



Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary

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President: Robert W. Thompson QC

Lynne Olson

To Address Calgary Churchillians



The 47th Annual Banquet of the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary

**Saturday, June 8th, 2013 at 6:00 pm
The Ranchmen's Club at 710 – 13th Ave SW**

"Racing Against Time: Roosevelt, Churchill, Lindbergh, and America's Fight Over World War II." Ms. Olson's address will focus on the 1939-1941 debate in the U.S. over whether to help Britain and enter the war -- a bitter, sometimes violent clash of personalities and ideas that polarized the country and ultimately determined the fate of the free world.

Lynne Olson

Lynne Olson has been a reporter and writer since shortly after her graduation from the University of Arizona. In 1971, she went to work for the Associated Press in Salt Lake City, and in 1972, transferred to the AP's San Francisco bureau, where she specialized in feature writing. Later that year, Olson was named to AP's top feature writing team in New York, which focused on writing stories about the country's rapidly changing social mores. In 1973, she was asked by the AP to become the wire service's first woman correspondent in Moscow, and she moved to the AP's foreign desk to prepare for the assignment. She was based in Moscow from 1974 to 1976, concentrating on feature stories but also covering such news events as the Apollo-Soyuz space mission and President Nixon's visit to the Soviet Union. In 1976, Olson was reassigned to Washington, where she was chosen to cover Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign.

After Carter became president, Olson joined the Washington bureau of the Baltimore Sun, where she covered national politics and eventually the White House. In 1981, she quit the Sun to become a freelance writer. She also taught journalism for five years as an assistant professor at American University in Washington.

Olson and her husband, Stanley Cloud, are co-authors of *The Murrow Boys*, which was named one of the best books in 1996 by Publishers Weekly. Olson's second book, *Freedom's Daughters*, won a Christopher Award in 2002. Olson joined with Cloud again to write *A Question of Honor: The Kosciuszko Squadron: Forgotten Heroes of World War II*, published in September 2003. Olson's fourth book, *Troublesome Young Men: The Rebels Who Brought Churchill to Power and Helped Save England*, was named one of the top 10 books of 2007 by New York Times book reviewer William Grimes. Her latest book, *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour* was published by Random House in February 2010. Her new book, to be published in March 2013, is about the very rancorous 1939-1941 debate in the U.S. about whether to go to the aid of Britain and get involved in the war. It's called "Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh and America's Fight Over World War II." It's a fascinating story.

From the President's Desk:

Robert W. Thompson QC

The year 2012 - 2013 has been a very productive one for your Society. Our 46th Annual Memorial Banquet was held at the Ranchmen's Club on May 8h 2012. The honoured guest was **Randolph Churchill III** (great grandson of Sir Winston Churchill) whose address was entitled "**Churchill, European Unity and Economic Turmoil**". This was a sold out event 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 **October 16, 2012**, one new director was elected (Steve Robertson). The 2012 - 2013 Officers and Board of Directors consists as follows:

President	Robert W. Thompson, QC
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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.

A **Winter Musicale** was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at the Ranchman's Club. The event featured a three-course meal and a 45-minute music presentation by **Michael Hope**, a long-time member of the **Calgary Philharmonic**. The recital was organized into three parts, to recognize the three stages of Sir Winston Churchill's career. It was regarded as a wonderful evening by all who attended.



John C Armstrong is heading up this year's donation drive to increase the Society's endowment at the Calgary Foundation. Currently there is \$58,000 deposited in our account. The interest earned on these 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.

The Society received a generous donation to support the **Churchill Bust Project**. We intend on using these funds to commission a bust to display at the **Sir Winston Churchill High School**.

Finally, this year's Memorial Banquet will be held on **Saturday, June 8, 2012** - again at the Ranchmen's Club - and will feature **Lynne Olson** whose address is entitled "**Racing Against Time: Roosevelt, Churchill, Lindbergh and America's Fight Over World War II**". Ms. Olson has written many excellent books on WWII including *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Brian in Its Darkest, Finest Hour* and *Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh and America's Fight Over World War II*.

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 under the auspices of the Alberta Debate and Speech Association.

The latest tournament was held on November 24, 2012 which was the nearest Saturday to Sir Winston's birthday. One hundred and twelve students from ten Calgary area high schools debated three rounds each in the tournament. This was made possible by the contributions of over sixty student volunteers who officiated and over eighty adult volunteers who judged the debates.

