



*The Sir Winston Churchill Society isn't all about the things Winston Churchill did in the past (however profound they may be.) It's about his convictions, his wit, his power to inspire and how those qualities are necessary in the world today. We want to incorporate his values and spread his ways. We want to share what we have learnt and discovered from him, with you.*

## CHURCHILL ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

Our topic for this year's competition was: "The year is 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic has been fully resolved, and you are the Prime Minister. What are your first three orders of business? Justify your responses."

Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 were invited to submit 750-word essays on this topic. The deadline for entries was March 5. The entries were reviewed by a volunteer panel of Churchill Society members. Entries were judged on their: originality - evidence of creative thinking, research, and insight; persuasiveness - clearly understood stance, use of astute evidence, and coherent argument; and polish - lack of spelling, grammatical, and formatting errors, and effective presentation.

We are pleased to announce the top three contestants:

First place went to Jolie Gan, a Grade 12 student at Sir Winston Churchill High School (Calgary)

Second place went to Christopher Situ, a Grade 11 student at Old Scona Academic in Edmonton

Third place went to Ciarra Harris, a Grade 12 student at Calmar Secondary School.

Our medalists will receive cash scholarship awards and will be honoured at our next Memorial Banquet.

Many thanks to all who submitted essays this year and made this competition a success. Our thanks and congratulations also go to our Director of Student Competitions, Ms. Navya Baradi, for her hard work and excellent leadership in planning and running this competition.



We are proud to now present our gold medalist essay, by Jolie Gan:

My fellow Canadians,

It is with great pleasure that I announce the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since late 2019, this great pandemic has taken the world by storm. However, despite the challenges we have faced, Canadians have remained resilient. I trust that we will come back from this pandemic better and stronger than ever.

That said, our work is not done. In this letter, I would like to inform you all of how we will move forward as a community. There are three main goals I would like to outline: Resistance, Remembrance, and Reflection.

Although the pandemic may be over, it is still critical that we resist any further possibilities of an outbreak and further transmission. Countries such as New Zealand have shown us that although we may currently be COVID-free, there are still unknowns and possibilities that the virus may present itself again.<sup>1</sup> Health experts, including those from the World Health Organization, have stated that COVID-19 will become a recurring presence.<sup>2</sup> As such, it is critical that Canadians continue to take care of their health and take all precautions necessary to protect themselves and others. Canadians have endured much hardship and sacrifice over the past few years - we cannot allow these actions to become futile through lack of action and ineffective policy.

In order to minimize the possibility and mitigate the impacts of future COVID-19 cases, the Government of Canada will be continuing to enforce certain health protocols. In public areas of high population density, such as schools and malls, frequent sanitizing and deep

cleaning will continue to be required. Materials such as hand sanitizer, personal protective equipment (PPE), and more will be distributed to places where social gatherings may occur. All Canadians will be encouraged to continue to wear PPE during the coming weeks. In the event that cases reappear, we are prepared to enforce appropriate restrictions on social gatherings, mandates on PPE, and take other steps deemed necessary.

Our next order of business will be to remember and honour the sacrifices that were made and the lives that were lost during the pandemic. To date, millions of people around the world, including over 20,000 Canadians, tragically passed away as a result of COVID-19. Admittedly, with an ongoing crisis, we have not sufficiently acknowledged those who have lost their lives. We understand that for those who have lost friends, family, and loved ones, it may be frustrating to feel neglected or alone. However, we have kept those who have passed in our hearts - they will not be forgotten, nor will their lives have passed in vain. Soon, we will host a national memorial ceremony to commemorate those who have passed away. In Ottawa, a monument will be erected to honour them. All Canadians are welcome to attend the unveiling and pay their respects. This monument will serve as a reminder of the loss Canadians endured, and how we must continue to strive for global health and unity such that a similar situation never occurs again.

Finally, it is most crucial to reflect on our actions to best prepare ourselves should another global crisis occur again.

There were strengths in our management of the pandemic, however, there are always areas for improvement. We must understand what our weaknesses were so that we are prepared for potential future crises.

