

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN AA HISTORY

Significant January Dates in A.A. History

Jan 1929 - Bill W. wrote third promise in Bible to quit drinking.
Jan 1940 - Akron group moves to new home at King School.
Jan 1944 - Dr. Harry Tiebout's first paper on the subject of "Alcoholics Anonymous".
Jan 1944 - onset of Bill's 11 years of depression.
Jan 1946 - Readers Digest does a story on AA.
Jan 1948 - 1st A.A. meeting in Japan
Jan 1951 - AA Grapevine publishes memorial issue for Dr Bob.
Jan 1958 - Bill writes article for Grapevine on "Emotional Sobriety".
Jan 1, 1943 - Columbus Dispatch reports 1st Anniversary of Columbus, Ohio Central Group.
Jan 2, 1889 - Sister Ignatia born, Ballyhane Ireland.
Jan 3, 1939 - First sale of Works Publishing Co stock is recorded.
Jan 4, 1940 - 1st AA group formed in Detroit, Michigan.
Jan 5, 1939 - Dr Bob tells Ruth Hock in a letter that AA has "to get away from the Oxford Group atmosphere".
Jan 5, 2001 - Chuck C. from Houston died sober in Texas at 38 years sober.
Jan 6, 2000 - Stephen Poe, compiler of the Concordance to Alcoholics Anonymous, died.
Jan 8, 1938 - New York AA splits from the Oxford Group.
Jan 10, 1940 - 1st AA meeting not in a home meets at King School, Akron, Ohio.
Jan 13, 1988 - Dr Jack Norris Chairman/Trustee of AA for 27 years dies.
Jan 13, 2003 - Dr Earle M sober for 49 years, author of "Physician Heal Thyself" died.
Jan 15, 1937 - Fitz M brings AA meetings to Washington DC.
Jan 15, 1945 - First AA meeting held in Springfield, Missouri.
Jan 19, 1943 - 1st discussion for starting AA group in Toronto.
Jan 19, 1944 - Wilson's returned from 1st major A.A. tour started in Oct 24 1943.
Jan 19, 1999 - Frank M., AA Archivist since 1983, died peacefully in his sleep.
Jan 21, 1954 - Hank P who helped Bill start NY office dies in Pennington, New Jersey.
Jan 23, 1985 - Bob B. died sober November 11, 2001.
Jan 24, 1918 - Bill marries Lois Burnham in the Swedenborg Church in Brooklyn Heights.
Jan 24, 1945 - 1st black group St. Louis
Jan. 24, 1971 - Bill W dies at Miami Beach, FL.
Jan 25, 1915 - Dr. Bob marries Anne Ripley.
Jan 26, 1971 - New York Times publishes Bill's obituary on page 1.
Jan 30, 1961 - Dr Carl Jung answers Bill's letter with "Spiritus Contra Spiritum".
End of Jan 1939 - 400 copies of manuscript of Big Book circulated for comment, evaluation and sale.

Significant February Dates in A.A. History

Feb 1908 - Bill made boomerang.
Feb 1916 - hazing incident Norwich University, Bill & sophomore class suspended
Feb 1938 - Rockefeller gives \$5,000 to AA. - Saves AA from professionalization.
Feb 1939 - Dr Harry Tiebout, 1st Psychiatrist to endorse AA and use in his practice.
Feb 1939 - Dr Howard of Montclair, NJ suggests swapping "you musts" for "we ought" in the Big Book.
Feb 1940 - 1st AA clubhouse opens at 334-1/2 West 24th Street, NYC.
Feb 1951 - Fortune magazine article about AA. New York reprints in pamphlet form for many years.
Feb 1963 - Harpers carries article critical of AA.
Feb 1981 - 1st issue of "Markings" AA Archives Newsletter is published.

