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Welcome

Welcome New Members

We have one new member this week. Please join me in welcoming Sylgja Sigurjonsdottir from Iceland.

Sylgja has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Public Health at the University of Iceland. She experienced dampness and mold in her home in 2004. Since then, she has been reading and learning about this important health issue and has investigated more than 700 buildings. Sylgja's email address is:

sylgja@simnet.is

Introduction to our Newsletter

In connection with our other changes, we are also changing our weekly reporting format. Our weekly reports will have a new look and new timing.

We will now be using a Newsletter format. The timing will change to bi-weekly, and the Newsletter will be distributed on Friday evening (instead of Sunday).

Next Newsletter: Friday, October 8

This is a temporary newsletter template. After we get our new logo, we will be using the logo to create our newsletters, stationery and other business materials.

I would like to hear your ideas and suggestions for the Newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities

We have a terrific group of talented and experienced members. If you are ready to share your talents, we have many volunteer opportunities. Please review this list and let me know if you are interested in helping with any of these activities.

- Newsletter
- Fundraising
- Website
- Writing or Editing
- Calling individuals who contact us through the website
- Media Relations or Public Relations
- Government Relations

See *Social Security Disability* story on page 2

Sherman Imler wins Social Security Disability

Sherman Imler is the spouse of Lisa Imler, one of our members. Sherman has been trying to win his social security disability benefits since 2002. He recently received the good news. He was approved for disability benefits dating back to 2002.

The decision is based on the following “severe impairments: degenerative disc disease of the lumbosacral spine and mold exposure manifesting as chronic bronchitis, diverticulitis, diverticulosis, colitis, myositis, chronic pain, and chronic fatigue (20 CFR 404.1520(c) and 416.920(c)).”

[Social Security decision for Sherman Imler](#)



Social Security awards disability benefits to individual with illness due to “mold exposure”

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Indoor factors affect childhood asthma rates

This study was conducted by the Center for Environmental Health, Institute of Epidemiology, in Munich, Germany.

“Asthma has become the most common, childhood chronic disease in the industrialized world, and it is also increasing in developing regions. There are huge differences in the prevalence of childhood asthma across countries and continents, and there is no doubt that the prevalence of asthma was strongly increasing during the past decades worldwide.”

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[Influence of Indoor Factors in Dwellings on the Development of Childhood Asthma](#)

Mold Suits Seek Millions in Damages

September 20, 2010

Suffolk Public Schools is facing new allegations of mold in the schools.

The parents of an elementary school student who formerly attended Southwestern Elementary School are requesting \$7.85 million in damages after their son suffered numerous symptoms ailments that, the suit alleges, were diagnosed as a reaction to mold.

Meanwhile, a former fourth-grade teacher has renewed a lawsuit she originally filed last year alleging she suffered severe symptoms of mold allergy while employed at Booker T. Washington Elementary School.

<http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/2010/09/20/mold-suits-seek-millions-in-damages/>



Meeting with Senator Kean

John McBride met with New Jersey Senator Tom Kean on September 24. After hearing John's comments and recommendations, Senator Kean decided to focus his attention on the content of legislation that John proposed.

The Senator asked several questions and wanted to understand the details. He agreed to draft a Bill within the next 30 days, and he said he would ask John to review the proposed Bill before it is presented.

John's proposed legislation covers many key points, including the following:

- Emergency housing and evacuation
- Mandated testing and remediation
- Empowers government agencies to act
- Includes mold disclosures for rental properties
- Avoids setting safe levels and bases action on size of area affected and impact on occupant health



See *Member Profile: Andrea Fabry* on page 4

Member Profile: Andrea Fabry

Andrea Fabry and her husband Chris are the parents of nine children ages 25-9. Due to a toxic mold exposure, the family vacated their Colorado home and its contents in October 2008. They relocated to Arizona in January 2009 to begin the long journey back to health.

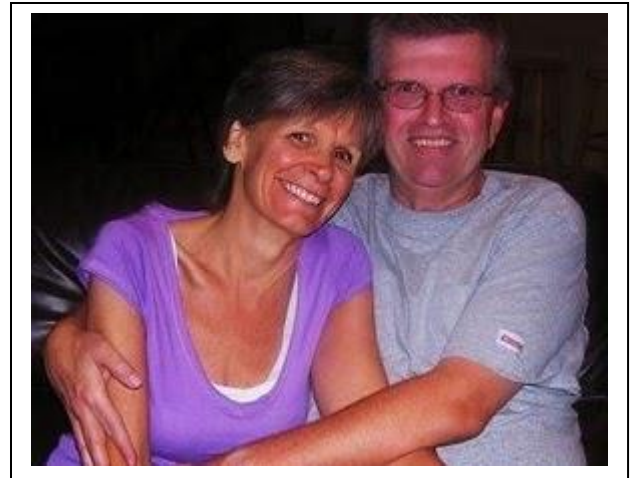
Andrea graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in Economics. Shortly thereafter, she began a career in radio journalism and later hosted a talk show, *Midday Connection*, for the Moody Broadcasting Network. She left her position and together with her family moved to Colorado in the summer of 2000. She and Chris currently co-host the program *Building Relationships with Dr. Gary Chapman*, heard weekly on the Moody Broadcasting Network.