Our third national order of business will be to call a meeting among all the premiers and Chief Medical Officers of Health of Canadian provinces and territories. This congregation will allow all provinces to provide input on what policies were effective, and what they would have done differently. Experts have revealed that the aftereffects of COVID, most predominantly its variants, will be a topic of concern for the next decade or so.<sup>3</sup> By working together to prepare outlines of what actions we should take and what we should avoid if another outbreak or crisis occurs, Canadians will be able to respond in a swift manner to mitigate the potentially deadly effects of another pandemic. Coming together to provide suggestions and advice to one another is the best way to develop a multifaceted and thoughtful response should we need it.

Canadians have come such a long way. In order to protect the well-being of all people, we must continue working hard to ensure future risks do not arise. As the great British prime minister Sir Winston Churchill once said, success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

Sincerely,

Your Prime Minister

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3 Hart, Robert. "Top Scientist Says Contagious U.K. Covid-19 Variant Likely To 'Sweep The World'." *Forbes*, Forbes Magazine, 11 Feb. 2021, [www.forbes.com/sites/roberthart/2021/02/11/top-scientist-says-contagious-uk-covid-19-variant-likely-to-sweep-theworld/](https://www.forbes.com/sites/roberthart/2021/02/11/top-scientist-says-contagious-uk-covid-19-variant-likely-to-sweep-theworld/).

In our October 2020 issue we introduced G(irls)20 and its goals: “To advance...the full participation of young women leaders in decision-making spaces, to change the status quo.”

Twenty-seven G(irls)20 delegates met online September 26 – October 17, 2020. Seven of these were guests from nations and organizations not part of the G20, including Afghanistan, the African Union, Vietnam, and Indigenous Peoples. The delegate from Canada was Navya Baradi, our Churchill Society Director of Competitions and 2018 Speech Competition winner.

The conference produced a five-page communique, signed by all delegates, which called on the G20 leaders to “reaffirm and catalyze the UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls... we envision a gender equitable reality by 2030.” The communique enlarged upon the broad goal with the following steps:

- End all forms of gender-based harassment and violence in the workplace
- Combat rising off-line and online violence toward women
- Use public education to promote gender equality and leadership education
- Use gender-based analysis and gender mainstreaming in the private and public sectors
- Improve the collection of gender-disaggregated data to achieve targets
- Continue to remove barriers to education for girls
- Recognize that women carry out 76% of the total amount of unpaid and invisible household and care work, and reduce their load for full economic participation
- Enlarge women's participation in STEM fields
- Enable young women's entrepreneurship during COVID-19
- Recognize that 300 million fewer women than men have access to the internet, and remove the greatest barrier to digital inclusion

- Ensure the active participation of women in decision-making policy positions both within the public and private sectors by regulation and policy
- Finally, G(irls)20 calls on the G20 to address tax evasion, money laundering, and capital flight to increase the availability of public funds to support spending on girls and women.

For the entire G(irls)20 communique, follow this link: <https://girls20.org/summit2020>

For the G20 leaders declaration, and a list of other G20 documents, follow this link: <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>



*Navya Baradi*

Ms. Baradi kindly agreed to speak with us about her experience in G(irls)20. We asked her a few questions:

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*the Churchillian:* You attended this conference as Canada's delegate. Did you come away from it with a sense of optimism?

Definitely. The best part of the Summit was meeting all the other delegates and developing friendships (even though we only got to see each other through screens from thousands of kilometres away). Each and every delegate was working towards improving their communities and willing to collaborate internationally in order to tackle difficult issues like gender-based violence or women's exclusion from positions of influence. Being surrounded by young women with a fierce determination to improve the current state of our world is nothing short of inspiring.

*the Churchillian:* What was, for you, the most valuable take-away from the summit?

This is a great question! I made sure to take many notes throughout the Summit and kept a journal of all the lessons I was learning since there were so many unique insights from world leaders and knowledge from industry leaders that I knew would require some time to process and think through. The most valuable take-away for me was about creating meaningful impact in our communities. In a CEO panel during the Summit, I remember the speakers discussed putting in time to work on yourself and identifying your values. Your values will stay the same but the way you implement them will change throughout your life. I've held this close to me in the months since the Summit, especially to encourage myself to apply my values to every organization I am part of, including the Sir Winston Churchill Society!

