



Dear Friends,  
I hope everyone's 2023 is off to a fantastic start. What an honor it is to be able to look back on another successful fundraising year as we gear up for 2023's events. We were able to raise over \$366,000 in 2022 and continue to donate 100% of every dollar to fund the research and development of improved treatments for mesothelioma.

I would like to start by thanking the friends and family of Tommy Engelhardt who sadly passed away from mesothelioma at just 65 years old. Tommy's family has continued to honor his memory by hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tommy Engelhardt Memorial Golf Outing in Long Island, New York. We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Cathy Engelhardt and Mr. Nick Manchisi for all of their hard work in putting on the event and for their generosity that netted over \$11,000!

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held the California State Pipe Trades "Aim to Cure Mesothelioma" Clay Shoot at Birds Landing. Through the efforts of Foundation Board Member and retired UA International Representative Jim Kellogg, California Pipe Trades Executive Director Mike Hartley, UA International Representative Aaron Stockwell, and the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to field a full roster of participants. Together we were able to raise \$55,000! A special thank you to all who participated in the event, and to Jim, Mike, Aaron and the rest of the team...job well done!

Our next event was held

on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Southern California Pipe Trades DC 16 held their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Invitational. The Foundation would like to extend our gratitude to Business Manager Rodney Cobos, Director of Organizing John Ferruccio, Doug Wilson, Jerry Elliott, Jerry Torino, Tim Redondo, and all those at DC 16 who had a part in organizing this year's event. A special thank you must also be said to John Sanders of CHM Hotels, a generous supporter of the Foundation. We were able to host a full field of golfers, including legendary former Los Angeles Rams quarterback, Vince Ferragamo. Mr. Ferragamo has become a regular at the event after being invited by his very good friend, retired UA Local 582 Business Agent Bob Modica. Vince has continued to allow us to auction a personally signed football, complete with a pass to the winner. Because of the open hearts of our participants, donors, and supporters, this event generated over \$145,000!

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Roger Hamilton Memorial Golf event was held at the Napa Valley Country Club. Our appreciation goes out to Event Chairman Mel Breshears, Co-Chair Chris Greaney, Rick Johnson; Chairman Emeritus Doug Gamble; Craig Rossi, Bill Hodges, Mark Plubell, Ben Espinoza, Fortino Curiel, China Soto, Geoff Millar, Alan Pierce, and all of the volunteers from Local 16. Without the incredible support of the staff and families of the Local 16 Heat and Frost Insulators, this event would not have been possible. Because of the dedication and generosity of all those involved, we raised \$100,000!

Our final event of 2022, the "Aim to Cure Mesothelioma"

Clay Shoot hosted by the Southern California Pipe Trades DC 16, was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, donors and our full field of shooters. This year's event raised \$55,000! While we had a wonderful time on the course, it was also a day of remembrance for a close friend of the Foundation and former District Council 16 Business Manager, Mike Layton, who lost his battle with cancer 1 year ago. Mike will always be remembered as a great friend and mentor.

Throughout the year, we received updates from Dr. Parkash Gill, Chairman of Translational Medicine at USC Norris and Chairman of the Foundations Medical Advisory Committee, regarding the advancements in his research. You may recall that FDA had previously approved Dr. Gill's mesothelioma treatment, EPh B-4, to be used in combination with Merck's PD-1 Immunotherapy drug in clinical trials. We were astounded to learn that the treatment is so successful that it has been designated as a breakthrough treatment! We hope to see the treatment move into other Universities and Hospitals, such as UC Davis and the University of Chicago.

In closing, our promise to all of our supporters is to continue to donate 100% of every dollar, directly to research. There are NO COSTS associated with the Foundation itself, as they are graciously funded by Jerry Neil Paul of The Paul Law Firm.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Ann Paul*

Executive Director



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## Second Annual Tommy Engelhard Memorial Golf Outing



I wanted to share with you all an event that was held in memory of Mr. Tommy Engelhardt. Tom passed away at just 65 years old on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, after a hard fought battle with Mesothelioma. Tom was just shy of retiring when he passed, leaving behind a wife, Cathy, 3 sons Thomas, Anthony and Andrew, and his sister Diane.

A decision was made to honor Tom's memory, and on May 20, 2022, the Second Annual Tommy Engelhard Memorial Golf Outing was held at Har-

bor Links Golf Course in Long Island, NY. The event saw 170 friends and family come together to celebrate Tom's life. The overwhelming response to attend and share the tears, laughs, and memories of Tommy led to the raising of over \$11,450 in donations. The Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America is honored to have been chosen to put these donations towards making a difference!



