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering. A lifelong academic, Dr. Frank has previously taught at Mount Sinai, the University of Kentucky and in the University of Texas System. He has served many governmental agencies in the US and has carried out
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research and has been a governmental advisor internationally. 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 a great deal of work on the hazards of asbestos, and clinically cared for asbestos affected patients. He has lectured internationally about the problems of asbestos, and worked in many settings looking at the diseases caused by this material. His research interests have been in the areas of occupational cancers and occupational lung diseases, as well as agricultural safety and health. For thirty-seven years he held a commission in the U S Public Health Service (active and inactive) and served on active duty both at the NIH and at NIOSH. Arthur is the ADAO Science Advisory Board Co-Chair.

**Fernanda Giannasi**, founder of the Brazilian Association of People Exposed to Asbestos (ABREA), is a Civil and Safety Engineer and ex-Labor Inspector for the Ministry of Labor and Employment for 30 years, currently retired and acting as an expert advisor for the Labour Prosecutors (Federal Labour Public Ministry) as well the asbestos victims’ solicitors. She is the coordinator of the Virtual Citizen Ban Asbestos Network for Latin America, and Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini. She serves as an expert witness in judicial cases related to asbestos, nuclear and other toxic chemicals as Mercury, POP’s (Persistent Organic Pollutants). She also led thousands of workers who have filed lawsuits against the asbestos industry. In charge of a Federal Labor Inspector, she staunchly defended the public interest on workers’ safety and health and was pressured by the asbestos lobby in Brazil and Canada, and endured all kinds of pressures, harassment including death threats, offensive campaigns and criminal charges by her detractors. Despite these, she has been awarded in Brazil as the Engineer of 2012 and internationally in Canada (Ray Sentes Award), USA by the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), and Japan by the Tajiri Muneaki Memorial Fund. She was awarded by both the State of São Paulo Appeal Court and the High/Supreme Labour Court with the Judiciary Order of Merit. She is internationally well known and highly respected for her proficient and perseverant campaigning to save lives from asbestos. Fernanda Giannasi is the personification of the fight against asbestos in Brazil. She isn’t called ‘The Brockovich of Brazil’ for nothing. Last November, all her efforts to ban asbestos in Brazil as well the fight for Justice for asbestos victims and their families were granted with the important decision by the Supreme Constitutional Court (STF) that declared asbestos banned in the whole country. Recently, she was indicated by the O GLOBO, one of the most important daily newspapers in the country to be one of the finalists of the Prize “FAZ DIFERENÇA” in 2017 (Make the Difference) in the category of Economy and was awarded in South Korea with the 2017 Rachel Lee Jung-Lim Award.
Friday Keynote Speaker

**Julie Gundlach** is an asbestos victim turned advocate. Diagnosed with malignant peritoneal mesothelioma in August of 2006, Julie fought to find viable treatment options through five surgeries and multiple chemotherapy protocols, has remained stable since 2014. A victim of secondary exposure, Julie’s anger and frustration at the horrific amount of asbestos exposure led her to become an advocate in the fight for a ban on asbestos. She has traveled to lobby at Capitol Hill with ADAO and is committed to fighting for a complete ban on asbestos.

**Ehi Iden** is an Occupational Health and Safety Consultant with over 20 years’ work experience spanning through healthcare, patient safety and Occupational Health and Safety Management. He holds professional certificates in Industrial Hygiene, Community Change in Public Health, Mobile Phone for Public Health, Society and Health, Global Social Entrepreneurship, Behavioural Medicine, Patient Safety, Health and Wellness, Population Health and an Advanced Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Management. He also holds an MBA and M.Sc. in Workplace Health and Safety and currently a Doctoral Fellow doing a study on Workplace Health and Wellness Promotion. Ehi is a versatile trainer and conference speaker in high demand. He is the founding CEO of Occupational Health and Safety Managers (OHSM), a West African Regional Chair, Patient Safety Movement and Coordinator, OSHAfrica. He is a Member, Board of Trustees in Occupational Safety and Health Africa Foundation (OSHAfrica) and Occupational Health Research and Development Initiative (OHRDI).

**Zack Johnson** is a filmmaker and adventurer from Alton, Illinois. Since a young age he has always had a video camera in his hand but he never thought it would take him anywhere. A natural storyteller, Zack is always looking to give and get a good laugh - he realized a video camera was another way to make that happen. A simple guy who wants and needs for very little just lives his life to be a story worth listening to in the end. He is a friend of nature and finds great peace when hunting, fishing, and trapping - most often with his dog, Doc.
Robert and Laura Kuzmick met in 1999 while working in the same office building for Montgomery County, PA as Social Service professionals. Bob has over 25 years of experience working with delinquent youth and is currently a Supervisor with the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department. Laura has worked in the Family Court Divisions of both Montgomery and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania. Bob and Laura were married in 2001 and bought their home in Ambler, PA in 2002, where they did extensive renovations. After realizing that much of the materials in their home contained asbestos, Bob began to research the dangers of asbestos and reached out to ADAO for information and support. Bob and Laura have since committed themselves to promoting awareness of asbestos in the home and have volunteered their time with local and national ADAO events.

Brent Kynoch is the Managing Director of the Environmental Information Association, headquartered just outside of Washington, DC in Chevy Chase, MD. He has been the Managing Director of the Association since 1996, but previously had served EIA in other volunteer roles on the Board of Directors as an officer, and ultimately as the President of EIA in 1988 and 1989. EIA has spent over 30 years at the forefront in providing its members with the information needed to remain knowledgeable, responsible and competitive in the environmental health and safety industry. Mr. Kynoch is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. He is called upon frequently as a speaker, as a writer and as an expert regarding environmental contaminants. He has testified before both the US House of Representatives and the US Senate regarding asbestos, and has written numerous articles on asbestos management and control.

Daniel Lambo is a Belgian film director. He creates films on themes as human rights, social inequality and poverty. Lambo's first feature film, Miss Homeless (2010), was written, produced, directed, filmed and edited entirely by himself. This docufiction about homeless people in Brussels premiered in twelve different countries on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Dry Branches of Iran (2012) deals with censorship during the Green Revolution in Iran and De Figurant (2016) takes on racial stereotypes with a story about a drug dealer who has acting ambitions. In his latest feature, the documentary Breathless, Lambo investigates the delocalization of the asbestos industry to developing countries.
Tom Laubenthal (US Training & Regulations) is the Training Supervisor & Technical Chief for The Environmental Institute in Marietta, GA. He has more than 31 years of industry service and is considered a nationally recognized expert within the asbestos and lead-based paint control industries. He has worked as a Technical Expert for the NIST/NVLAP PLM laboratory accreditation program since 1988; held a variety of leadership roles including as a past National President of the Environmental Information Association; served on a variety of national-level professional association committees; and recently managed the complete revision of the EPA’s 1985 document “Guidance for Controlling Asbestos-Containing Materials in Buildings” known as the “EPA Purple Book.” He has served on EPA and NVLAP regulatory review panels, has published extensively in print and e-media, and is regularly invited to speak at technical meetings on topics of asbestos detection and control. He received his B.S. in Geology from Georgia State University.

Tom Laubenthal (US Training & Regulations) is the Director of Operations for the Southeast Region for AirQuest Environmental, Inc in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Many know Tom from his many years of work in the classroom with the The Environmental Institute in Marietta, GA. He has more than 37 years of industry service and is considered a nationally recognized expert within the asbestos and lead-based paint control industries. He has worked as a Technical Expert for the NIST/NVLAP PLM laboratory accreditation program since 1988; held a variety of leadership roles including as a past National President of the Environmental Information Association; served on a variety of national-level professional association committees and boards; including managing the complete revision of the EPA’s 1985 document “Guidance for Controlling Asbestos-Containing Materials in Buildings” known as the “EPA Purple Book.” He has served on EPA, NIOSH and NVLAP regulatory review panels, has published extensively in print and e-media, and is regularly invited to speak at technical meetings on topics of asbestos detection and control. He received his B.S. in Geology from Georgia State University.

Richard Lemen, PhD, MSPH is a retired 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 forty years and has taught graduate level courses on environmental and occupational health issues, including asbestos, at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. He has also testified on behalf of asbestos victims; Dr. Lemen is a world-renowned author, speaker, and lecturer on this topic.
Carmen Lima is coordinator of the Quercus’s Waste Information Center, founder and Coordinator of SOS AMIANTO – Portuguese Asbestos Victim Support Group. She has a degree in Environmental Engineering, a postgraduate degree in Environmental Management and Sustainable Construction, and a Master in Planning and Sustainable Construction. She is attending the PhD course in Environmental Engineering, dedicated to the issue of Asbestos. She has participated as a speaker and moderator in several conferences and auditions in Portugal, Cape Verde, Belgium, Brazil and the USA. She frequently participates in television programs, interviews and articles for the media.

Steven Markowitz, MD, DrPH, is an occupational medicine physician and epidemiologist, directs the Barry Commoner Center for Health and the Environment at Queens College, City University of New York and is a member of the ADAO Science Advisory Board. He is Adjunct Professor of Environmental Medicine and Public Health at Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai. He was educated at Yale University (BA) and Columbia University (MD and DrPH in epidemiology) and trained in internal medicine (Montefiore Medical Center) and occupational medicine (Mt. Sinai School of Medicine). With the United Steelworkers union, Dr. Markowitz directs the largest occupational lung cancer screening program in the United States (Worker Health Protection Program), using low-dose CT scanning to screen nearly 14,000 Department of Energy nuclear weapons workers for early lung cancer since 2000. Dr. Markowitz served for 12 years as Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Industrial Medicine and was the Associate Editor of a major textbook, Environmental and Occupational Medicine, 4th Edition. He serves or has served on Federal EPA, NIOSH, NTP, and DOL Committees and Boards. Dr. Markowitz is the Medical Advisor to the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers.

Jessica Mattmuller joined the ADAO family in 2012, after her husband Mike was diagnosed with mesothelioma at just 29 years old. Together, Mike and Jess have poured incredible energy into fighting for an asbestos-free future. Along with their beautiful new daughter, Riley Jean, the Mattmuller family serves as a beacon of hope and a source of support for the ADAO community. Jessica is a graphic designer who lends her talents to ADAO’s digital campaigns; she and Mike were recognized with the 2017 Alan Reinstein Award for their valiant role in the fight to ban asbestos. Tragically, Mike passed away in April 2020, but their family continues fighting in his memory.
Barbara Minty McQueen is the widow of American film star Steve McQueen, and is a former model and photographer. She is also the author of *Steve McQueen: The Last Mile*, which documents the three-and-a-half-year relationship between the two and includes candid photographs from 1977 to 1980. McQueen has hosted several art exhibits of her work with shows in London, Tokyo, San Francisco, Nashville, Phoenix and Idaho, where she resides.

**Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree**

Jacqueline M. Moline, MD, MSc is an Occupational Medicine specialist and Professor of Occupational Medicine, Epidemiology and Prevention and Internal Medicine at Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine. She obtained her medical degree from the Pritzker School of Medicine of the University of Chicago. She completed residencies in Internal Medicine at Yale University and Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where she obtained her Master’s of Science degree. She is the former Director of the NIOSH funded New York/New Jersey Education and Research Center in Occupational Safety and Health. After 19 years on the faculty at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, she joined Northwell Health as the founding Chairperson of the Department of Occupational Medicine, Epidemiology and Prevention. Dr. Moline continues to maintain a clinical practice, focusing on patients with occupational exposures such as asbestos. Since 2001, many of Dr. Moline’s endeavors have been centered on the medical evaluation and treatment of World Trade Center (WTC) responders. While at Mount Sinai she directed the WTC health program, which she now runs at Northwell Health in Queens, NY. In 2010, Dr. Moline was the recipient of the Kehoe Award of Merit from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine for significant contributions to research in the field of occupational and environmental medicine and she has received numerous awards for her service to WTC responders.

Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH is a lecturer in public health at Texas State University and liaison to the ADAO Science and Prevention Advisory Boards. Her research includes assessment of worker health and safety laws and policies, and their effectiveness in protecting workers from illnesses, disability and death. She has published articles on strategies used by economic interests, including the asbestos industry, to manipulate scientific evidence to create uncertainty about health risks in order to delay protective regulatory action and compensation. Prior
to her academic appointment, Dr. Monforton was a federal employee at the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA, 1991-1995) and Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA, 1996-2001). Dr. Monforton served on the special panels appointed by the West Virginia Governor to investigate the January 2006 and April 2010 coal mine disasters that killed a total of 41 workers. Dr. Monforton received the 2018 Advocate of the Year Award from the American Public Health Association (APHA), serves on the organization’s Action Board and in a leadership position with APHA’s Occupational Health and Safety Section. She was elected in 2015 as a fellow in the Collegium Ramazzini.

Paolo Monico has been running an enduring and successful career in directing commercials and music videos for the past 20 years. He writes, directs and produces short films and web content through his NY-based production company and he is currently developing “The Suit,” a limited series based on “The Mother,” his award-winning short film inspired by the mystery surrounding the death of his father, Sandro, who passed away in 2002 from mesothelioma. Born and raised in Italy, in 2006 Paolo moved to the US, became an American citizen and a proud member of the Directors Guild of America.

In 2009, Mavis Nye was diagnosed with pleural mesothelioma, a consequence of the asbestos fibers that often coated her husband Ray’s uniform from the Royal Naval Dockyard in Chatham. She was told that she had 3 months to live. However, rather than accept this prognosis, Mavis decided to fight. She fought in treatment, and by getting involved in the MesoWarriors, an online support group that assists asbestos victims and their families. Today, almost nine years after the three months she was originally given to live, Mavis —and Ray—continue their work with the MesoWarriors, which allows Mavis to share her story across the UK and around the world giving hope to asbestos victims and demanding change from people with the power to create it. As she puts it, she has been given another chance at life so that she can help other sufferers.

L. Christine Oliver, MD, MPH, MS is President of Occupational Health Initiatives, Inc. She is an adjunct professor in the Occupational and Environmental Health Division of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto in Toronto, ON. Dr. Oliver is a member of the Ontario Task Force on Environmental Health and a consultant to Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW). She was formerly an associate clinical professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and a member of the Department of Medicine (Pulmonary and Critical Care Division) at the
Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dr. Oliver's primary specialty is occupational and environmental medicine, with an emphasis on occupational lung disease. Dr. Oliver is a Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini and has done research and published in the area of occupational lung disease, with a focus on asbestos-related disease. She has lectured frequently on this topic, including more recently the determination of risk for asbestos-related lung cancer. Dr. Oliver has testified before Congress and OSHA on issues related to asbestos and other workplace exposures.

Richa Patel, MPH; is an East Carolina University graduate, who has acquired a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Studies, with a minor in Business Management. In her final year at ECU, Ms. Patel attended the Global Health and Innovations Conference at Yale University. May 2016, just a couple of weeks after graduating, Ms. Patel moved to Los Angeles, California for three months to join the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) team as an intern. By working with multiple organizations during her college career, Richa has become efficient in public relations and social media marketing. Since joining ADAO, she has attended three ADAO International Asbestos Awareness Conferences and two ADAO Congressional Staff Briefings, which has intensified her passion for the public/global health world. Richa recently completed her Master of Public Health at Georgia State University in December 2019 and is excited to begin her career in Atlanta, Georgia!

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Rebecca L. Reindel, MS, MPH, is the Safety and Health Director at the AFL-CIO, the federation of 55 labor unions representing 12.5 million working men and women in the United States. She provides safety and health support to unions and relies on workers' experiences and key research to advocate at the federal policy level for improved working conditions, including stronger protections for chemical exposures at work, like asbestos. In 2019, she testified in front of Congress in support of H.R. 1603 -- the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act on behalf of the AFL-CIO. Rebecca has worked on the ground conducting research and at the national level for EPA and OSHA, using science in public policy. She serves as a board officer for several nonprofits in occupational and environmental health and is an active member of the American Public Health Association. She is very active in recruiting and training the next generation of worker health and safety activists. Rebecca is from a union family with a background in social justice issues and received her master’s degrees in Forensic Toxicology and Public Health from the George Washington University.
Emily Reinstein has volunteered with ADAO since its founding in 2003 under the leadership of her mother, Linda Reinstein. Emily lost her father to Mesothelioma at the age of 13, and has been passionate about supporting ADAO's efforts to increase education about the dangers of asbestos and ultimately to ban the mineral ever since. Emily is currently the Senior Manager of Impact at Omaze, an online fundraising company that raises funds and awareness for nonprofits like ADAO through once-in-a-lifetime experiences and prizes.

Linda Reinstein is the President/CEO and Co-Founder of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO). Reinstein became an activist when her husband, Alan, was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2003. She co-founded the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization in 2004, and now serves as President and CEO. Reinstein has been a strong political voice for justice in every major asbestos-related issue. Reinstein, a highly sought-after international speaker, has frequently served as a Congressional witness and presented at the Department of Labor (OSHA), British House of Commons, United Nations Congress, American Public Health Association, and to other audiences around the world. Recognized as an expert with nearly 40 years of nonprofit experience in building and sustaining grassroots organizations, Reinstein specializes in developing, implementing, and leveraging integrated social media campaigns. Over the years, Reinstein has been asked to create social media educational materials and facilitate workshops. Focused on national and international occupational and environmental disease prevention, Reinstein's proficiency in the powerful advocacy space of online media has greatly increased the effectiveness of ADAO's core mission of education, advocacy, and community support actions. She has won many prestigious awards including the Global Impact Award (2013), from the Independent Asbestos Training Providers; Bruce Vento Hope Builder Award (2011), from the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation; the highest level of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for her 4,000 hours of volunteerism during her lifetime (2010); and the Heart and Soul Award in from the Manhattan Beach Women in Business Association (2005).

Tony Rich, Industrial Hygienist, Photographic Historian and ADAO Prevention Advisory Board Member, has literally served “in the trenches” as an industrial hygienist and environmental technician in the consulting field for the past 24 years, specializing in asbestos-related work, including: inspection surveys, abatement monitoring/sample analyses, regulatory compliance, and worker training. He has also received microscopy training from McCrone Research Institute for identification of bulk asbestos via polarized-light microscopy (PLM). Through the course of his occupation
and personal endeavor, Tony has developed an extensive and compelling collection of asbestos-related photographs, product materials, artifacts, historical books, industry documents, film archives, and other related media which have been utilized in a multitude of applications for various organizations worldwide, including, but not limited to: product and material research, asbestos awareness education blogs, informational presentations, corporate and governmental training programs, regulatory guidance documents, science and trade publications, university textbooks, museum & conference exhibits, and even as legal evidence.

Alan Reinstein Award Honoree

Barry Robson, the President of the Asbestos Disease Foundation of Australia (ADFA), became a Union delegate of the Waterside Workers Federation in 1970 and was elected as Senior Vice President of that Union in 1988. In 1995 he was elected Assistant Branch Secretary of the Maritime Union of Australia, a position he held until retirement from the workforce in 2003. From 1991 to 1995 he was a Councilor on Blacktown City Council. He became a delegate to ADFA in 1996 and was appointed President in 2002 and elected President in 2003, a position he holds today. He has been appointed to the following, Asbestos Research Institute in 2004, Federal Government Asbestos in Telstra Infrastructure in 2013 and Federal Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) in 2013. Barry has been awarded three Life Memberships, Maritime Union of Australia, St Mary’s Baseball Club and Blacktown Mt Druitt Cardiac Support Group.

The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecturer

Wendy Ruderman, a reporter since 1991, is a new staff reporter at The Marshall Project, a nonpartisan, nonprofit news organization that delves into the U.S. criminal justice system. She joined The Marshall Project this September from The Philadelphia Inquirer, where she worked for nearly 20 years and was a key member of the newspaper's Investigations Team. Her most recent project, "Toxic City: Sick Schools," authored with Inquirer reporters Barbara Laker and Dylan Purell, won numerous national awards and was named as a Pulitzer finalist in the local reporting category. The series examined how environmental hazards, including asbestos, lead paint and mold, inside Philadelphia's aging public schools rob children of healthy and safe places to learn and grow. Ruderman, along with colleague Barbara Laker, won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting for a series about police corruption. She earned a master's from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in 1997 and was a 2016 National Fellow at the University of Southern California's Center
for Health Journalism. She currently serves as a member of the Ethics Advisory Council at Villanova University. She lives in South Jersey with her two teenage boys.

Tribute of Hope Award Honoree

Former Congressman John M. Shimkus has served in the Army, as a high school teacher, a county treasurer, and now as a Member of the United States House of Representatives for the 15th District of Illinois. Among his duties in Congress, John is a senior member of the and Republican Leader of its Environment & Climate Change Subcommittee. He also serves on the Health and Communications & Technology Subcommittees; the NG9-1-1, Recycling, Coal, Steel, and Baltic Caucuses; as well as the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents. Over the years, John has worked with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance policies that enhance our nation's energy security and public safety. Several of his legislative initiatives have been signed into law by Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. In 1989 John won his first election, becoming a Collinsville Township trustee. He left his teaching job the following year to campaign full-time and was elected Madison County (Illinois) Treasurer. John began studies for his master’s degree in business administration (MBA) while county treasurer and graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 1997. In 1996 John won his first term as a United States Representative from what was then Illinois' 20th District. From 2003-2013 he represented the 19th District and now he represents the 15th District, 33 counties that stretch from his hometown near St. Louis to the Indiana border and from Hoopeston south to Metropolis. Danville is the largest city in the 15th District.

Alan Reinstein Award Honoree

Robert Sussman, JD, is the principal in Sussman and Associates, a consulting firm that offers advice on energy and environmental policy issues to clients in the non-profit and private sectors. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and was a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School. Bob served in the Obama Administration as Co-Chair of the Transition Team for EPA and then as Senior Policy Counsel to the EPA Administrator from 2009-2013. He served in the Clinton Administration as the EPA Deputy Administrator during 1993-94. At the end of 2007, Bob retired as a partner at the law firm of Latham & Watkins, where he headed the firm’s environmental practice in DC. Bob was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in 2008. He is currently serving on the Board on Environmental Science of the National Academy of
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**Tribute of Hope Award Honoree**

**Congressman Paul Tonko** represents New York’s 20th District in the U.S House of Representatives, including all of Albany and Schenectady Counties and parts of Montgomery, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties in Upstate New York.

Now in his sixth term, Tonko serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce and was elected by his peers to chair the Subcommittee on the Environment and Climate Change where he oversees a wide range of issues including clean drinking water, regulation of toxic substances and national climate action. In addition, he was appointed this term to join the Committee on Natural Resources and to continue his service on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee where he has been a longtime advocate for scientific integrity and public research.

In addition to his committee duties, Tonko co-chairs the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition. He is also a longtime honorary vice chair of the Alliance to Save Energy, a bipartisan, nonprofit coalition that promotes energy efficiency across all sectors of the global economy.

Prior to serving in Congress, Tonko was the president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Before that, he served in the New York State Assembly for 25 years, 15 of which he was chair of the Committee on Energy. At the age of 26, he was the youngest person in the history of Montgomery County to be elected to the county’s Board of Supervisors, which he chaired until 1981.

Tonko graduated from Clarkson University with a degree in mechanical and industrial engineering and is a former engineer for the New York State Public Service Commission. He is a lifelong resident of Amsterdam, New York.
Kelly Trautner is a trade unionist who believes communities are safest when frontline workers have a seat at the table where decisions are made, advocating for themselves and the people they serve, a central precept to her work as director of the American Federation of Teachers’ Health Issues program. Kelly’s drive to empower workers began while representing an emergency nurse who was permanently disabled with respiratory illness due to failed equipment and protocol while caring for a patient transported from an explosion at a chemical plant. She has been honored for her contributions to the labor movement in her state and received the Ohio Nurses Association’s inaugural solidarity award, created in her name. Kelly holds a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School and is a licensed attorney.

Andrea Wolf, MD, MPH, is Director of the NY Mesothelioma Program and Associate Professor of Thoracic Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She graduated Cum Laude from Princeton and earned highest honors at Harvard Medical School. She served as Chief Resident in Surgery at the MGH and Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, where she completed a Thoracic Oncology Research Fellowship while earning her MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health. She has expertise in surgery for pleural mesothelioma and VATS lobectomy, and research interests in mesothelioma, health care disparities, and lung cancer. She and her team at the NY Mesothelioma Program received the 2020 International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer Care Team Award. She has presented at numerous national and international meetings, is co-editor of the third edition of Sugarbaker’s Adult Chest Surgery and has published extensively on pleural mesothelioma and lung cancer. She has one son and loves to run.

Jordan Zevon, ADAO’s tremendous National Spokesperson and Celebrity Board Co-Chair, is a singer/songwriter and film composer. Jordan was the executive producer for 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’s own work includes his self-titled EP and the New West release, “Insides Out”. He’s performed multiple times on The Late Show with David Letterman, The Grammys and his music has been featured on numerous television shows. 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.

**Tribute of Inspiration Award Honorees**

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**Tribute of Unity Award Honoree**

The **American Federation of Teachers** is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.
The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization expresses our sincere gratitude to the past and current U.S. Surgeons General for issuing official asbestos awareness statements.

**U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy (2015, 2016 & 2021):**
“National Asbestos Awareness Week is...a good time to remind Americans about the health dangers of asbestos exposure... because of its use in so many products, asbestos is still of special concern.”

**U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams (2018 & 2019):**
“It is important that we remind Americans about the health dangers of asbestos exposure.”

**Acting U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Boris Lushniak (2014), at 2014 ADAO International Asbestos Awareness Conference:**
“The asbestos issue is not a thing of the past. It continues to this day.”

**U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Regina Benjamin (2013):**
“Anyone who disturbs asbestos is at risk... Preventing the damage caused by asbestos is important to help keep Americans healthy and safe... The greater the exposure to asbestos, the greater the chance of developing harmful health effects.”

**Acting U.S. Surgeon Dr. Steven Galson (2009):**
“Asbestos can be dangerous if it is inhaled. Activity that disturbs asbestos causing these small fibers to float in air increases the chances of inhalation and the contraction of asbestos-related diseases.”
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
1525 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 318
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference Attendees,

I want to send my heartfelt congratulations to the presenters and honorees of the 16th Annual Virtual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. Education and prevention are so important in my home state of Oregon and everywhere across the nation.

As you advance education and prevention this weekend, please know that I also remain committed to working in Congress to eliminate all asbestos-caused disease in the U.S.

Roughly 40,000 Americans die each year from asbestos-related causes, and this number will not decline until we take decisive action to protect Americans from asbestos. Every day that asbestos imports and use continue here in America is a day that workers and consumers continue to be exposed to this deadly carcinogen. It’s time for the United States to join dozens of other countries across the developed world, and ban asbestos once and for all.

Together, with ADAO and with your advocacy as individuals, we can work together to end this unnecessary death and suffering, protect public health, and finally bring our asbestos policy into the 21st century by reintroducing and finally passing the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act.

I wish you all a successful conference, and thank you again for your advocacy on this tremendously important issue.

All my best,

Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator
Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference Attendees,

I want to thank you for the work that you’re doing to raise awareness and combat asbestos related illnesses across the United States.

And I want to congratulate the presenters and honorees of the 16th Annual Virtual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. Your work is critically important and appreciated.

In my home state of Montana, particularly in Lincoln County, asbestos has a long, troubling history linked to devastating illnesses and damaged communities. Each year, more than 40,000 Americans die from asbestos exposure, and since the closure of Libby’s vermiculite mine in 1990, more than 200 Montanans have died from asbestos related illnesses, and thousands more are still suffering.

That’s why, with your help, I’ll continue to fight in the United States Senate to permanently outlaw asbestos by leading the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act through Congress, and by pressuring the EPA to regulate the substance under the Toxic Substance Control Act.

Together, we’ll continue to work together to find solutions to the asbestos crisis in our country, and put this toxic carcinogen behind us once and for all.

Thank you again for all that you do, and please know that my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Jon Tester
United States Senate

September 18, 2021

To the Attendees of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference,

In its 16th year the Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference has continued to raise needed awareness of the risks associated with asbestos exposure and the medical risks and I want to thank you for your continued advocacy. I want to extend my thanks to the presenters and honorees of this year’s conference as well.

Montanans know all too well the dangers of asbestos. Throughout the year but especially throughout the month of September, we are reminded that it is imperative we continue to bring awareness of these health risks and work towards solutions that eliminate these risks. Libby, Montana is an epicenter for mesothelioma, and I will continue to advocate on their behalf. Tragically, thousands of Americans die every year from asbestos-related diseases, and it’s the continued work of those such as yourself that will bring forth the awareness necessary to protect at-risk communities and residents.

I look forward to continuing to shed light on this issue, and I wish you all a successful conference.

Sincerely,

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STEVE DAINES
United States Senator
Jordan Zevon

Jordan Zevon, ADAO's National Spokesman, is a talented American singer, musician, and songwriter. After his father, Warren Zevon, died from Mesothelioma in 2003 Jordan was moved to work with the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), and he has dedicated a tremendous amount of time and talent to help raise awareness about the dangers of asbestos.

As a passionate advocate, Jordan has traveled to Washington DC countless times to join ADAO in meetings with Congress and key administration staff. He was instrumental in his leadership role of ADAO’s product testing that uncovered dangerous asbestos fibers in a children’s toy. He also regularly presents before the press and on behalf of ADAO to help educate the public about asbestos dangers and share his personal story. He has donated his wonderful musical talents at ADAO and non-ADAO events and participated in public service announcements – beautifully advocating through his wonderful gift.

Jordan’s musical career is impressive. He was executive producer of his father's final album, The Wind and also co-produced Enjoy Every Sandwich: The Songs of Warren Zevon, which features an all-star cast of singers and musicians. Jordan released a self-titled EP and the full-length album, “Inside’s Out” featuring, “The Joke’s On Me” which he performed on The Late Show with David Letterman. Presently, Jordan is hard at work on his new album “Strictly From Hunger.”

Jordan's immeasurable commitment to asbestos victims, coupled with his musical gifts, has provided a united voice that will continue to raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and asbestos-related diseases. Thank you, Jordan for your years of dedicated support, inspirational story, and beautiful songs.
Barbara McQueen

Barbara McQueen and Jordan Zevon lead the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization’s (ADAO) national Celebrity Board efforts and have brought an even stronger voice to ADAO’s message through their work. Barbi is the widow of American film star, Steve McQueen, in addition to a former model and photographer. She is also the author of Steve McQueen: The Last Mile Revisited, which documents the three-and-a-half year relationship between the two and includes candid photographs from 1977 to 1980. Since its publication, ADAO has presented Barbi’s book to experts and organizations in more than 10 countries, helping spread awareness about asbestos and asbestos-related diseases. She has also hosted several art exhibits of her work with shows in London, Tokyo, San Francisco, Nashville, Phoenix and Idaho, where she resides.

Since 2011, Barbi has been working with ADAO. It was an honor to recognize Steve McQueen with the 2012 Warren Zevon “Keep Me in Your Heart” Memorial Tribute, which Barbi accepted on behalf of her late husband, delivered a keynote speech, and led a book signing at the conference Tribute Dinner, “Steve McQueen: The King of Cool.”

Barbi has been a strong supporter of ADAO and advocate on behalf of asbestos victims and their families, even traveling to Capitol Hill with ADAO to speak out against asbestos and in support of prevention and a ban. Special thanks to Barbi for her support over the years! Her voice truly makes a difference.
The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is the Proud Sponsor of Earl Dotter’s 6th groundbreaking poster series “Asbestos: Art, Advocacy, and Academia” focusing our attention on the activism of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, as well as its allies, colleagues, and engaged asbestos victims.
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The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecturer

Wendy Ruderman, a reporter since 1991, is a new staff reporter at The Marshall Project, a nonpartisan, nonprofit news organization that delves into the U.S. criminal justice system. She joined The Marshall Project this September from The Philadelphia Inquirer, where she worked for nearly 20 years and was a key member of the newspaper's Investigations Team. Her most recent project, "Toxic City: Sick Schools," authored with Inquirer reporters Barbara Laker and Dylan Purcell, won numerous national awards and was named as a Pulitzer finalist in the local reporting category. The series examined how environmental hazards, including asbestos, lead paint and mold, inside Philadelphia's aging public schools rob children of healthy and safe places to learn and grow. Ruderman, along with colleague Barbara Laker, won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting for a series about police corruption. She earned a master's from the Columbia
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**Friday Keynote Speaker**

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Judd Apatow

ADAO is honored to present Judd Apatow, filmmaker, actor and comedian, with the Warren Zevon “Keep Me in Your Heart Award.” The award recognizes those whose work serves to honor the memory of asbestos victims.

Named for the musician and Mesothelioma Warrior whose songs touched countless lives, the award has honored advocates, legal reformers, artists, and more. Judd is recognized for using his comedic talent and story to raise awareness and action for mesothelioma and asbestos-caused diseases.

Judd Apatow is one of the most sought-after comedic minds in Hollywood, having directed a slew of blockbuster hits throughout his career. But to ADAO what is even more admirable is that he has used his fame and platform to raise awareness about the dangers of asbestos and asbestos exposure. For Record Store Day 2020, Judd released a special album, “Warren Zevon’s Greatest Hits (According to Judd Apatow).” The album, a collaborative effort between Judd Apatow and ADAO Spokesperson and Warren’s son, Jordan Zevon, celebrated the legendary musician’s catalog with a limited vinyl release.

“Warren Zevon’s honesty, wit and storytelling has been a major inspiration in my work,” Apatow wrote for the album’s liner notes. “He is my north star. He reminds me to go deep. His music is fun, dark and deeply emotional all at the same time. His music is always such an inspiration to me because it’s so emotional and honest and funny, and it’s just the tone I’m always trying to hit. I owe so much to him. He really has such a gigantic influence.

A portion of the proceeds from the album were donated to ADAO. Musician Warren Zevon, passed away from mesothelioma in 2003, a preventable asbestos-caused cancer that takes over 40,000 American lives each year.

“I first understood Judd’s love for my dad’s music thanks to a wonderful and moving scene in Judd’s movie Funny People, where Adam Sandler’s character, faced with his own mortality, listens to, ‘Keep Me In Your Heart.’ Judd then started to co-host an annual tribute concert to my dad,” said ADAO Spokesperson Jordan Zevon.

“But I was blown away when Judd and Rhino Records approached me about releasing Judd’s personally cultivated, ‘Best Of’ album. Even more than that, I was floored by Judd’s devotion to raising awareness of the disease that took my dad too soon. He and Rhino Records agreed without a second thought to donate the proceeds from Judd’s curated album to ADAO, for whom I’ve had the honor to be the National Spokesperson for over 15 years. Asbestos is still not banned in the U.S. and the no-brainer bill to ban it is being ignored by some no-brainers in our government. Asbestos has shown up in things like teen make-up kits. It’s enough already.”

ADAO is thankful to Judd Apatow and Rhino Records for their amazing work which has supported our prevention and policy efforts and raised awareness about the current threats of asbestos exposure. Judd Apatow used his voice to speak up about the preventable disease that killed Warren and too many others. We are honored to present Judd with this award in Warren’s honor.
The Tribute of Hope Award

Former Congressman John M. Shimkus

We are proud to present Former Congressman John M. Shimkus with the 2021 Tribute of Hope Award, which recognizes those whose actions instill optimism in the ban asbestos movement, and further propel the fight for an asbestos-free world. Awarded to lawmakers, public health organizations, and asbestos victims alike, it serves to honor the work of tireless advocates who have been confronted with a public health crisis and chosen to act.