*the Churchillian:* One topic you wanted to take to the summit was to call attention to missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Canada. Are you satisfied with the attention this issue received at the summit? Are you satisfied with the attention it received from the G20 leaders?

That's correct, I did really want to highlight that women in Canada do not experience life in one ubiquitous way, especially Indigenous women. I think it's hard to ever feel

satisfied with the attention the issue receives because of how devastating the reality of the situation is compared to the progress made to resolve it. Yet still, overall, I think considering violence against women through online and offline forms of gender-based violence along with recognizing the rights of Indigenous peoples was a step in the right direction. I had hoped for more emphasis in the final communiqué that we produced, however Canada has taken steps since the Summit to enhance economic empowerment of Indigenous women through the G20 EMPOWER Alliance. MMIWG is still an issue that deserves more attention and is in immediate need of more progressive action, but the first step is awareness and education which can start with reading the final report on MMIWG: Reclaiming Power and Place.

(The MMIWG Final Report is at <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>) ed.

*the Churchillian:* To conclude: do you have any parting reflections on this experience, to share with us?

Representing Canada at the Girls20 Global Summit last October changed the way I think about government and leadership. As we all know, voter apathy and lack of democratic participation plagues many countries around the world; but seeing how committed everyone involved with Girls20 were to keep our leaders accountable to the people they represent offers some hope for the future. Calling on world leaders to improve women's political and economic empowerment made me appreciate organizations like the Churchill Society more as well, as we develop the potential of young leaders and foster their interest in politics and history.

*the Churchillian:* Thank you Navya, and congratulations for representing Canada at the Summit. Many thanks also for sharing your thoughts about it with our readers.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Early summer greetings to all. I hope this message finds you well. We made it through our second Covid Winter and hopeful signs for a return to 'normal' abound.

Early this year, our society finalized our granting process. Our goal is to make the awarding of grants fair and transparent with selection based on projects that support our society's mission of perpetuating Churchill's qualities of leadership, citizenship and civil discourse. We have allocated a budget of \$10,000 for this first year. We'll see how it goes and we hope to have winners to announce at our next get-together.

Our Executive Secretary, Bob Chaffee, and I represented our society when we were invited by the Churchill Institute of East Africa in Uganda and America's National Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri, to participate in the Global Churchill Leaders' Roundtable. It was a virtual event with some notable speakers, and we were honoured to speak about the history and ongoing importance of our society. We were proud to report that the ideals of Sir Winston Churchill remain relevant in our city and province. Our patron, Randolph Churchill, thanked us for our contribution to the event. If anything good is to come out of this beastly pandemic, it is that we are able to share ideas with other societies and to learn from scholars at conferences that would be exceedingly difficult to attend in person. We are able to share each others' strengths.

We are saddened by the death of our long-time honorary patron, Mr. Stanley Milner. He was a stalwart supporter of the Churchill Society and he will be missed. You will find additional information on his lifetime contribution in the following pages.

Once again, pandemic restrictions caused our Annual Memorial Banquet to be postponed, this time to Spring 2022. However, we're planning to make this event even more special. Despite covid-19, our student competitions program has thrived over the past two years, and we have at least a dozen winners eligible to attend the renewed Annual Memorial Banquet. With the permission of his family, we are excited to announce "The Wally Ross Table for Young Leaders" at our next banquet. It's a suitable memorial for the many contributions of our long-time Executive Secretary. (Did you know that in addition to his many community leadership activities, Wally completed his high school diploma at the age of 92?) You will now have an opportunity to sponsor a student winner's attendance at the banquet by contributing to The Wally Ross Table for Young Leaders. You can donate by clicking [HERE](#).

We are planning two events for the autumn: the first is a virtual presentation on Enigma code machines on September 16. We have an excellent speaker and it will be fun. We are also pleased to be planning an AGM and in-person social event on November 30. You will find more information in this newsletter.

I wish you a happy and healthy summer.