Feb 1 or 2, 1942 - Ruth Hock, AA's 1st paid secretary, resigns to get married.
Feb 8, 1940 - Rockefeller dinner.
Feb 8, 1940 - Houston Press ran first of 6 anonymous articles on AA by Larry J.
Feb 9, 2002 - Sue Smith Windows, Dr Bob's daughter died.
Feb 11, 1937 - First New Jersey meeting was held at the home of Hank P ("The Unbeliever" in the first edition). Some sources report this as happening Feb 13, 1937
Feb 11, 1938 - Clarence S. ("Home Brewmeister" 1st-3rd edition) sobriety date.
Feb 14, 1971 - AA groups worldwide hold memorial service for Bill W.
Feb 14, 2000 - William Y., "California Bill" dies in Winston Salem, NC.
Feb 15, 1918 - Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's adopted daughter, was born.
Feb 15, 1941 - Baltimore Sunday Sun reported that the city's first AA group, begun in June 1940, had grown from 3 to 40 members.
Feb 17, - Jim B contacted Charlie B, whom he had met once, some two years before, at a New York AA meeting.
Feb 18, 1943 - During gas rationing in WWII, AA's are granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases.
Feb 19, 1967 - Father "John Doe" (Ralph P), 1st Catholic Priest in AA dies.
Feb 20, 1941 - The Toledo Blade published first of three articles on AA by Seymour Rothman.
Feb 23, 1959 - AA granted "Recording for the Blind" permission to tape the Big Book.
Feb 28, 1940 - First organization meeting of Philadelphia AA was held at McCready Huston's room at 2209 Delancy Street.

Significant March Dates in A.A. History

March 1936 - AA had 10 members staying sober. At end of 1936 A.A. had 15 members.
March-May 1938 - Bill begins writing the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Works Publishing Inc established to support writing and printing of the book.
March 1940 - Mort J. came to LA from Denver; started custom of reading Chapter 5 Big Book at Cecil group.
March 1941 - Second printing of Big Book.
March 1941 - 1st Prison AA Group formed at San Quentin.
March 1946 - The March of Time film is produced by NY AA office.
March 1949 - Dr. Bob considers idea of AA conference premature.
March 1951 - American Weekly publishes memorial article for Dr. Bob.
March 1, 1939 - Readers Digest fails to write article on AA.
March 1, 1941 - Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article published and membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 by years end.
March 3 1947 - Nell Wing started work at Alcoholic Foundation 415 Lexington Avenue.
March 4, 1891 - Lois W is born.
March 5, 1945 - Time Magazine reports Detroit radio broadcasts of AA members.
March 7, 1940 -- Bill and Lois visited the Philadelphia AA group.
March 7, 1941 -- Boston newspaper reported that any drunk who wanted to get well was more than welcome at the AA meeting at 115 Newbury St., at 8 PM Wednesdays.
March 9, 1941 - Wichita Beacon reports AA member from NY who wants to form a group in Wichita.
March 10, 1944 - New York Intergroup was established.
March 11, 1949 - The Calix Society, an association of Roman Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in Alcoholics Anonymous, was formed in Minneapolis by five Catholic AA members.
March 14, - South Orange, NJ, AA group held an anniversary dinner with Bill W as guest speaker
March 15, 1941 - 1st AA group formed in New Haven, Connecticut. Not reported in paper until Oct 1, 1941.
March 16, 1940 - Alcoholic Foundation & Works Publishing move from Newark to 30 Vesey St in lower Manhattan. First headquarters of our own.
March 21, 1881 - Anne R, Dr Bobs wife, is born.
March 21 1966 - Ebby dies.

March 22, 1951 - Dr William Duncan Silkworth dies at Towns Hospital.
March 22, 1984 - Clarence S, "Home Brewmeister", dies.
March 23, 1936 - Bill & Lois visit Fitz M, "Our Southern Friend", in Maryland.
March 25, 1898 -- Jim B ("The Vicious Cycle") was born.
March 29, 1943 -- The Charleston Mail, WV, reported on Bill W's talk at St. John's Parish House.
March 31, 1947 - 1st AA group formed in London, England.