As always 100% of the donations to the

Foundation will go directly toward the research into new treatment options for mesothelioma, something Tom's friends and family were ecstatic to hear!

The organizers of the event want to thank Elizabeth Paul, Shane Rucker and the Team at the Foundation for the support given to make the event successful.



The Foundation would like to thank Cathy Engelhardt, his brother-in-law, Nick Manchisi, and all those who had a hand in putting on a great event and honoring their beloved Tommy.

## California State Pipe Trades Aim to Cure Mesothelioma Clay Shoot



The June 2022 "Aim to Cure" event hosted by the California State Pipe Trades

alongside Foundation Board Member and Retired International Pipe Trades Representative Jim Kellogg was hugely successful in netting over \$55,000 for mesothelioma research!

We had another beautiful day for this year's Aim to Cure event, and a great turn out of participants to support this great cause, with 150 donors supporting the Aim to Cure Mesothelioma! We returned to the Birdslanding Hunting Preserve and Sporting Clay facility in Birdslanding, California, which always provides a great venue for the event. Representing the Foundation were Board Members, Jim Kellogg and Jerry Neil Paul and Assistant Executive Director, Shane Rucker.

After making their way through the course, supporters and participants joined for lunch and the always popular

raffle. Jim Kellogg kicked off the festivities by thanking everyone who comes out year after year, helping to expand the event to what it is today. Jim then passed the mic to the Foundation's Founding Board Member, Jerry Neil Paul, who provided updates on the advances being made by Dr. Parakash Gill at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. The combination of immunotherapy treatment PD1 antibody with Dr. Gill's treatment, EphB-4, is proving to be an effective treatment. Our goal is to see this treatment option move through the FDA Clinical Trial process and become a widely used treatment option across the United States. With the support of participants in events such as "Aim to Cure", advances in mesothelioma treatment options will become a reality. California State Pipe Trades Executive Director Mike Hartley ended the day with the always popular raffle and thanked everyone for their continued support. We are all looking forward to 2023!

As always, 100% of the money raised during the "Aim to Cure" event will go towards mesothelioma cancer research. With these sizable donations, we can all be assured that Dr. Gill's research at USC/Norris Comprehensive Medical Center will

be a step in the right direction. Thank you to all who participated and Jim Kellogg for putting together a fantastic event!



The Foundation's CFO, Jerry Neil Paul with International Pipe Trades Representative, Aaron Stockwell. Thank you for supporting us Aaron!



Jim Kellogg with Mike Hartley and Jerry Paul explaining how the sponsors donations are being used to help.



## Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16 Golf Invitational



The Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America would like to congratulate the Southern California Pipe

Trades District Council 16 for organizing an amazing event! This year was the event's 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we saw a full field of 144 golfers and supporters join us at the Alta Vista Country Club. Together, we generated over \$145,000 for mesothelioma research! As always, 100% of the donations received will go directly toward research into clinical trials and treatment options for mesothelioma. The organizers at District Council 16 have done an amazing job planning and promoting this event and we cannot thank them enough for their support and dedication. **THANK YOU!**

Participating in the event on behalf of the Foundation was Founding Board Member Jerry Neil Paul, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Parkash Gill, and Assistant Executive Director, Shane Rucker. After a great day of golf, Jerry thanked everyone for their support and highlighted the developments made at USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Parkash Gill, Chairman of the Foundation's Medical Advisory Committee then spoke about the successes in the lab, with EphB-4 continuing to make progress in the FDA clinical trials process! We all hope to see the treatment become accessible and widely used by mesothelioma patients across the United States.

The Foundation would like to personally thank Tournament Chairman and DC16 Director of Organizing John Ferruccio, Committee Member and DC 16 Business Manager Rodney Cobos, DC16's Assistant Business Manager Doug Marian,

Foundation Executive Director Elizabeth Ann Paul, Board Member Jerry Neil Paul, and Assistant Executive Director Shane Rucker for the great turnout. We would also like to thank Local 582's Bob Modica who, for years, has brought his longtime friend Vince Ferragamo to the event to raffle an autographed football and make the most exciting pass of someone's lifetime. We cannot be prouder to work with these great people. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DEDICATION!!!**



*Thank you Vince Ferragamo and John Ferruccio for raffling items before auctioning off a football!*

## Roger Hamilton Memorial Golf Invitational



On September 12, 2022, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Roger Hamilton Memorial Golf Invitational returned to the Napa Valley Country Club to generate funds for mesothelioma cancer research. We would like to thank each and every sponsor, golfer, and volunteer who came out to help us generate approximately \$100,000! As always, 100% of the funds generated will go toward supporting Dr. Parkash Gill's research at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

You may recall that the event was established in 2002 by U.A. International Representative of the Pipetrades Jim Kellogg, and then California Building Trades President and Vice President, Bob Balgenorth, and Roger Hamilton. Roger was a former Business Manager of the Heat & Frost Insulators and it was Roger's idea to support research into a cure for mesothelioma. After Rogers passing, his

wife Cindy Hamilton took over as Chairwoman and grew the event exponentially before the continued support of Doug Gamble and Mel Breshears of the Heat and Frost Insulators. Doug and Mel have planned and hosted the event over the last 5 years, and we cannot thank them enough for taking it upon themselves to ensure the continuation of the event and the honoring of Roger Hamilton's memory.

