



THE
SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL
SOCIETY OF CALGARY



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From the President

This past year has seen a wonderful blossoming of activities at the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary. We are now back in full operational (volunteer!) mode with a nice array of activities for students and also student awards: sponsorship of the Sir Winston Churchill high school debates, our awards for Mount Royal University Moot Court winners, and painting scholarships for two students at the Alberta University of the Arts.

All of this reflects the interests and priorities of Sir Winston Churchill. Churchill was naturally combative and thought debating was an excellent way to get to a better world—forcing himself, his political opponents, his wartime staff, and others to think through a matter. He of course was also a proficient painter, thus our scholarship for young artists.

Another prime minister, not Churchill, once said in response to a journalist query, “What do you most fear?” –“Events my dear boy, events.”

The past year has also been one of dancing with events. Our plan to unveil the Churchill statue and hold a dinner with Randolph Churchill III was upended by various delays, just as it was previously by the pandemic. However, we are now on our way to an unveiling next year and a memorial dinner with Winston Churchill’s great-grandson.

That memorial dinner will take place on June 6, 2024, the 80th anniversary of the largest and most consequential invasion ever launched—D-Day, the invasion of Europe by the allies on June 6, 1944. That invasion was the spearhead that established a beachhead in Europe and allowed Canadians, the British and American troops, and all our allies to go on to defeat Nazi Germany 11 months later.

We will celebrate that momentous occasion next June 6th with Randolph Churchill III. We are very privileged to have him in Calgary that day to do so. Look for more details in the new year

I would personally like to thank each of the board members and other volunteers for their service over this past year. Whether high school debates, moot court, art scholarships for students, events such as socials and dinners, editing and proofing a newsletter, fundraising, upkeep of the website, communication, processing and accounting of finances, or taking minutes and much more, all such activities are carried on by volunteers. My sincere thank you to all of you, for carrying on with such service in service to the leadership and legacy of Winston Churchill.

– Mark Milke, president

57th Annual Memorial Dinner & Fundraising Banquet

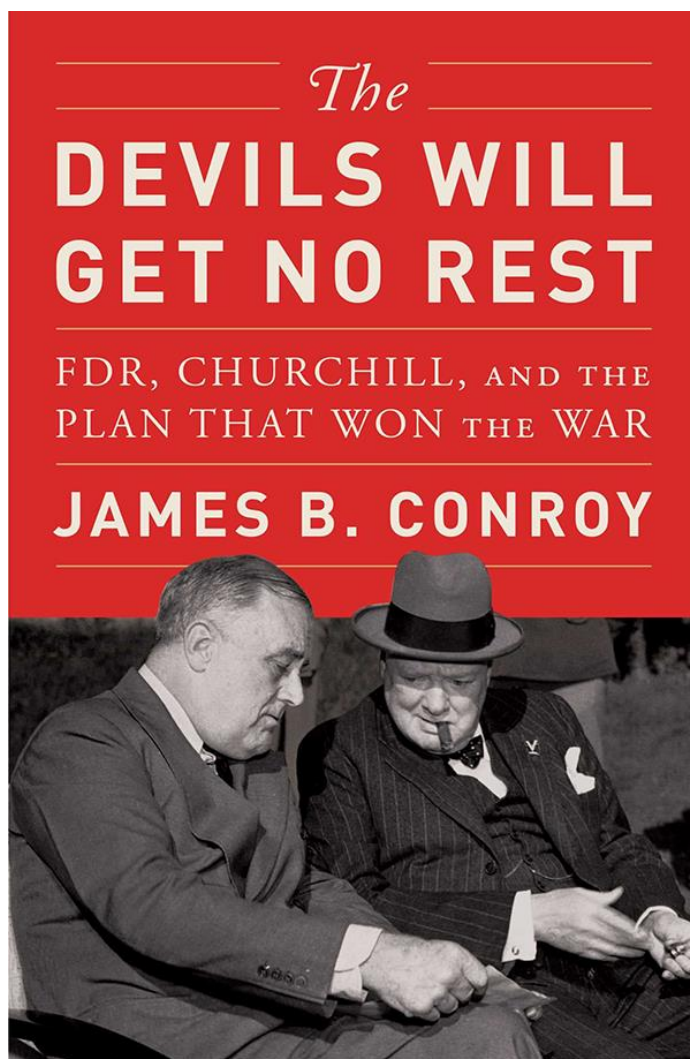
We will hold this year's Annual Memorial Dinner on November 2nd 2023 at the Ranchman's club. Our keynote speaker will be author James B. Conroy.