Significant April Dates in A.A. History

April 1935 - Dr. Silkworth told Bill to quit preaching at drunks & tell them of obsession & allergy.
April 1950 - Saturday Evening Post article "The Drunkard's Best Friend" by Jack Alexander.
April 1958 - The word "honest" dropped from AA Preamble, "an honest desire to stop drinking".
April 1966 - Change in ratio of trustees of the General Service Board; now two thirds (majority) are alcoholic.
April 1970 - GSO moved to 468 Park Ave. South, NYC.
April 1, 1939 - Publication date of Alcoholics Anonymous, AA's Big Book.
April 1, 1940 - Larry J. of Houston, wrote "The Texas Prayer", used to open AA meetings in Texas.
April 1, 1966 - Sister Ignatia died.
April 2, 1966 - Harry Tiebout, M.D. died.
April 3, 1941 - First AA meeting held in Florida.
April 3, 1960 - Fr. Ed Dowling, S.J., died. He was Bill W's "spiritual sponsor."
April 7, 1941 - Ruth Hock reported there were 1,500 letters asking for help as a result of the Saturday Evening Post Article by Jack Alexander.
April 10, 1939 - The first ten copies of the Big Book arrived at the office Bill and Hank P shared.
April 11, 1938 - The Alcoholic Foundation formed as a trusteeship for A.A. (sometimes reported as May 1938)
April 11, 1941 - Bill and Lois finally found a home, Stepping Stones in New Bedford.
April 16, 1940 - A sober Rollie H. catches the only opening day no- hitter in baseball history since 1909.
April 16, 1973 - Dr. Jack Norris presented President Nixon with the one millionth copy of the Big Book.
April 19, 1940 - The first AA group in Little Rock, Arkansas, was formed. First 'mail order' group.
April 19, 1941 - The first AA group in the State of Washington was formed in Seattle.
April 22, 1940 - Bill and Hank transfer their Works Publishing stock to the Alcoholic Foundation.
April 23, 1940 - Dr. Bob wrote the Trustees to refuse Big Book royalties, but Bill W insisted that Dr. Bob and Anne receive them.
April 24, 1940 - The first AA pamphlet, "AA", was published.
April 24, 1989 - Dr. Leonard Strong died.
April 25, 1939 - Morgan R interviewed on Gabriel Heatter radio show.
April 25, 1951 - AA's first General Service Conference was held.
April 26 or May 1, 1939 - Bank forecloses on 182 Clinton Street.
April 30, 1989 - Film "My Name is Bill W." a Hallmark presentation was broadcast on ABC TV.

Significant May Dates in A.A. History

May 1919 - Bill returns home from service.
(Dec 1934 to) May 1935 - Bill works with alcoholics, but fails to sober any of them. Lois reminds him HE is still sober.
March-May 1938 - Bill begins writing the book Alcoholics Anonymous.
May 1939 - Lois W Home Replacement Fund started at AlcoholicFoundation.
May 1949 - The first AA meetings in Scotland were held in Glasgow and Edinburgh.
May 1950 - Nell Wing became Bill W's secretary.
May 1951 - Al-Anon is founded by Lois W. and Anne B.
May 1, 1939 - Bank forecloses on 182 Clinton Street.
May 1, 1940 - Rollie H, Cleveland Indians, first anonymity break on national level.
May 1, 1941 - The first Wisconsin AA meeting was held at a hotel in Milwaukee.

May 2, 1941 - Jacksonville, FL newspaper reported the start of an AA group in Jacksonville.

May 3, 1941 - The first AA group in New Orleans, Louisiana, was formed. (sometimes dated as May 2, 1943)

May 3, 1941 - Democrat Chronicle in Rochester, NY, reported first annual AA dinner at Seneca hotel with 60 attending.

May 4, 1940 - Sunday Star reported founding of first AA group in Washington, DC.

May 6, 1939 - Clarence S of Cleveland told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an "AA" meeting in Cleveland.

May 6, 1946 - The long form of the "Twelve Traditions" was published in the AA Grapevine.

May 8, 1943 - Akron AA Group celebrates 8th anniversary with 500 present and sober.

May 8, 1971 - Bill W buried in private ceremony, East Dorset, Vermont.

May 10, 1939 - Clarence S announced to the Akron Oxford Group members that the Cleveland members were starting a meeting in Cleveland and calling it Alcoholics Anonymous.

May 11, 1935 - Bill W made calls from the Mayflower Hotel and was referred to Dr. Bob.

May 11, 1939 - first group to officially call itself Alcoholics Anonymous met at Abby G's house in Cleveland.

May 12, 1935 @ 5 pm - Bill W met Doctor Bob at the home of Henrietta Seiberling.

May 15, 1961 - Bill W's mother, Dr Emily Strobell, died.

May 16, 1941 - Ruth Hock finds that Joe W. (or V.), credited with coming up with the name Alcoholics Anonymous, has a "wet brain".

May 17, 1942 - The Dayton Journal Herald published pictures of AA members wearing masks to protect their anonymity.

