



# **FFT Celebrates the First Forty**

1957— The Farmingdale Classroom Teachers Association was formed. The starting salary was \$3775.00

1964— The CTA was operating fully as a union, though it had yet to adopt the name.

1966— There was no law that gave the right to public employees to engage in collective bargaining. However, the Farmingdale CTA negotiated the first agreement outside of New York City to include anything other than salary. This agreement established strict limits on class size and the extended sick leave policy which protects our members in times of medical crisis.

1968— With political and financial pressures growing on several fronts, the Farmingdale CTA Board of Trustees proposed affiliation with the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO. The general membership voted overwhelmingly to join, and on November 8, 1968, the Farmingdale Classroom Teachers Association, Local 1889, was formed.

1973— The Farmingdale CTA changed its name to the Farmingdale Federation of Teachers. The reason for the change was to convey a stronger labor union connection.

Building the future on forty years of strength, dedication, unionism and friendship.

THERE'S A GOOD REASON TO CELEBRATE!  
Be at the FFT "40 Years Union Strong" party on March 18th!!