APT Celebrates 40 Years

Happy 40th Birthday APT!
In memory of Charlie E. Schaefer, the Charlie Schaefer Scholarship is created
Number of credentialed play therapists grows to 5,000
APT collaborates with AETNA, receives Community Heart Award, and Play Therapist is added to Aetna's list of specialists.
The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) recognized APT as one of the "100 Associations That Will Save the World".
International Journal of Play Therapy® celebrates 30th anniversary with a new cover design and special issues
Annual APT Conference Scholarship created
President's Award created
APT membership reaches 7,500 with 4,381 holding the RPT or RPT-S credential
French "Why Play Therapy?" brochure designed
Why Play Therapy? Pediatrician Brochure launched
PlayToday launched
APT has 42 chartered branches
School Based-Registered Play Therapist (SB-RPT) credential created
APT membership reaches 6,000 with 2,543 holding the RPT or RPT-S credential
Andres PSA video launched in Spanish
Andrew PSA video launched
APT YouTube channel launched
APT E-Learning Center is launched
APA begins publishing the International Journal of Play Therapy®
First full color Play Therapy® Magazine published
Board adopts John Carver's Policy Governance® Model
Awards of Excellence Program established
Leadership Academy established
APT has 25 chartered branches
Why Play Therapy? Brochure is produced
Gold Branch Award program created
Play Therapy Best Practice guidelines are established
Dual Membership system implemented
APT has 3,346 members, 708 hold the RPT or RPT-S credential
APT Mission Statement published for the first time
First play therapy meta-analysis is published
APT Approved Provider program is established
APT has 3,150 members, 518 hold the RPT or RPT-S credential
RPT credential is created
RPT-S credential is created
International Journal of Play Therapy is launched
APT membership hits 900
First Board of Directors meeting is held in Fresno, CA
The 4th Annual Conference held in Denton, Texas with 400 attendees
APT moves to California
First Annual APT Conference in New York
APT founded by Drs. Charles Schaefer and Kevin O'Connor in New Jersey