James B. Conroy will address his new book: *"The Devils Will Get No Rest, FDR, Churchill, and the Plan That Won the War."* A profile of the book:

In January 1943, Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and their divided high command met in secret at Casablanca in an active Moroccan war zone to plan the defeat of Germany, Italy, and Japan at the turning point of World War II. Enclosed by barbed wire at a commandeered resort hotel, protected by British marines and elite American troops, they produced a winning strategy after ten days of sharp disagreement, intense sibling rivalry, and often heated argument and turned an alliance of convenience into an Anglo-American bond.

Tickets are \$250 for Churchill Society members and \$300 for all guests. To purchase dinner tickets, please register online at www.churchillcalgary.ca by noon on October 24th. Members of the Society are eligible for discounted dinner tickets.

To buy tickets click [here](#). To join as a member for \$30.00, please click on our Membership page [here](#).



To find out more about James B. Conroy, please click the [link here](#).

Moot court report: Ms. Kim Davies

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary sponsors the Moot Court at the Mount Royal University with \$1,000 awards to three students (in most years) who are judged as the winners from that competition and essays. The Moot Court focuses on the intersection of law and politics in the judicial process through the examination of historical Supreme Court of Canada decisions.

The winners of the November 24, 2022 Moot Court were Leonardo Galindo, Andrea Niemann and Kellie Whitman. The MRU students stated their cases in the ceremonial courtroom at Calgary Courts Centre to appeal the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling (*R v Stairs* 2022 SCC11). It centered around whether a search incident to arrest in the accused's home violated his s.8 right against unreasonable search and seizure, and if so whether the evidence obtained was admitted or excluded under s.24(2) of the Charter. The Supreme Court of Canada changed the standard for justifying such searches in future, and our students were to consider what the appropriate standard should be.

[The next Moot Court will be held November 23, 2023 at 4:30 pm, at the Court of King's Bench Law Courts in downtown Calgary. courtroom TBA.](#) The case will be *R v Beaver* 2022 SCC 54. It deals with a confession obtained by police, and whether it was obtained in violation of s.10 [right to counsel] and s.9 [arbitrary detention], and if so, whether the evidence obtained should be excluded under s.24(2). Results of this debate will be announced early in 2024 and winners will be announced in the spring newsletter.

High school debate report: Ms. Elisa Frank

The High School National Debate Championship was hosted in Calgary at Western Canada High School in Calgary this past April. Some of our Churchill society debate volunteers were able to help judge this event.

Thank you to Liz Gibbs and Taylor Amonson for helping with this event.

We are looking forward to sponsoring the Sir Winston Churchill High School debate tournament again this fall. This year it will be held on November the 18th, 2023. For those of you interested in volunteering to judge at this event, please provide your contact information through our website, no experience necessary, training is provided the day of the tournament.

The Churchill Alberta university of the arts scholarship program

Since the fall semester of 2021, the Society has sponsored a scholarship program for deserving students entering the second-and third-year painting majors at the Alberta University of the Arts (AUarts).

Selected students are nominated based upon their excellence in academic and studio work during the previous academic year.

In addition to a \$1,000 award, winning students are presented with the book *Churchill – The Statesman As Artist* (edited by David Cannadine) and have been invited to attend the Annual Society Dinner-gratis- as guests of the Society.

Scholarship winners for the 2022-23 academic year are Emily Stenger and Lauren Brown.

"If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time."

- Sir Winston Churchill, 1919, advice to the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII.

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary is an all-volunteer charitable organization founded in 1966, in the wake of Churchill's death in 1965. It has always been supported by those who offer "sweat equity" and financial contributions to ensure the principles and practice of a free society endure and are passed on to subsequent generations.

On behalf of the board of directors of the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary, I would like to thank you as members and supporters for such contributions.

Lastly, note that our annual general meeting will be held at the Ranchmen's Club on Monday November 6th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Kind regards,

Mark Milke, President

Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary



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The Society's Mission Statement

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary exists to promote students' facility in the use of the spoken and written word emphasizing oratorical and communication skills as exemplified by the debates, speeches and writings of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.

The Society also exists to preserve and promote the legacy of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill, including his achievements in the face of tyranny and the preservation of freedom, and in so doing commemorate his leadership and achievements.

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