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THE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY OF CALGARY *Newsletter*

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Hello everyone and I hope late winter and early spring finds you well.

Our many events

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary had a busy and productive year. Last May, the society hosted Dr. Dr. André Gerolymatos to speak on "Churchill and the Greeks". At our fall dinner, in November, Dr. John von Heyking's topic was Comprehensive Judgment and Absolute Selflessness: Winston Churchill on Politics as Friendship."

My sincere thanks to the committee members who organized both events and a special "thank you" to Mr. Randy Iversen: Each year, it is Mr. Iversen who shepherds the rest of us; he is often also the one "licking" the stamps and sending out the paper invitations to the membership.

Moot Court

In fall, the Society courtesy of board member Ms. Lori Williams, the Society's liaison, helped facilitate the moot court debate. On November 24, Mount Royal University students conducted an appeal of the Supreme Court Decision in ***R. v. Morelli***, a case calling into question whether an information to obtain a warrant (ITO) was so unjustifiably misleading as to render the subsequent warrant and search a violation of s. 8, the right against unreasonable search and seizure. A majority on the Supreme Court of Canada concluded that there was a s. 8 violation and that the evidence should be excluded under s. 24(2).

Our student justices, lawyers and journalists wrestled with whether or not a s. 8 violation occurred, and if so whether to exclude the evidence under s. 24(2). In one of the moot hearings the Supreme Court decision was overturned; in the other it was upheld. These moot court hearings were presided over by 'Chief Justices' Harry Van Harten and Paul Mason.

High school debates

Another important annual event, the Churchill high school debates, took place on November 26. Board member Ms. Elisa Frank was the Society's liaison and notes that the debate topic was: "Operation Unthinkable", as proposed by Sir Winston Churchill, should have been supported and implemented on July 1, 1945." Ms. Nancy Rehder from Sir Winston Churchill School puts in many hours organizing the tournament this year (and every year). The winners were:

- Beginner Speakers: 1st : Sarah Zaitlan (Churchill); 2nd :James Wang (Churchill); 3rd Ben Bernhardt (Wisewood);
- Open Speakers: 1st Jack Dai (Churchill); 2nd: Sana Samadi (Western); 3rd :Shayan Hemati (Webber).
- Beginner Team: 1st: Lucas Ion & Atharva Kulkarni (Western); 2nd: Elaine Wang & RunLin Wang (Churchill); 3rd: Indraneel Kulkarni & Johnson Su (Churchill)
- Open Team: 1st: Jennah Montani & Nashid Islam (Churchill); 2nd: Sunint Bindra & Obayd Shams (Churchill); 3rd:Leo Mehta & Jun Kim (Western)

Please note all the winners in the picture below.



In late November, the Society once again hosted a scotch social at the Mewata Armoury Officer's Mess, preceded by our annual general meeting. The social was organized by board member Mr. Devin Iversen and Mrs. Christian Iversen, to whom we are grateful.

This past year, Dr. Ted Morton retired from the board and we thank him for his service. At the annual general meeting, Mr. David Holmes joined the board. As of early December, Mr. Steven Robertson announced his intention to retire from the president's role. On behalf of the board, we all wish to thank him for his three years of service. Mr.

Robertson's steady hand and direction ensured the Society's events were always well-attended and that the Society's finances remained solid.

Your new board

As of early December 2016, the new board consisted of the following members: President: Mark Milke, Vice President: James Maxim; Past President: Steven T. Robertson; Board Secretary: Peggy Anderson; Treasurer: Greg Stebbe; Executive Treasurer: Landis McEwan; Communications: Devin Iversen; Mount Royal University Liaison: Lori Williams; High School Debate Liaison: Elisa Frank; Membership: Randall Iversen. Directors at Large are: Justice Bruce McDonald, Robert W. Thompson, Major Peter Boyle, Blair Mason, John Bancroft MBE, CQC, QCB, Sam Armstrong, Christopher Simpkins, and David Holmes.

Looking ahead to 2017: May 25 dinner/other

I am pleased to announce the return of a Churchill Society favourite, **Dr. David Bercuson**. **He will give the address at our annual back tie spring dinner, to be held this year on May 25.** (Invitations will be sent soon.) The author and historian will explore and enlighten us on Winston Churchill's "indirect approach". As Dr. Bercuson notes, "Mr. Churchill showed from the Turkish campaign in the First World War to his continuing efforts in the Second World War, he favoured fighting on the periphery over "going right at them." Dr. Bercuson will expand on what this meant in both wars on the ground and in Great Britain's relationship with the United States.

R. v. Saeed Requirements for obtaining a genital swab

On March 30 2017 at 4:30 there will be two moot court exercises involving appeals of the June 2016 Supreme Court judgment in ***R. v. Saeed***, considering whether a warrant is required to conduct a genital swab, or whether such searches can be conducted 'incident to arrest'. The Supreme Court of Canada majority ruled that the search could be conducted without a warrant, and that no s. 8 infringement occurred.. Mount Royal students will decide whether the search conducted in this case breached the s. 8 right against unreasonable search and seizure, and if so, whether to exclude the evidence under s. 24(2). Our 'Chief Justices' for these hearings will be Alberta Court of Appeal Justice Brian O'Ferrall and Provincial Court Judge Catherine Skene.

Churchill society members interested in watching the moot hearings are welcome to join us. Two ceremonial rooms have been booked (1802 and 1702) at the Court Centre at 601- 5 St SW, on March 30th. Churchill society members interested in watching the moot hearings are welcome to join us.

Your involvement

I wish to thank you, the members, for your continued membership renewals, ticket purchases, additional charitable contributions and involvement. Please know that your support allows the Society (in a healthy financial state) to sponsor important events and future leaders, such as those participating in the Churchill high school debates.

Your board is actively seeking new ways the Society might have additional, positive impact in the future. To that end, I would highlight two requests on behalf of the board:

- The Society can always use additional volunteers. I understand the fall high school debate in particular would be pleased to welcome additional judges.
- Also, please see enclosed (or [online](#) if you receive this by e-mail) a questionnaire. The Churchill Society is now entering its 51st year. The board would welcome your feedback on how we might, in the future, preserve and promote the legacy of Sir Winston Churchill. Please fill out the enclosed form (or go online to the link above if you receive this by e-mail) by April 15. Responses are anonymous. We will share the results with you in a future newsletter.

On behalf of the board, and I look forward to seeing everyone on May 25th.

Best regards,

Mark Milke
President
Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary