17TH ANNUAL

ASBESTOS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONFERENCE

ADAO

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization™

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"Where Knowledge and Action Unite"

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September 16-17, 2022

Conference Event Schedule

FRIDAY, September 16

"Art, Advocacy, and Action" Festival

" 10:00 AM - 200 PM ET

SATURDAY, September 17

Academic Conference

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET

SUNDAY, September 17

Awards and Recognition Ceremony

4:30 pm 5:30 pm ET

Conference Welcome

Dear Speakers, Honorees, Sponsors, and Registrants,

On behalf of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), I am thrilled to welcome you to our 17th International Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. This year's conference, "Where Knowledge and Action Unite," is our second virtual conference, which allows us to bring together distinguished experts and asbestos victims from around the world to raise asbestos awareness, prevent asbestos exposure, and end asbestos-related diseases. This format lowers the barrier to access the life-saving information shared at our conference, and 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 ban on asbestos.

ADAO is excited to welcome the 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.

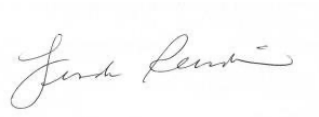
This year, we'll talk about progress and challenges, medical advancements, prevention, global advocacy. I am thrilled to announce that this year we will also host our second arts festival, "Asbestos: Art, Advocacy, and Action" on Friday.

We are eager to hear from our Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture featured speaker: **David Boraks**, Journalist and NPR-affiliate. David Boraks is a veteran journalist who covers climate change for WFAE. David's project, "Asbestos Town" won Best Radio Documentary of 2021 from the Society of Professional Journalists. David has a bachelor's degree in history from Cornell University and a master's degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

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 Board's** unfailing commitment to our mission supports our work all year long. And finally, we are endlessly grateful to our generous sponsors and donors, 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 17th conference, I am proud to announce that it has been a very successful year in ADAO's efforts to ban asbestos. As many are aware, ADAO is celebrating the success of its three legal wins against the EPA. In addition, tremendous strides have taken place on the legislative side, with the bicameral introduction of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act. It is on these successes we enter this conference and reaffirm our commitment for the banning of asbestos.

Our 17th anniversary is a time to celebrate what we have accomplished, 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



ADAO Cofounder, Visionary, and Friend

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022: Asbestos: "ART, ADVOCACY, AND ACTION" Festival
Linda Reinstein Welcome
Ellen Costa, Moderator
Earl Dotter
Barbara Minty McQueen
Fernanda Giannasi and Inácio Teixeira
John Curtis
Kathy Best, The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture Introduction
David Boraks, The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture
Eric Jonckheere, Author: Conversation with Dr. Barry Castleman, Vicky Franzinetti, and Linda Reinstein
Tony Rich
Lee Loftus
Kim Cecchini, Candle Lighting
Jill Cagle, Performance
Linda Reinstein Close
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022: ACADEMIC CONFERENCE
Session I: Progress and Challenges from the Frontline (MODERATOR: Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH)
Linda Reinstein Open
Opening & Mavis Nye: International Welcome
Introduction: PLATINUM Sponsor- Perry Browder, Simmons Hanly Conroy
Warriors: Sean (in person) and Nicole Shields
Linda Reinstein
Sen. Jeff Merkley Video
Richard Lemen, PhD, MSPH
Arthur Frank, MD, PhD
Bob Sussman, JD

Session II: Medical Advancements: Diagnosing and Treating Mesothelioma and Other Asbestos-Related Diseases (MODERATOR: Arthur Frank, MD, PhD)
Warrior: Laura Baker
Steven Markowitz, MD, DrPH
Jacqueline M. Moline, MD, MS
Brad Black, MD
Andrea Wolf, MD, MPH
Christine Oliver, MD, PhD, MPH, MS
The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture (MODERATOR: Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH)
Introduction/Setup: Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH
Introduction: Kathy Best
David Boraks, The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture
Introduction: PLATINUM Sponsor - Perry Browder, Simmons Hanly Conroy
Session III: Prevention: Legacy Asbestos: What Is It? Where Is It? What Do I Do? (MODERATOR: Dr. Richard Lemen)
Warrior: Toby MacDonald
Raja Flores, MD
Brent Kynoch
Tom Laubenthal
Tony Rich
Session IV: Global Ban Asbestos Action (MODERATOR: Brent Kynoch)
Introduction: GOLD Sponsor - Greg Sandifer, The Gori Law Firm
Warrior: Sharon Gayoso
Barry Castleman: Italy
Carmen Lima: Portugal
Fernanda Giannasi: Brazil
Rory O'Neill: (United Kingdom)
Barry Robson: Australia
Linda Reinstein Close

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2022: AWARDS AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
Linda Reinstein Open
Awards Ceremony with Performance by Jordan Zevon, Singer, Songwriter, Film Composer and ADAO Spokesperson
Presenter: Linda and Emily Reinstein
Honoree: Inácio Teixeira, The Alan Reinstein Award
Presenter: Linda and Emily Reinstein
Honoree: Laura Baker, The Alan Reinstein Award
Presenter: Dr. Arthur Frank
Honoree: Dr. Melissa McDiarmid, The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award
Presenter: Dr. Raja Flores
Honoree: Dr. Andrea Wolf, The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award
Presenter: Dr. Barry Castleman
Honoree: Vicky Franzinetti, The Tribute of Hope Award
Presenter: Linda Reinstein
Honoree: ADAO v. EPA Co-plaintiffs, The Tribute of Inspiration Award (Accepted by Bob Sussman)
Presenter: Dr. Richard Lemen
Honoree: David Boraks, The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture
Presenter: Celeste Monforton
Honoree: Rory O'Neill, The Tribute of Unity Award
Presenter: Ellen Costa
Platinum Sponsor: Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC (Accepted by Perry Browder)
Presenter: Ellen Costa
Gold Sponsor: The Gori Law Firm (Accepted by Sara Salger)
Presenter: Kim Cecchini
Silver Sponsor: Bailey & Glasser LLP (Accepted by Michael "Mickey" Robb)
Presenter: Kim Cecchini
Silver Sponsor: Early, Lucarelli, Sweeney & Meisenkothen (Accepted by Chris Meisenkothen)

ADAO Keynote Speaker and Honorees

Melissa McDiarmid, MD, MPH, DABT will be honored with The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award in honor of her tireless dedication to increasing awareness and prevention efforts to eliminate asbestos-caused diseases.

Andrea Wolf, MD, MPH will be honored with The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award in honor of her tireless dedication to increasing awareness and prevention efforts to eliminate asbestos-caused diseases.

Vicky Franzinetti will be recognized with The Tribute of Hope Award for her steadfast commitment to awareness, prevention, and policy to eliminate asbestos-related diseases.

Rory O'Neill will be recognized with The Tribute of Unity Award for his steadfast commitment to awareness, prevention, and policy to eliminate asbestos-related diseases.

ADAO v. EPA Co-Plaintiffs will be recognized with The Tribute of Inspiration Award for their unwavering commitment to ending the scourge of asbestos in the United States.

Inácio Teixeira will be recognized with The Alan Reinstein Award for his commitment to education, advocacy, and providing support to countless individuals and families.

Laura Baker will be recognized with The Alan Reinstein Award for her commitment to education, advocacy, and providing support to countless individuals and families.

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Saturday Award Ceremony Performers



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*. 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.

Friday Candle Lighting Performer



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 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. 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.

ADAO Conference Speakers

Spreading asbestos awareness and prevention around the globe…

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Kathy Best, University of Maryland

Brad Black, MD, ADAO Science Advisory Board

David Boraks, NPR Journalist

Jill Cagle, Mesothelioma Warrior

Barry Castleman, ScD, ADAO Science Advisory Board

Kim Cecchini, ADAO Board

Ellen Costa, ADAO Board

John Curtis, Political Cartoonist

Earl Dotter, Photojournalist

Raja Flores, MD, ADAO Science Advisory Board

Arthur Frank, MD, PhD, ADAO Science Advisory Board

Vicky Franzinetti

Sharon Gayoso, Mesothelioma Warrior

Fernanda Giannasi, Brazilian Association of People Exposed to Asbestos (ABREA)

Eric Jonckneere, Author and Asbestos Advocate, Mesothelioma Warrior

Brent Kynoch, ADAO Prevention Advisory Board

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Carmen Lima, SOS AMIANTO – Portuguese Asbestos Victim Support Group

Lee Loftus, Photographer

Toby MacDonald, Mesothelioma Warrior

Steven Markowitz, MD, DrPH, ADAO Science Advisory Board

Melissa McDiarmid, MD, MPH, DABT

Barbara McQueen, ADAO Honorary Celebrity Board

Jacqueline Moline, MD, MSc, ADAO Science Advisory Board

Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH, ADAO Science and Prevention Advisory Board Liaison

Mavis Nye, Mesothelioma Warrior

Rory O'Neill, CMIOSH, FRSPH, Hazards Editor

Christine Oliver, DrPH, MPH, MSc, ADAO Science Advisory Board

Richa Patel, MPH, ADAO Intern

Emily Reinstein, Mesothelioma Warrior

Linda Reinstein, ADAO Board

Tony Rich, ADAO Prevention Advisory Board

Barry Robson, Asbestos Disease Foundation of Australia

Sean and Nicole Shields, Mesothelioma Warriors

Robert Sussman, JD, ADAO Counsel

Inácio Teixeira, AVICAFE, filmmaker

Andrea Wolf, MD, MPH, ADAO Science Advisory Board

Jordan Zevon, ADAO National Spokesperson

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ADAO President/CEO: Linda Reinstein

ADAO National Spokesperson: Jordan Zevon

ADAO Honorary Celebrity Board Co-Chairs: Barbara McQueen and Jordan Zevon

Liaison to ADAO's Scientific and Prevention Advisory Boards: Dr. Celeste Monforton

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John Newquist

Tony Rich

Mark Winter

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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LAURA BAKER

Laura Baker is a concerned citizen, grieving family member, and avid activist. After the Libby Montana Asbestos Health Emergency was declared in 2009 and three of her immediate family members fell ill, Baker spurred into action. For over a decade, Laura Baker has been a loyal supporter of Libby Montana Center for Asbestos Related Disease Clinic, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, and Just Moms STL Organization. Her tireless work includes corresponding with leaders such as Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and Congressman Lacy Clay; attending EPA and White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council meetings; and participating in fundraisers such as Miles for Meso, Meals for A Million, and more. Laura Baker's dedication to advocacy and activism are strides towards ending generations of harm from asbestos.



KATHY BEST

Kathy Best: After four decades writing and editing stories designed to make a difference in readers' lives, Kathy Best moved to academia in June 2019 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 three national awards in professional contests. Students in the center have gone on to win national awards for coverage of homelessness, the failure to protect legal migrant workers during the pandemic and the role of white-owned newspapers across the U.S. in inciting lynchings and racial terror during the Jim Crow era. Best was previously the executive editor of The Seattle Times, which she helped lead to two Pulitzer Prizes. She was also the editor of the Missoulian in Missoula, Montana, and a top editor at The Sun in Baltimore, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and St. Louis Post-Dispatch. She met her late husband, Andrew Schneider, while working in the Post-Dispatch Washington Bureau covering Congress and national politics. Andrew's work inspired her to lead the Howard Center to make sure journalism has more reporters who know how to dig deeply and watch out for those without power.



DAVID BORAKS

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BRAD BLACK, MD

Dr. Black is Senior Medical and Research Advisor for CARD. He retired from his position as CEO and Medical Director in May of 2021, but he continues to be a leading advocate for healthcare, treatment, and research to benefit those impacted by Libby amphibole asbestos. A pediatrician by specialty, he additionally spent 10 years as the Medical Director for Libby's urgent care center and served as an emergency room physician prior to CARD. Lincoln County Health Officer since 1984, Dr. Black has become dedicated to developing the healthcare infrastructure for the county including asbestos related disease healthcare. He was integral in the planning and implementation of the original ATSDR asbestos health screening program and the development of CARD Clinic. With support from Dr. Alan Whitehouse, a Spokane Pulmonologist, and many years of experience, Dr. Black has become an expert in identifying and managing Libby amphibole asbestos diseases. His dedication is appreciated greatly by CARD as well as the community.



JILL CAGLE

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

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.

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KIM CECCHINI

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

Ellen Costa is an 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.



JOHN CURTIS

John Curtis is a South African social justice activist, writer, and editorial cartoonist, now based in the United Kingdom. After debuting in 2005 as daily cartoonist for Cape Town's Cape Argus newspaper, John has since carved out a niche for himself as a collaborator with many of South Africa's leading cartoonists wherein he conceptualizes ideas which they draw. He has won two Sikuvile Journalism Awards (his nation's top award for cartooning) amongst many other national and international accolades, and his work has been published across dozens of titles and appeared in exhibitions worldwide. In 2008, John founded Africartoons; an agency which recruits the talents of many of Africa's top cartoonists to communicate messages for social justice causes, advocacy and public awareness campaigns. Africartoons has a following of over 1.2 million people on Facebook. John is also a creative director for digitalJUNGLE, a socially conscious design studio, which he partners with his wife Michelle.

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EARL DOTTER

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

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 150 related publications to date, his energies and commitment to the plight of mesothelioma patients remains paramount.



ARTHUR L. FRANK, MD, PhD

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 the Drexel College of Medicine. He also holds a position at Drexel as Professor of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering. A life-long 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 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.



VICKY FRANZINETTI

My name is Vicky Franzinetti, interpreter, born in Cardiff (UK) in 1953, one son, one granddaughter. At the time of the first Turin Eternit case in 2010 I was called by the court to interpret (I am a registered interpreter) for foreign expert witnesses. I knew many people around the case, through personal history, the women's movement and my work at the Union Research Unit. After one hearing I felt that victims deserved more and decided to try and do what I could with what skills I have. I translated the reports people like Silvana Mossano, Massimiliano Francia wrote for the media. I organized the simultaneous translation for the verdicts in 2012 and 2013. I translated Eric Jonckheere's book "Asbestos: My War with the Devil's Dust" (2021) and Sara Panelli's & Rosalba Altopiedi's book on the Eternit case into English. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with all of you and to get to know you better, as well as helping to put you in touch with each other. I hope we can soon celebrate some successes.



SHARON GAYOSO

In 2014, Sharon Gayoso's husband, Jay, was diagnosed with Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma. He was 53 and an active corporate attorney. After an extensive history, the Gayoso's realized that Jay's asbestos exposure took place 36 years prior; both medical and legal consultations were explored. Sharon became both a caregiver and patient advocate. She learned as much as possible about asbestos exposure, how to find specialists and Centers of Excellence, all while navigating the logistics of treatment. The Gayoso's sons (Andrew and Adam) are also vital members of the family's support system, assisting with research and altering their career goals based upon their father's illness. Together, they have taken action to assist mesothelioma patients and their families. Sharon holds a BS in Public Relations from UF's College of Journalism and Communications. She also sits on a Miami-Dade County Public School's Educational Excellence School Advisory Council.

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FERNANDA GIANNASI

Fernanda Giannasi is a Civil and Occupational Safety Engineer and was a Labor Inspector for 30 years at the Brazilian Labor Ministry, in the inspection of health and safety conditions at the workplaces with emphasis on the insalubrity, lethality and dangerousness of carcinogenic agents (asbestos, nuclear, silica) and other toxic substances such as POPs – Persistent Organic Pollutants mercury, among others. She founded the GIA-Grupo Interinstitutional of Asbestos and was manager of the State Program for the Banning of Asbestos. Currently retired, she is a health, labor and environmental consultant for workers' organizations and victims of industrial processes. She founded the Brazilian Association of People Exposed to Asbestos (ABREA) and was one of the creators of the CONTREN-National Commission of the Workers on Nuclear Energy, which was involved with a relevant role during all antinuclear activities at Rio/92 (UNCED). She also coordinates the Virtual-Citizen Network for the Banning of Asbestos for Latin America and is a member of the Brazilian Environmental Justice Network. She was the vice-coordinator of the CEA-Committee for Asbestos Studies, which regulated the 162 ILO Convention to deal with the protection of workers exposed to asbestos. She is part of the Italian Academy of Sciences of the Work World (Collegium Ramazzini), which awarded her the Ramazzini Prize in November 2018. Her struggle has been recognized for several times receiving awards, including the Occupational Health of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in Chicago/1999; the title of "Anti-Asbestos G-Woman in Tokyo in 2004 and the Rachel LEE Jung-Lim Award in 2017 in South Korea. She was recognized for her work in favor of citizenship by the National Progressist Entrepreneurs Basis-PNBE, which awarded her as an Outstanding Citizen in 2001; she was also the winner of the Claudia 2001, which annually awards projects that contribute to improving the quality of life developed by women, as well the Personality in Engineering in 2012 and in 2018 received the 2017 FazDiferença (Makes the Difference) Prize from the prestigious Newspaper "O Globo. She also received commendations from the Order of Judicial Merit of Labor from the TST-Superior Labor Court (2014) and from the TRT-Regional Labor Court (2015).



ERIC JONCKHEERE

Eric Jonckheere is a Belgian airline pilot. Asbestos is part of his everyday environment since 1937. His grand-father Paul was a key player in keeping the Eternit factories open during WW2. Pierre, his father, worked at Eternit as an engineer. He grew up in Kapelle, north of Brussels. It was paradise until the passing of Pierre due to mesothelioma in 1987. He was 59. Then his mother, Francoise, and brothers, Pierre-Paul and Stephane, suffered from the same cancer, respectively in 2000, 2003 and 2010. He became an anti-asbestos activist when he realized many families couldn't speak up. The entire village suffers from extensive environmental exposure but the local politicians and union leaders are at the mercy of the plants owners. Since their victory in the Brussels court, they have moved the case-law and the knowledge of the dangers of asbestos to the general public. As president of ABEVA, it's important to share experiences across borders.

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BRENT KYNOCH

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.



TOM LAUBENTHAL

Tom Laubenthal (US Training & Regulations) is the owner of TGL Consulting, Inc., based in 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

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.

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CARMEN LIMA

Carmen Lima has a degree in Environmental Engineering, with a specialization in Environmental Management, a postgraduate degree in Sustainable Construction and a master's degree in Sustainable Planning and Construction. She is a PhD student in Environmental Engineering at Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon, researching the issue of Asbestos. She is member of the CES – Economic and Social Council, representing the Portuguese Environmental NGO's. Founder and Coordinator of SOS AMIANTO – Portuguese Association Against Asbestos. Member of the Executive Board at Portuguese Confederation of Environmental NGO's and Vice-President at Portuguese Federation of Cycling and Bicycle Users. She collaborates with the Directorate of Dialogue and Proximity at the World Youth Day in Portugal (WYD2023), forSustainability issues. She has participated as organizer, speaker and moderator in several conferences, hearings and seminars, nationally and internationally. Author of the book "There is no Planet B: tips and tricks for a Sustainable Environment". She was coordinator of the Waste Information Center at Quercus NGO, Creative and Coordinator of Wasteapp (www.wasteapp.pt). She was presenter of "Dear Environmental" broadcast at SIC - national tv channel, in "Dear Morning" program, and co-host of "Green Minute" broadcast at RTP - National tv, in "Good Morning Portugal" program.



LEE LOFTUS

Lee Loftus has 48 years of experience in the B.C. Construction sector as an insulator/asbestos worker. He has extensive governance experience as a labour leader with the BC Federation of Labour, BC Building Trades, and BC Insulators Union. Is currently the Vice Chair of WorkSafeBC (Workers Compensation Board) as a Public Interest appointee. He is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety; Director of the Canadian Standards Association, and Canadian Society of Safety Engineering; and administrator of the Insulation Industry Apprenticeship Board. He is active on not-for-profit boards with a focus on mental health, medical research, essential skills, climate research, and literacy.



TOBY MACDONALD

Toby MacDonald was born and raised on PEI, Canada, Toby graduated from the PEI School of Nursing in 1992, knowing that caring for people was her calling, an honour and a duty she took very seriously. Married and raised her family in Summerside, PEI. When word was leaked of asbestos and lead breaches that occurred with students present at her daughter's school during major renovations, she acted. This is when her two greatest duties came together forging her passion in advocating for and implementing the TOSH Student Registry. She has since petitioned government to no longer have students present when hazardous materials are being abated, and for better communication between parents, schools and government. Toby furthers her calling of helping her community by joining the Green Party Provincial Council to foster positive change.

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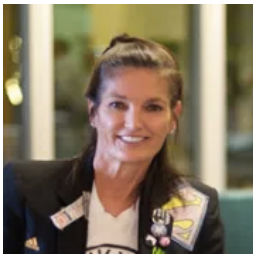
STEVEN MARKOWITZ, MD, DrPH

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.



MELISSA A. MCDIARMID, MD, MPH, DABT

Melissa A. McDiarmid, MD, MPH, DABT, is Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Public Health and Director of the University of Maryland, School of Medicine's Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. She received her undergraduate and MD degrees from the University of Maryland and her MPH from The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health where she also completed fellowship training in Occupational Medicine. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine and Toxicology. In addition to her academic postings, she was Chief Medical Officer of the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), a position she held for five years. Dr. McDiarmid's research interests include occupational and environmental determinants of cancer, second malignancy development in chemotherapy treated patients and the cancer risk of oncology workers. She maintains professional society affiliations as a member of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, the American Public Health Association and is a Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini, currently serving as its President.



BARBI McQUEEN

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.

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JACQUELINE M. MOLINE, MD, MSc

Jacqueline M. Moline, M.D., M.Sc. 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 Masters 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

Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH is a lecturer in public health at Texas State University. Each semester, she ensures her students learn about asbestos, and the magnitude of deaths caused by it. She also encourages them to advocate for an asbestos ban. Monforton is privileged to serve as liaison to the Science Board and Prevention Board of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, and she is a fellow in the Collegium Ramazzini. Monforton collaborates with and provides technical assistance on occupational health and safety policy to community organizations and national groups. Her book, On the Job: The Untold Story of Worker Centers and The New Fight for Wages, Dignity, and Health, written with Jane M. Von Bergen, was published by The New Press in 2021. Monforton is an active member of the American Public Health Association and is chair of the association's Action Board. In 2019, Monforton testified on behalf APHA in support of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act.



MAVIS NYE

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, MSc

L. Christine Oliver, MD, MPH, MSc is an adjunct professor in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Health in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto in Toronto, ON. She is a consultant to Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW). Dr. Oliver has an occupational and environmental medicine consulting practice in Brookline, MA. 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. She has also testified as a medical expert on behalf and at the request of asbestos victims and their families.



RORY O'NEILL

Rory O'Neill, CMIOSH, FRSPH, Hazards Editor, is the occupational health and workplace safety adviser to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), represents unions at global health and safety negotiations, leading on hazardous substances, and coordinates an informal global union health and safety network. He played a pivotal role in the successful negotiations that led this year to the recognition of occupational health and safety as an International Labour Organisation (ILO) fundamental right at work. He is a visiting professor at Queen Mary University of London and for far too many decades has been editor of the not-for-profit workers' health and safety publication Hazards magazine. Rory has been a trade union health and safety activist even longer, and exposed to the unforgivable harm caused by asbestos longer still – as a child, he saw relatives die of asbestos diseases and he started work in an asbestos lagging and roofing firm the day he left school. His twitter feed describes him as "a would-be slayer of capitalist dragons." He's still working on it.



EMILY REINSTEIN

Emily Reinstein has volunteered with ADAO since its founding in 2003 under the leadership of her mother, Linda Reinstein. She 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 works at TikTok on their Education & Philanthropy team helping nonprofits make the most of the platform.

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LINDA REINSTEIN

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. 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). Recently, after months of collaboration with experts in the U.S. and Australia, Reinstein spearheaded the launch of a new web know Asbestos", to educate about the dangers of asbestos exposure and prevention.



TONY RICH

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 28 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.

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BARRY ROBSON

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 Safely 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.



SEAN SHIELDS and NICOLE SHIELD

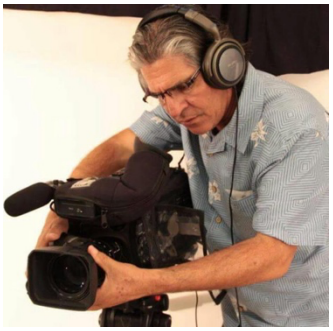
Sean Shields and Nicole Shields are the children of William "Bill" Shields, who was diagnosed in 2003 with mesothelioma; he was an influencer and one of the primary reasons ADAO was founded as his family sought to fight for the rights of asbestos victims globally alongside Linda Reinstein. He unfortunately passed away in 2004 so he never got to see the strides ADAO made but he is surely looking down now in awe of the progress. Nicole, as a salon and business development manager, does fundraising and social media advocacy. Sean is a classically trained graphic artist and was honored to be able to design the ADAO logo. Sean and Nicole are committed to helping ADAO continue its mission to ban asbestos, now more than ever, and continue to shine the torch of education.



ROBERT SUSSMAN

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 C0-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 Sciences and as a Commissioner of the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin. Bob is a magna cum laude 1969 graduate of Yale College and a 1973 graduate of Yale Law School. Bob has posted numerous blogs on the Brookings Institution Website and elsewhere and published articles in the Environmental Law Reporter and other publications.

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INÁCIO TEIXEIRA

Inácio Teixeira is son of a former worker from SAMA (currently Eternit) and was born at the Workers Village of Bom Jesus da Serra, Southwest of Bahia state, the first asbestos mining explored in Brazil (1939-1967). His brother, Esmeraldo Teixeira (Nego), founded AVICAFE, for local asbestos victims. Nego was a victim of asbestos exposure since when he was a little boy. When SAMA closed the site and transferred its dirty and dangerous production, Inácio worked at the new asbestos mine for almost 30 months. After this he moved to São Paulo, where he became a photographer, specialized in photojournalism and continued to fight against asbestos and to seek social and environmental reparation for the population exposed. Currently he is the President of AVICAFE.



ANDREA WOLF, MD, MPH

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

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.

JEFFREY A. MERKLEY
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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September 16, 2022

Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization conference attendees,

I want to send my heartfelt congratulations to the presenters and honorees of the 17th Annual Virtual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference. Any public health expert will tell you there simply is no level of exposure to asbestos that is safe for the human body, which makes education and prevention of the dangers associated with asbestos crucial to keeping Americans safe.

Roughly 40,000 Americans die each year from asbestos-related causes, and this number will not decline until we take decisive action to protect all 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 U.S. to join the international community and ban asbestos once and for all.

Together, with ADAO and with your advocacy as individuals, we have been working together to end this horrible and avoidable death and suffering, protect public health, and finally bring our asbestos policy into the 21st century. Earlier this year, Congresswoman Bonamici and I reintroduced the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act, which would prohibit the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution in commerce of commercial asbestos. ADAO has been a critical ally in this effort and I'm counting on your help nailing down the Senate support we need to finally, belatedly ban asbestos.

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 United States. The importance of the work being done to educate and protect Americans from asbestos cannot be understated. It is time to finally ban the importation, manufacture, and distribution of asbestos.

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

All my best,

Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator

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Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
1525 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 318
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Dear Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference Attendees,

Congratulations to the presenters and honorees of the 17th Annual Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Virtual Conference!

It is unconscionable that asbestos is still legal in the United States, even though it has been banned in more than 60 developed countries. Asbestos in all forms is known to be a leading cause of mesothelioma, lung cancer, and other chronic respiratory diseases. It is unacceptable that this known carcinogen continues to threaten our communities. Your advocacy to protect workers and families is invaluable, and I am grateful for your commitment to this work.

Please know that I will continue to fight for you in Congress as I work with Senator Merkley to advance the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act, which would finally ban the importation, manufacture, and distribution of asbestos.

I hope that you have a successful conference, and I look forward to our continued partnership on this incredibly important issue.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bonamici

Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress

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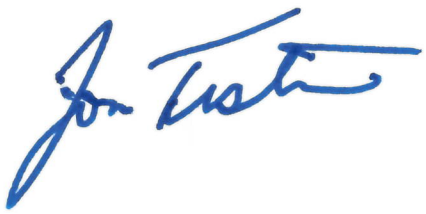
To the Attendees of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference,

Every year, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) puts on this important event to raise awareness of the risks associated with asbestos exposure. And while we know a lot more today than we did when you hosted your first Asbestos Disease Organization Awareness Conference 17 years ago, we've still got a lot more to do to make sure those suffering from asbestos exposure get the health care and information they need. Thanks to your continued advocacy, you have not only given hope to folks across the country who have been exposed, but you have saved the lives of many more who may otherwise not have known the dangers of asbestos exposure.

Throughout the year, but especially during the month of September, we are reminded of the detrimental effects asbestos has had on our local communities. This year, I again led the resolution to recognize Asbestos Awareness Week because Montanans unfortunately know the dangers of asbestos all too well. In fact, Libby, Montana is an epicenter for mesothelioma. And while Montanans are disproportionately impacted by asbestos exposure and illness, thanks to the work of doctors at the Card Clinic like Dr. Black, we're developing the tools to fight this terrible epidemic. Thousands of Americans die every year from asbestos-related diseases, and it's up to us to make sure we put an end to this lethal trend. So thank you again for all you do to raise awareness of asbestos exposure across the Treasure State. You are saving lives.

I look forward to continuing to work alongside you to shed light on this issue and secure the resources folks need. I wish you all a successful conference.

Senator Jon Tester



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September 16, 2022

To the Attendees of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conference,

Welcome to the seventeenth annual International Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference hosted by the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. Over the years, your advocacy has helped to raise awareness on the health and environmental risks associated with asbestos exposure. I want to extend my appreciation to the presenters and honorees of this year's conference.

Each year, asbestos-related diseases affect thousands of Americans. Unfortunately, Montanans know all too well the dangers associated with asbestos exposure. Many residents of Libby, Montana are still facing health and environmental challenges years after asbestos risks were first identified and clean-up efforts began. I am grateful for the work of people like Dr. Brad Black to ensure affected Montanans have the resources and help they need and will continue to advocate on behalf of these Montana communities. Throughout the year, but especially now during Mesothelioma Awareness Month, we are reminded of the importance of bringing awareness to these health risks and work towards solutions to ensure what happened in Libby does not happen again.

Thank you for your continued advocacy on this issue and I wish you all a successful conference.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator

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September 7, 2022

Linda Reinstein, President
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
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Dear Linda,

On behalf of the 331,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), I write to share our congratulations to you and the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) on the occasion of ADAO's 17th annual Asbestos Disease Awareness and Prevention Conference. Since the early days of ADAO, the IAFF has proudly stood in partnership with you as we advanced of our mutual quest to draw attention to the harmful health impacts resulting from asbestos exposures and to advance legislation to eliminate preventable asbestos exposures and related diseases.

As you know, every September the IAFF memorializes fallen fire fighters and emergency medical responders who have succumbed to line of duty injuries or occupational diseases, including those caused by asbestos. Our valiant emergency responders are included in the 40,000 Americans who succumb to asbestos related diseases each year. This is an incredible number that continues to grow larger each year. Because of the work of ADAO and others, we know fire fighters represent a disproportionately high number of those victims. Studies have identified fire fighters are twice as likely to develop an asbestos related disease than general public; due to frequent exposure to airborne asbestos, often present at fire scenes and other emergency incidents.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has determined there is no safe level of asbestos exposure. Despite the CDC's determination, asbestos continues to be imported into the United States and utilized in products manufactured by Americans. This fact and the increasing occurrences of asbestos diseases urgently beg for action. This why the advancement of the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act (ARBAN) is essential. ARBAN would ban the importation, manufacture, and sales of asbestos products and would shield fire fighters and the public from preventable asbestos exposure.

Our strong partnership to raise awareness of asbestos related-diseases and to advocate for an asbestos-free America will prevent avoidable exposures leading to the saving of countless lives! This solid partnership between the ADAO and the IAFF must continue until we are successful in ending all asbestos-related illness and deaths.

I wish you enormous success at this year's ADAO Conference. Thank you for your strong advocacy supporting this legislation and your endless support of our nation's professional fire fighters!

Sincerely,

Edward A. Kelly
General President

U.S. Surgeons General Asbestos Warnings

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."

The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture

David Boraks



The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is honored to announce that David Boraks will present this year's 2022 Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture.

David is a celebrated journalist who covers climate change, energy, and the environment for WFAE, the NPR affiliate in Charlotte. In 2022, his project, "Asbestos Town," won Best Radio Documentary by the Society of Professional Journalists. The three-part series examined the history of asbestos in Davidson, North Carolina, as well as the attempts to renovate the mill and how contamination in the historically Black neighborhood nearby has stirred up old tensions.

"David's work sheds light on the dangers of asbestos in a way that truly helped people understand the man-made crisis," said Dr. Richard Lemen. "We are very lucky to have him reporting in a way that helps the public better understand and connect to the issue."

His work radiated throughout the asbestos movement, as it highlighted how asbestos contributes to environmental racism and how it disproportionately impacts Black Americans and other people of color. Of this, he said, "Even after we should have known that asbestos was deadly, we have continued to ignore its dangers in our communities, especially communities of lower income and communities of color."