Former Congressman John Shimkus, who retired after the 116th Congressional Session, has been committed to raising awareness, preventing asbestos-illness and disease, and pushing forward policies that would protect public health from asbestos.

In addition to his time in Congress, Rep. Shimkus has also served in the Army and as a high school teacher. During his years as representative, Congressman Shimkus reached across the aisle to advance policies that enhance our nation's energy security and public safety. He was also the Republican Leader of the Environment & Climate Change Subcommittee.

“It is my honor to receive the 2021 Tribute of Hope Award during this year's International Awareness and Prevention Conference,” Congressman Shimkus said. “COVID and now the Delta strain has made life difficult for all of us, [and] it has made us appreciate life and the simple pleasure of taking a breath, something the world has taken for granted. The world has now awakened and all have been touched by the talk or the personal observations and stories of ventilators, oxygen tanks, and the family strain that results from this, but this is an everyday existence to those who suffer from mesothelioma. While the U.S. responded to COVID with Operation Warp Speed, where has been our response to mesothelioma?”

While in office, Representative Shimkus urged his fellow Congress members to support the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act (ARBAN), and encouraged open discussions between both parties to move the bill forward. He made sure that all members of Congress understood the horrifying fact that over 40,000 Americans die each year from preventable diseases caused by asbestos exposure.

Congressman Shimkus took time out of his very busy schedule to meet with ADAO representatives and asbestos victims and their families. He worked to pass ARBAN while he was a sitting Congressional member and while he was in office, ARBAN was passed out of the Committee on Energy and Commerce with a strong bipartisan vote of 47-1. We are grateful for his help, and know ARBAN got as far as it did because of his help and support.

“In any piece of legislation there are many separate items, but most importantly had our bill passed, asbestos would be banned from the United States for good. Keep up the great work, it was a pleasure working with the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization,” he said.

ADAO is infinitely grateful to Representative Shimkus. We would not be where we are without his support and dedication to the cause. As our work continues onward, his contribution to the effort to ban asbestos continues to impact our efforts to pass an asbestos ban and protect public health.
Congressman Paul Tonko

We are proud to present Congressman Paul Tonko with the 2021 Tribute of Hope Award, which recognizes those whose actions instill optimism in the ban asbestos movement, and propel the fight for an asbestos-free world further. Awarded to lawmakers, public health organizations, and asbestos victims alike, it serves to honor the work of tireless advocates who have been confronted with a public health crisis and chosen to act.

Congressman Tonko has long been a champion of raising awareness of the dangers of asbestos exposure, and has dedicated great amounts of time to preventing asbestos-illness and disease, while pushing forward policies that would protect public health from asbestos.

“I am grateful for this recognition, but truthfully I am much more grateful to all of the doctors, scientists, public health experts, labor leaders, and victims who are taking time this week to share their stories [and] learn the latest in disease prevention and advocate for action,” said Congressman Tonko. “I have had the pleasure of working with the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization for some many years now on toxic chemical issues [and] through their advocacy, I have been able to meet with great people like Linda Reinstein, Mike Mattmueller, and others who either are dealing with an asbestos-related disease or have had a loved one who did or is struggling; and time and time again, I have heard stories of Americans who live, work, and raise their families and who have done everything right but are suffering the consequences of some ill-fated exposure.”

Currently serving his sixth term, Representative Tonko serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce and was elected by his peers to chair the Subcommittee on the Environment and Climate Change. He has had a long and fruitful career, and prior to serving in Congress, Representative Tonko served in the New York State Assembly for 25 years, and was then president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Congressman Tonko has frequently voiced support for better policy surrounding asbestos exposure and prevention, and has been a longtime supporter of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act (ARBAN).

In 2019, ARBAN passed out of the Committee on Energy and Commerce with a resounding bipartisan vote of 47-1, and Representative Tonko was a huge reason for that success. Representative Tonko consistently reached across the aisle and made sure that asbestos prevention and policy was something that members on both sides of the aisle would support. Congressman Tonko and his staff are very dedicated to the passing of ARBAN, and ADAO looks forward to continuing to work with both the Congressman and his staff.

“Enactment [of ARBAN] would be a huge achievement,” Representative Tonko said. “It would require that the United States takes a long overdue action to ban asbestos within one year of the bill, and also requires a study of asbestos legacy uses in order to help prevent exposure and spur remediation where appropriate, because we need to make sure that people can work and live without fear of a deadly asbestos exposure. So I want to thank ADAO, Linda and her family, and all of the countless number of advocates that have made this success -to date possible. There has been great progress -- but there is still work left to be done.”

Representative Tonko has gone out of his way to listen to those directly affected by asbestos. He met often with Mike Mattmueller, a young father who sadly passed away from mesothelioma in 2020.

ADAO is infinitely grateful to Congressman Tonko, and knows that we would not be where we are without his support and dedication to the cause.
We are proud to award Dr. Jacqueline M. Moline with The Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of her tireless dedication to increasing awareness and prevention efforts to eliminate asbestos-caused diseases. Named for the New Jersey-born researcher who first linked asbestos to a variety of fatal diseases, including mesothelioma, the Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes physicians and medical researchers who have made substantial contributions to asbestos safety worldwide, and have forwarded the progress of asbestos-related medicine. Previous honorees have come from all over the world and a wide variety of medical backgrounds.

“It’s an incredible honor to receive this award,” Dr. Moline said. “I feel like I have so much more yet to do! Yet, I can’t believe it’s been 30 years since I met Dr. Selikoff and started seeing patients with asbestos exposure. I have so many mentors to thank, from Dr. Steven Markowitz, whose advice I cherish and often think about when he says ‘What we are doing is fighting the good fight’ or our patients, to Dr. Stephen Levin, Dr. Ruth Lilis, Dr. Al Miller, and Dr. Robin Herbert. And there are many more — they have made me a better doctor and a better person.”

Dr. Moline focused her career on occupational medicine because she liked the idea that she could focus on the whole person rather than a person with a problem in one body part. Her studies provided her with various projects and opportunities over the past three decades: from caring for asbestos patients, to studying health effects of lead, creosote, theatrical smoke and fog, volunteer firefighters, and health effects following 9/11.

The proudest moment in her career, according to Dr. Moline, is “having the opportunity to advocate for the men and women affected by the World Trade Center disaster, and testifying in Congress twice to advocate for the passage of the Zadroga Bill, and then providing information about the health consequences prior to the reauthorization of the World Trade Center Victim Compensation Fund.” Dr. Moline continued that this also included “making sure Congress was aware of the dangers of asbestos and that a long-term program was required.

We are honored that Dr. Moline uses her expertise to push Congress toward an asbestos ban in the United States. Her decades of work, dedication, and first-hand experience is invaluable to our cause. We are proud to give her this award and recognize all that she has done to help save lives and protect future exposures.
Barry Robson

Barry Robson is the President of the Asbestos Disease Foundation of Australia (ADFA) and a strong advocate for better protection from asbestos exposure in Australia and worldwide. He started working to protect others from asbestos after losing friends to horrible, yet preventable, asbestos-caused diseases.

Barry became a Union delegate of the Waterside Workers Federation in 1970. He was later elected as Senior Vice President of that Union in 1988. In 2005, Barry reached out to ADAO when he found out there was a conference being held at Mount Sinai. He attended that first conference and has been by our side ever since.

“[In Australia] with the help of the unions and the community, we’ve managed to change laws by having an effective campaign and keeping the pressure on politicians,” said Barry.

He has frequently spoken about legacy asbestos found in Australian homes that put firefighters and first responders in direct danger when they answer calls, especially during wildfire season.

“Asbestos is found in many Australian houses built before 1984, as well as in our buildings and sheds on farms,” Barry said. “When products containing asbestos are broken or disturbed, the asbestos becomes ‘friable’ and if particles are then inhaled then the disaster that has befallen so many can be compounded. There is simply no safe level of exposure to asbestos products. We know that people have died in this country as a result of very small levels of exposure.”

These union and worker connections allowed Barry to build a strong community focused on collective activism. He and union workers and other activists have focused on asbestos issues in Australia and around the world. He has spoken at the ADAO conference many times, inspiring attendees to stand up and fight. At our conference in 2015, Barry told the story of he and other union members standing up to the James Hardy asbestos manufacturers, one of the biggest manufacturers of asbestos products in Australia in 2001. It took Barry and his fellow union members 10 years to win this fight, but they stood their ground and never backed down.

Robson has held a variety of positions and has been recognized for his work many times over. He was elected Assistant Branch Secretary of the Maritime Union of Australia in 1995 a position he held until retirement from the workforce in 2003. He became a delegate to ADFA in 1996 and was appointed President in 2002 and elected President in 2003, a position he holds today. He has been appointed to the following: Asbestos Research Institute in 2004, Federal Government Asbestos in Telstra Infrastructure in 2013 and Federal Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) in 2013. Barry has been awarded three Life Memberships: Maritime Union of Australia, St Mary’s Baseball Club and Blacktown Mt Druitt Cardiac Support Group.

We are thankful to work with Barry and with his help, we have truly been able to open the door to collaboration between the United States and Australia.

We are grateful for Barry’s dedication and time, and are thrilled to honor him with The Alan Reinstein Award.
Robert Sussman, JD

Robert Sussman is ADAO’s lead legal counsel and advisor. He is the principal of Sussman and Associates, a consulting firm that offers advice on energy and environmental policy issues to clients in the non-profit and private sectors. Bob has gone to court time and time again to fight on behalf of ADAO as we work to hold the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) accountable and ensure they do their job and protect all Americans from asbestos.

We recognized Bob’s ability and sensitivity to asbestos victims from the start. He is not just our legal counsel, but a dear friend to us all at ADAO. He never forgets the stories he is sharing in the courtroom are the stories of real people and families whose lives have been changed irrevocably by entirely preventable asbestos-caused diseases.

We know Alan personally would be impressed by the humanity, light and compassion that shines through in everything Bob does. Bob makes sure that asbestos victims’ stories are told straightforwardly and truthfully, and has been tirelessly working to try to make sure there are fewer victims of asbestos-related illnesses in the future.

Bob is a strong advocate of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now (ARBAN) Act, and though he has seen it through several variations in the past few years, his support has never wavered. Without him, we would be like a ship without a sail. “EPA’s inability to ban asbestos after three decades sends a clear message that Congress must show leadership and finally put an end to asbestos importation and use,” he said of the bill.

His expertise and experience span far and wide: Bob served in the Obama Administration as Co-Chair of the Transition Team for EPA and then as Senior Policy Counsel to the EPA Administrator from 2009-2013. Prior to that, he served in the Clinton Administration as the EPA Deputy Administrator during 1993-94, and then was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in 2008. During his tenure as an administration official, he worked hard to hold the government accountable and to protect the American people from the inside. Now as ADAO’s legal counsel, he continues that important work from the outside.

Bob is incredibly well-respected across all industries, and works with various coalitions and NGOs. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and was a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School. He is currently serving on the Board on Environmental Science of the National Academy of Sciences and as a Commissioner of the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin.

We are grateful for Bob’s dedication to the cause, time and efforts in our fight to ban asbestos, and are thrilled to honor him with The Alan Reinstein Award.
The Tribute of Unity Award

American Federation of Teachers

The American Federation of Teachers will be recognized with The Tribute of Unity Award for their steadfast commitment to awareness, prevention, and policy to protect teachers, students, and staff from asbestos-related diseases. The Tribute of Unity Award recognizes those who have contributed to greater public understanding of the asbestos crisis. Awareness is an essential ingredient to the success of our movement. Honorees have helped shine light on the deadly threat of asbestos in America and around the world time and time again.

