



# *Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary*

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President: Robert W. Thompson QC

## **Randolph Churchill**

**To Address Calgary Churchillians**



**The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet of the Sir Winston Churchill  
Society of Calgary**

**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00 pm  
The Ranchmen's Club at 710 – 13th Ave SW**

## **Randolph Churchill**

Randolph was born in January 1965 shortly before the death of his great grandfather, Sir Winston Churchill. After attending Harrow Randolph undertook a short service commission in the Royal Navy and served as Gunnery Officer of HMS Alderney in the coastal protection squadron. On completion of the Navigating Officer Course he was appointed Navigator of HMS Swallow in the Hong Kong Squadron and promoted to Lieutenant. Subsequently, Randolph attended Buckingham University where he was awarded a degree in Financial Management and Accountancy, before joining Deloitte and Touche where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

In 1995 Randolph joined Lazard Asset Management, becoming Director of the Charities Division. In 2000 Randolph joined Schroder Private Bank and in 2003 he moved to Rathbones where he is an Investment Director.

Randolph is a Trustee of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Director of the Armed Services Charities Advisory Company (that oversees the investment for over 100 service charities), Trustee of the Churchill Archives Centre, Trustee of the Churchill Centre and a Patron of the UK National Defence Association. Randolph and his wife Catherine have four children and live in Kent.

## From the President's Desk:

Robert W. Thompson QC

The year 2011 - 2012 has been a very productive one for your Society. Our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Banquet was held at the Ranchmen's Club on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 and featured **Major-General Sir Robert Corbett**. Sir Corbett's address was entitled "**The Wicked Wit of Churchill**" and by all accounts was an excellent address that was warmly received by those in attendance.

At the Society's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** held on **November 7, 2011**, two new directors were elected to our board, those being Codie Chisholm and Chris Terarski. The 2011 - 2012 Officers and Board of Directors consists as follows:

President	Robert W. Thompson, QC
Past President	Justice J.D. Bruce McDonald
Exec. Treas.	Herb Snowdon, CA
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Treasurer	Gregory Stebbe
Secretariat	Randall Iversen
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In addition, at the first meeting of the directors following the AGM, a new office of **Vice President** was created. It has yet to be filled.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to acknowledge and thank our retiring Director at Large, C. Derek Lester for his years of service on behalf of the Society.

This year, as in years past, the Society has actively supported both the **Moot Court** program conducted through the auspices of **Mount Royal University** and the various **High School Debating Programs** that we have traditionally sponsored over the years. The Society also makes a financial contribution to the "**Stay in School**" program conducted at St. Mary's High School and Forest Lawn High School in Calgary.

In 2011 the Society was able to expand its list of supported programs and provided a \$2,500 donation to the **Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra** in support of its' musical special event "**Afghanistan: Requiem for a Generation**". This special event will be held on November 9 and 10, 2012. The donation will be used to purchase tickets for soldiers to attend the event.

In 2012 or 2013 the Society is hoping to add another worthy endeavor to its list of projects. The Society is interested in purchasing a bronze bust of Sir Winston Churchill to display at the Sir Winston Churchill High School.

John C Armstrong is heading up this years' donation drive to increase the Society's endowment at the **Calgary Foundation**. To date the **Calgary Foundation Fund** has received in excess of \$5,000, which will be contributed to the \$52,500 we have already collected. The interest earned on those funds is used to support the Society's speech and debate programs. We are constantly seeking additional support by way of donation, testamentary gifts and life insurance planning. All contributions are entitled to a charitable receipt.

This year as well your Society sponsored along with the **Mount Royal University** and the **Calgary Jewish Foundation** a film presentation called "**Walking with Destiny**" at Mount Royal University on February 29, 2012. This film highlighted Sir Winston Churchill's support for the Jewish people and his unwavering opposition to extremism during World War II.

Finally, this year's Memorial Banquet will be held on May 8, 2012 - again at the Ranchmen's Club - and will feature **Randolph Churchill III** (great grandson of Sir Winston Churchill) whose address is entitled "**Churchill, European Unity and Economic Turmoil**". We anticipate that this will be a sold-out event so you should purchase your tickets early.



## Annual Churchill Society High School Debate Results

By: Randall Iversen

Each year our Society, the Calgary Herald, and Sir Winston Churchill High School cooperate in arranging an annual debate tournament for high school students in Calgary and surrounding region. The Society provides funding, the Calgary Herald provides trophies, and the school hosts and organizes the event.

The latest tournament was held on November 26, 2011 which was the nearest Saturday to Sir Winston's birthday.

The resolution debated always addresses some issue that involved Churchill. This year the issue was the Aliens Acts Bill of 1905. Members may know that it was on this issue that Sir Winston crossed the floor and joined the Liberal benches. The act sought to limit Jewish immigration into the United Kingdom and Churchill strongly opposed it. This part of his career was discussed somewhat at our most recent event, the *Walking with Destiny* film shown to members and others at Mount Royal University. The exact resolution debated was: Despite Churchill's strong support for open immigration policies via the Aliens Acts Bill of 1905, this House would further restrict immigration.

Before the debaters set off for their three rounds of debate they were greeted and addressed by our president, Robert Thompson, QC. The medal winners at this tournament are as follows:

### SENIOR HIGH BEGINNER CATEGORY:

**Gold** and winners of the **Herald Shield:**

**Paul Hong** and **Conrad Lowe** from William Aberhart High School

**Silver:**

**Balaji Sankaranarayanan** and **Arjun Nair** from Webber Academy

**Bronze:**

**Jeremy Foxcroft** and **Sergio Montanez** from Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School

**Top Speaker** and winner of the **Principal's Cup:**

**Arjun Nair**

### SENIOR HIGH ADVANCED CATEGORY:

**Gold** and winner of the **Senior Calgary Herald Trophy:**

**Vasanth Ranganathan** and **Shahriar Shams-Ansari** from Sir Winston Churchill High School (this is the second year in a row that this duo has won this trophy)

**Silver:**

**Karim Kurji** and **Colin Hill** from Sir Winston Churchill High School

**Bronze:**

**Kyler Chittick** and **Anita Chaudhry** from William Aberhart High School

**Top Speaker** and winner of the **Bredin Cup:**

**Vasanth Ranganathan** (also won last year)

We congratulate all the debaters who participated and we look forward to inviting the gold medal winners to attend our annual dinner. We would like to express our appreciation to Curtis Petrie and his colleagues at Sir Winston Churchill High School for organizing this tournament.

## Mount Royal University Moot Court Report

By: Lori Williams

Mount Royal University's Moot Court exercise involves an appeal of a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision involving Charter rights. The moot exercise is part of a political science course taken by students in policy studies, justice studies and a variety of other majors. MRU students act as justices, lawyers and journalists, presenting arguments and asking questions during the moot hearing, and deciding whether or not to allow the appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada. Each year we hold three moot court exercises, two in the fall semester, and one in the winter semester. Last winter the Churchill Society awarded the first ever Moot Court Scholarship to the top moot student, Kyle MacQuarrie at our annual banquet. This year we will award this scholarship for the top student in each of the three moot exercises.

### FALL 2011 and WINTER 2012: Access to Counsel during police questioning.

*R. v. Sinclair* raises the question of whether an accused is constitutionally entitled to continuous or repeated access to their lawyer during police interrogations [s. 10(b) of the Charter]. The Supreme Court majority ruled that an accused is entitled to only one consultation with counsel, allowing for reconsultation only when circumstances materially change. The dissenting justices profoundly disagreed with the majority position, arguing that it could preclude an accused from getting meaningful, informed legal advice. They were also concerned that such limited access could threaten other Charter rights, including the right to silence, to be presumed innocent, and against self-incrimination.

On Thursday, November 24, 2011 there were two separate appeals of this decision, with a majority in one moot group allowing the appeal, excluding Mr. Sinclair's confession and ordering a new trial. A majority in the second group found that, while there was a violation of Mr. Sinclair's right to counsel, it was not significant enough to warrant exclusion of evidence under s. 24(2), and they dismissed the appeal. Just as the Supreme Court of Canada had been, our student justices were divided on whether there had been a violation of rights and whether or not the evidence should be excluded.

On Thursday, March 29, 2011 at 4:30 we will again convene to appeal the decision in *R. v. Sinclair*. Churchill Society members are welcome to attend.

These exercises are collaborative efforts, and would not be possible without the support of Alberta Court justices, Bennett Jones, Foster LLP and the Crown Prosecutor's office. We extend thanks to Justice Patrick Sullivan from the Court of Queen's Bench and Justice Bruce McDonald from the Alberta Court of Appeal (and former Churchill Society president) for serving as Chief Justices in our moot court exercises. We are also grateful for the guidance and support of Bennett Jones counsel Michael Mysak, Jason Roth, Laurel Lui, Allison Sears, Codie Chisholm, Christine Plante, Chelsea Hermanson and Pui Hong, and Brendan Miller from Foster LLP and Mike Ewanson from the Crown Prosecutor's office.

## [Walking with Destiny Screening](#)

By: Lori Williams

On Wednesday, February 29, 2012 we held a screening of the film 'Walking with Destiny' at Mount Royal University. This Moriah Films production highlighted Churchill's prescience in recognizing the threat posed by the rise of Nazism, his principled opposition to anti-Semitism, his return from the political wilderness to lead the allies in World War II, and his support for the creation of a Jewish state. The film, narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley contains rare footage and lesser known details of Churchill's leadership, and the stand taken against the Nazis by Britain and her allies.

An audience of about 170 was greeted by Churchill Society President Bob Thompson and Jeff Smith, Community Relations Chair of the Calgary Jewish Federation.

A question and answer session after the film featured Kori Street, Professor of history, Director of Programs at the Shoah Foundation Institute, and a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces. The question period was moderated by Marc Chikinda, Mount Royal University's Dean of Communications.

A reception followed, hosted by the Calgary Jewish Federation, allowing participants to engage in informal discussions about the film.

## [Churchill Society Website](#)

By: Devin Iversen

The society has updated its website with a new look and a few useful tools to better serve our members. You can now **RSVP for our annual banquet** and **sign-up as a new member through the website**. You might also want to visit the video section to view some of Churchill's speeches.

[www.WinstonChurchillAB.org](http://www.WinstonChurchillAB.org)

