

## Brocato, Butcher, Fleming, Koss, Levy, & Tibau honored by Consumers

Consumers for Dental Choice proudly honors six individuals for their outstanding service to the cause of abolishing mercury fillings. Each has been sent a plaque in recognition of her/his achievements.

**Maz Levy, Lifetime Achievement Award.** Maz earned this award for her pioneering media and communications work; she filmed the early California battles, had perhaps the first TV program and web site, and testified eloquently and often. I am saddened to report that Maz Levy received the prize posthumously; it was presented to her daughter Nova Katz, [stellarfish@gmail.com](mailto:stellarfish@gmail.com)

**Linda Brocato, Volunteer of the Year.** A tireless advocate for well over a decade, Linda is one of the plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit filed in April v. FDA to ban mercury fillings, secured press attention for the lawsuit, and served as the leadoff witness to the FDA scientific panels in the historic Sept. 6 - 7 hearings. [Daisy940@aol.com](mailto:Daisy940@aol.com)

Two folks were jointly awarded the special prize of “Advocate of the Decade”;  
this duo, working from opposite coasts, transformed our movement in 2001 and never let up since.

**Anita Vazquez Tibau, Advocate of the Decade.** In 2001 Anita energized the movement to ban mercury fillings, launching the campaign to shut down the abysmal Dental Board of California, and was lead plaintiff suing the ADA. That work caused all boards to start backing off enforcing the illegal ADA gag rule, and launched a three-year effort resulting in enforcing California’s Watson Law. [pedrotibau@hotmail.com](mailto:pedrotibau@hotmail.com)

**Freya Koss, Advocate of the Decade.** More than anyone, Freya has worked at every level of government, in every region, and with every constituency – showing leadership, determination, and perseverance – that is turning the tide against mercury fillings. She was lead plaintiff suing NIH, and founded the PA Coalition Against Mercury-free Dentistry. [frekoss@aol.com](mailto:frekoss@aol.com)

Two folks were jointly awarded the prize of “Public Official of the Year”:

**Richard Butcher, Public Official of the Year.** As Legislative Assistant to Congresswoman Watson, Richard became Capitol Hill’s authority on the mercury amalgam issue, arranging legislative hearings, cracking the iron wall created by NIH and FDA regulators, and providing hope nationwide that mercury amalgam will be banned. [butcher\\_11@yahoo.com](mailto:butcher_11@yahoo.com)

**Mike Fleming, D.D.S., Public Official of the Year.** As the first-even advocate of mercury-free dentistry to serve on FDA’s Dental Products Panel, Dr. Mike spearheaded the vote that became the first federal rejection of mercury fillings. His actions serve as a shot across the bow that mercury fillings will cease to exist. [mikef@nc.rr.com](mailto:mikef@nc.rr.com)

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