This year’s recipient, The American Federation of Teachers, is a union of professionals who champion fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. ADAO honors their commitment to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work their members do. They pave the way for teachers and school unions to stand up for themselves and fight for safe and asbestos-free schools.

“Every public school building in America should be a safe and welcoming space. But even before the added threat of COVID-19, far too many students, educators and school staff were in buildings with poor ventilation, mold and contaminants like lead and asbestos – especially in high-poverty neighborhoods,” said Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers in August 2021. “Kids can’t learn in that environment, and teachers can’t teach.”

Students are our future, and the teachers who educate them are our heroes. But unfortunately, federal state and local governments have failed them. Far too many schools put teachers and students at major risk for asbestos exposure. According to EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), “students and school employees may face significant health risks from asbestos in schools across the United States.” This is because “substantial amounts of asbestos, particularly in sprayed form, have been used in school buildings, especially from 1946 through 1972.”

AFT knows that in order to make schools safe for students, teachers and staff, the nation must first rid our schools of toxic air, mold and contaminants like lead and asbestos. The American Federation of Teachers has been a strong stakeholder in support of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act (ARBAN) for years. They have also passionately spoken out about the need for our government to evaluate and abate asbestos in our nation’s schools.

Teachers inspire and educate our children every day. It is time we honor and protect them. ADAO is thrilled to present the American Federation of Teachers with The Tribute of Unity Award.
Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of Supporters (2019/2020)

The Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act Supporters will be recognized with The Tribute of Inspiration Award for their unwavering commitment to ending the scourge of asbestos in the United States. This award recognizes those who have contributed to landmark achievements in the ban asbestos movement worldwide. Awarded to labor union officials, workplace safety representatives, and — this year — entire nationwide movements, the award seeks to honor those who have achieved important breakthroughs.

It is not easy to pass a bill through Congress, and despite all the setbacks and roadblocks, supporters of The Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now (ARBAN) Act have never wavered. They have been by ADAO’s side for years, reminding us why we are fighting so hard to get this act through. ARBAN is the most comprehensive asbestos ban bill put in front of Congress in over 30 years, and would not only ban asbestos within one year of enactment, it would prohibit all six asbestos fibers plus Libby Amphibole, winchite, and richterite; transition the chlor-alkali industry to non-asbestos technology; require a study on legacy asbestos by the National Academy of Sciences; and establish mandatory asbestos reporting under the Chemical Data Reporting rule.

Put simply, this legislation will save lives. It will ban a toxic chemical more than 70 countries around the world have already restricted and it will provide local authorities and communities with critical information they need to keep themselves safe from disaster.

We are thankful that ARBAN was supported by the Attorneys General of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia: AFL-CIO; American Federation of Teachers; American Public Health Association; Center for Environmental Health; Environmental Protection Network; Canadian Environmental Law Association; Collegium Ramazzinni; Environmental Health Strategy Center; Environmental Information Association; Environmental Working Group; The Fealgood Foundation; Global Ban Asbestos Network; GO 2 Foundation for Lung Cancer; Hazards: International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers; International Association of Fire Fighters; Less Cancer; Natural Resources Defense Council; OK International; Public Citizen; Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families; Toxic-Free Future; United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry; United States Public Interest Research Groups; and Internationally, Associação Brasileira dos Expostos ao Amianto.

In early 2020, nearly 40 prominent scientists who have devoted their careers to combatting the health-related consequences of asbestos use sent a letter to Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer calling for immediate passage of ARBAN.

We are infinitely grateful to ARBAN’s supporters. We know how tiring a long fight can be, but you have never given up. You know that asbestos kills nearly 40,000 people each year in the United States and you continue to fight for the protections from asbestos we desperately need.

We are grateful to our ARBAN supporters who have presented before Congress, who have shared facts on social media, who have written to their representatives or called their Senator, who have convinced a friend or family member to become active in the fight. For all that and more, ADAO is proud to award the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act Supporters with this award.
Rebecca Reindel, MS, MPH

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is thrilled to welcome Rebecca Reindel as a keynote speaker for our 16th annual conference. As the Safety and Health Director at AFL-CIO, the federation of 55 labor unions which represents 12.5 million working men and women in the United States, she is dedicated to protecting the health and rights of workers across the nation.

“I’ve known Rebecca since she was a graduate student at George Washington University. She is a fighter to protect the health of workers who are still exposed to asbestos and to demand the U.S. government ban asbestos once and for all. Rebecca’s commitment to people’s right to safe workplaces is unmatched,” said Celeste Monforton, the director of the Beyond OSHA Project, Member of APHA, and lecturer at Texas State University.

Unions have always fought for safer workplaces and working conditions for their members and all workers. For decades that fight has included fighting against exposure to asbestos on the job.

At AFL-CIO, Rebecca provides safety and health support to their members. She brings together workers’ experiences and scientific research to advocate at the federal level for stronger laws, regulations and policies that will lead to improved working conditions. In 2019, she testified in front of Congress in support of H.R. 1603 — the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act on behalf of the AFL-CIO.

“Asbestos is the poster child of the historical failure under the original Toxic Substances Control Act: to protect people from a chemical known to have serious health effects at very low levels of exposure and known to be extremely difficult to control over its long lifespan,” Rebecca said during her testimony. “Especially troubling, we are seeing workers under the age of 55 with significant levels of asbestos disease and are dying. And those are workers who have entered the job market after the 1980s and after asbestos regulations were adopted.”

Rebecca also works hard to raise awareness of second-hand asbestos exposure, which can happen when a worker unknowingly brings home asbestos fibers on their clothes and then interacts with their family, accidentally exposing their spouse or children to the deadly carcinogen. With this type of exposure, a simple hug can become deadly.

Rebecca has previously conducted research on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), using sound science to shape public policy. She currently serves as a board member for several nonprofits in the occupational and environmental health space and is an active member of the American Public Health Association. She is very active in recruiting and training the next generation of worker health and safety activists.

We are honored to have her share her knowledge and expertise with us here today.
The Andrew Schneider Memorial Award

Wendy Ruderman

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is honored to have Wendy Ruderman give the Andrew Schneider Memorial Award Lecture at this year’s conference. Wendy is an investigative journalist at The Marshall Project and previously worked as a reporter for The Philadelphia Inquirer where Wendy focused her game-changing reporting on asbestos in Philadelphia’s schools.

Wendy, who in her own words is, “committed to bringing light (and sometimes heat) to broken systems and wrongs,” spent months following Philadelphia school teacher Lea DiRusso. Diagnosed with mesothelioma in August 2020, after Lea was being exposed to asbestos while working at two South Philadelphia elementary schools for 28 years. Wendy’s reporting sent shockwaves through the Philadelphia community and our nation — what does it mean that our schools are filled with a deadly toxin, and how can we protect our teachers and children?

Wendy is the type of journalist who sticks with a story long after it has been published. She makes sure that no stone has been left unturned. Her writing and reporting have been pivotal in the fight against asbestos, and her articles helped to move the Philadelphia school district to fight for better protections for teachers in schools.

“Wendy has won virtually every important prize in journalism, which speaks to the quality of her reporting. But it’s another quality that makes her stand out. She looks out, in her work, for the people who wouldn’t get help if she weren’t doing her job. That’s why she is the perfect journalist to give this year’s Andrew Schneider Lecture,” said Kathy Best, a mesothelioma widow and professor at the University of Maryland.

While working at The Inquirer, Wendy reported for the series, Toxic City: The Ongoing Struggle To Protect Philadelphia’s Children From Environmental Harm, which is “an investigative series about the ongoing struggle to protect Philadelphia’s children, many poor and minority, from environmental harm.” In the series, which was published over the course of two years, reporters examined lead paint in old homes, contaminated soil in once-industrial neighborhoods, and unhealthy conditions in public schools that made children sick.

In one of her investigations, Wendy and her fellow reporters “were able to collect dust samples to test for asbestos on 84 surfaces inside 11 Philadelphia district schools. Nine of the schools had elevated asbestos fiber counts in student-accessible areas. Half of the samples were above 5,000 fibers per square centimeter, the level the EPA set to qualify for federal cleanup of apartments near Ground Zero.” This important work sheds light on a deadly threat to teachers and students and will undoubtedly save lives.

We are thrilled to have Wendy share more about her reporting at our conference, and look forward to all the important work she will continue to do at The Marshall Project.
Julie Gundlach

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is delighted to have Mesothelioma Warrior and ADAO friend, Julie Gundlach, give the Friday keynote at our conference. Julie is a brave and dedicated fighter, who faces her own mesothelioma diagnosis head-on and decided to not only fight back, but to get loud.

Julie was diagnosed with mesothelioma on August 23, 2006. The average prognosis for someone with this diagnosis is 6-18 months, and there is no cure. The only known cause of this disease is exposure to asbestos, of which there is no safe level. But thankfully, 12 years later, Julie continues her fight, and makes sure victims are heard and cared for. She fights for better protections for Americans everywhere and works to hold those who import asbestos into the United States accountable for their actions.

“The message I have for the newly diagnosed is THERE IS HOPE. Find a specialist, find a community, and find a purpose. We need you in the fight!” Julie said.

Julie was exposed to asbestos as a child. Her father worked as a commercial electrician and likely brought home fibers on his clothes, which then exposed Julie to asbestos as well. Most people do not realize that second-hand exposure like this is even a threat — but because Julie has shared her story, more people are now aware of this danger. After her diagnosis, Julie worked with lawyers at Simmons Hanly Conroy to make sure that companies who exposed her father and herself to asbestos were held responsible for their actions.

“If it were not for the legalities, I would never have been able to receive the medical treatment I received,” Julie said in a news article. “I’m still not able to work. Mesothelioma kills innocent people, asbestos kills innocent people. It’s not banned, and that is the story. That is the issue.”

Julie has joined ADAO multiple times for the Miles for Meso race, and was awarded the Alan Reinstein Award in 2011 for her commitment to education, advocacy, and support to countless patients and families. She has shared her story at six Congressional briefings. When she speaks every staffer sits up straighter and listens. Her personal story, and her compelling testimony, is invaluable when we bring this fight to the halls of Congress.

“I think I am most proud of my perseverance— I have advocated on local and national levels— from Earth Day to Congressional meetings—since my diagnosis in 2006,” Julie said. “As long as I am well enough to do so, I will use my voice to advocate for asbestos awareness and a ban.”

Julie is honored in our art and advocacy efforts. You can see an image of Julie marching on Washington at ADAO’s first-ever March for Justice and Remembrance, held March 5, 2019. We are so grateful that Julie is willing to share her story with us as a 2021 keynote speaker.

