

# *A.A. History in March*

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## **March 1**

1939 -- Readers Digest declined to write article on AA.

1941 - Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article was published and membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 by year's end.

## **March 3**

1947 -- Nell Wing started work at Alcoholic Foundation, 415 Lexington Avenue, NYC.

## **March 4**

1891 -- Lois W. was born.

1947 -- Nell Wing met Bill W. for the first time.

## **March 5**

1945 -- Time Magazine reported first of a series of Detroit radio broadcasts by AA members.

## **March 7**

1940 -- Bill and Lois W. visited Philadelphia AA group.

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 reported on an AA member from NY who wanted to form a group in Wichita, KS.

## **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 -- First AA group in New Haven, CN, was formed.

## **March 16**

1940 -- Alcoholic Foundation and Works Publishing moved from Newark to 30 Vesey St. in lower Manhattan.

## **March 21**

1881 -- Dr. Bob's wife, Anne, was born.

1966 -- Ebby T., whom Bill W. called his sponsor, died sober.

## **March 22**

1951 -- William Duncan Silkworth, MD, died at Towns Hospital. He helped more than 40,000 alcoholics during his lifetime.

1984 -- Clarence S., "Home Brewmeister," died at 81.

## **March 23**

1936 -- Bill & Lois W. visited Fitz M., "Our Southern Friend," in Maryland.

1940 -- Lois W. paid her first visit to the office on Vesey Street in NYC.

## **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.

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

1936 - AA had 10 members staying sober. At end of 1936 AA had 15 members.

1940 - Mort J. arrived in LA from Denver and helped faltering group; started custom of reading Chapter 5 Big Book at Cecil group.

1941 - 1st Prison AA Group was formed at San Quentin.

1941 - Second printing of Big Book appeared.

1946 - The March of Time film on AA was produced.

1949 - Dr. Bob considers idea of AA conference premature.

1951 - American Weekly publishes memorial article for Dr. Bob.