



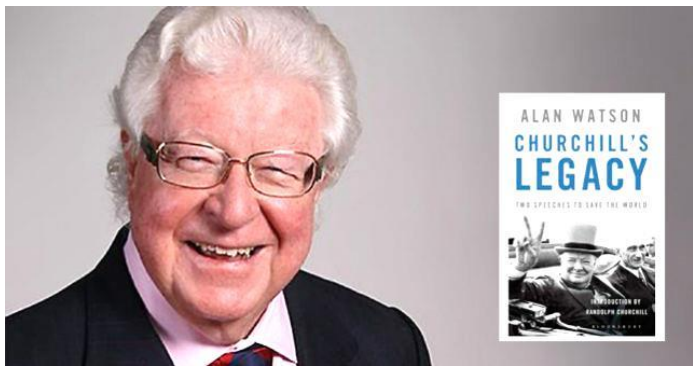
Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary

Founded 1966 Patron: Randolph Churchill III

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President: Dr. Mark Milke

52nd Annual Banquet to feature Lord Watson of Richmond



**The 52nd Annual Banquet of
the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary**

**Saturday, June 9th, 2018 at 6:00 pm
The Ranchmen's Club at 710 – 13th Ave. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta**

**Topic: 'Churchill's Legacy:
Two Speeches to Save the World'**

Lord Watson of Richmond

Lord Watson of Richmond, CBE, businessman, broadcaster, author and former President of the Liberal Party of the U.K., will be our speaker for the 52nd annual banquet on Saturday June 9, 2018 at the Ranchmen's Club.

Lord Watson will speak on 'Churchill's Legacy – Two Speeches to Save the World'. In 1946 Churchill gave two speeches that alerted the world to the threat posed by Stalin. Lord Watson will explain how and why Churchill exposed this threat, calling for U.S. and European unity. In Fulton and Zurich, Churchill presented a new prospect of recovery and hope – both for him as a political pioneer, and for the world.

Author of Churchill's Legacy: Two Speeches to Save the Word

Lord Watson is an award-winning BBC broadcaster, a partner in the multi-media consultancy and production company CTN Group, and a Fellow of the Royal Television Society. Lord Watson was elected as High Steward of Cambridge University for life in 2010. He is a Patron of the Churchill Archives at Churchill College and Chairman of the Cambridge Foundation. Lord Watson is also a Churchill Fellow at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri. A former President of the U.K. Liberal Party, he was appointed CBE in 1985 and raised to the peerage in 1999. He serves as the President of the British-German Association and Vice-President of the English Speaking Union.

From the President's Desk:

Mark Milke

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary has had a busy, productive and beneficial year for the community. Members will recall a survey sent out this time last year. Based on that and additional feedback, the board moved forward to create a strategic plan for the coming years. Almost complete, the already-approved elements of the plan involve focusing the board and Society on renewal and promotion of the Society with an eye to preserving and promoting the legacy of Prime Minister Churchill.

The board views renewal and an active promotion of Churchill's legacy as key to ensuring his legacy in the years and decades to come. To that end, the board has also approved new support for high school and college student debates. The board will also initiate a video competition whereby students can create a video of themselves giving a portion of a famous Churchill speech. A monetary award will be given to the top three winners. The videos will then be posted to social media where, we hope, they will go "viral".

In addition, the board has initiated an attempt to help set up a new Churchill Society in Kelowna B.C. and in partnership with the Churchill Society of British Columbia. In an era of criticism of past English and European leaders and influence, the aim of this is to not "stand still" but in fact to create a new organization, a new link, in Churchill societies around the world, in order to preserve and promote the Churchill legacy. If you know of people in Kelowna who might be willing to set up such a society, serve on the board, and/or of existing high school debates in Kelowna—something a Kelowna chapter could sponsor in the manner or society supports debates in Calgary, please write to me to advise of the same.

A spring 2019 trip to the United Kingdom

We are planning a trip to the United Kingdom and Normandy in late May and early June 2019. Details to come soon. For more information, Mr. Gordon Lang at gordon.lang@qblinc.ca or 403-249-1820.

In memoriam Mrs. Vera Swanson

I am sorry to note that Mrs. Vera Swanson passed away in early April. Long-time members will know that Vera and her late husband Frank (who passed away in 1990) were founding members of the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary in 1966 and Frank was a later president, as well as instrumental in the creation of the Washington D.C. chapter. Our condolences to David and Francine, and we remember the sacrifices of Vera and Frank alike, their time given to the Society and many other causes.



