



Dear Fellow Canadian Churchillians:

New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members: Brian Gallery; Brian Grant; Gordon Overbaugh; David Bush; Roberta Simpson; Kenneth MacKay; Hartley Nathan; Paul Shelley and Stephen Ostapchuk.

Past Events

Annual Dinner - Thursday May 12th

For the third year in successful we had a sell out crowd. One hundred and sixty members and guests heard Randolph Churchill talk of his great grandfather in the Battle of Omdurman in 1898 and his criticism of Lord Kitchener, regarding the treatment of the wounded Dervishes. Randolph spoke of how touched his family was with the devotion to Sir Winston's memory in Canada and the United States, and the high quality of the *Finest Hour* magazine. Winston's mischievous nature was illustrated by a story told to Randolph by his late father: "Winston gave my father, also named Winston, when he was four years old, train sets for Christmas and said: 'Let's put two trains back to front and see them crash!' Also regarding his great grandfather's love of animals he would not have any raised on his farm killed stating: "I never eat anything that I say good morning to."

We are most grateful to our sponsors and we encourage members to support them – Norman Hardie Wines (www.normanhardie.com) ; Artisanal Wine Imports (www.artisanalwineimports.com) and Smokin Cigar Inc. (www.smokincigar.com). Also Solveig & Randy Barber; Joan & Bob Jarvis.

A successful initiative was arranged by Director, Gordon Walker. A luncheon at his home on May 12th. with Randolph Churchill in attendance. Twenty people attended and proceeds substantially improved the "Balance Sheet" of the Society.



Montreal Dinner May 13th

The new Chapter in Montreal also had Mr Churchill as the Speaker at their inaugural dinner, which attracted sixty people. Congratulations to Bruce Kippen and his organizing team.

Atlantic Charter Commemorative Event



For the 70 anniversary, the Atlantic Charter Foundation arranged a special event on August 14th. Details at www.atlanticcharter.ca. Our Chairman Randy Barber attended and presented Alphonse Griffiths, the self appointed curator of the Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, memorial site, with our annual recognition award for his great work in preserving the site. A report will be in our next issue.

Chartwell Bulletin

The Bulletin is now produced monthly and is downloaded to our web site. The July issue is on the site.

Recruit! Recruit

We enclosed two membership brochures with the Spring issue of *Finest Hour*. If you have not already done so we would much appreciate your distributing to possible future members. A membership form can also be downloaded from our web site.

Next Event

Attached is a flyer for “An Evening with Sir Winston” on October 12th. These are casual events and an enjoyable evening is guaranteed.

28th Annual Churchill Centre Conference

To be held in London, England from October 26th to 28th, 2011. Details on the Centre’s web site – www.winstonchurchill.org.

29th Annual Churchill Centre Conference

We are delighted to announce that next year’s Conference will be in Toronto, at the Royal York Hotel, from October 10th to 14th. Further details will be advised in due course.

Library of Parliament Display: March – June 2012

The Churchill Archives centre in Churchill College, Cambridge is arranging with the Library for a display to be presented with extracts from Churchill’s “Some Chicken: Some Neck” speech (extract below) which he delivered in the House of Commons, 40 years ago this 30 December 2011

From the Bookshelf – The Great Dominion by David Dilks

“The contribution of Canada to the imperial war effort, in troops, in ships, in aircraft, in food and in finance has been magnificent...The French Government had, at their own suggestion, solemnly bound themselves with us not to make a separate peace. It was their duty, and it also was their interest, to go to North Africa, where they would have been at the head of the French empire. In Africa with our aid they would have had overwhelming sea power...But their General mislead them. When I warned them that Britain would fight alone, whatever they did, their generals told their Prime Minister and his divided cabinet, ‘In three weeks England will have her neck wrung like a chicken.’ Some chicken! Some neck!”

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