Andrea's husband is the author of 70 books, including *Almost Heaven*, to be released October 1. He co-authored the *Left Behind* series for children, and most recently, the autobiography of New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees. He also hosts the daily radio program *Chris Fabry Live!* on the Moody Broadcasting Network.

Andrea and her family reside in Vail, Arizona, where Andrea pursues her passion for health, nutrition, and environmental issues.

www.moldrecovery.blogspot.com
www.momsagainstmold.org

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Andrea and Chris Fabry

Formaldehyde in U.S. Drywall

We have heard a lot in the news about problems with Chinese drywall. Chuck Reaney provided the following article regarding formaldehyde in U.S. drywall.

"The more The Pharos Team researches building materials, the more we understand how much of the built environment emits formaldehyde. Sources like insulation, laminates, and particleboard are well documented. But, few people realize that another potential source is one of the most prevalent building materials used in the United States: wallboards, also known as drywall, gypsum board or plaster board."

[Formaldehyde Additives in U.S. Drywall](#)

Research on Chronic Inflammation

Jack Thrasher provided several research papers on the topic of chronic inflammation. At Jack's suggestion, we created a new section on the Research (A-F) page with the heading:

Chronic Inflammation: Systemic and Nervous System

Please check out these important new additions to the website. Here are a few of the new titles:

Chemokines and Chemokine Receptors in the Brain: Implication in Neuroendocrine Regulation

Debris Clearance by Microglia: An Essential Link Between Degeneration and Regeneration

Macrophages and Inflammatory Mediators in Chemical Toxicity: A Battle of Forces

Systemic Inflammation Induces Acute Behavioral Cognitive Changes and Accelerates Neurodegenerative Disease

For a complete list and to access these reports, go to [Research \(A-F\)](#) and scroll down to the new heading.



Mold in Albuquerque School

Penny Bartnicki provided this article.

"Hot rooms, flooded floors and mold have plagued staff and students at Eagle Ridge Middle School in what is only the first month of school."

"Parents and staff begin to complain last year to the board of education about the school's leaking roof and what they said was mold throughout the building. Some even complained that the poor condition of the school was making their children sick. Parent Teacher Organization president Nikki Santino spends her days at the school and had been the most vocal about the problems."

This article is available by subscription only, so I am not able to post it on the website. Please let me know if you would like to read the entire article.



Tune In to IAQ Radio

We have previously reported on guest speakers and special topics on IAQ Radio.

Two of our members--Dr. Ritchie Shoemaker and Melinda Ballard--are scheduled for the next session on Friday, October 1, at 12:00 p.m. EST.

For details, click on the following link:

[IAQ Radio](#)

To listen to previous interviews with several other members of our group, go to the section on Archived Episodes.

[IAQ Radio—Archived Episodes](#)



Membership Application Process

With our new organization, we have also improved our membership

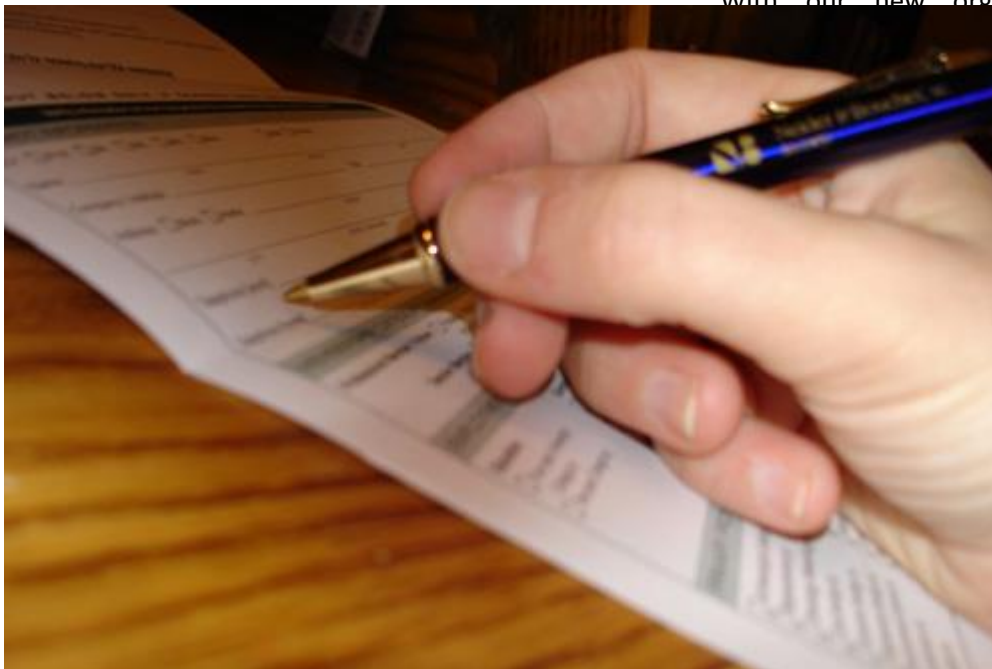
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