Board of Directors

A new board was elected at the Annual General Meeting in November 2017 and a new executive elected at the subsequent board meeting. The 2017-2018 officers and board of directors are as follows:

President	Mark Milke
Vice President	James Maxim
Past President	Steven T. Robertson
Executive Treasurer	Landis McEwan
Treasurer	Greg Stebbe
Secretary	David Holmes
Membership	Randall Iversen
Communications	Devin Iversen
Mount Royal University Liaison	Lori Williams
High School Debate Liaison	Elisa Frank
Directors at Large:	Sam Armstrong John Baycroft Gerald Chipeur Gordon Lang Tyler Shandro Roger Watson

The new mission statement

As part of our new strategic plan, that, the board has approved a modification to our 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.

Events and socials

As noted on the first page, our 52nd Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Ranchmen's Club.

Sincerely,

Mark Milke
President
Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary

Annual Churchill Society High School Debate Results

By: Elisa Frank

The annual Sir Winston Churchill Debate Tournament sponsored by the Society was held on November 25, 2017. Due to the illness of members of several team members the draw had to be redone at the beginning of the day. However, with some schedule adjustments the day ran smoothly thanks to the staff, students and volunteers from Sir Winston Churchill High School. This year we were proud to have five society members and associates as volunteer judges at the event. Randy Iversen gave remarks on behalf of the society at the closing awards ceremony.

This year's top award winners are as follows:

Medal winners: Senior Beginner:

Gold: Benjamin Beaudry and Sophia Spiropoulos - Bishop Carroll High School

Silver: Abigail Conrad and Riley Joffe - Western Canada High School

Bronze: Daniel Yang and Theo Lun - Sir Winston Churchill High School

Top Speaker: Ali Waseem - Sir Winston Churchill High School

Medal Winners: Senior Open (advanced):

Gold: Sunint Bindra and Hanbo Yu - Sir Winston Churchill High School

Silver: Chelli Shapiro and Brock Jekill - Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School

Bronze: Arsham Moradi and Zeel Patel - Western Canada High School

Top Speaker: Chelli Shapiro - Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the tournament and our appreciation to the staff and students of Sir Winston Churchill High School for hosting this event.



Senior open (Herald Trophy) winners Sunint Bindra and Hanbo Yu and debate coordinator Darren Kiziak

Mount Royal University Moot Court Report

By: Lori Williams

Mount Royal University's Moot Court exercise is an appeal of a recent Charter of Rights and Freedoms decision by the Supreme Court of Canada to a fictional higher court. 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 or four moot court exercises, two in the fall semester, and one or two in the winter semester. This academic year, we will hold four moot court exercises due to high student demand. At our annual banquet this June the Churchill Society will award four Moot Court Scholarships to the top moot students in each of the fall 2017 and winter 2018 moot exercises.

FALL 2017: Prisoner voting rights.

Sauvé v. Canada (Chief Electoral Officer)

On November 30, 2017 we conducted appeals of the Supreme Court's decision in a case considering whether prisoners should have the right to vote. Our student justices, lawyers and journalists engaged arguments regarding Canada's restrictions on inmates' voting rights, the infringement of the s. 3 right to vote, and whether there was a violation of s. 15 equality rights. The Crown conceded a s. 3 breach in this case, so the remaining questions were whether there was a s. 15 violation, and whether the restrictions could be justified as a reasonable limit under s. 1 of the Charter. Our presiding 'Chief Justices' were Justice David Gates and Robert Thompson.

WINTER 2017: Right to counsel and exclusion of evidence

R. v. Saeed

Our March 30, 2017 moots heard an appeal of the Supreme Court's recent ruling on whether a warrant is required to collect victims' DNA via a genital swab of a sexual assault suspect, or whether such searches could be conducted incident to arrest. The question centered around whether the search violated Mr. Saeed's s. 8 right against unreasonable search and seizure, and if so whether the evidence should be admitted or excluded under s. 24(2). The SCC majority found the search in this case did not infringe the s. 8 right, two justices did find a Charter breach, and one would have excluded the evidence using s. 24(2). 'Chief Justices' Brian O'Ferrall and Judge Catherine Skene presided over the hearings, and while our student justices were divided on whether Mr. Saeed's rights had been violated, the majority in both moot hearings decided to admit the evidence in this case in order to avoid bringing the justice system into disrepute.

These moot court exercises are unique educational opportunities enriched by members of Calgary's legal community. We are especially grateful to our 'Chief Justices'; Court of Appeal Justice Bryan O'Ferrall, Court of Queen's Bench Justices Jolaine Antonio and David Gates, Provincial Court Judges Harry Van Harten and Catherine Skene, and Robert Thompson. Thanks also to Bennett Jones counsel Jason Roth, Stephanie Clark, Kiran Fatima, Krista Gibson, Raphael Jacobs and Stephanie Ridge, and to Brendan Miller from Walsh LLP, Mike Ewanson from the Crown Prosecutor's office, and Detective Dave Sweet from the CPS.

Winter 2018: Whether privacy rights extend to text messages sent to another's phone.