**Elisebeth Checkel**

*President, The Rt.Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Society*

### OUR VISION

The leaders we inspire today  
will rise to meet tomorrow's  
challenges.

### OUR MISSION

The Sir Winston Churchill Society promotes leadership,  
citizenship, and strengthened communities through civil  
discourse, connecting to history, and encouraging critical thinking.



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# WHERE CHURCHILL HISTORY MEETS HOLLYWOOD

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by Richard (Rick) Dumas

Works by Winston Churchill come up for sale somewhat regularly and are on the upswing. It's rare to have three paintings in a single auction but that's what happened, 1 March 2021 as auctioned off by Christie's. All three paintings had remarkable historic ties.

His 1927 work, "St Paul's Churchyard", just one of only three known views he captured of London, was one. He chose not to sell any of his works but rather gifted them to family, friends and very close acquaintances. Exceptionally, "St Paul's Churchyard" was sold during his lifetime. This came about while he was staying with King George V and Queen Mary at Balmoral, Scotland. Her Majesty was organizing a charity auction when the King suggested that he donate it to the sale. It remained with the winning family from 1927 until the recent auction and sold for nearly £1.1 million (\$1.5 million). The other two are scenes from Churchill's beloved Marrakesh. "Scene at Marrakesh" features a rural scene in Marrakesh and was given as a gift to the famed General Bernard Montgomery in the 1950s. It remained with the Montgomery family and went for close to £1.9 million (\$2.6 million). Both paintings more than tripled their high estimates. It is, however, the second Marrakesh painting that has captured world attention – "Tower of Koutoubia Mosque." Here is the story behind Churchill's most expensive painting ever.

Winston Churchill was a keen amateur artist, completing some 500 paintings. Frustrated by Baldwin's government not assigning him a cabinet position, he went on a painting holiday in Morocco in the winter 1935-36. He referred to Marrakesh as the "Paris of the Sahara" with its striking contrast between the city and desert, its imposing Atlas Mountains backdrop surrounding Marrakesh, and its fabulous sunsets. It inspired him to paint some of his finest watercolours. His love for Marrakesh began.

In January 1943, Roosevelt and Churchill embarked on a secret mission, determining the Second World War's way forward and still impacting the world we live in today. Destination – Casablanca, Morocco. The goal – to finalize Allied strategic military plans.

Leaders had been at odds for more than a year—when should they invade France? The main topic was the "second front." Though absent, Soviet leader Stalin was insistent that the Allies launch a cross-channel invasion in order to relieve Russia. Britain convinced America to attack North Africa first and wanted to invade Sicily (a softer objective) to take control of the Mediterranean. Some Americans preferred to focus on Japan. German submarine attacks plagued the Atlantic Ocean. Since landing in North Africa two months earlier, the Allies had Germany's Desert Fox on the run. With the war in Africa nearing conclusion, it was essential that the Allies consolidate.

Casablanca was well within range of German bombers – secrecy was critical. The \$64,000 question was – what to do next? The conference forced leaders to sort out differences and to agree on a victory strategy. The French, who had initially fought



*Following the Casablanca Conference, Franklin D. Roosevelt with Winston Churchill, taking in a Marrakesh sunset while overlooking the Koutoubia Mosque.*

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Americans as they came ashore in Morocco, added a certain “Je ne sais quoi.” It was critical to have French reconciliation. After ten weeks, the Casablanca Conference concluded – a German “unconditional surrender.” was the ultimate objective.

Upon conclusion, at Churchill’s insistence, a well-armed caravan left Casablanca, headed for the walled city of Marrakesh, with FDR and Churchill driving past camel caravans and groves. They arrived at a villa, used by the American Vice Consul. From the villa’s small tower, the iconic leaders watched the Atlas Mountains peaks and the desert turn pink during a Moroccan sunset to the evening call to prayer. I am reminded of my tours of duty in Kandahar and Kabul. Roosevelt left Marrakesh the following morning. Churchill stayed one day longer to do some painting, specifically painting the now-famous 12th-century “Tower of Koutoubia Mosque.” It depicts this moment that the two world leaders shared. It’s the only picture he painted during the war.