When asked how he felt about being selected to give the lecture, David said, "I'm honored to give this year's Andrew Schneider lecture, in honor of a fellow journalist who led the way in uncovering the asbestos story in the U.S." He continued to say that he draws inspiration to continue advocacy work from those he meets and the communities he reports on. "Their willingness to share their stories ensures that their word of their struggles will reach a wider audience and make a difference."

David formerly worked at the online network DavidsonNews.net and CorneliusNews.net near Charlotte. He has been an editor and reporter at The Charlotte Observer, American Banker, The China News in Taipei, The Cambridge (Mass.) Chronicle, and The Hartford Courant, among others.

"We are grateful that David is using his skills and talent as a journalist to uncover important stories of those affected by asbestos," said Kathy. "We look forward to him giving the keynote lecture and helping us all better understand the suffering and tribulations of those exposed to this known carcinogen."

We are grateful to honor David Boraks with the Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture.

The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award

Melissa McDiarmid, MD, MPH, DABT



The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is honored to award Dr. Melissa McDiarmid with the Dr. Irving Selikoff Award for all her efforts not only caring for workers, but for her research and discoveries in the field of medicine as well. The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award is given to recognize Dr. McDiarmid for her tireless dedication to increasing awareness and prevention efforts to eliminate asbestos-caused diseases.

Dr. McDiarmid is a Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Public Health and Director of the University of Maryland, School of Medicine's Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. She has spent her career studying the occupational and environmental determinants of cancer and the cancer risk of oncology workers. As the oldest of four siblings, Melissa was used to helping others, which led her into the field of medicine. Her main influence was her own pediatrician, who was a woman, a rarity back in the early 1960s. Dr. McDiarmid has since gone on to break glass ceilings herself and inspire many young women in the field.

"Dr. McDiarmid is a worthy recipient of the Selikoff Award for all her efforts caring for workers and her various research activities, and as President of the Collegium Ramazzini, and supporting the national effort to ban asbestos," said Dr. Arthur Frank, MD, PhD.

Dr. McDiarmid believes "all citizens should be aware that there are steps we can take, specifically, placing a ban on all mining and use of asbestos, which will eliminate the continuing burden of asbestos-related disease and death, not only here at home, but globally." She advocates for asbestos prevention as a member of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, the American Public Health Association and as a Fellow and current President of the Collegium Ramazzini. Asbestos is the number one workplace killer worldwide.

As a young faculty member, Dr. McDiarmid invited Dr. Selikoff to give a lecture to medical students at Hopkins. He came and spoke in the course called "The Physician in Society". Of that experience, Dr. McDiarmid recalls, "He talked about 'The Third Wave' (of Asbestos Disease) and the role of the physician in calling attention to this hazard and the need for prevention. He also told me he wanted us to take him to Connally's for crab cakes afterward. This was a hole-in-the-wall diner on the waterfront that was falling down, but known for the best crab cakes in Baltimore. We took him there in his wheelchair, and he held court!"

Dr. McDiarmid shared that she was most impacted by "the legacy of [Dr. Selikoffs] relentless advocacy for his patients which led to protections for the wider public." She continues, saying that he serves as a "practical and enduring example of how I want to live my professional life."

Thank you, Dr. McDiarmid, for all you have done for those affected by asbestos-caused diseases. We are honored to recognize you this award!

The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award

Andrea Wolf, MD, MPH



The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is honored to present Dr. Andrea Wolf with The Dr. Irving Selikoff Award, given for her dedication to increasing awareness and prevention efforts to eliminate asbestos-caused diseases.

Dr. Wolf has worked with ADAO for many years, and is the Director of the NY Mesothelioma Program and Associate Professor of Thoracic Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Additionally, as a member of ADAO's Science and Advisory Board, Dr. Wolf helps ADAO stay at the top of their game when it comes to scientific data and research. She has presented at various conferences, been an expert witness, and more. Dr. Wolf is an expert 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.

"Andrea's dedication to helping stop asbestos-caused illnesses is inspiring, and I know that all of us in the medical field learn a lot from her and her expertise in mesothelioma and VATS lobectomy," said Dr. Raja Flores. "She not only works all day helping victims of asbestos-caused illnesses, but she spends her off hours helping ADAO spread education and awareness about prevention and exposure."

In 2020, Dr. Wolf and her team at the NY Mesothelioma Program received the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer Care Team Award.

"Over the years, I've seen the devastating effects of mesothelioma and our patients are scared and struggle not only with their disease but also with the nihilism out there about it," said Dr. Wolf. She continued, "This is why ADAO and I both strive to raise awareness, educate, and advocate on behalf of our patients, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to share this on a large scale."

ADAO is honored to present this award to Dr. Wolf.

The Tribute of Unity Award

Rory O'Neill, CMIOSH, FRSPH, Hazards Editor



The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is honored to present the Tribute of Unity Award to Rory O'Neill. The Tribute of Unity Award recognizes a steadfast commitment to awareness, prevention, and policy to eliminate asbestos-related diseases.

Rory is the occupational health and workplace safety adviser to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), a group that represents unions at global health and safety negotiations leading on hazardous substances and coordinates an informal global union health and safety network.

Last year, Rory played a large role in securing recognition of occupational health and safety as an International Labour Organisation (ILO). When asked about the award, Rory said, "I am aware that many have contributed much more, in far more testing circumstances. I have worked with people with asbestos disease and their families for over 30 years, and that experience steels my resolve."

He has spent years as a trade union health and safety activist. He was exposed to the dangers of asbestos at a young age, when relatives of his died from asbestos-caused illnesses and he started working in asbestos lagging and roofing right after graduating school.

As Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH, shared, **"**Rory O'Neill witnesses across the world the power of collective action against the asbestos industry. With workers, unions, and families, he is a unifying force for justice."

When asked what his message to the U.S. Congress would be, Rory said, "Ban asbestos, finally, completely and for good. The asbestos legacy means two more generations of U.S. families will know pain and heartache because the industry never cared and regulators never acted. And we risk repeating this public health calamity with other carcinogens, from diesel exhaust to pesticides. Profit must never come before people," he said.

We are honored to recognize Rory with the 2022 Tribute of Unity Award for his leadership and unrelenting dedication to occupational health and safety.

The Alan Reinstein Award

Laura Baker



The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is honored to present the Alan Reinstein Award to Laura Baker. The Alan Reinstein Award recognizes a commitment to education, advocacy, and providing support to countless patients and families.

Laura knows all too well the pain derived from asbestos-caused illnesses. Due to her family's proximity to the asbestos mine in Libby, Montana, Laura has lost three family members. Following the 2009 Libby Montana Asbestos Health Emergency declaration, Laura immediately got to work. Since then, she has dedicated her time and effort to organizations including the Libby Montana Center for Asbestos Related Disease Clinic, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, and Just Moms STL Organization. Laura wishes to dedicate this award to her family members and the thousands of families affected by asbestos in Libby Montana, the ADAO family, the first responders of 9/11, and every U.S. citizen that has been impacted by Libby's asbestos- past, present, and future.

Laura has worked alongside global leaders including Barack Obama and Joe Biden, and has attended Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meetings and White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council meetings. Laura wants to remind leaders in Congress today that it has been "twenty-three years since the Libby Montana story broke, thirteen years since the Libby Montana Health Emergency was declared. And yet, legacy asbestos continues to affect lives today." Laura also urges Congress to "protect public health today, pass the ARBAN Bill."

Over the years, Laura has ensured that fundraisers, such as Miles for Meso, are a success in raising asbestos and mesothelioma awareness.

"Laura's work ethic and dedication are an inspiration to us all," said Linda Reinstein, president and co-founder of ADAO. "This award is very special to me, as it is in honor of my late husband, but I know that Alan would agree that without Laura, many more people would be suffering from asbestos-caused illnesses. Her advocacy and activism have helped us take huge strides towards protecting people from asbestos."

ADAO is honored to present Laura with the Alan Reinstein Award.

The Alan Reinstein Award

Inácio Teixeira



The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is honored to present Inácio Teixeira with the Alan Reinstein Award. The award recognizes commitment to education, advocacy, and providing support to countless patients and families.

Inácio is a photojournalist who uses his experience of working in mainstream media to show the reality of those suffering and to advocate for change. Inácio was born in the mining village SAMA in Bom Jesus da Serra, Bahia, Brazil. He sees his work and efforts as "a militant reaching other perspectives in different parts of the world."

"My inspiration comes from pain and neglect," said Inácio. "I have ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome) and have seen friends, my parents and brother gasping for air. I've seen a medical team committed to capitalism at the expense of life. I think that with real images, the world will be sensitized and stop using asbestos." Inacio went on to say, "courage comes from the need to contribute socially in the fight and banishment of this dust that kills silently," and this is what motivates his work.

Inácio is currently the President of the Associação das Vítimas Contaminadas pelo Amianto e Famílias Expostas (AVICAFE).

Fernanda Giannasi, colleague and member of Associação Brasileira dos Expostos ao Amianto (ABREA), says that the Alan Reinstein Award is an important recognition of the "herculean work" done in gaining worldwide visibility about health assistance and compensation to victims of asbestos caused diseases in mining communities in Brazil, especially important for a work illuminating the truth of an "unfair and illogical social and environmental crime committed against innocent people," says Giannasi.

"This award is close to my heart, as it is given in honor of my late husband," said Linda Reinstein, co-founder and president of ADAO. "I know that Alan would greatly respect Inácio and the work he has done to raise awareness about the dangers of asbestos in both the name of himself and the name of his brother. It is with great honor that I present this award to someone so well-deserving," says Linda.

When asked what his message to the United States Congress would be, Inácio said, "I hope that the national Congress will take effective measures to put an end to this scourge. ADAO represents one of the most active forces in the global anti-asbestos struggle, has firm guidelines, and needs Congressional ears to protect lives."

We are honored to present Inácio the Alan Reinstein Award.

2005 - 2022 ADAO Conference Honorees

ADAO International Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference

2022 ADAO Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference – (Hybrid)
2021 ADAO Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference – (Live Streaming)
2019 ADAO Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference – Washington, D.C.
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2007 ADAO Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference – Philadelphia, PA
2006 ADAO Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference – New York City, NY
2005 ADAO Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference – Washington, DC

2005 – 2022 Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Conferences Honorees & Keynote Speakers

- **Dr. Irving Selikoff Award**
  - 2022 |Dr. Melissa McDiarmid
  - 2022 |Dr. Andrea Wolf
  - 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
  - 2008 | Dr. Barry Castleman
  - 2007 | Dr. Michael Harbut

2005 - 2022 ADAO Conference Honorees

- 2006 | Paul Brodeur
- 2006 | Dr. Yasunosuke Suzuki

- **Tribute of Unity Award**
  - 2022 | Rory O'Neill, CMIOSH, FRSPH, Hazards Editor
  - 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**
  - 2022 | Vicky Franzinetti
  - 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 | Gayla Benefield

- **Tribute of Inspiration Award**
  - 2022 | ADAO v. EPA Co-plaintiffs
  - 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

- **Alan Reinstein Award**
  - 2022 | Laura Baker
  - 2022 | Inácio Teixeira
  - 2021 | Barry Robson
  - 2021 | Robert Sussman
  - 2019 | Harminder Bains
  - 2019 | Courtney Davis
  - 2019 | Conor Lewis and Zack Johnson
  - 2019 | Daniel Lambo
  - 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

2005 - 2022 ADAO Conference Honorees

- 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

- **Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture**
  - 2022 | David Boraks
  - 2021 | Wendy Ruderman
  - 2019 | David McCumber
  - 2018 | Chris Graham & Michael Gillard

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

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ADAO National Spokesperon

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.