“The time is now. We must put people before profits. Ban asbestos entirely,” she said.
Special thanks to Ellen Costa, ADAO Board Member and Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference co-chair, who unselfishly given countless weeks, months, and year to make our conferences a roaring success. We love you.
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2005 – 2021 Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conferences Honorees & Keynote Speakers

- The Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award
  - 2021 | Dr. Jacqueline M. Moline
  - 2019 | Dr. Eula Bingham
  - 2019 | Dr. Daniela Degiovanni
  - 2019 | Dr. Steven Markowitz
  - 2018 | Jock McCulloch, honored posthumously
  - 2018 | Dr. Jukka Takala
  - 2017 | Dr. Raja Flores
  - 2017 | Dr. Marie-Claude Jaurand
  - 2017 | Dr. Bruce Robinson
  - 2016 | Dr. Phillip Landrigan
  - 2016 | Dr. L. Christine Oliver
  - 2015 | Dr. Jorma Rantanen
  - 2014 | Dr. David Egilman
  - 2014 | Dr. Ken Takahashi
  - 2013 | Dr. Celeste Monforton
  - 2012 | Dr. Arthur Frank
  - 2012 | Dr. Richard Lemen
  - 2011 | Dr. Guadalupe Aguilar Madrid
  - 2010 | Dr. Hedy Kindler
  - 2009 | Dr. Stephen Levin
2005 - 2021 Honorees

- **The Tribute of Unity Award**
  - 2021 | American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
  - 2019 | ADAO Conference Honorees from 2005 – 2018
  - 2018 | The Environmental Working Group (EWG)
  - 2017 | Associação Brasileira Dos Expostos Ao Amianto (ABREA)
  - 2016 | Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency
  - 2015 | American Public Health Association (APHA)
  - 2014 | National Association for the Defense of Asbestos Victims (Andeva)
  - 2013 | International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers
  - 2012 | Associazione Familiari Vittime Amianto (AFEVA)
  - 2011 | Environmental Information Association
  - 2010 | Center of Asbestos Related Disease (CARD)
  - 2009 | Peg Seminario, AFL/CIO
  - 2008 | Canadian Auto Workers
  - 2007 | Patrick Martin, Member of Canadian Parliament
  - 2006 | James Fite
  - 2005 | Laurie Kazan-Allen

- **Tribute of Hope Award**
  - 2021 | Congressman Paul Tonko
  - 2021 | Congressman John Shimkus (retired)
  - 2019 | Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.
  - 2018 | Senator Jeff Merkley
  - 2018 | Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
  - 2017 | Senator Jon Tester
  - 2016 | The Collegium Ramazzini
  - 2015 | International Mesothelioma Interest Group (iMig)
  - 2014 | Congressman Henry Waxman
  - 2013 | Congresswoman Lois Capps
  - 2012 | Congressman Steve Cohen
  - 2011 | Senator Max Baucus
  - 2010 | Senator Richard Durbin
  - 2009 | Senator Barbara Boxer
  - 2008 | Dr. Aubrey Miller
  - 2007 | Senator Patty Murray
  - 2006 | Senator Harry Reid
2005 - 2021 Honorees

- **Tribute of Inspiration Award**
  - 2021 | Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act Supporters
  - 2019 | The Canadian Ban Asbestos Heroes: Victims, Activists, Trade Unions, and Lawmakers
  - 2018 | Patrick J. Morrison
  - 2017 | Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families
  - 2016 | Earl Dotter
  - 2015 | The Brazilian Labour Public Ministry
  - 2014 | Bill Ravanesi
  - 2013 | Karen Banton
  - 2012 | Joel Shufro
  - 2011 | Sugio Furuya
  - 2010 | Fernanda Ginnasi
  - 2009 | Pralhad Malvadkar
  - 2009 | Raghunath Manwar
  - 2008 | John Thayer
  - 2007 | Paul and Michelle Zygielbaum
  - 2006 | The Honorable Chuck Strahl, Member of Parliament, Canada,
  - 2005 | Jill Vaughn

- **Warren Zevon Keep Me in Your Heart Award**
  - 2021 | Judd Apatow
  - 2019 | Warren Zevon Keep Me in Your Heart Honorees from 2010 - 2018
  - 2018 | Linda Reinstein
  - 2017 | Quincy Jones
  - 2016 | Clarence Borel, honored posthumously
  - 2015 | Troi Atkinson
  - 2014 | Congressman Bruce Vento, honored posthumously
  - 2013 | Jordan Zevon
  - 2012 | Actor Steve McQueen, honored posthumously
  - 2011 | Ron Cyrus, honored posthumously
  - 2010 | Army Archerd, honored posthumously

- **The Alan Reinstein Award**
  - 2021 | Barry Robson
  - 2021 | Robert Sussman
  - 2019 | Harminde Bains
  - 2019 | Courtney Davis
  - 2019 | Conor Lewis and Zack Johnson
  - 2019 | Daniel Lambo
2005 - 2021 Honorees

- 2019 | Paolo Monico
- 2018 | Daniel Pineda González
- 2018 | Eric Jonckheere
- 2018 | Annamarie Kearns
- 2018 | Rachel Shaneyfelt, honored posthumously
- 2017 | The Dioguardi Family
- 2017 | The Mattmuller Family
- 2016 | The Amento Family
- 2016 | Christine Winter
- 2015 | Ellen Patton
- 2014 | Janelle Bedel, honored posthumously
- 2014 | Heather Von St. James
- 2014 | Lou Williams
- 2013 | Rob Cagle
- 2013 | Mavis Nye
- 2012 | Debbie Brewer
- 2012 | Larry Davis
- 2011 | Julie Gundlach
- 2010 | June Briet, honored posthumously
- 2009 | Dominick Marzicola, honored posthumously
- 2008 | John McNamara, honored posthumously
- 2007 | Les Skramstad, honored posthumously

- Keynote Speakers
  - 2021 | Rebecca L. Reindel, MS, MPH
  - 2021 | Julie Gundlach
  - 2019 | Dr. David Michaels
  - 2019 | Dr. Richard Lemen, Dr. Barry Castleman, and Marilyn Amento
  - 2018 | Patrick J. Morrison
  - 2018 | Pat Martin
  - 2017 | David McCumber
  - 2017 | Jordan Zevon
  - 2016 | Paul Brodeur
  - 2016 | Dr. Eudice Goldberg
  - 2015 | Dr. Jorma Rantanen
  - 2015 | Sue Vento
  - 2014 | Rear Admiral Boris Lushniak
  - 2013 | Dr. Aubrey Miller
  - 2012 | Matt Peacock
  - 2011 | Dr. Linda Rae Murray
  - 2010 | Jordan Barab
  - 2009 | Andrew Schneider
2005 - 2021 Honorees

- 2008 | Terry Lynch
- 2007 | Dr. Peter Orris
- 2006 | Paul Brodeur

- The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture
  - 2021 | Wendy Ruderman
  - 2019 | David McCumber
  - 2018 | Chris Graham & Michael Gillard

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- Congressman Paul Tonko
- American Federation of Teachers
- Supporters of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019
- Dr. Jacqueline M. Moline
- Judd Apatow
- Barry Robson
- Robert Sussman

Special recognition to the 2021 Keynote Speakers

- Rebecca L. Reindel, MS, MPH
- Julie Gundlach
- Wendy Ruderman
We stand for our clients.

It is only by working together that we will elevate awareness about mesothelioma & the dangers of asbestos. Our commitment to ban asbestos and support a cure for mesothelioma runs deep. We are proud to be the longest, cumulative supporter of ADAO with donations exceeding $1 Million.

Going the Distance for Patients and Families.

We invite you to join us virtually on Sept. 25 as we again raise funds for ADAO through the 13th Annual Alton Miles for Meso Virtual 5K Run & 3K Walk. Register at www.milesformeso.org and then post a photo of yourself on social media wearing your race shirt on race day using the hashtag #MilesForMeso.

Together, we can make a difference.
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We would also like to recognize the 2021 Keynote Speakers

Rebecca L. Reindel
Wendy Ruderman
Julie Gundlach
Client Advocacy + Community Support

Providing legal services to those diagnosed with or affected by mesothelioma and other asbestos-related illnesses is not our only mission. As a firm, we also believe that part of our job lies in our ability to advocate for change. Specifically, we are committed to raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure as well as support movements to ban asbestos use worldwide.

We are proud to partner with the ADAO, aiding in their work to provide resources to others through education, advocacy and community.
We congratulate ADAO on your 16\textsuperscript{th} annual conference as you come together with hopes of \textit{Cure, Treatment & Resolution.}

We dedicate this \textit{Tribute} page to all victims of asbestos related diseases and to their families.
On behalf of the 1.7 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, we are proud to support the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization to fight together for public health, worker safety and a ban on asbestos.

Our members are on the frontlines of the asbestos crisis, like in Philadelphia, where we are creating union-driven solutions to address deplorable building conditions that have closed numerous public schools. At the national level, we advocate for high-quality healthcare and safe building conditions to help ensure all our schools, healthcare facilities and public buildings are safe places to learn, work and thrive in.

We stand with you as champions of great schools and colleges that fulfill the promise of public education, good jobs that support a middle-class life, affordable healthcare for all, the fight against discrimination and hate, and the defense of democracy.

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**Mesothelioma Warriors**

**Harminder Bains, JD** is a partner at Leigh Day, a law firm in London, UK. Her father died from mesothelioma and as a consequence she has campaigned and successfully used the law to protect the rights of victims of asbestos related diseases. Many of her cases have been reported as a result of setting precedents and have shaped current legislation for other lawyers in the UK. She has a formidable reputation as one of the country’s leading litigators. Due to this reputation, she is currently representing the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK pro bono in their application for documents dating back to the 1960s which they say will reveal what the international asbestos company, Cape, really knew about the dangers of asbestos.

**Jill Cagle** is a performer and Mesothelioma Widow. She is the surviving spouse of Mesothelioma Warrior Robbie Cagle, who lost his 6-year battle with Peritoneal Mesothelioma on 9-11-11 at the age of 46. She is a mother and now grandmother of 3. She is a Christian and her faith in God truly sustains her. She is the lead singer in the Band Backstreet and plays the Fiddle. She makes primitive crafts and candles and she loves to ride her Harley and feel the wind in her hair. She has been associated with ADAO since 2007 and has now started an annual Motorcycle Ride, "Ridin the Wind with Rob" which includes a 110-mile ride, dinner, silent auction, raffles and t-shirt sales to raise funds for awareness and ultimately a CURE of Mesothelioma. Jill and Rob marched on Capitol Hill in 2010 to help get Illinois to sign the National Asbestos Awareness Day Bill and also met with the DOD. She is committed to doing whatever it takes to get this killer 100 % banned. She is truly honored and proud to be a part of this organization.

**Kim Cecchini**, ADAO Board Member, has been involved with the organization since its founding in 2004. She is a senior communications strategist, with more than 25 years of experience managing diverse PR and corporate communications programs for a wide variety of high growth companies, specializing in technology and the federal sector. She currently resides in Raleigh, NC.
Anna Forgie is a lawyer in Washington, DC, where she also serves as an elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. Anna’s mom, Patty Forgie, lost her life to peritoneal mesothelioma on May 4, 2017. Patty was a lifelong explorer and adventurer. Her creative spirit, energy, and love brightened the lives of so many. Anna’s sister, Julia Forgie, started the non-profit Mother’s Day Meso Run, an annual race held in Los Angeles to raise awareness about mesothelioma.

Julie Gundlach is an asbestos victim turned advocate. Diagnosed with malignant peritoneal mesothelioma in August of 2006, Julie fought to find viable treatment options through five surgeries and multiple chemotherapy protocols, has remained stable since 2014. A victim of secondary exposure, Julie’s anger and frustration at the horrific amount of asbestos exposure led her to become an advocate in the fight for a ban on asbestos. She has traveled to lobby at Capitol Hill with ADAO and is committed to fighting for a complete ban on asbestos.

Zack Johnson, is a filmmaker and adventurer from Alton, Illinois. Since a young age he has always had a video camera in his hand but he never thought it would take him anywhere. A natural storyteller, Zack is always looking to give and get a good laugh - he realized a video camera was another way to make that happen. A simple guy who wants and needs for very little just lives his life to be a story worth listening to in the end. He is a friend of nature and finds great peace when hunting, fishing, and trapping - most often with his dog Doc.

Robert and Laura Kuzmick met in 1999 while working in the same office building for Montgomery County, PA as Social Service professionals. Bob has over 25 years of experience working with delinquent youth and is currently a Supervisor with the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department. Laura has worked in the Family Court Divisions of both Montgomery and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania. Bob and Laura were married in 2001 and bought their home in Ambler, PA in 2002, where they did extensive renovations. After realizing that much of the materials in their home contained asbestos, Bob began to research the dangers of asbestos and reached out to ADAO for information and support. Bob and Laura have since committed themselves to promoting awareness of asbestos in the home and have volunteered their time with local and national ADAO events.
Daniel Lambo is a Belgian film director. He creates films on themes as human rights, social inequality and poverty. Lambo's first feature film, Miss Homeless (2010), was written, produced, directed, filmed and edited entirely by himself. This docufiction about homeless people in Brussels premiered in twelve different countries on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Dry Branches of Iran (2012) deals with censorship during the Green Revolution in Iran and De Figurant (2016) takes on racial stereotypes with a story about a drug dealer who has acting ambitions. In his latest feature, the documentary Breathless, Lambo investigates the delocalization of the asbestos industry to developing countries.