The painting was sold by Roosevelt’s son after the president’s death in 1945 and had several owners before Brad Pitt gifted it to Angelina Jolie in 2011. At one point it was in a family closet for over 50 years. As Brangelina continued divorce proceedings, the artwork was due for auction sale, 1 March 2021. It was expected to fetch between £1.5 million and £2.5 million. Churchill’s previous record was £1.7 million (\$2.7 million) in 2014 at Sotheby’s. “Tower of Koutoubia Mosque” sold for a record-setting £8,285,000 (\$11,590,715). Not too shabby for a day’s work.



*Angelina Jolie adorns the magnificent “Tower of the Koutoubia Mosque”.*

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Our slate of directors is not full, and those in harness can always use help. This will be especially true if we are able to plan any events in the coming year. If you would like to help our society carry out our Mission in pursuit of our Vision, we should talk. Directors are appointed to terms of three years. See the contact information for our Executive Secretary elsewhere in this newsletter.



## Current Board of Directors

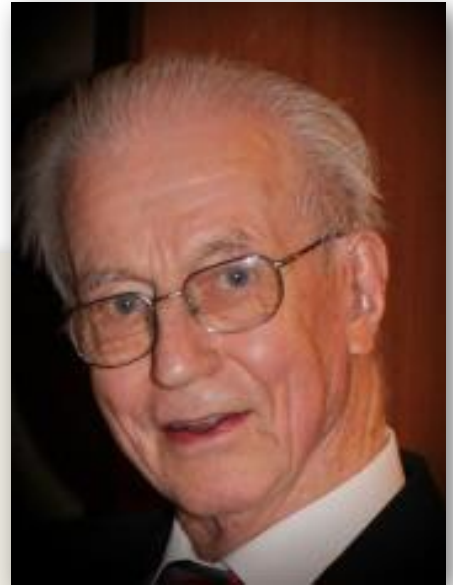
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## WALLY ROSS TABLE FOR YOUNG LEADERS

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In her June message, President Checkel introduced the inspired idea of establishing the Wally Ross Table for Young Leaders. She asked Wally Ross's family for permission to lend his name to this idea of honouring our student competitors. Here is the reply received from Wally's daughter, Margot Ross-Graham:



*Wally Ross*

June 2, 2021

Hello Elisebeth,

Please accept my deep gratitude and heartfelt thank you for the Churchill Society's desire to honour my dad Walter Hugh Ross by creating the Wally Ross Table for Young Leaders at the Annual Memorial Churchill Banquets. Dad was passionate about Winston Churchill and was heavily involved in the Churchill Society from its early years. Most will know that he held many positions within the organization, including chief archivist, secretary, and president from 1979-1981. He was instrumental in fundraising for the statue that now stands in Churchill Square, and in organizing and accessing speakers, including Lady Soames (Churchill's granddaughter) for the annual dinners. Dad was especially proud of the scholarship program offered through the Churchill Society and loved to participate in the student debates.

Dad was a great believer in the importance of education. He was always disappointed that, due to family circumstances, he had to leave high school in the early 1940s before he was able to complete all of the high school credits required to graduate. However, that dream was never far from his mind and on his 90 birthday he put his mind to finding out what it would take for him to finally get the coveted high school diploma. With a lot of determination and years of community service that the Ministry of Education deemed transferrable for credit, Dad received his diploma in June of 2014. He convoked alongside his grandson and 400 other students at St. Francis Xavier high school. I believe that it was on this day that Dad finally felt worthy of the role he played in championing the scholarship program so dear to his heart.

I cannot think of a more fitting way to remember our dad. Thank you for recognising his contributions to the society through this program.

Margot Ross-Graham



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## STANLEY A. MILNER

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Prominent member, strong supporter and Honourary Patron of our society Stanley Milner, OC, AOE, MSM, BSc, LL.D (Hon) passed away April 21, 2021, at age 91.