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ADAO Celebrity Board Co-Chair



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.



Congratulations

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- ★ Inácio Teixera
- ★ Laura Baker
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- ★ Robert Sussman, JD, ADAO Counsel
- ★ American Public Health Association
- ★ Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
- ★ Center for Environmental Health
- ★ Environmental Health Strategy Center
- ★ Environmental Information Center – A Program of Toxic-Free Future
- ★ Environmental Working Group
- ★ Safer Chemicals Healthy Families
- ★ Vermont Public Interest Research Group
- ★ Barry Castleman, ScD
- ★ Raja Flores, MD
- ★ Arthur Frank, MD, PhD
- ★ Philip Landrigan, MD, MSc
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Special recognition to the 2022 Keynote Speaker

- David Boraks

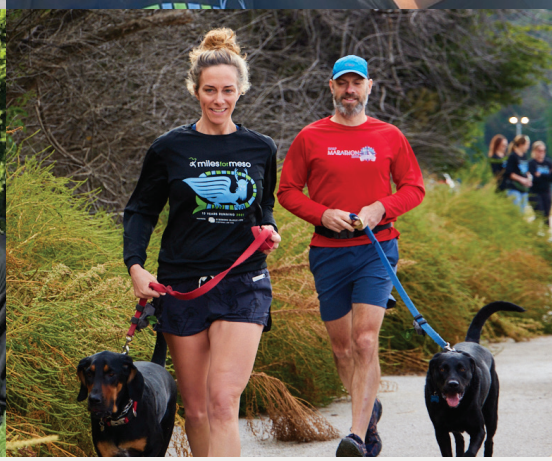
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We would also like to recognize the 2022 Keynote Speaker: David Boraks

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This tribute page honors the countless victims of mesothelioma and other lung diseases caused by asbestos exposure, and their loves ones, whose lives were forever changed.

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all victims of asbestos related diseases
and to their families

Mesothelioma Warriors



Laura Baker is a concerned citizen, grieving family member, and avid activist. After the Libby Montana Asbestos Health Emergency was declared in 2009 and three of her immediate family members fell ill, Baker spurred into action. Her tireless work includes corresponding with leaders such as Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and Congressman Lacy Clay; attending EPA and White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council meetings. Laura Baker's dedication to advocacy and activism are strides towards ending generations of harm from 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 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. 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.



Sharon Gayoso's husband, Jay, was diagnosed with Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma in 2014. After an extensive history, the Gayoso's realized that Jay's asbestos exposure took place 36 years prior; both medical and legal consultations were explored. Sharon became both a caregiver and patient advocate. The Gayoso's sons (Andrew and Adam) are also vital members of the family's support system, assisting with research and altering their career goals based upon their father's illness. Together, they have taken action to assist mesothelioma patients and their families.

Mesothelioma Warriors



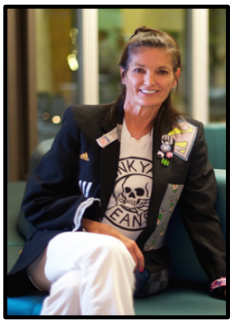
Eric Jonckheere is a Belgian airline pilot. Asbestos is part of his everyday environment since 1937. Pierre, his father, worked at Eternit as an engineer. He grew up in Kapelle, north of Brussels. It was paradise until the passing of Pierre due to mesothelioma in 1987 at 59. Then his mother, Francoise, and brothers, Pierre-Paul and Stephane, suffered from the same cancer. He became an anti-asbestos activist when he realized many families couldn't speak up. Their entire village suffers from extensive environmental exposure. As president of ABEVA, it's important to share experiences across borders.



Lee Loftus has 48 years of experience in the B.C. Construction sector as an insulator/asbestos worker. He has extensive governance experience as a labour leader with the BC Federation of Labour, BC Building Trades, and BC Insulators Union. Is currently the Vice Chair of WorkSafeBC (Workers Compensation Board) as a Public Interest appointee. He is active on not-for-profit boards with a focus on mental health, medical research, essential skills, climate research, and literacy.



Toby MacDonald was born and raised in Canada, Toby graduated from the PEI School of Nursing in 1992, knowing that caring for people was her calling.
When word was leaked of asbestos and lead breaches that occurred with students present at her daughter's school during major renovations, she acted. She has petitioned the government to no longer have students present when hazardous materials are being abated, and for better communication between parents, schools and government. Toby furthers her calling of helping her community by joining the Green Party Provincial Council to foster positive change.



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.

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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. 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 later, Mavis —and Ray—continue their work with the MesoWarriors. 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.



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. 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.



Sean and Nicole Shields are the children of William "Bill" Shields, who was diagnosed in 2003 with mesothelioma; he was an influencer and one of the primary reasons ADAO was founded as his family sought to fight for the rights of asbestos victims globally alongside Linda Reinstein. He unfortunately passed away in 2004 so he never got to see the strides ADAO made. Nicole does fundraising and social media advocacy. Sean is a classically trained graphic artist and was honored to be able to design the ADAO logo. Sean and Nicole are committed to helping ADAO continue its mission to ban asbestos and continue to shine the torch of education.

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Inácio Teixeira is son of a former worker from SAMA (currently Eternit) and was born at the Workers Village of Bom Jesus da Serra, Southwest of Bahia state, the first asbestos mining explored in Brazil (1939-1967). When SAMA closed the site and transferred its dirty and dangerous production, Inácio worked at the new asbestos mine for almost 30 months. After this he moved to São Paulo, where he became a photographer, specialized in photojournalism and continued to fight against asbestos and to seek social and environmental reparation for the population exposed. Currently he is the President of AVICAFE.



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.

Full Bios Available at https://www.adaoconferences.org/

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Warren Zevon

1947 - 2003

Deeply missed, dearly loved, and remembered forever.



Steve McQueen



Photographer Dave Friedman

A letter to Steve

Steve
I think about you every day. We still have have so much unfinished business, even after all these years. Meso stole your life, our life together and too many others. AD AO 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.*



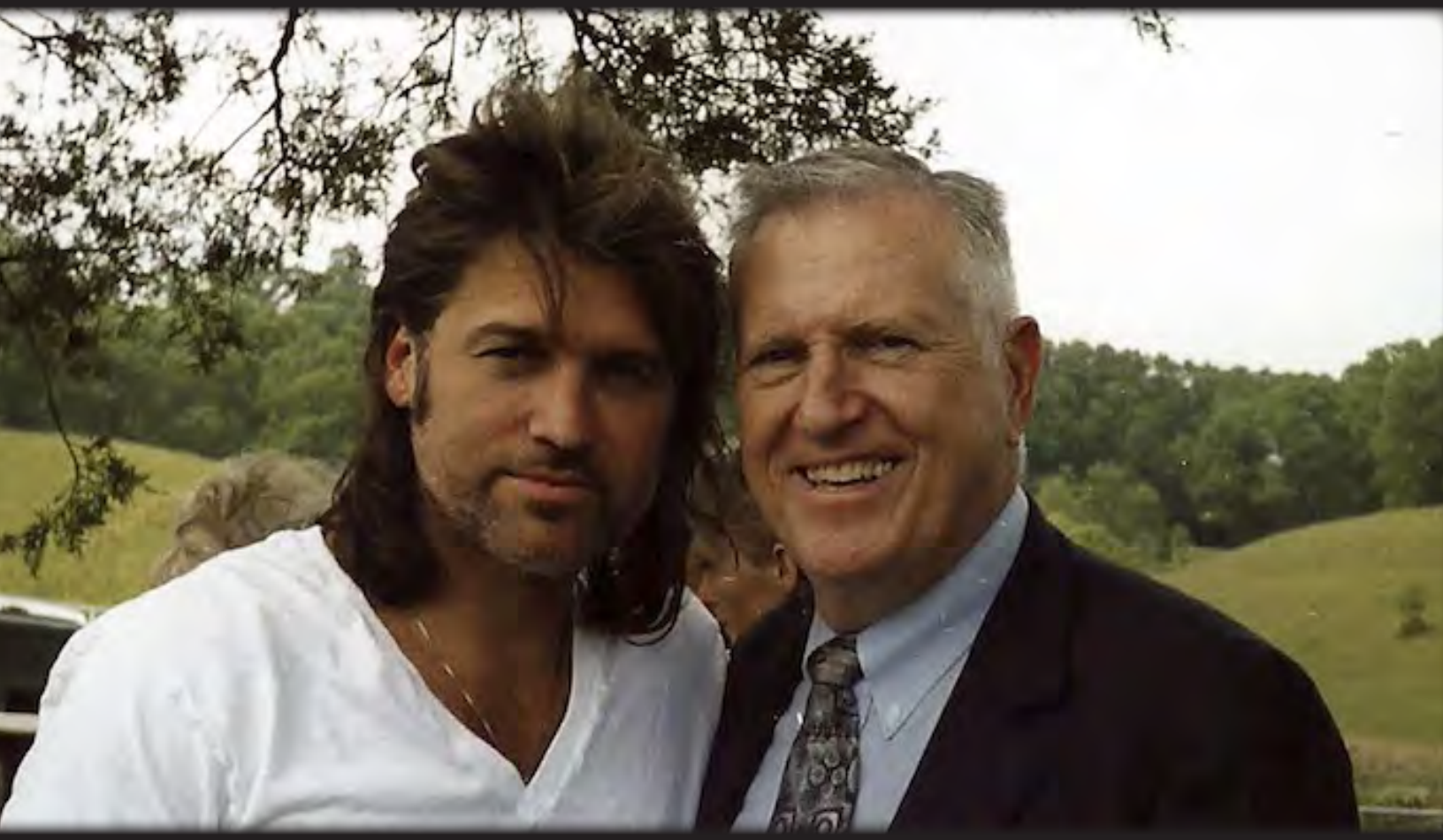






Visit www.barbaramintymcqueen.com to view photos of Barbara with her late husband Steve McQueen and order copies of her book.