Conor B. Lewis, After Lewis obtained his Bachelor of Fine Arts, he began his career in digital media at an agency in St. Louis, Missouri. Here he cut his teeth, shooting productions for large national and international corporations. After several years spent in agency life, Lewis was recruited by a large metropolitan St. Louis firm, to manage their in-house creative team. This move created the flexibility to shoot “Dirty Laundry”, the 2018 asbestos documentary. Lewis grew up in St. Louis, Missouri where he resides today with his wife Molly, his daughter Elizabeth and his dog George. He spends his free time riding bikes and on his other “full time job” as a painter.

Jessica Mattmuller joined the ADAO family in 2012, after her husband Mike was diagnosed with mesothelioma at just 29 years old. Together, Mike and Jess have poured incredible energy into fighting for an asbestos-free future. Along with their beautiful new daughter, Riley Jean, the Mattmuller family serves as a beacon of hope and a source of support for the ADAO community. Jessica is a graphic designer who lends her talents to ADAO’s digital campaigns; she and Mike were recognized with the 2017 Alan Reinstein Award for their valiant role in the fight to ban asbestos. Tragically, Mike passed away in April 2020, but their family continues fighting in his memory.

Barbara Minty McQueen is the widow of American film star Steve McQueen, and is a former model and photographer. She is also the author of Steve McQueen: The Last Mile, which documents the three-and-a-half-year relationship between the two and includes candid photographs from 1977 to 1980. McQueen has hosted several art exhibits of her work with shows in London, Tokyo, San Francisco, Nashville, Phoenix and Idaho, where she resides.
Paolo Monico has been running an enduring and successful career in directing commercials and music videos for the past 20 years. He writes, directs and produces short films and web content through his NY-based production company and he is currently developing “The Suit,” a limited series based on “The Mother,” his award-winning short film inspired by the mystery surrounding the death of his father, Sandro, who passed away in 2002 from mesothelioma. Born and raised in Italy, in 2006 Paolo moved to the US, became an American citizen and a proud member of the Directors Guild of America.

In 2009, Mavis Nye was diagnosed with pleural mesothelioma, a consequence of the asbestos fibers that often coated her husband Ray’s uniform from the Royal Naval Dockyard in Chatham. She was told that she had 3 months to live. However, rather than accept this prognosis, Mavis decided to fight. She fought in treatment, and by getting involved in the MesoWarriors, an online support group that assists asbestos victims and their families. Today, almost nine years after the three months she was originally given to live, Mavis — and Ray — continue their work with the MesoWarriors, which allows Mavis to share her story across the UK and around the world giving hope to asbestos victims and demanding change from people with the power to create it. As she puts it, she has been given another chance at life so that she can help other sufferers.

Emily Reinstein, Senior Manager of Impact at Omaze: Emily has volunteered with ADAO since its founding in 2003 under the leadership of her mother, Linda Reinstein. Emily lost her father to Mesothelioma at the age of 13, and has been passionate about supporting ADAO's efforts to increase education about the dangers of asbestos and ultimately to ban the mineral ever since. Emily currently oversees impact strategy and storytelling at Omaze, an online fundraising company that raises funds and awareness for nonprofits like ADAO through once-in-a-lifetime experiences and prizes.

Linda Reinstein is the President/CEO and Co-Founder of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO). Reinstein became an activist when her husband, Alan, was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2003. She co-founded the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization in 2004, and now serves as President and CEO. Reinstein has been a strong political voice for justice in every major asbestos-related issue. Recognized as an expert with nearly 40 years of nonprofit experience in building and sustaining grassroots organizations, Reinstein specializes in developing, implementing, and leveraging integrated social media and international occupational and environmental disease prevention campaigns.
Jordan Zevon, ADAO's tremendous National Spokesperson and Celebrity Board Co-Chair, is a singer/songwriter and film composer. Jordan was the executive producer for 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’s own work includes his self-titled EP and the New West release, “Insides Out”. He’s performed multiple times on The Late Show with David Letterman, The Grammys and his music has been featured on numerous television shows. 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.
Steve McQueen

A letter to Steve

Steve
I think about you every day. We still have so much unfinished business, even after all these years. Meso stole your life, our life together and too many others. ADAO and an educated, concerned world will change this very soon......Love, Barbi
The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization thanks Barbara Minty McQueen for her commitment to ADAO, support on the Hill, and generous donation of autographed copies of her beautiful photographic memoir Steve McQueen: The Last Mile Revisited.

Visit www.barbaramintymcqueen.com to view photos of Barbara with her late husband Steve McQueen and order copies of her book.
“My dad was everything to me and most of all he was my best friend. His character, trustworthiness and dedication made him a wonderful role model. If only money could bring better health, he would be with us today. I support ADAO and their efforts to ban asbestos. We all must work together in this fight. ADAO has my continued support in making everyone aware of this deadly disease.”

— Billy Ray Cyrus
SALUTES OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

ARMY ARCHERD ON RECEIVING

THE WARREN ZEVON “KEEP ME IN YOUR HEART” MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

AND THE ADAO FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE DANGERS OF ASBESTOS EXPOSURE

IN MEMORIAM
Jock McCulloch
1945 – 2018

Mesothelioma Warrior, Author, and Revered Colleague
Australia
In Loving Memory of

Alan Reinstein

1939 – 2006

Unforgettable Husband and Father

Sweetly, we remember how you lived your life so deeply and without regrets. You loved us unconditionally. The broken shards of the past fifteen years without you soften amongst the cherished mosaic of memories. Our love for you is forever etched across our hearts, and we feel your love.

Love,

Linda and Emily
Bill Shields
1943-2004
Husband, Father, Friend

You are never forgotten and you were an inspiration in founding ADAO – so that all victims may have a voice. Your spirit still soars on the wings of a seagull, and our memories will always keep you alive in our hearts, minds and souls forever.

From your loving family and friends
She’s here. She’s there. She’s every fn where. Julie Gundlach!

Congratulations to my lovely wife Julie Gundlach on 15 years of advocacy!

“Never stop believing you can make a difference!”
Larry has boldly and tirelessly worked to ban asbestos and fund research for a cure. His Miles for Meso events have taken the fight against mesothelioma to the streets, and has made a difference to many lives in the United States and around the world.
In Loving Memory
Larry Davis
1945 - 2012

“Believe in a cure,”
§ a ban. We must work together for better legislation!
~ Larry & Courtney

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#ENDMeso
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 (2009)

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 then 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 (2009)
We Miss You

1933-2011. James A. Delee

A life of service: attorney, engineer, Airborne Brigade Commander, Catholic Deacon; always helping those in need. But most of all: husband for 56 years, father of 5, grandfather of 7, great grandfather of 3, we miss your sweet spirit, your laughter, your great advice, your love for your family and your enjoyment of music and singing. You were taken too soon by Mesothelioma.

Love Deanie
Love and Miss You

In Memory of Clarence Borel

1912-1970

I still miss you each day. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and love of God will be with me always. I appreciated the advice you would have for me. You were a great example as a husband and father. You were respected and looked up to by every man we ever worked with.

Miss you, Bracy
IN LOVING MEMORY OF FELIX BROW-WESTBROOK

SEPTEMBER 26, 1989 - DECEMBER 12, 2018

Felix was diagnosed with Biphasic Pleural Mesothelioma on December 20, 2017 at 28 years old. Over the course of a year, he had 5 surgeries, 5 weeks of radiation, 6 cycles of chemotherapy, 6 months of weekly clinical trial drug injections, and a total of 8 weeks stay in 4 different hospitals. He remained hopeful and grateful, thanking doctors and nurses no matter what painful or invasive procedure had just been inflicted on him. He never let on that he was scared even when he was diagnosed with Stage III and later Stage IV cancer, when he found out he had 40% Sarcomatoid cells, or when he learned it had spread to his heart. He fought until the very end and always thought he could beat it. He fought harder when he found out his birthday was Mesothelioma Awareness Day. We thought it meant he was going to be the one to find a cure; maybe he still will be. He was proud of the many ways he contributed to Mesothelioma research and advocacy, donating tissue to research, participating in a clinical trial, creating a t-shirt awareness campaign, doing a 5K Walk for Meso, and attending the 2018 ADAO conference. I will continue this fight on his behalf.

You can keep my things they’ve come to take me home

Peter Gabriel

Painting by Felix Brow-Westbrook
A life ended way too soon.
Husband, Father, Lover and Friend
Our lives will never be the same.
I will love you forever.
~ Lisa ~
Esmeraldo “Nego” Teixeira
Gone, but never forgotten.
Forever in our hearts...

David J. Dioguardi
January 5, 1941 – July 12, 2016
Asbestos has been banned in the UK and yet our Mesothelioma figures are still going up. Asbestos kills you as it goes into buildings and is still killing as it is being removed. We need a Asbestos free world no more killings please.
John was just getting ready to retire when he got the death sentence that he had asbestos caused mesothelioma. After the shock of the news, we tried to make the most of the time and spent every minute of every day together.

Today, I still miss his touch, holding hands, feeling his arms around me and that kiss each morning to start the day.

Asbestos has ended John’s life ~ & in some ways, it has ended my life as well. There is an emptiness that will always be present in my life and I will forever miss my wonderful, loving husband. Not a day passes that he isn’t on my mind. My heart aches every single day and I am lost without him.

I love you John & I will miss you everyday for the rest of my life.

~~ Michele~~
Vaelua
1982 – 2018

Taken way too soon
“The light of this world”

Mesothelioma Warrior
Mesothelioma ended Todd’s zest for life and adventures much too soon, leaving a void for those who love him. He battled mesothelioma valiantly.

Thanks to ADAO for the opportunity to promote the ban of asbestos in Todd’s memory.

Todd’s Family
A Lifetime Away

The leaves have fallen from the trees
And summer days are gone.
Lingering twilight in the chilling breeze
And the end of the robin’s song.

All of my life I searched for you
Not knowing it until that day
When you appeared out of the blue
After almost a lifetime away.

Somehow we knew that time would fly
And yet we embraced our love.
We had time to laugh and sometimes cry
And we thanked our Father above.

We now had hope for each new day
And each other to comfort at night.
You always had something tender to say
And made everything seem all right.

When sickness came and would not leave
With courage I watched you fight.
We prayed each day and tried to believe
That somehow it would be all right.

But time was slipping away...
Faster each day, it seemed.
With dignity and grace you continued to pray
And at night, of Heaven, we dreamed.

Heaven is where you are, its true,
Above the storm clouds and rain,
Where the sky is so eternally blue
And there is no more sickness or pain.

Time is passing still faster each day
And at night I miss holding your hand,
But I remember you taught me to pray
And to believe in the Promised Land.

The trees will be dressed in leaves so new
And summer days will re-appear.
Twilight will become the eternal blue
And the robin will sing so clear.

It is a great comfort to know that you
Are not really so far away,
And you will appear out of the blue,
After almost a lifetime away.

© By Anonymous

Ray Hoover
June 21, 1956 – October 17, 2009

Raymond F. Hoover diagnosed March 12, 2008 with
malignant pleural mesothelioma due to asbestos exposure.
IN MEMORY OF DON &
ALL AFFECTED BY ASBESTOS

He had a laugh you’ll never forget...loved to joke & give people a hard time but was always there for friends, family & strangers.

Carrie McNamara
Remembering Frederick Allen Ditkof

“In memory of my father, Frederick Allen Ditkof, July 4, 1927 to October 22, 1981, and whose wife and my loving mother Corinne Shirley Ditkof (nee Jaffe) joined him in heaven on November 7, 2020. I miss you dad.”

