

MESOTHELIOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

The Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America, www.mesorfa.org, was founded in 2001 by board members James W. Kellogg, International Representative of the Pipe Trades in California and Hawaii, Jerry Neil Paul, founding partner of the law firm of Paul, Hanley and Harley LLP, and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Paul, the Executive Director of the foundation. Mission: expedite the finding of a cure for Mesothelioma. As you know, Mesothelioma is caused by exposure to asbestos, typically in the building trades. Microscopic size fibers of asbestos are breathed in, for example, at the workplace, home, or while working on brakes. Wives and children also contract this insidious killing disease by exposure to the tradesmen's clothing.

Every dollar given to the foundation goes 100% (one hundred percent) to USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles, all designated for the Mesothelioma Lab run by Dr. Gill, who is a board certified oncologist and hematologist. Jerry and Elizabeth Paul pay all the costs of running the foundation personally. This is especially important, considering all other available money for research is designated for other cancers that affect hundreds of thousands of people each year in this country. It's true, a lot less people contact Mesothelioma in the general population, however, out of the thousands of victims affected every year, a larger percentage are those who worked in the building trades.

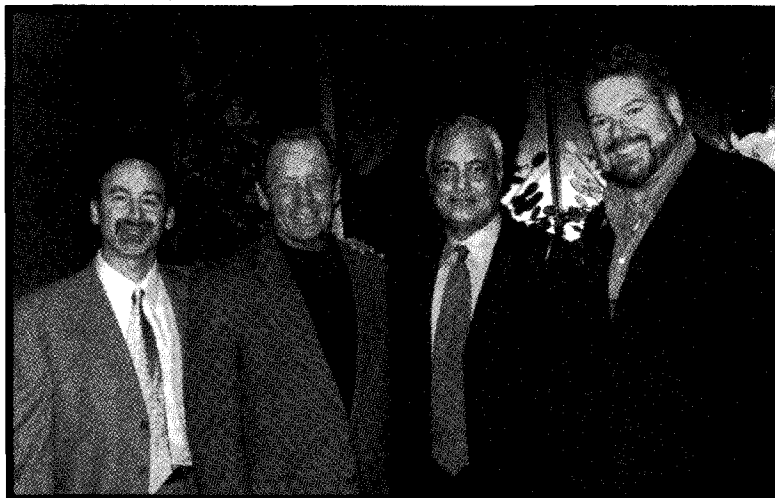
Dr. Gill, because of our funding, has been perfecting a treatment called Veglin. Veglin is a molecule that has been recreated by Dr. Gill, which attacks and cuts off only the blood vessels that feed the malignant Mesothelioma tumor. Veglin is now in Phase 2 clinical trials. Over the years

2002/2003/2004 Veglin was given intravenously 5 days a week, every other week, for a period of 4 months to around 50 outpatients. It had very minimal bad side effects and appears to have been very successful.

Now, Dr. Gill has gotten FDA approval to give Veglin in a shot form (syringe) where you can take it home and inject it, or have someone give you the shot daily, for 4 months, with medical follow ups at USC/Norris. It's now our understanding that the Veglin trials have gotten the favorable attention of the National Cancer Institute, whom has also granted some funding for this significant research. We can thank Dr. Gill for doing so much in such a short time with only approximately a million dollars of funding from the foundation and NCI. However, more is needed to start and finish the final phase 3 clinical trials.

Let it also be known, we greatly appreciate and are grateful for all the funding that made the above progress possible through Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16, its affiliated local unions, sponsors, vendors and contractors who participate at the Council sponsored Annual Golf Tournament. The event has been a huge success generating a significant amount of funding for Mesothelioma research. District Council 16 has successfully garnered the help and cooperation of Irwindale Speedway, which should be another wonderful annual fundraiser.

In that regard, if we all pitch in, hopefully a successful Veglin cure may become a reality. To reach the foundation you may call 1-800-909-MESO (6376). Best regards, Jerry and Elizabeth Paul.



Left to right: Jerry Neil Paul, Attorney; Jim Kellogg, UA International Representative; Dr. Parkash Gill, MD; Sid C. Stolper, Business Manager Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16