RON CYRUS



“ 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



VARIETY

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

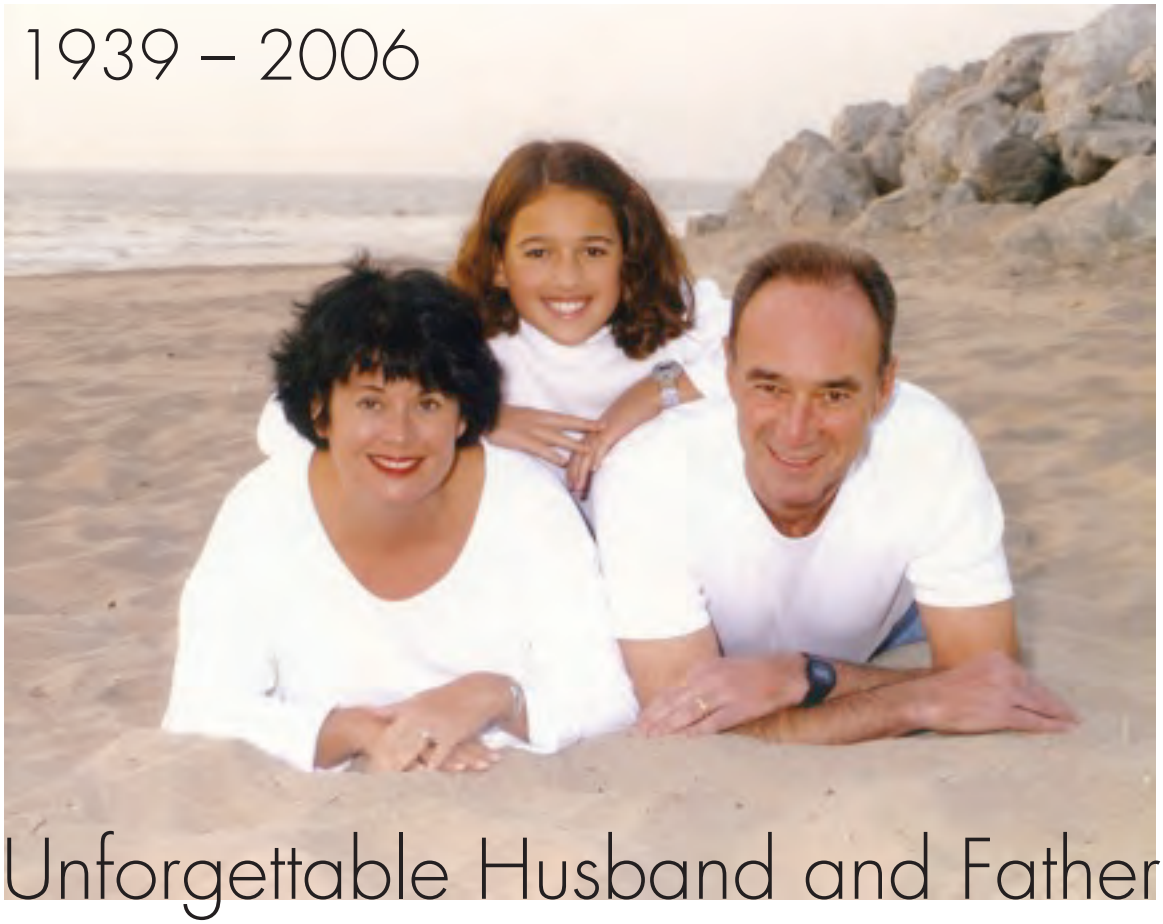


Mesothelioma Warrior, Author, and
Revered Colleague
Australia

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.

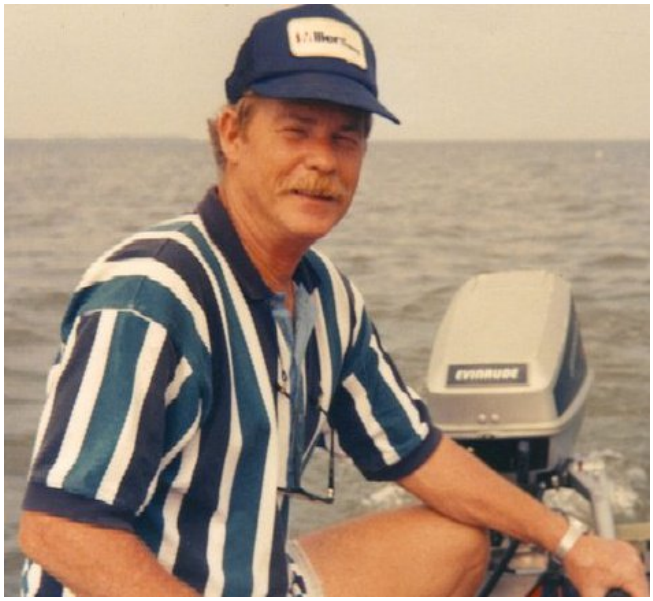
Love,

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 f'n where, Julie Gundlach!

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









"Never stop believing you can make a difference!"

Mike Mattmuller
1980 ~ 2020

Friend. Activist. Warrior.

Forever in Our Hearts



Mike, Jessica, and Riley Jean

Larry Davis

2012 The Alan Reinstein Award Honoree



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.

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In Loving Memory
Larry Davis
1945 - 2012

"Believe in a cure," & a ban. We must work together for better legislation!
~ LArry & Courtney

#BanAsbestosNow







#ENDMeso







Our Family Picture, Christmas 2002

In Memory of Joe Amento, Jr.

June 19, 1950 - July 26, 2003

Ambler, PA

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

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

Love,
Your Son,
Joe (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 did'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

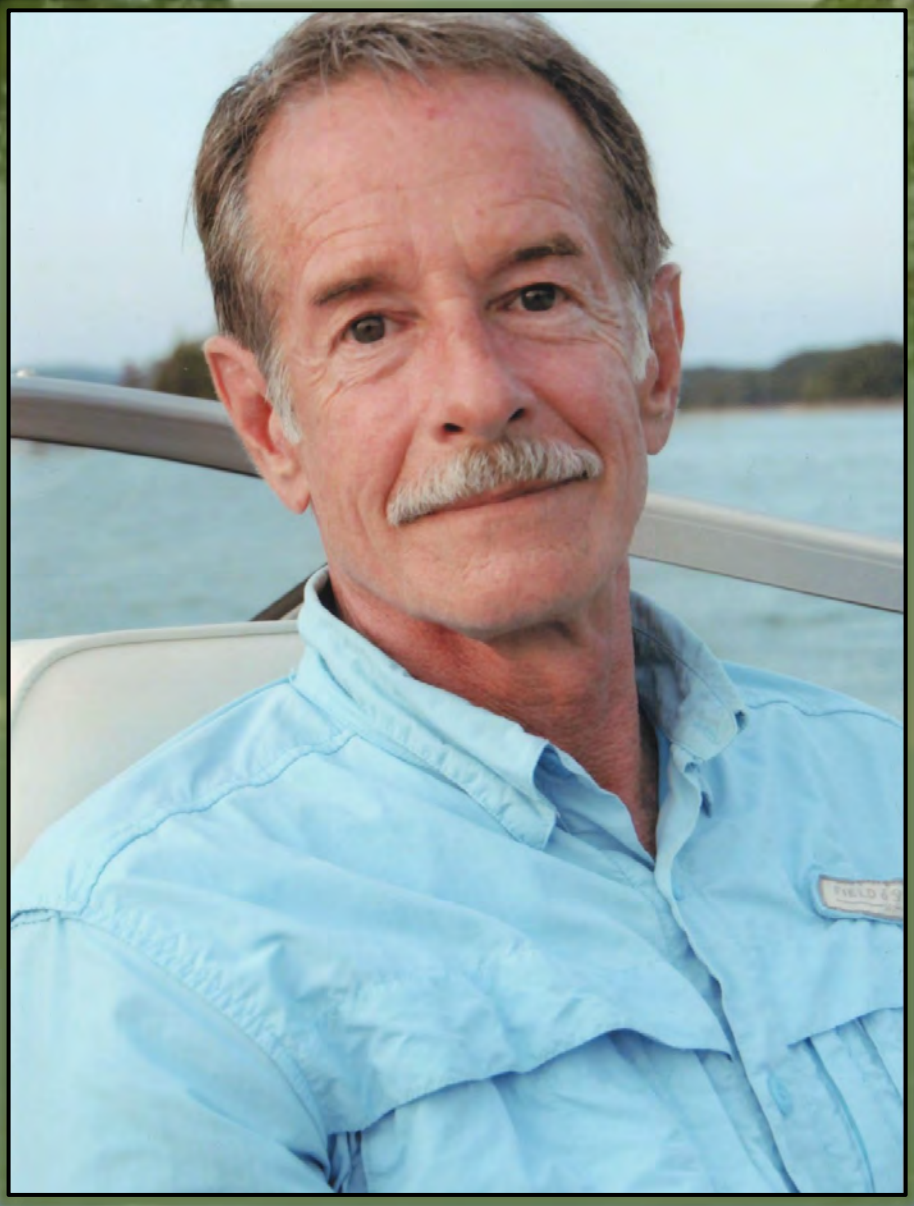
Peter Gabriel



Painting by Felix Brow-Westbrook

THOMAS MICHAEL O'NEIL

1951-2013



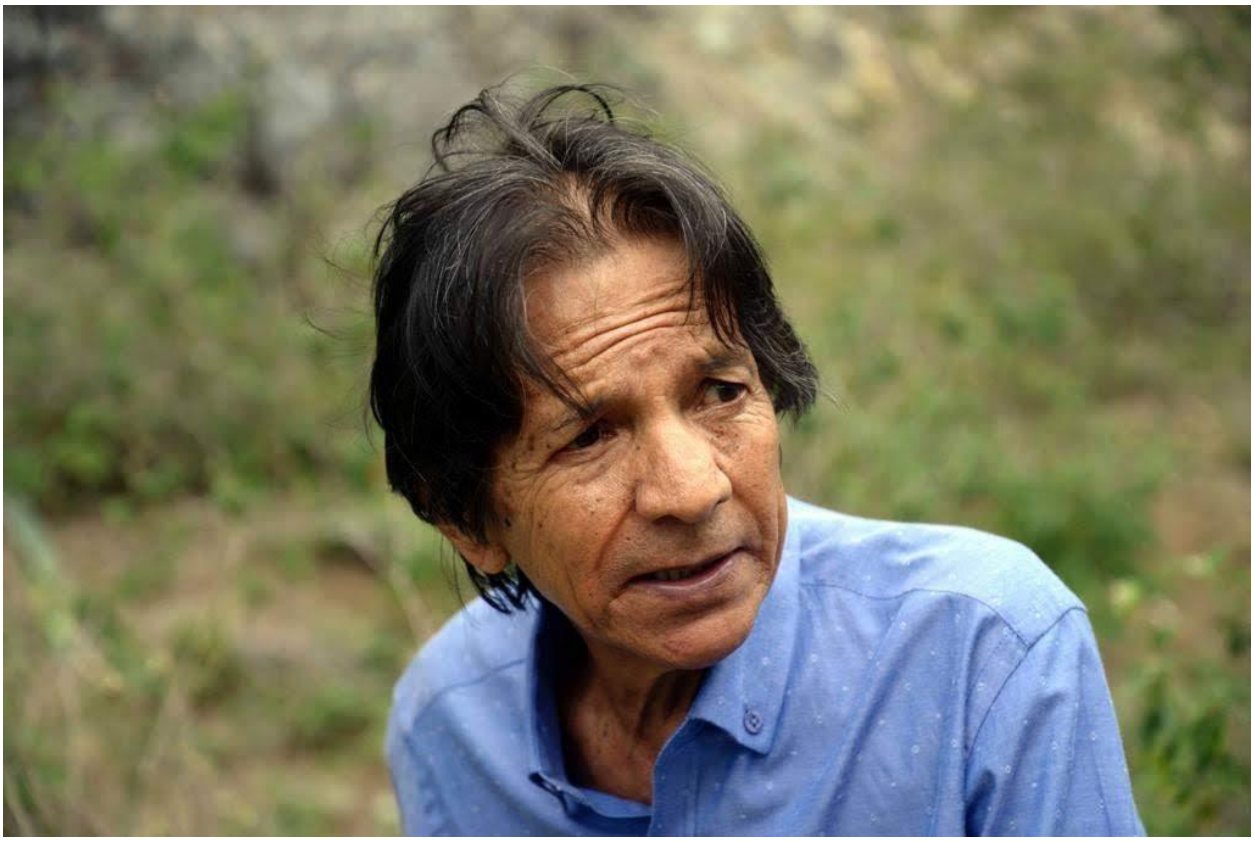
A life ended way too soon.
Husband, Father, Lover and Friend
Our lives will never be the same.
I will love you forever.