Stanley was an influential Alberta energy businessman and community leader. He founded Chieftain Development and Chieftain International, and served on the boards of numerous other corporations, including WestJet, Alberta Energy Corporation, CIBC, and Canadian Pacific. His strong interest in civics is evident from his service as Alderman, and on several community boards. He endowed the Stanley A. Milner Chair in Leadership in the University of Alberta Faculty of Business. While Chair of the Edmonton Public Library Board of Trustees he was instrumental in the planning and construction of Edmonton's main public library. In 1996 the library was named in his honour in recognition of his years of promotion of libraries and education.



*Stanley A. Milner*

Stanley served in the Canadian reserve army. A lifelong supporter of and believer in our military, he was appointed Honourary Colonel of the South Alberta Light Horse, and an Honourary Member of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

His numerous awards and honours included the Order of Canada, the Alberta Order of Excellence, Meritorious Service Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration, and an Honourary Doctor of Laws from the University of Alberta. He received business leadership awards and distinctions from the University of Alberta and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. He was inducted into the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame and the Business Hall of Fame.

Although Stanley did not attend our annual memorial banquets in recent years, he continued to faithfully support our society by purchasing a table each year, for SALH officers.



*Stanley A. Milner Library*

We have lost a great Albertan and a strong community leader. Our Society has lost a prominent member and supporter. Our members who knew him have lost an important colleague and kindred spirit. Mr. Milner's obituary and guestbook are online at the Edmonton Journal. Our society has posted a message of condolence to his family.

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## SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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The Sir Winston Churchill Society supports the education of today's students, to help develop tomorrow's citizens and leaders. Today, digital communication technology is both boon and bane to public education. It enables distance learning and provides access to enormous amounts of data and information. It links the work of dedicated researchers around the world in the struggle against COVID-19 and worse, but also links and feeds the views of pandemic-deniers, and other kinds of deniers and conspiracy theorists. Digital technology offers enough bandwidth and volume to solidify various fringe theories of no scientific merit into belief systems. Anti-science dogmas are prominent in a dismal roll of screeds denying everything from human-caused climate change to the Project Apollo Moon landings, to vaccine safety, to the Holocaust. Our national and local leaders have used this technology, along with legacy media, to guide and inform us as best they could through these too many harrowing months of pandemic.

Tomorrow's leaders and citizens are of course quite familiar with this kind of technology and will continue to use it in their careers. They will need to overcome its barriers to civil discourse if our nation is to remain a democracy. They will also have to adapt to whatever advances follow. They will need objective education in history and other subjects, and the ability to communicate, think critically, and debate with facts and logic. Join us as we work in Winston Churchill's

name to promote the skills of democratic citizenship and leadership. If you are currently a member, thank you so much for your support and patience with pandemic restrictions. It looks like better times are coming, and we are beginning to plan a November in-person AGM. Maybe family members or friends might like what we do. Please encourage them to become members. We offer three tiers of membership:

**Regular membership:** Annual fee \$30

*Confers voting privileges at members' meetings and reduced ticket prices for Churchill Society events*

**Student membership:** Annual fee \$10

*Regular members' privileges for registered students*

**Global membership:** Annual fee \$60

*Regular members' privileges plus 1 year's membership in the International Churchill Society with 4 issues of their excellent magazine "Finest Hour"*

You can purchase your membership by visiting our website and following the instructions there:

***<https://www.churchillsocietyofedmonton.com/shop>***

Or send the form below, with payment, to our Executive Secretary.

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### 2021 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Type of Membership: ☐ Regular \$30 ☐ Student \$25 ☐ Global \$60

**Privacy and Consent:** By including your E-mail address, you agree to receive future notifications regarding Society activities. Please note, all E-mail messages sent to the membership are sent under the use of the Blind carbon copy (Bcc) tool which means that individual recipients do not see the entire list of addressees. There is no fear of being added to additional mailing lists, etc.

## EXCITING EVENTS

### Virtual Presentation

by Dr. Robert Smith, University of Alberta

Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 PM

The virtual link will be sent out in early September.

#### ENIGMA MACHINES: Fact and Fiction

Enigma machines were at the very heart of the German war effort in World War II as they were used to encrypt and decrypt countless messages between German military units. Enigma machines have also recently become famous through numerous books, articles, and films. The best known

of the films is *The Imitation Game* from 2015 that centred on efforts by Allied code breakers to decrypt messages sent by Enigma machines, in effect to read the mail sent by the German armed forces. In this short talk, Robert Smith discusses Enigma machines and their remarkable role in World War II.

