Fifty Year Awards (106)
For 50 Years of Continuous Community Water Fluoridation, 1966 – 2016

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2016 Community Initiative Awards (7)
Communities that passed water fluoridation initiatives during the past calendar year

Florida
Lake City, Wellington, Flagler County

Iowa
Oskaloosa

North Carolina
Wilkesboro

2016 Community Fluoridation Reaffirmation Awards (20)
Communities that defeated initiatives to discontinue community water fluoridation during the past year

California
Healdsburg

Colorado
Durango

Connecticut
Hartford

Florida
Clearwater, Collier County, Perry

Indiana
Clay City

Kansas
Arkansas City

Maine
Machias

Massachusetts
Duxbury, Shrewsbury

Michigan
Union City

Missouri
Houston

Oregon
Astoria, Lebanon

Pennsylvania
Downingtown Municipal Water Authority

Tennessee
HiXson Utility District, City of

Texas
Palestine

Vermont
Rutland

Wisconsin
Rice Lake

2016 State Fluoridation Initiative Award (1)
The state with the most new systems fluoridating and/or the state that had the greatest increase in population on fluoridated water in the past calendar year.

Arkansas

2016 State Fluoridation Quality Awards (6)
Consistent optimally fluoridated water in over 90% of the adjusted water systems or population supplied by adjusted water systems

Arkansas
Delaware
Louisiana

North Dakota
Nevada
Rhode Island

Healthy People 2020 (1)

Arkansas

2016 Letters of Recognition (11)
Ray Baral, Metropolitan District Water Commission
Mary Boudreau, Connecticut Oral Health Initiative
Kristina Diamond, Connecticut State Dental Association
Carol Dingeldey, Connecticut State Dental Association
Linda Ferraro, Connecticut Water Fluoridation Workgroup
Johnny Johnson, American Fluoridation Society
Weldon Johnson, Delta Dental of Arkansas
Mark Lander, Columbia County Florida, Department of Health
Lori Mathieu, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section
Margie Nobling, PDC Laboratories
Nancy Quirk, Green Bay Water Utility
2017 Fluoridation Merit Awards (3)

The Fluorides Awards Committee is pleased to present our Fluoridation Merit Award given to recognize “an outstanding contribution toward the progress of fluoridation” to:

Bill Bailey, DDS, MPH  
Scott Presson, DDS, MPH  
Santa Clara Valley Water District

Bill Bailey, DDS, MPH

Dr. William Bailey is a distinguished Public Health Dentist who has advanced oral health in the nation.

Growing up in Colorado Springs, CO, he never dreamed of teeth. After being initially uninspired in college, he ranged between jobs at ski slopes and beaches and independent travel around the world until he fell in love with a special woman and decided he needed a real job. He thought veterinarian school sounded good, but was instead accepted into the dental program at University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine graduating in 1982. He often has said that unexpected program acceptance was a very good coincidence as public health dentistry became his passion.

A professor encouraged him towards public health dentistry and he joined the Public Health Service as a Commissioned Corps officer, serving first in the Bureau of Prisons and then the Indian Health Services, earning his Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina, and achieved board-certification in dental public health. He was recruited to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Oral Health where he provided leadership for the Program Services Team and eventually as Acting Division Director. His contributions at the CDC included building the capacity of the State Infrastructure Grant program, new State Dental Director orientations, revamping and focusing the water fluoridation training, and had a large role in the development of the recommended fluoridation level for public drinking water. He served as the CDC Project Officer for ASTDD collaborating with ASTDD to build the capability of state programs. As a measure of the respect from his peers, he was selected to be an Assistant Surgeon General as the nation’s Chief Dental Officer where he structured a national policy and program to build the public health dentistry program within the Federal government.

Retiring from the U.S. Public Health Service, he returned to Colorado to continue his career at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine as the Endowed Chair in Prevention of Early Childhood Caries. He continues to develop and teach students, residents and graduate students; and collaborate with other faculty on funded projects that train professionals to promote children’s oral health resulting in the prevention of early childhood caries. He also serves as the Director of Prevention and Health Promotion, and is a key member of the leadership of faculty and staff dedicated to public and population health activities.