~ Lisa ~

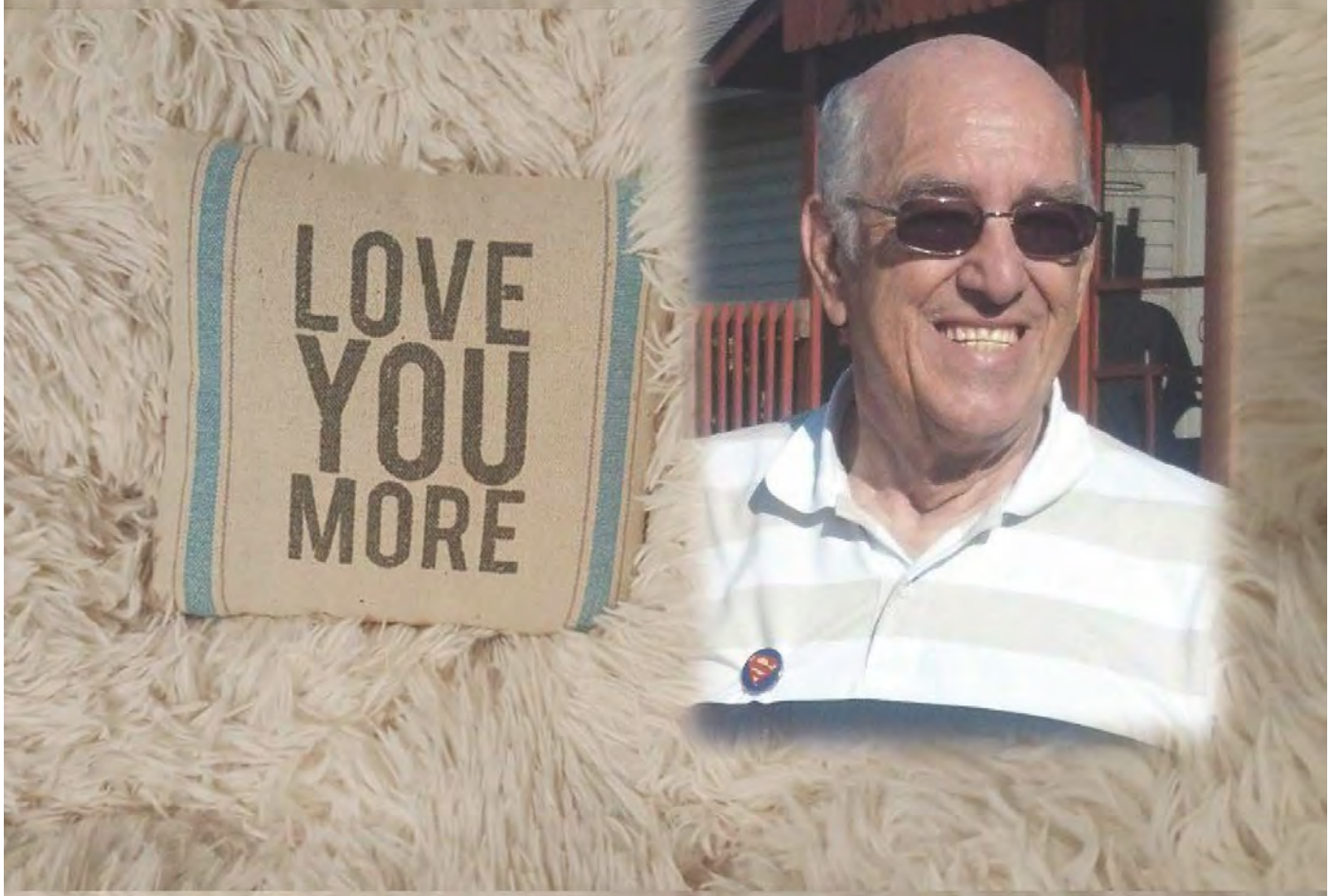
Esmeraldo “Nego” Teixeira

Friend. Activist. Visionary.

Gone, but never forgotten.



Forever in our hearts...



David J. Dioguardi

January 5, 1941 – July 12, 2016

Mavis Nye Foundation

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Here to Help

Supporting Mesothelioma Victims

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.













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JOHN MIKULIC

05/04/1946 ~ 09/22/2013

DIAGNOSED 08/10/12



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

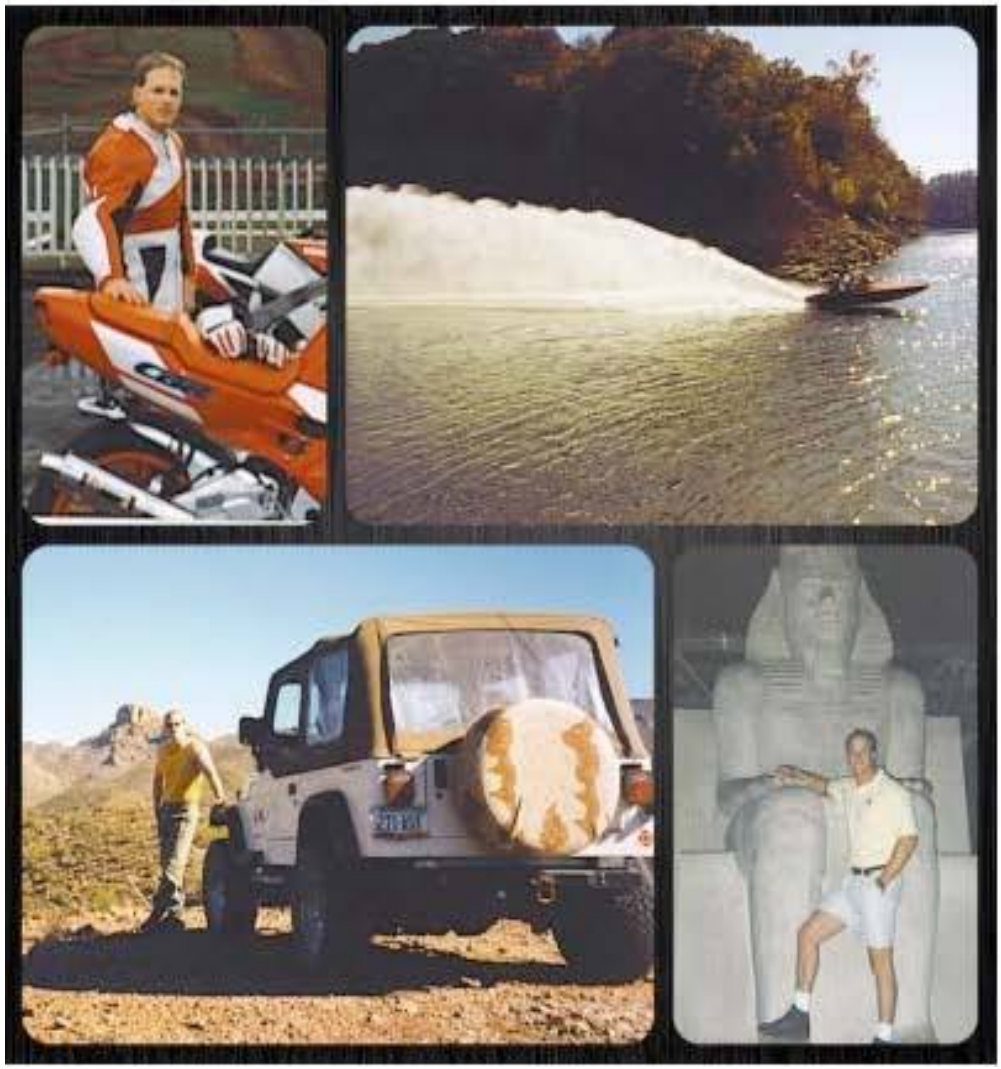


Taken way too soon
"The light of this world"

Mesothelioma Warrior

TODD HALL Lexington, KY

1967-2006



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

Ray Hoover
June 21, 1956 – October 17, 2009

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.

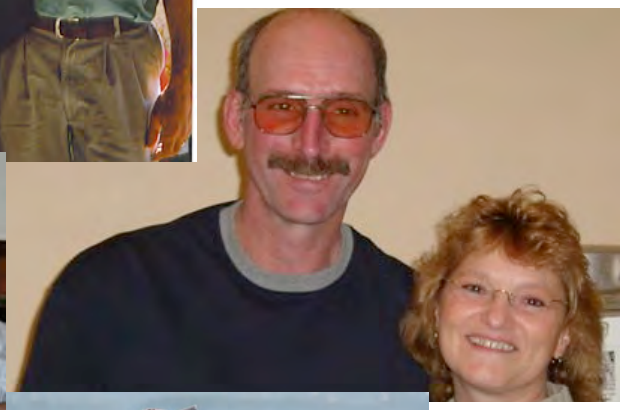
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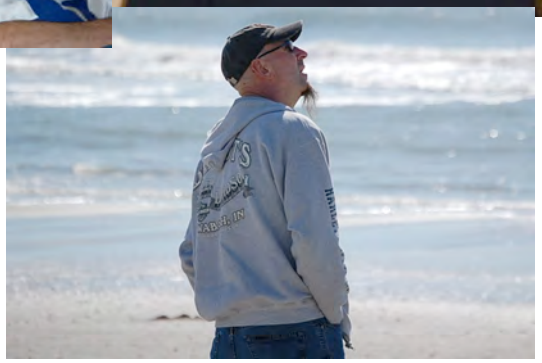












Raymond F. Hoover diagnosed March 12, 2008 with malignant pleural mesothelioma due to asbestos exposure.