R. v. Marakah

On March 22, 2018, we appealed the Supreme Court of Canada's December 2017 decision in *R. v. Marakah*. This case asked whether the sender of a text message had an objectively reasonable expectation of privacy in those messages on a recipient's device. The SCC majority found that such a right did exist, that text messages incriminating Mr. Marakah as a participant in firearms trafficking violated his s. 8 right against unreasonable search and seizure, and excluded the evidence under s. 24(2). There was a vigorous dissent at the SCC, providing a rich debate for consideration in our moot court exercise. Both moot court majorities allowed the appeal in part. They agreed with the SCC that there was a s.8 violation, but concluded that the evidence should be admitted, since without it the Crown's case was eviscerated, and Mr. Marakah would be acquitted. 'Chief Justices' Jolaine Antontio and Harry Van Harten presided over the moot hearings

A guest column: Andrew Roberts

There are plenty of critics of Winston Churchill and historian Andrew Roberts takes on some of the more recent ones. This column appeared on I-News, April 6, 2018.

The movie *Darkest Hour*, in which Gary Oldman won an Oscar playing Winston Churchill, has garnered many plaudits, and deservedly so. It introduced a new generation to Churchill and the inspiring story of 1940, reminding them of how Britain stood alone for a year against the might and fury of Nazi Germany. But it has also produced a vicious backlash against Churchill and all that he stood for, and unleashed an avalanche of vitriolic abuse, much of it ahistorical and ignorant.

It says more about our modern "fake history" culture than anything about Winston Churchill.

Churchill the monster?

A sub-editor on the *Indian Express*, Adrija Roychowdhury, wrote an article in the paper accusing the "unpopular racist" Churchill of, among other things, praising Mussolini, preferring Nazis to Communists, deliberately using the Bengal Famine to commit genocide, and using poison gas against Iraqi tribesmen.

These ancient tropes, long exploded by serious Churchill historians such as Sir Martin Gilbert and Richard Langworth, tend to be based on truncated quotes ripped out of context. Thus Churchill praised Mussolini for repaying Italy's war debts to Britain; he never once said he preferred Nazis to Communists; he did all he could to relieve the terrible Bengal Famine subject to the exigencies of the Japanese holding Burma and their submarines infesting the Bay of Bengal; and it was tear gas – not poison gas – that was used in Iraq. Then we had a Channel 4 programme, Churchill's Secret Affair, in which it was alleged – without any proof.

whatsoever, beyond ancient hearsay – that Churchill had cheated on his beloved wife Clementine with the sexy Lady Castlerosse. This was picked up in every newspaper, not least because it gave editors the opportunity to print photos of Doris Castlerosse's great-niece, Cara Delevingne. The allegations were based on a remark Churchill's private secretary, Sir Jock Colville, made before his death in 1985, but at no stage did Channel 4 admit he did not become Churchill's private secretary until after the alleged affair and that Churchill never spoke to him about it.

The *Toronto Star*, once a serious paper of record, meanwhile ran an article by its race and gender columnist Shree Paradkar about Churchill, "the barbaric monster with the blood of millions on his hands", and how he "lacerated the world with tragedies".

This perpetuated the myth that because Churchill made some remarks about Indians that today we would find racist – but which for a late-Victorian aristocrat were unexceptional – that he wanted to commit genocide. Yet Churchill was a man who was willing to risk his life on numerous occasions to defend northern Indian tribes, and who constantly gloried in the increase in the population of India as a reason to commend the British Raj as a success.

In an article in the *Washington Post* entitled "Hollywood Rewards a Mass Murderer", the ultra-nationalist Indian politician Shashi Tharoor claimed that Churchill "was one of the few British officials in favour of bombing Irish protesters, suggesting in 1920 that airplanes should use 'machine-gun fire or bombs' to scatter them." He was able to quote those five words of Churchill's, but didn't bother with the rest of the paragraph which shows that it was armed IRA murder squads that Churchill wanted to attack, not innocent Catholic demonstrators.

Hysteria

Of course Winston Churchill made many mistakes in his nearly two-thirds of a century in the public eye between first standing for parliament in 1899 and finally leaving it in 1964.

He can rationally be criticised from both the Right and Left for several serious errors of judgement, such as continuing with the Dardanelles Campaign for far too long, returning Britain to the Gold Standard, supporting King Edward VIII during the Abdication Crisis, and so on. These debates can be carried on temperately and with reference to the facts.

But this new strain and in all too many cases intellectually fraudulent abuse of him is indicative of a collapse in our modern political discourse, more unhinged internet trolling than reasoned criticism. Fortunately each of these assaults has been repelled with facts, figures and accurate, contextualised quotations. Next month the Oxford Union will be further dignifying the Churchill-abuse by debating the disgraceful, egregious motion "This House is Ashamed of Winston Churchill." -- Expect more hysteria.

