

# TCTA turns 90

As The Educated Choice® for classroom teachers since 1927, TCTA continues to maintain a strong membership, support teachers and influence policy at the state, federal and local levels. Take a look back at some moments in TCTA history as we celebrate 90 years and look forward to the future.



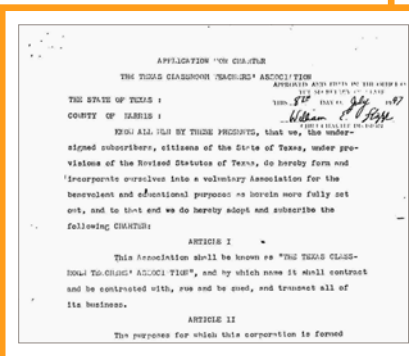
Mrs. Minnie Clifton, school teacher: "The Texas Grade Teachers' association has been changed to the Texas Classroom Teachers' Association in order that every classroom teacher from primary through college may become a member."

**TCTA Incorporated**  
As this December 1927 letter to the editor printed by the El Paso Herald shows, the Texas Grade Teachers became the Texas Classroom Teachers Association to allow teachers at all grade levels to become members. Annie Kate Taylor served as the first president in 1927.

1927

1947

1950



**Official Charter**  
The Texas Classroom Teachers Association was formally established with a charter application filed in Harris County on July 8, 1947.



**1950 Convention**  
TCTA members gather for convention in 1950. Janie Alexander served as president. TCTA began annual state conferences in 1963. The first was held at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin, combining the annual membership conference and the conference of presidents.



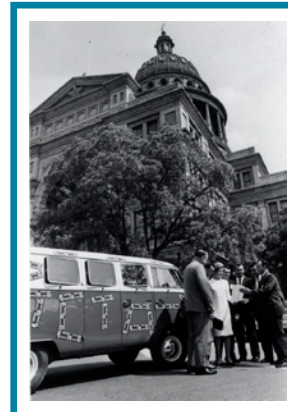
**1957 Board Members**  
From left, Rosemary Griggs, Annie Vaden, Antoinette Miller, Doris Hibbert, Jennings Flathers and Rossy Schwarz attend the TCTA board meeting in Palestine in 1957.

1957



**Hawaiian tour**  
Aloha! Texas teachers attend the National Classroom Teachers Conference in Hawaii in 1960.

1965



**Pay Raise**  
Some things never change. TCTA members came to Austin to lobby for teacher pay raise legislation in May 1965.

1960

1963



**1963 Proclamation**  
Gov. John Connally designates April 6, 1963, as Classroom Teacher Day, "to acknowledge the important part played by the classroom teacher in training our youth for useful citizenship."

1970



**1970 Amendment**  
TCTA filed an amendment to the articles of incorporation with the Texas Secretary of State's office in May 1970 after members approved changes on April 4, 1970. During the 1970s, TCTA disaffiliated with the Texas State Teachers Association umbrella (as did groups representing superintendents, principals and subject area associations) to ensure continued focus on the needs of classroom teachers.

1980

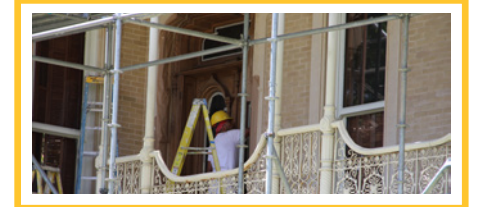
1990



**Karaoke**  
Judy Lucas and Roycelyn Peterson lead District 4 members in karaoke during a leadership conference in the early 1990s.

1990s

2013



**2013 Renovation**  
Much of 2013 was spent on renovation and repairs at the John Bremond House to ensure the building retains its historical details while meeting the needs of staff.

**Past Presidents**  
Former state presidents were recognized during the 2017 convention in Austin as TCTA celebrated its 90th birthday. From left, Sue Barker, 1998-99; Linda Hancock, 2001-02; Janie Baszile, 2007-08; Charlotte Clifton, 2006-07; Susan Lewis, 2009-10; Dolores Ramirez, 2011-12; Nanette Sissney, 2012-13; Terrill Q. Littlejohn, 2014-15; and Teresa Koehler, 2015-16.



2017

1985



**1880s Party**  
TCTA staff held an 1880s-themed party at headquarters in 1985.