Don McNamara

1951 2012



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

John Schaffer

1941 – 2016



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
ELLE'S JOURNEY
farren carlson
PHOTOGRAPHY



JEFFREY FARNSWORTH

1946-2003

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

In Loving Memory

JAN EGERTON

1960 - 2014



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

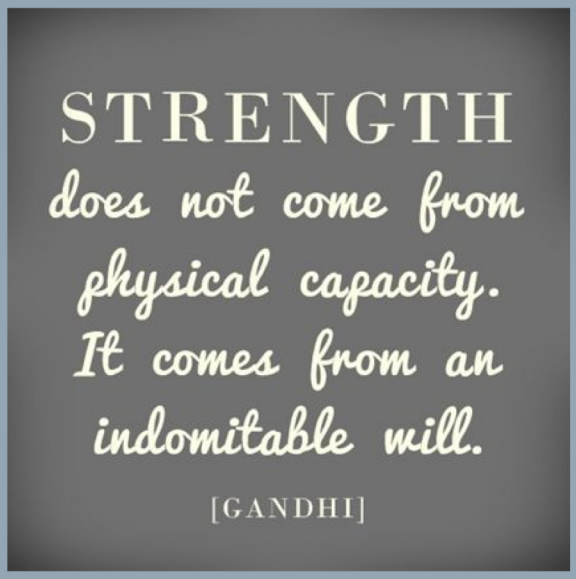
Love always
Marli & Stewart, The Beer & Stewart families

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

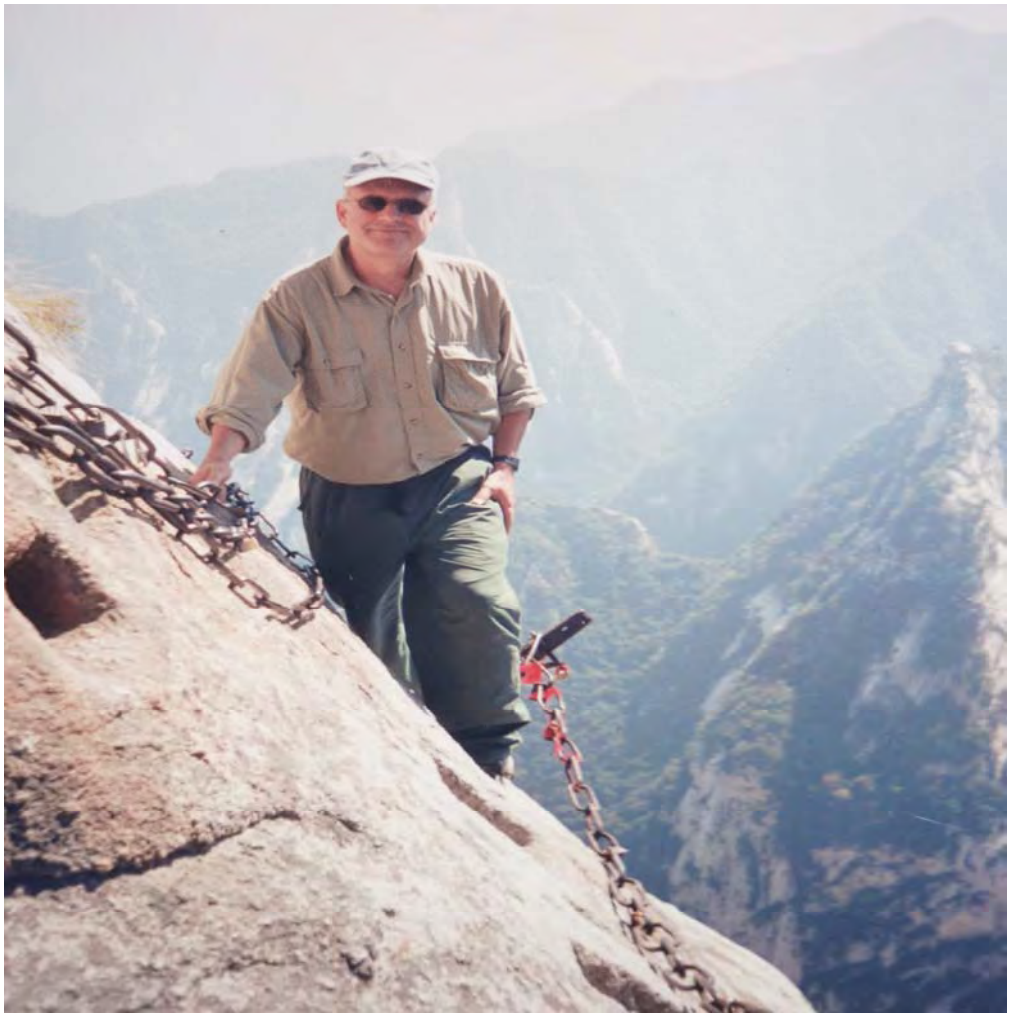


Dedicated Mesothelioma Warrior
United States

Ronald H. Diana

1946 -2005

Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Friend



Giuseppe Manfredi

Former AFeVA President

1949 – 2016



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) SEGMEN

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.

Daniel Cunningham

1949 – 2016



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

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HEAT & FROST INSULATORS AND ALLIED WORKERS











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.

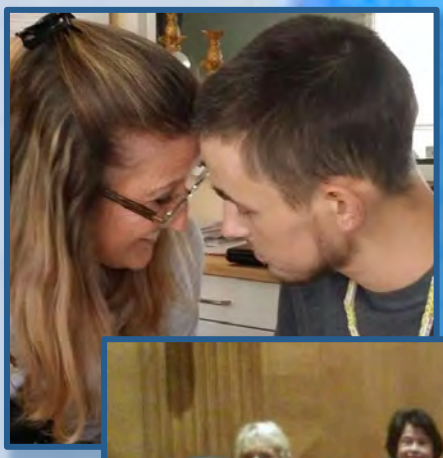
ADAO pays tribute to the bravery and strength of…

Michael Bradley

1984 - 2014

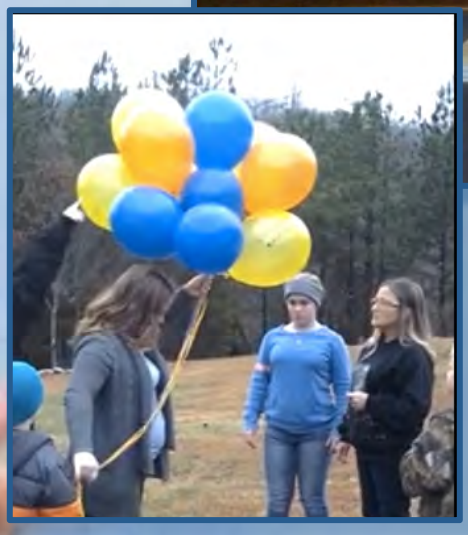
"Not only am I fighting asbestos related cancer, but I am putting myself on the frontline in the battle against the mining and use of asbestos."

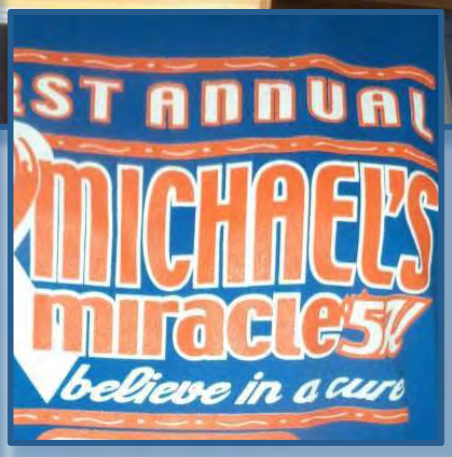
- Michael













"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

Robbie Cagle

Meso Warrior

July 22, 1965 – September 11, 2011



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

1941 – 2016



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

Winona Belle Esposito

05/19/24~~~06/30/09

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

Stephen Wide

1947 – 2016



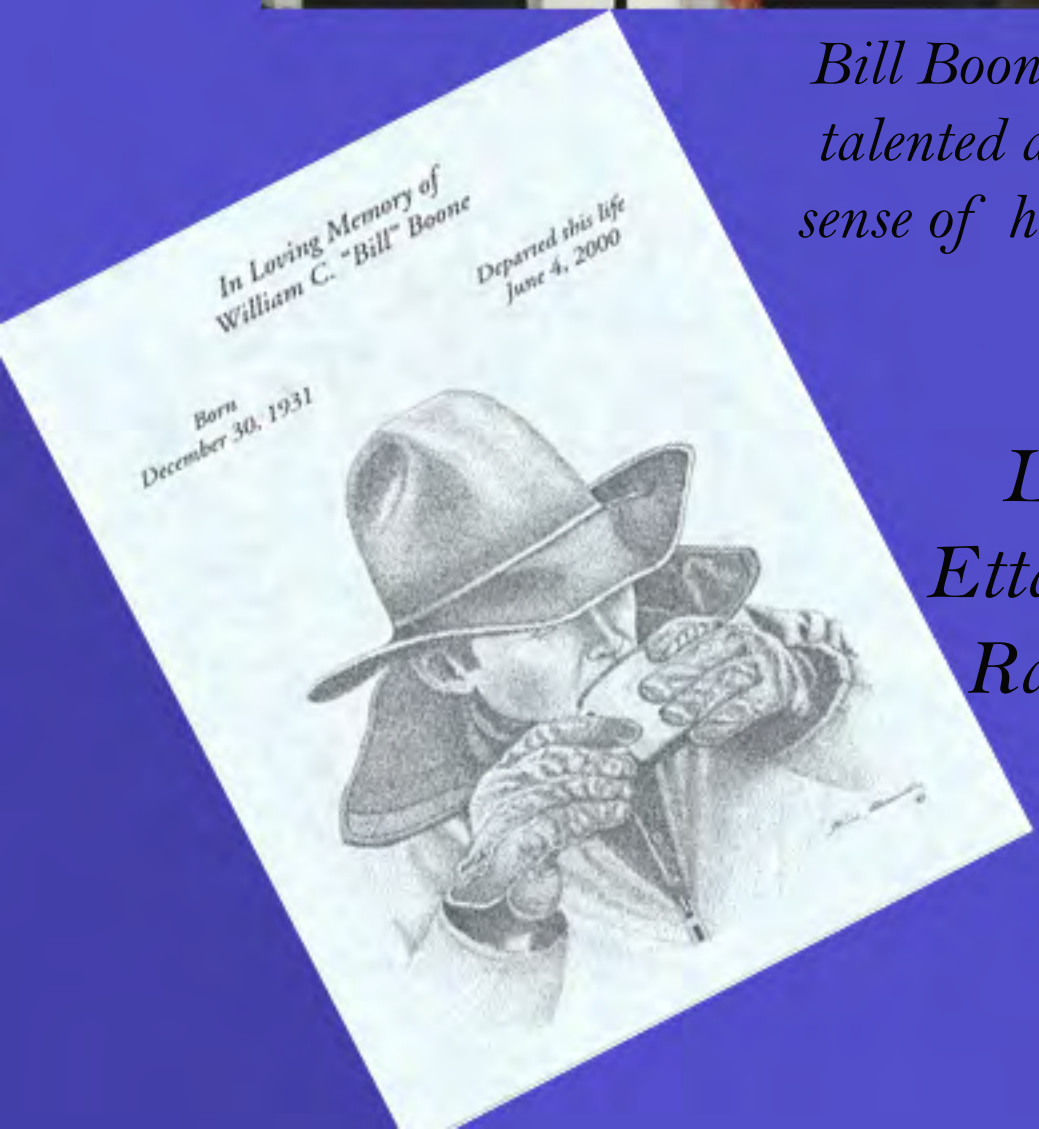
Soulmate, father, brother, uncle, friend, artist, photographer, traveler, crossword solver, walking encyclopedia and Meso Warrior for nearly 7 years…we hold you in our hearts forever, with love.

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

The Andrew Schneider Memorial Lecture



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 eighteenteen 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!

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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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