

## A.A. History in December

### 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. His story was added to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Hospital for the fourth and last time (fall '33, '34 in summer, midsummer and final admittance).

### Dec 11

1941 - Dallas Morning News reports first 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 visits Bill at Towns hospital, brings William James' book, *Varieties of Religious Experience*.

Dec 19

1939 - Los Angeles holds their first AA meeting there.

Dec 20

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

Dec 27

1893 - Rev. Samuel Shoemaker is born.

### **Other December happenings with no specific date:**

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 withdraws from association with Oxford Group. Meetings moved from T. Henry & Clarence Williams' home to Dr Bob and other members' homes.

Dec 1939 - First AA group in mental institution, Rockland State Hospital, NY.

Dec 1939 - First 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 first effort reach alcoholics outside married, middle-class category.

Dec 1940 - First 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.