

2003 ASTDD Fluoridation Awards

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Since 1989, the American Dental Association (ADA), ASTDD, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have jointly recognized specific individuals, organizations, and agencies for their contributions toward the progress and quality of community water fluoridation. ASTDD, CDC, and ADA actively work to promote fluoridation in communities throughout the United States. These annual Fluoridation Awards serve as a vehicle to recognize the unsung heroes who continue to initiate, maintain, or improve the oral health benefits fluoridation provides for all citizens. At this year's annual meeting, awards were presented in the

following categories:

- 50 year Awards for systems that reached 50 years of continuous water fluoridation during 2002 (34 states, 140 communities).
- State Fluoridation Quality Awards to states that maintain the quality of fluoridation as determined by the ability of fluoridating systems to conduct monitoring and maintain optimal fluoride levels (DE, IN, MA, ND, NV).
- Community Fluoridation Initiative and Reaffirmation Awards to communities or systems that passed water fluoridation initiatives, started as consecutive systems during the past calendar year, or defeated efforts to

discontinue community water fluoridation when fluoridation was already in effect (10 states, 24 communities).

The Fluoridation Merit Award is presented to an individual, group, agency, or organization that has made an outstanding contribution toward the progress of fluoridation. Years can go by without giving out such an award, and yet this year the committee selected four individuals for special recognition: Dr. Herschel Horowitz, Mr. Tom Reeves, Dr. Timothy Collins, and Director Glen Peterson. Here's how these individuals and their efforts were described in this year's awards brochure:

Herschel S. Horowitz, DDS, MPH

Dr. Herschel Horowitz, whose name is synonymous with fluoride research, has been a tireless advocate of community water fluoridation, nationally and internationally. During the 26 years that Dr. Horowitz served as a commissioned officer in the US Public Health Service, the team that he

led set the standards for conducting clinical trials for caries prevention with respect to objectivity, statistical design, ethical conduct, and scientific integrity. He has also studied the prevalence of enamel fluorosis and introduced an improved index for measuring its severity. Held in high regard

by his colleagues and peers, he has served as consultant concerning fluorides and fluoridation for innumerable governments, agencies, universities, and industries. The Fluoridation Merit Award recognizes Dr. Horowitz's efforts and achievements on behalf of fluoridation.

Remarks upon receiving the 2003 ASTDD, CDC, ADA Fluoridation Merit Award

Herschel S. Horowitz, DDS, MPH

I am very pleased to have been selected to receive the 2003 ASTDD, CDC, and ADA Fluoridation Merit Award. It is especially satisfying to receive recognition from groups of peers who represent organizations for whom I have great respect. I had

hoped to attend the ASTDD Awards Luncheon so that I could thank you personally, but ill health would not permit that. We have made tremendous strides in providing benefits of community water fluoridation to an increased number of persons here in

the United States and I am proud to be a part of our success.

In addition, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who were so supportive during my illness last year and during the current challenge I am facing. Your letters, cards,