May 17, 1942 - New Haven, Conn paper has article on AA. Picture shows faces of members sitting in a circle.

May 18, 1950 - Dr. Bob tells Bill "I reckon we ought to be buried like other folks" after hearing that local AA's want a huge memorial.

May 19, 2000 - Dr. Paul O., Big Book story "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict" (renamed "Acceptance Was the Answer" in the 4th edition) died at the age of 83.

May 28, 1974 - The first World Service Meeting of AA outside North America was held in London.

May 29, 1980 - "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers" was published.

Significant June Dates in A.A. History

June 1:1949 - Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died.

June 4: 2002- Caroline Knapp, author of "Drinking: A Love Story" died sober of lung cancer.

June 5:1940 - Ebbly Thatcher took a job at the NY Worlds Fair.

June 6:1940 - The first AA Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.

1979 - AA gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was presented by Lois Wilson, Bill's wife, in New York.

June 7:1939 - Bill and Lois Wilson had an argument, the first of two times Bill almost slipped.

1941 - The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed.

June 8:1941 - Three AA's started a group in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

June 10:1935 - The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.

June 11:1945 - Twenty-five hundred attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio. 1969 - Dr. Bob's granddaughter, Bonna, daughter of Sue Smith and Ernie Galbraith (The Seven Month Slip in the First Edition) killed herself after first killing her six-year-old child. 1971 - Ernie Galbraith died.

June 13:1945 - Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for AA with large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn't drink.

June 15:1940 - First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.

June 16:1938 - Jim Burwell, "The Vicious Cycle" in Big Book, had his last drink.

June 17:1942 - New York AA groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. Four hundred and twenty-four heard Dr. Silkworth and AA speakers.

June 18:1940 - One hundred attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334-1/2 West 24th St., New York City.

June 19:1942 - Columnist Earl Wilson reported that NYC Police Chief Valentine sent six policemen to AA and they sobered up. "There are fewer suicides in my files," he commented.

June 21:1944 - The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.
June 24:1938 - Two Rockefeller associates told the press about the Big Book "Not to bear any author's name but to be by 'Alcoholics Anonymous.'"
June 25:1939 - The New York Times reviewer wrote that the Big Book is "more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon."
June 26:1935 - Bill Dotson. (AA #3) entered Akron's City Hospital for his last detox and his first day of sobriety.
June 28:1935 - Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson visited Bill Dotson at Akron's City Hospital.
June 30:1941 - Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.
2000 - More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN.

Significant July Dates in A.A. History

July 1939 - Warren C. joined A.A. Cleveland, caused debate because he was not hospitalized.
July 1944 - Bob writes article for Grapevine "On Cultivating Tolerance".
July 1962 - 'Victor E' cartoon first appeared in Grapevine. (somes say May 1962).
July 1-3, 1960 - 25th Anniversary of AA in Long Beach, CA.
July 2-3, 1955 - 20th Anniversary Convention at St. Louis, MO. The Three Legacies, of Recovery, Unity, and Service, turned over to the movement by the old timers. AA comes of Age.
July 2, 1960 - Father Ed Dowling dies.
July 2, 1965 - "Best of Bill" and Pocket-Sized "12 and 12" 1st sold.
July 2, 1965 - 1st "La Vigne", Canadian Grapevine, published.
July 2-4, 1965 - 30th Anniversary of AA in Toronto. Adopted "I Am Responsible."
July 2, 1993 - 50 years of AA celebrated in Canada.
July 2, 2000 - 20 millionth copy of Big Book given to Al-Anon in Minneapolis, MN.
July 3-5, 1970 - 35th Anniversary of AA in Miami. "Declaration of Unity". Bill's last public appearance.
July 3-6, 1980 - 45th Anniversary of AA in New Orleans. First true marathon meeting was held.
July 3-6, 1980 - Gay AA's have own program at 40th AA Anniversary in New Orleans.
July 4, 1939 - 1st AA meeting started in Flatbush, NY.
July 4-6, 1975 - 40th Anniversary of AA in Denver. Worlds largest coffee server serves 1/2 million cups a day.
July 5-7, 1985 - 50th AA Anniversary in Montreal, Canada. Ruth Hock given 5,000,000th Big Book. House of Seagrams flew their flags at half mast for 3 days.
July 5-8, 1990 - 55th AA Anniversary in Seattle, WA. Nell Wing given 10,000,000th Big Book.
July 7, 1940 - Bill attends 1st Summer Session at School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University.
July 8, 1940 - 1st AA Group formed in Dayton, Ohio.
July 10, 1941 - Texas newspaper publishes anonymous letter from founding member of Texas AA Group. (Larry J)
July 11, 1960 - Time published article called "Passionately Anonymous" on the 25th Convention.
July 14, 1939 - Dr Tiebout gives Big Book to Marty M. who promptly throws it back at him.
July 15 1938 - 1st documented use name Alcoholics Anonymous, A.A. archives letter Bill to Willard Richardson.
July 16, 1965 - Frank Amos, AA Non-Alcoholic Trustee, dies.
July 18 1938 - in letter to Dr. Richards at Johns Hopkins, Bill used Alcoholics Anonymous as working title for Big Book & name for the fellowship.
July 20, 1941 - First AA group formed in Seattle, Washington.
July 22, 1877 - Willian Duncan Silkworth born in Brooklyn, NY.
July 22, 1980 - Marty M. early AA woman and founder of NCADD dies.
July 23, 1940 - Philly AA's send 10% of kitty to Alcoholic Foundation, sets precedent.
July 23, 1943 - New Haven CT Register reports arrival of AA's to study with E M Jellinek.
July 24, 1943 - L.A. press reports formation of all-Mexican AA Group.
July 28-30, 1950 - First AA International Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. Twelve Traditions adopted. Dr. Bob made last appearance at large AA gathering.
July 31, 1972 - Rollie H dies sober in Washington DC.

Significant August dates in AA history

Aug 1934 - Rowland H and Cebra persuade court to parole Ebby T. to them.
Aug 1939 - Dr. Bob wrote & may have signed article for Faith magazine.
Aug 1981 - Distribution of Alcoholics Anonymous passes 3 million.
Aug 1, 1943 - Washington Times-Herald (DC) reports on AA clubhouse, to protect anonymity withholds address.
Aug 3, 1954 - Brinkley S. gets sober at Towns Hosp after 50th detox.
Aug 8, 1879 - Dr. Bob born in St. Johnsbury, VT.
Aug 9, 1943 - LA groups announce 1000 members in 11 groups.

Aug 11, 1938 - Akron & NY members begin writing stories for Big Book.
Aug 15, 1890 - E M Jellinek is born, author of "The Disease Concept of Alcoholism" and the "Jellinek Curve".
Aug 16, 1939 - Dr Bob and Sister Ignatia admit 1st alcoholic to St Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio.
Aug 18, 1988 - 1st Canadian National AA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Aug 19, 1941 - 1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver.
Aug 25, 1943 - AA group donates Big Book to public library in Quincy, MA.
Aug 26, 1941 - Bill writes Dr Bob to tell him Works Publishing has been incorporated
Aug 28, 1954 - "24 Hours a Day" is published by Richmond W.

Significant September Dates in A.A. History

Sept 1930 - Bill wrote 4th (last) promise in family Bible to quit drinking.
Sept 1939 - group started by Earl T in Chicago.
Sept 1940 - AA group started in Toledo by Duke P & others.
Sept 1940 - Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases gives Big Book unfavorable review.
Sept 1946 - Bill & Dr. Bob both publicly endorsed National Committee Education Alcoholism founded by Marty M.
Sept 1946 - 1st A.A. group in Mexico.
Sept 1948 - Bob writes article for Grapevine on AA "Fundamentals - In Retrospect".
Sept 1949 - 1st issue of Grapevine published in "pocketbook" size.
Sept 1, 1939 - 1st AA group founded in Chicago.
Sept 11, 2001 - 30 Vesey St, New York. Location of AA's first office is destroyed during the World Trade Center attack.
Sept 12, 1942 - U.S. Assist. Surgeon General Kolb speaks at dinner for Bill and Dr Bob.
Sept 13, 1937 - Florence R, 1st female in AA in NY.
Sept 13, 1941 - WHJP in Jacksonville, FL airs Spotlight on AA.
Sept 17, 1954 - Bill D, AA #3 dies.
Sept 18, 1947 - Dallas Central Office opens its doors.
Sept 19, 1965 - The Saturday Evening Post publishes article "Alcoholics Can Be Cured - Despite AA"
Sept 19, 1975 - Jack Alexander, author of original Saturday Evening Post article, dies.
Sept 21, 1938 - Bill W & Hank P form Works Publishing Co.
Sept 24, 1940 - Bill 12th steps Bobbie V, who later replaced Ruth Hock as his secretary in NY.
Sept 30, 1939 - article in Liberty magazine, "Alcoholics and God" by Morris Markey.