The resolution to be debated always addresses some issue that involved Churchill. This year the issue was middle eastern borders. The exact resolution was: This House Believes That Churchill's design of Iraq at the 1921 Cairo Conference was ill conceived.

Before the debaters set off for their three rounds of debate they were greeted and addressed by our president, Robert Thompson, QC. He also congratulated the debaters at the end of their long day.

The medal winners at this tournament are as follows:

SENIOR HIGH BEGINNER CATEGORY:

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

Ian Chang and **Chizom Wali** from Webber Academy

Silver:

Jenifer Black and **Jocelyn Heaton** from William Aberhart High School

Bronze:

John Guan and **Sidharth Sivakumar** from Sir Winston Churchill High School

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

Natalya Rambold from William Aberhart High School

SENIOR HIGH ADVANCED CATEGORY:

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

Chris Salahub and **Ben Lukenchuk** from Webber Academy High School

Silver:

Richard Chen and **Curtis Law** from Sir Winston Churchill High School

Bronze:

Conrad Lowe and **Brianne Paterson** from William Aberhart High School

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

Richard Chen

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 Nancy Rehder and her colleagues at Sir Winston Churchill High School for organizing this tournament.



Above: Senior Advanced Winners



Right: Senior Advanced Top speakers



Above: Senior Beginner Winners



Left: Senior Beginner Top Speakers

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, researchers 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 year the Churchill Society awarded three Moot Court Scholarships to the top student in each moot exercise at our annual banquet. The winners were Christopher Abtosway, Deborah Alston, and Benjamin Phillips. The winners from this fall and winter will be announced at our Banquet on June 8, 2013.

FALL 2012 and WINTER 2013: Exclusion of evidence obtained in violation of Charter rights.

***R. v. Morelli*: Validity of a search warrant based on flawed information**

On November 29, 2012 we 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 the s. 8 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 obtained under s. 24(2). In both November moot hearings the Supreme Court decision was overturned. These moot court hearings were presided over by 'Chief Justices' Patrick Sullivan and Bryan Mahoney, with some student justices concluding that there was no s. 8 violation, some that there had been a violation but that the evidence should nevertheless be admitted, and a minority finding, as the Supreme Court did, that the evidence should be excluded.

***R. v. Aucoin*: Legality of a roadside detention and search**

On Thursday April 4, 2013 we will be appealing the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *R. v. Aucoin*. This case asks whether a young man who had committed minor traffic offences could be lawfully detained in a police car, whether the search done before securing him in the cruiser violated his s. 8 right against unreasonable search and seizure and, if so, whether the evidence obtained should be excluded or admitted under s. 24(2). The Supreme Court unanimously agreed that there had been a s. 8 violation, reversing the lower courts on this question, but was split as to whether the evidence should be excluded. The majority concluded that the violation was relatively minor, and since the evidence was essential to convict Mr. Aucoin of a serious offense, the evidence should be allowed. Under the leadership of 'Chief Justice' Tilleman, our students will consider the arguments for and against the s. 8 violation, and whether the evidence should be admitted or excluded based on assessments of the severity of the violation and the seriousness of the offense alleged.

Churchill Society members are welcome to join us for the moot appeal of *R. v. Aucoin* on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 4:30 in Courtroom 1801.

These exercises are collaborative efforts, and would not be possible without the support of Alberta Court justices, Bennett Jones LLP, Walsh LLP and the Crown Prosecutor's office. We extend thanks to Justices Patrick Sullivan, Bryan Mahoney and William Tilleman from the Court of Queen's Bench 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, Allison Sears, Codie Chisholm, Chelsea Hermanson and Steve Spackman, and Brendan Miller from Walsh LLP and Mike Ewanson from the Crown Prosecutor's office.

Churchill Bronze Bust Project

By: Robert W. Thompson QC

The Society has received the generous donation of \$15,000 to commission a bronze bust of Sir Winston Churchill. This bust will be displayed at the Sir Winston Churchill High School.

The Society is working with well-respect Canadian sculpture Peter Sawatzky. Mr. Sawatzky has created many notable pieces including an outdoor sculpture entitled "Perilous Crossing" which overlooks the Red River and The Waterfront Park in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Churchill Society Website

The society is online. If you need to contact us or would like to know what events are coming up just look for our website:

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