Dr. Smith lists some resources for your summer reading pleasure:

John Keegan – *Intelligence in Warfare*

Andrew Hodges – *Alan Turing: The Enigma*

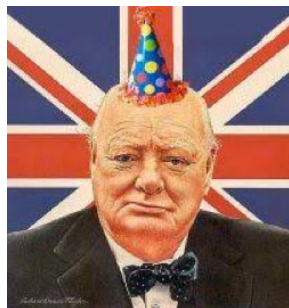
Joel Greenberg - *Gordon Welchman: Bletchley Park's Architect of Ultra Intelligence* (this book has an appendix on "A Beginner's Guide to Enigma")



#### And for EVEN MORE FUN!

Try this link to an Enigma Machine Simulator  
<https://www.advanced-ict.info/javascript/enigma.html>

Save  
the  
Date!



### November 30

Join us In Person for our AGM and Birthday Bash for You-Know-Who.

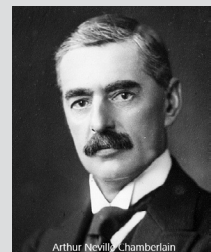
With our annual banquet postponed once again, we anticipate that we will finally be able to safely host a delightful gathering for our members and guests. Details are being sorted and we will let you know more soon.

## HISTORICAL EVENTS

**1921** Daughter Marigold, not yet 3 years old, falls ill, and dies August 23 in a year which also saw the death of Churchill's mother Jennie, and the death of his manservant and close friend.

**1929** Winston Churchill, his son Randolph, brother Jack, and Jack's son Johnny spent three months touring Canada and the United States. They visited Edmonton and Calgary in August.

**1940** Following the Norway Debate, a vote of no confidence in the House of Commons on May 10 precipitates the resignation of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.



**1953** Winston Churchill is invested as a Knight of the Order of the Garter, April 24.

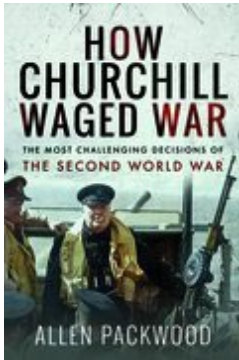


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## BOOK LINKS

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These excellent works about Winston Churchill are available for purchase online from Audreys Books. Allen Packwood will be our next memorial banquet quest speaker. Andrew Roberts spoke at our 2019 memorial banquet. The Heroic Memory, published by our Churchill Society, contains the keynote addresses from our first 50 annual memorial banquets.

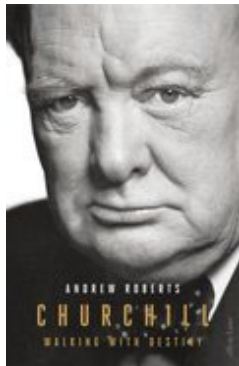
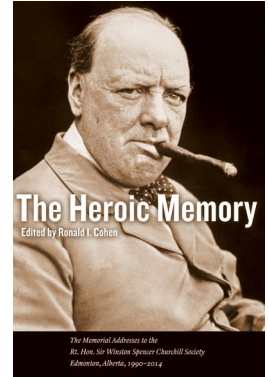


### *How Churchill Waged War*

Allen Packwood

### *The Heroic Memory Vol 1 and 2*

Ronald I. Cohen, editor



### *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*

Andrew Roberts

‘By drawing on many previously untapped sources, Mr Roberts has produced a more complete picture of his subject than any previous biography.’

*The Economist*

‘We are indebted to the Edmonton Society for reproducing these addresses, which should have a place in all Churchill libraries. Both books are strongly recommended.’

**Terry Reardon, *Finest Hour***

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## CONTACT US

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If you would like to comment on anything in our newsletter, or if you have suggestions for future articles or features, we would like to hear from you!

If you are interested in serving as a Director, or working on the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Banquet committee, please contact us!

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