Significant October Dates in A.A. History

Oct 1936 - Bill C. a Canadian alcoholic staying at Bill's house, committed suicide using a gas stove.
Oct 1939 - 1st central committee formed in Cleveland; 1st example A.A. rotation.
Oct 1942 - 1st issue of Cleveland Central Bulletin is published.
Oct 1944 - First non American branch started in Sydney, Australia by Father T V Dunlea & Rex.
Oct 1951 - Lasker Award given to AA by American Public Health Assoc.
Oct 1951 - Sister Ignatia wrote "Care of Alcoholics - St.Thomas Hospital & A.A. Started Movement Which Swept Country" article in "Hospital Progress" the journal of Catholic Hospital Association.
Oct 1954 - The "Alcoholic Foundation" renamed the "General Service Board of A.A."
Oct 1958 - Playhouse 90 TV airs "The Days of Wine and Roses".
Oct 1, 1941 - Local news reports 1st AA Group in New Haven, CT.
Oct 1, 1957 - Book "A.A. Comes of Age" published.
Oct 2, 1944 - Marty M. founded National Committee Education Alcoholism, later became National Council on Alcoholism.
Oct 3, 1945 - AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.
Oct 5-7, 1972 - 2nd World Service meeting held in New York.
Oct 5, 1988 - Lois Burnam Wilson died.
Oct 6, 1941 - 900 dine at Cleveland dinner for Bill D, AA #3.
Oct 8, 1988 - Memorial Service for Lois W at Stepping Stones, NY.
Oct. 9-11, 1969 - 1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.
Oct 10, 1943 - 6 of 1st 9 AA's attend clubhouse anniv. in Toledo.
Oct 10, 1970 - Lois reads "Bills Last Message" at annual dinner in NY.
Oct 10, 1988 - Lois is buried next to Bill in East Dorsett, Vermont.
Oct 13, 1947 - "The Melbourne Group" held its first meeting in Australia.
Oct 14, 1939 - Journal of American Medical Association gives Big Book unfavorable review.

Oct 15, 1904 - Marty M, early AA woman, is born in Chicago.
Oct 17, 1935 - Ebby T, Bills sponsor, moves in with Bill and Lois.
Oct 20, 1928 - Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added second promise.
Oct 21, 1939 - Cleveland Plain Dealer begins series of articles on AA of by Elrick Davis.
Oct 22, 1963 - E M Jellinek, alcoholism educator and AA friend dies.
Oct 24, 1942 - L.A. Times reports AA groups in 14 California cities.
Oct 24, 1943 - Wilson's start 1st major A.A. tour, returned Jan 19, 1944.
Oct 24, 1973 - Trustee's Archives Committee of AA has its 1st meeting.
Oct 28, 1994 - National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence celebrates 50 years.

