

Thanks to Joe D. in Salem, Or

May 1 1939 - Lois and Bill Wilson left their home at 182 Clinton St., Brooklyn.

1940: Rollie H, Cleveland Indians, first anonymity break on national level.

1941 - First Wisconsin AA meeting was held in a Milwaukee hotel.

May 2

1941 - Jacksonville, FL, newspaper reported start of a new AA group.

1941 - First meeting was held in San Bernardino, California.

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

May 3

1941 - First AA group formed in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1943 - 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.

1946 - Marty Mann explained Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism on the "We the People" radio show.

May 5

1940 - Washington, DC, Sunday Star reported formation of first AA group in the District of Columbia.

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. **1946:** The long form of the "Twelve Traditions" was published in the AA Grapevine.

May 7

1956 - The first English AA Convention was held in Cheltenham, England.

May 8

1943 - Akron AA group had its 8th anniversary celebration with 500 present and sober.

1971 - Bill Wilson was 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.

1946 - Searcy W. had his last drink. (Searcy died September 30, 2003.)

May 11

1935 - From the Mayflower Hotel, Bill Wilson called Walter Tunks who referred him to Henrietta Seiberling who introduced Bill to Dr. Bob.

1939: First group to officially call itself Alcoholics Anonymous met at Abby G's house in Cleveland. (some sources say the 18th)

May 12

1935 - Mothers' Day - Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith met for the first time in Akron, Ohio, at the home of Henrietta Seiberling.

May 14

1948 - Long Beach, California. Central Office was opened.

1998 - Sybil C., first woman to enter A.A. west of the Mississippi, died. Her date of sobriety was March 23, 1941. Her name at the time was Sybil Maxwell, though she later opened her talks by saying, "My name is Sybil Doris Adams Stratton Hart Maxwell Willis C., and I'm an alcoholic."

May 15

1961 - Bill Wilson's mother, Dr. Emily Strobell, died.

May 16

1941 - Ruth Hock learned that Joe W. (credited with coming up with the name Alcoholics Anonymous) had a "wet brain."

May 17

1942 - The Journal-Herald in Dayton, Ohio, ran a story on A.A. with photos of members in Halloween masks to protect their anonymity.

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

May 18

1950 - Dr. Bob told Bill "I reckon we ought to be buried like other folks" after hearing that local A.A.'s wanted a huge memorial.

May 19

2000 - Dr. Paul Ohliger died at the age of 83. His story, "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict," was retitled "Acceptance Was the Answer," in the 4th edition.

May 22

1948 - Atlantic City Group celebrated its second anniversary with Dr. C. Nelson Davis of St. Luke's Hospital, Philadelphia, and other A.A.s speaking.

May 28

1974 - The first World Service meeting of AA outside of America was held in London.

May 29

1980 - "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers," AAWS biography of AA co-founder and a history of early Mid-west AA, was published.

May 31

1938 - Bill and other AA's began writing the Big Book.