Bill’s career grew as he creatively approached every job and identified how to build programs and enhance services. But his greatest contribution has been mentoring colleagues and other professionals both within the programs where he was employed but also in partner entities. He is someone who never takes credit for remarkable achievements even though he has consistently steered program success from within one of the numerous teams he created, both within the Federal government and within professional organizations. He has been an inspirational and aspirational leader for the public health dentistry community at large. He is also a ton of fun and always up for an adventure. That may be the key as to how he has been able to provide leadership for new approaches to public health and translation of science into program action.
It is with enthusiasm that Dr. Scott Presson is nominated for the Outstanding Achievement Award for his significant contributions to ASTDD and dental public health.

After earning his DDS from Ohio State University, Dr. Presson joined the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service (PHS) and worked for many years in the Indian Health Service (IHS) as a dental officer. He provided clinical services and managed reservation-level dental programs before deciding to specialize in public health. He earned his MPH from The University of North Carolina, completed a dental public health residency at IHS headquarters, and achieved board-certification in dental public health. Thereafter he became an area dental consultant providing guidance to almost two dozen tribal programs located throughout the eastern United States from Texas to Maine, and Illinois to Florida. During this time he chaired the IHS dental program’s health promotion and disease prevention advisory committee, which provided guidance for promotion and operation of water fluoridation in Tribal water systems, among other strategies to serve disadvantaged communities.

In 1998, after he had received the Jack D. Robertson Award for long-time service and dedication to the ideals of the PHS dental corps, Scott was recruited to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to become Program Services Team Leader for the Division of Oral Health. It was in that role that he provided leadership in starting and building the CDC State Infrastructure grant program to build the capacity and resources of state oral health programs to improve public health. He also had oversight of the CDC water fluoridation program and the development of various data applications for water fluoridation surveillance and management. Much of the Program Services Team’s capability was established during Scott’s leadership.

Scott was integral to revising the PHS Recommendation for Fluoride Concentration in Drinking Water for the Prevention of Dental Caries. Scott first drafted the report of the 2001 expert panel that recommended the level be reviewed. He also served as the leader of a peer review committee that considered what science would be necessary as a basis for the recommended level, and then reviewed and edited various scientific documents related to the process of revising the PHS Recommendation.

Scott also had the responsibility of working with many partners including the American Dental Association, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, the American Public Health Association, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and others. He was the Project Officer for CDC’s grant to ASTDD which has been instrumental in enabling it to develop its current capacity to support ASTDD members and state oral health programs.

After a distinguished career, Scott retired from the Commissioned Corps in 2007. A few years later, he was encouraged to return to CDC, this time as a civil servant, where he was reinstated to his role with the Program Services Team. In his final years at CDC, he transitioned to a role with Special Projects where his leadership and experience could benefit the entire Division of Oral Health. In this capacity he served as Director of CDC’s Dental Public Health Residency program. He also provided informal mentoring to new staff to the Division who did not yet have experience in dental public health. In summary, during Dr. Presson’s distinguished career he has provided leadership for disease prevention and health promotion activities, especially community water fluoridation, and has supported development of the capacity of the ASTDD to guide and strengthen state oral health programs. In recognition of this, he is most deserving of ASTDD’s Fluoridation Special Merit Award.
The Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Board of Directors is commended for their original unanimous 7-0 vote in 2011 and continuing unwavering support for community water fluoridation that has led to the initiation of fluoridation in December 2016 to one of its three water treatment plants. The SCVWD proposes to fluoridate its remaining system by the year 2020. The SCVWD is a water wholesaler providing water to the San Jose Water Company (SJWC), which provides water to the residents of San Jose, California. The city of San Jose had been the largest city in the United States not yet fluoridated. The Health Trust, a local nonprofit organization in San Jose that funds Silicon Valley health programs, from children’s dental clinics to diabetes testing to Meals on Wheels, had led the advocacy efforts to inform the SCVWD Board, supported by local dentists, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. Funding for the $6.2 million project to retrofit the district’s three drinking-water treatment plants came in part from the Health Trust ($1 million), First 5 Santa Clara County, which receives money from the state tobacco tax ($900,000), and the California Dental Association Foundation ($500,000).

The SCVWD is also to be commended for its low cost of fluoridation per household. The total increase in treated water charges would result in an estimated increase of 50 cents on the monthly water bill of a household of five, which typically uses one-half acre-foot of water per year.

The SCVWD should be applauded for providing exceptional notification to the public about fluoridation on its website http://www.valleywater.org/EkContent.aspx?id=1868&terms=fluoridation