We owe our gratitude to the Western States Conference Heat and Frost Insulators, the Local 16 Heat and Frost Insulators, as well as all the building trades groups and vendors who continue to support the battle to defeat mesothelioma cancer. The success of the event is resulting in fantastic results in the lab at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, and is highlighted by Dr. Parkash Gill's development of immunotherapy treatment EphB-4. The combination of EphB-4 and the PD-1 antibody are proving to be so successful that the FDA has designated it a breakthrough! Without the continual support from the staff and family of the Local 16 Heat and Frost Insulators, an

event of this magnitude would not be possible. We thank Committee Chairman Mel Breshears, Co-Chair Chris Greaney, Chairman Emeritus Doug Gamble, Rick Johnson, Craig Rossi, Bill Hodges, Mark Plubell, Ben Espinoza, Fortino Curiel, China Soto, Geoff Millar, Alan Pierce, Jerry and Elizabeth Paul, and Shane Rucker. Without your efforts and energy, this event would not have been possible. Your enduring support guarantees continued research and a cure will be found!



*Local 16 Business Manager Chris Greaney, Retirees President Alan Pearce and Hamilton Event Chairman Mel Breshears are an integral part of the success of the event.*

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# Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16 Aim to Cure



The Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America would like to congratulate and thank the Southern California

Pipe Trades District Council 16 for organizing a fantastic event to help find a cure for mesothelioma. We returned to the Moore N Moore Sporting Clays Facility with a huge turnout, including UA International Representative Aaron Stockwell and Executive Director of the California State Pipe Trades, Mike Hartley, who joined us in generating an event record of over \$55,000 for mesothelioma research! 100% of the money generated at the event will go directly to mesothelioma research, supporting clinical trials for better treatment options in hope of an eventual cure.

You may recall that we lost a dear friend in 2021, former DC16 Business Manager Mike Layton, just a few weeks prior to last year's event. Mike was the driving force behind bringing a clay shoot to Southern California and we are honored to hold the event in his memory. Our continued thoughts go out to the entire Layton Family and the Foun-

ation would like to thank everyone who came out to spend the day remembering our friend and support such a great cause

After a great day on the course, supporters learned where their hard earned donations are going and how they are being used to fight this terrible disease. The Foundation's Board Member and CFO, Jerry Neil Paul, along with Executive Director Elizabeth Paul, thanked DC and John Ferruccio for organizing another fantastic event and spoke about the roots of the Foundation. Dr. Parkash Gill then gave an update from the lab and highlighted the development of immunotherapy treatment EPhB-4 as a direct result of the donations. Dr. Gill then passed along the fantastic news that the combination of EphB-4 and Merk PD-1 antibody are proving to be so successful that the FDA has designated it a breakthrough treatment!

The Foundation would like to personally thank all those who organized and supported this year's events. Without the support and skills of people such as DC 16 Business Manager Rodney Cobos, DC 16 Assistant Business Manager Doug Marian and Director of Organizing John Ferruccio events like these would not be nearly as successful. Their leadership and their army of volunteers and supporters, make ALL of this possible and we THANK ALL

OF YOU for your support and dedication!!!



CA State Pipe Trades Executive Director, Mike Hartley and International Representative, Aaron Stockwell supporting the cause.



DC16 Director of Organizing, John Ferruccio. We cannot thank John enough for his dedication towards making DC16 events such as success!



The Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America has a mission: fund research that will lead to the quickest cure for mesothelioma. Mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the lungs caused by asbestos exposure, has very few treatment options at this time. Since the year 2001, the Foundation has funded the opening of the Mesothelioma Laboratory under the supervision of Dr. Parkash Gill at the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles. Since the lab's inception Dr. Gill has received FDA approval from the U.S. Government to conduct Clinical Trials using new mesothelioma treatments he has developed in the laboratory, whose research is 100% funded by the Foundation. We are all very excited at the possibilities of a more effective treatment for patients suffering from mesothelioma!

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