Significant November Dates in A.A. History

Nov 1934 - Ebby T. carries message to Bill.
Nov 1936 - Fitz M leaves Towns Hospital to become 'AA #3 in NY', with Bill W and Hank P.
Nov 1937 - Bill and Dr. Bob compare notes in Akron. Count forty cases staying sober. Meeting of the Akron Group to consider Bill's ideas for how to expand the movement ...a book, AA hospitals, paid missionaries. Passed by a majority of 2.
Nov/Dec 1939 - Akron group withdrawals from association with Oxford Group. Meetings moved from T Henry & Clarence Williams to Dr Bob and other members homes.
Nov 1941 - "First Mass AA Meeting" in Oklahoma City, 8 present, 1 was drunk.
Nov 1945 - Bill's article called 'Those Goof Balls' published in Grapevine.
Nov 1986 - Big Book published in paperback.
Nov 1, 1947 - 1st AA Group in Anchorage, Alaska.
Nov 1, 1963 - Reverend Sam Shoemaker dies.
Nov 3, 2001 - J P Miller who wrote screenplay for "The Days of Wine and Roses" died.
Nov 9, 1966 - President Johnson appoints Marty M to the 1st National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism.
Nov 10, 1940 - 1st AA group formed in Minneapolis.
Nov 10, 2001 - 1st of 400,000 4th Edition Big Books arrives in the mail.
Nov 11, 1934 - Armistice Day; Bill started drinking after dry spell, beginning of Bill's last drunk.
Nov 12, 1940 - 1st AA meeting is held in Boston.
Nov 13, 1939 - Bill wants to go to work at Towns Hsp, NY drunks want him to stay on as head of the movement.
Nov 14, 1940 - Alcoholic Foundation publishes 1st AA Bulletin.
Nov 15, 1949 - Bill W suggests that groups devote Thanksgiving week to dicussions of the 12 Traditions.
Nov 16, 1950 - Dr. Bob died.
Nov 18, 1946 - 1st Dublin Ireland group met.
Nov 21, 1939 - AA's in San Francisco hold 1st California AA meeting in the Clift Hotel.
Nov 21, 1952 - Willard Richardson, past Treasurer/Chairman of Alcoholic Foundation, dies.
Nov 26, 1895 - Bill W born in East Dorsett, VT.
Nov 26, 1939 - Dilworth Lupton gave sermon "Mr. X and Alcoholics Anonymous". Became one of first pamphlets on AA.
Nov 28, 1939 - Hank P writes Bill advocating autonomy for all AA groups.
Nov 28, 1943 - Bill guest speaker San Quentin Penitentiary. (sometimes dated Dec 2, 1943)

Significant December Dates in A.A. History

Dec 1934 - Bill & Lois start attending Oxford Group meetings.
Dec 1934 to May 1935 - Bill works with alcoholics, but fails to sober any of them. Lois reminds him HE is sober.
Dec 1938 - Twelve Steps written.
Nov/Dec 1939 - Akron group withdrawals from association with Oxford Group. Meetings moved from T Henry & Clarace Williams to Dr Bob and other members homes.
Dec 1939 - First AA group in mental institution, Rockland State Hospital, NY.
Dec 1939 - 1st home meeting in Los Angeles at Kaye M.'s house.
Dec 1939 - Matt Talbot Club has 88 members, uses wagons to collect old furniture to recondition & sell, not A.A., used

A.A. program, material, marked 1st effort reach alcoholics outside married middle-class category.

Dec 1940 - 1st AA group formed in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dec 1940 - group started Ashtabula, Ohio due to Plain Dealer articles. A.A. Cleveland has about 30 groups.

Dec 1948 - Dr. Bob's last major talk, in Detroit.

Dec 1950 - Grapevine article signed by both Bill and Dr Bob recommend establishing AA General Service Conference.

Dec 1955 - 'Man on the Bed' painting by Robert M. first appeared in Grapevine. Painting originally called 'Came to Believe'

Dec 1982 - Nell Wing retires from GSO after 35 years of service.

Dec 1, 1940 - Chicago Daily Tribune begins a series of articles on AA by Nall Hamilton.

Dec 5, 1985 - Dave B, founder of Montreal Group dies weeks before 50th anniversary. His story added to the 4th Edition Big Book.

Dec 6, 1939 - Bert the Tailor lends Works Publishing \$1000.

Dec 6, 1979 - Akron Beacon reports death of Henrietta Sieberling.

Dec 7, 1949 - Sister Ignatia received Poverello Medal on behalf of A.A.

Dec 10, 1975 - Birds of a Feather AA group for pilots is formed.

Dec 11, 1934 - Bill admitted to Towns Hosp 4th/last time (fall '33, '34 in summer, midsummer and final admittance).

Dec 11, 1941 - Dallas Morning News reports 1st AA group formed In Dallas.

Dec 12, 1934 - Bill has Spiritual Experience at Towns Hospital.

Dec 12, 1937 - Bill meets with Rockefeller Foundation and tries to get money.

Dec 13, 1937 - Rockland State Mental Hospital takes patients to meeting in New Jersey.

Dec 13 or 14, 1934 - Ebby visited Bill at hospital, brought William James's book, "Varieties of Religious Experience".

Dec 19, 1939 - Los Angeles holds their 1st AA meeting.

Dec 20, 1945 - Rowland H dies (he carried the Oxford Group message to Ebby).

Dec 27, 1893 - Rev Samuel Shoemaker is born.