Marty
Lou Williams
1955 – 2017

Mesothelioma Warrior Extraordinaire
Australia
Lou Williams

Dignity, decorum, elegance personifies Lou.

Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend, Campaigner, MesoWarrior.

Lou’s gentle spirit reaches the hearts, minds and souls of many fellow mesothelioma patients and their loved ones.

An avid campaigner for research, education and a positive contributor to the ADAO Community, across the globe our lives are richer because we have Lou over our sunrise.

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I’m Possible!”

From one friend to another... profound respect, Lou.

Love,
Christine Winter
The world lost a most wonderful person December 4, 2016 and I lost my wonderful, loving husband all because of Mesothelioma cancer caused by asbestos. He fought the fight for 2 1/2 years, never giving up, enduring so much, even though some days I know it was so hard for him and he worried about me and not himself. That is just how John always was. When he started getting worse in November and he went on home hospice care, we both knew that our time together was soon coming to an end. His heart was strong and he did fight it - they say that a dying person always holds out for only one person, and that person was me - we had such a great loving marriage. I told him over and over that everything would be okay - the morning he died, he opened his eyes wide and mouthed the words, "I love you" - I kissed him goodbye and he died in my arms. This is something that I will never forget and it is very hard facing each day without him. I miss him so much. More and more people are diagnosed with this horrible cancer every day and it just has to stop.

Love,

Rosemary
MY JOURNEY IS OVER
I was so young

Message to Congress:
Who will care for my son
like I did?
#Message2Congress

Janelle Bedel
March 16, 1976 ~ June 19, 2013
Thank you for your endless love
That helped me through each day
And thank you for the memories
That will never fade away.

You're the man I loved
And I was proud to be your wife,
And every day in some small way
I celebrate your life.

And though it's sad to think about
The way things were before,
When we're re-united
It will be forevermore.
Gordon Bankhead
1943 - 2011

“Have I Told You Lately That I Love You”
Remembering Seven Seventeen

Love,
Emily
Rachel Shaneyfelt
1967 – 2017

Dedicated Mesothelioma Warrior
United States
Stan “Swede” Grimberg
Union Plumber Local 290/Oregon
Mesothelioma Warrior

April 18, 1929 - June 6, 1982

“You are on my shoulder, encouraging me always to move forward, look ahead, work hard, and make the best of what I’m given. I will tell your story Dad, so that other tradesmen and women will not suffer, and their sons and daughters will not lose their parents to deadly asbestos. By volunteering with ADAO I honor you, your fighting spirit, and the injustice our family has endured.”

Love you, always and forever your daughter,

Ann
A true Mesothelioma Warrior who inspired, supported others and continued to raise awareness while fighting her own battle.

Jan is sadly missed by her soul mate and much loved husband Gary. She was an adoring Mummy to Lexi and Bear, a beloved Sister and Auntie and a wonderful friend to many others around the world.

An angel who is loved so much - spread your wings – and fly now that you are without pain.
Remembering Kenny Beer
1950 - 2011

Not a day goes by that we don’t think of you
You brought happiness to every life you touched.
We shared our love of family & friends......our passion for golf, fine wine and
our great joy in spending time together......
we had so much more life to live.
Our family’s center...... forever loved & missed

Love always
Marli & Stewart, The Beer & Stewart families

Together we can make a difference by supporting the Asbestos Awareness Disease Organization..... thanks for all you do to raise awareness and your dedication to the fight to ban asbestos use worldwide.
In Honor of all Mesothelioma Warriors

Those who have fought, are currently fighting, and continue to not only survive, but thrive...

Each one of you inspires me with your bravery

Each one of you has a place in my heart, etched there for all eternity.

Our voices will be heard, and our stories will live on.

To each of you, you have my utmost admiration and respect.

We carry on with grace and a brave face, not knowing what the future holds, we live each day with purpose.

Heather Von St. James
13 Year Mesothelioma Survivor
Roseville, MN
Jeffrey Melford
1957 – 2016

Dedicated Mesothelioma Warrior
United States
Ronald H. Diana

1946 - 2005

Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Friend
Giuseppe taught us courage and love for life.

With his experience with asbestos illness, he showed the dignity of the victims and supported those affected by the same tragedy.

Respectfully,

Giuliana Busto
AFeVA President
IN LOVING MEMORY
JALAL (JJ) SEGEMEN
MESOTHELIOMA WARRIOR
06/21/1955 – 08/31/2007

Your gentle face and patient smile
   With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each
   And died beloved by all.
The voice is mute and stilled the heart
   That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
   From one so good as you.
You are not forgotten loved one
   Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
   We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
   As time goes by we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
   No one can fill your empty place.
Dan is the love of my life, and his recent loss is a painful memory of how much I miss him.

Dan fought a long and painful battle with mesothelioma with such grace and a “never give up” spirit. He is a shining example to his children, grandchildren, family, and friends who also love and miss him. Love and peace!

Love,

Barbara
In loving memory...

John J Salzburg Jr 4/24/27 - 9/30/16
Fred Ross Riebel 1/6/60 - 7/15/16

I Love You. I’ll Miss You. I’ll See You Soon
Jill "Jillypoo" Vaughn
Kemah, TX
MesoWarrior Extrordinaire
1941 - 2014

"Another songbird falls silent on Earth,
and in the heavens
another star
blinks into existence in the evening skies
to help light the way for the rest of us."

Quote by Jill Vaughn.
ADAO pays tribute to the bravery and strength of...

Michael Bradley
1984 - 2014

“Not only am I fighting asbestos related cancer, but I am putting myself on the frontline in the battle against the mining and use of asbestos.”

- Michael

“Three years ago today I took my son Michael Bradley to the hospital in awful pain. This was the start to a long painful journey that ended April 24, 2014. Michael suffers no more. Our pain remains. All because of asbestos that was preventable. I love you Michael.”

- Sandra Neuenschwander, February 14, 2015
There are so many things that I would like to say about this wonderful man but there is just not enough room. He was my Soul Mate: a very dedicated and loving husband, friend, father, son, brother and most recently a grandfather. He absolutely loved to fish, ride his Harley and play golf. Rob could tell a story like no one else I know. He was such a people person and never met a stranger. He had a smile and one of those personalities that just lit up a room. Loved lending a helping hand. In fact, the night before he was placed in hospice care, he was DJing for a benefit. The courage that he displayed through 6 years of mesothelioma and too many chemo treatments to count, was such an awesome example for others and a true testament to his life. Encouraging others till the end he affected and infected so many people’s lives. Rob was an advocate for fighting this disease and the total ban of asbestos. This disease took his life but it never ever took his spirit and passion for living. He never gave up. I believe he would want to say to those battling this nasty disease:

Don’t give up!!

Live Every Day!!

Love with your whole heart!!

Keep fighting for a ban and a cure!!

and as only he could say...

“It’s All Good!!!”

Rob, You will be missed more than words can describe. See you in heaven.

Love, Jill
Susan Hall: mother, grandmother, wife, friend, nurse, volunteer, activist, folkie, great birthday card giver Haileybury, Montreal, Newfoundland, Tanzania, Nepal, and Winnipeg.

With Love,

Dorothy,

for the Birthday Brunch gang
Life was good for my Mom. We talk everyday, sometimes more than once. Mom had her children, grands, great grands and great great grands that would visit her in Spencer, MA. On February 21, 2007 my Mom was diagnosed with Mesothelioma caused from asbestos. We had never heard of Mesothelioma and we certainly learned with her first visit to her oncologist that chemotherapy would begin and there was no cure to this horrible disease. My mom was living in MA and I was in VT. It was a 3 hr drive one way and I was the one responsible for taking Mom to appointments. After awhile it was too much and I decided to move her to Vermont. This was a huge change for her after living her whole life in MA away from all her family. I did what was in the best interest of my Mother and her quality of life. I have a lot to be thankful for ~ my Mom showed me love, how to garden, to respect nature, to sew and to cook ~ all the things a loving Mother teaches her children. Sometimes we would go into the woods to look for “lady slippers” so Mom could transplant them into her beautiful shade gardens. I loved to listen to Mom’s stories of her childhood as well as learn about her heritage. My Mother was everything to me and not a day goes by I don’t think of her in one way or another. Every time I hear a bird, as she would whistle with them, or see a frog of some sort I am reminded of my wonderful Mom. There is a hole in my heart and a void that will never be filled.
“A tribute to all the victims of asbestos-related diseases who are still fighting - we will conquer this together”

Renee and Katherine
Soulmate, father, brother, uncle, friend, artist, photographer, traveler, crossword solver, walking encyclopedia and Meso Warrior for nearly 7 years...we hold you in our hearts forever, with love.

Love,

Linda
In Loving Memory of Bill Boone

Bill Boone; husband, father, talented artist with a great sense of humor who is deeply missed...

Love Always, Etta, Donna, Kim, Ray and Parker
Andy wrote stories that made the world a better place. His reporting in Libby, Montana, prompted U.S. EPA to clean up the decades-long asbestos contamination that killed hundreds of people — and is still claiming lives there. His work pushed government and political leaders to create a clinic to care for those sickened by asbestos fibers in Libby and surrounding Lincoln County. And it brought attention to the fact that an estimated 30 million homes across the U.S. and Canada contain vermiculite insulation from Libby contaminated with tremolite fibers.

He could not have done that reporting without many of you. You helped him understand the science, the history, the legal and regulatory systems, and the health impacts of asbestos. You spent hours and hours on the phone with him, assuring that what he wrote had the needed context and depth.

That’s why, when Linda Reinstein said ADAO wanted to honor my husband, I asked if she would create a lecture series in which other journalists doing great work on asbestos issues could come and talk with you. I wanted you to be reminded of how important your help is in producing journalism that makes a difference. I couldn’t think of a better legacy.

Thank you for all you did for Andy and for what you’re continuing to do for journalists following in his footsteps.

Kathy Best
Blue Heron Films would like to congratulate ADAO on for nearly seventeen years of valiantly fighting for the rights of asbestos victims. By your continuing to educate the public about still-present dangers and offering comfort, information, and resources for patients and families of the newly diagnosed makes ADAO an invaluable community of support. By offering a conference that gives leading physicians and researchers a place to connect with each other, policy and consumer advocates, and victim’s families you become the holistic resource for the worldwide asbestos family.

Congratulations to Linda Reinstein, Emily Reinstein, and Jordan Zevon for keeping the flame burning in the name of those you love and have lost. We are honored to participate in your journey by filming the conferences and producing your video messages. We are inspired and remain in awe of your determination to rid the world of this preventable disease.

*Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.*  (Margaret Mead)
EIA Salutes the work of our partner organization, ADAO

And we wish you the best of luck in your 2021 endeavors. We appreciate the partnership between our organizations, and look forward to working together to bring an end to the needless dangers of asbestos exposure.

EIA is holding its 39th annual conference March 20 - 23, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, featuring top industry experts in the areas of asbestos, lead, S&A, mold and IAQ!

EIA’s multidisciplinary membership will collect, generate and disseminate information concerning environmental and occupational health hazards in the built environment to property owners and operators, interested professionals and the public.

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The Medical Outreach Department at Asbestos.com is proud to support ADAO during its 16th Annual International Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. We hope that ADAO’s vision to eliminate asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma, and global asbestos ban will continue to raise public awareness through this international conference.
GLOBAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 1-7

Join us as we spread awareness about this deadly carcinogen and see what a powerful force we can be when we work together.
If you or a loved one have been affected by asbestos and asbestos-related diseases, please share your story. These stories provide hope and comfort to those in similar situations and can spread awareness of asbestos in order to save lives.

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The Global Ban Asbestos Network (GBAN) Social Media Community is a non-profit an independent initiative established to promote and facilitate collaboration, communication, and action to achieve a global asbestos ban. GBAN is a one-stop portal that brings together interactive social media outlets to promote an end to asbestos mining and use, thereby preventing continued exposure to this known human carcinogen.

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