



*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.*

## STUDENT COMPETITIONS

The preliminary rounds of the annual Sir Winston Churchill Speech and Debate Competitions were held on November 25th, 2017 at the University of Alberta in the Humanities Centre, with the help of the University of Alberta Debate Society. The tournament director committee consisted of Ms. Sarah Fong (*our director of student competitions; ed.*), and several members of UADS.

The topic for debate was "Be it resolved that Churchill would support cyber attacks against Russia." The topic for speeches was "Express your views on whether Sir Winston Churchill would support cyber attacks against Russia." A preparatory package was provided to each student.

Registration comprised 40 debaters and 7 speech competitors. Eight schools participated: Old Scona Academic High School, Harry Ainlay High School, Edmonton Islamic Academy, Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic High School, McNally High School, Salisbury High School, W.P. Wagner High School, and Tempo School.

There were three rounds of speech and debate. The top three in the speech category and top two teams in the debate category competed in the final rounds, which were held on Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at the newly renovated McKay Avenue School.

The winners, in order of gold, silver, and bronze medals were, for speech: Navya Baradi (Old Scona Academic), Ebum Akomolafe (Old Scona Academic), and Benny Wolde (Old Scona Academic). In debate, the winners were Kelly He and Amanda Kennedy (Old Scona Academic), who competed against Neha Garg and Amina Mohamed (McNally High School).

Two of the gold medalists provided some biographical information:

**Navya Baradi**, winner of the Arthur O. Cload trophy for speech, was a student at Old Scona Academic. She has been active in Grad Council and DECA and was a youth representative of the Telugu Cultural Association of Edmonton, where she also taught



as a student teacher. She will be attending the University of Alberta, initially in a science program, and plans to also study Commerce and Law. She would like to work in Law in international affairs, with the Canadian government or with global organizations. She gives back to the community through volunteering at the Edmonton Community Legal Centre. She has won awards in model United Nations and World Health Organization simulations, which she believes help to create better educated global citizens.

**Kelly He**, also a student at Old Scona Academic, is a co-winner of the Basil Dean Memorial Trophy for debate. Kelly, going into grade 12, is thinking of pursuing an MD PhD. She has served on the executive of the Language Club at Harry Ainlay Composite High School. She has worked on research projects at the University of Alberta: this year a study on the Effects of Microgravity on Knee Meniscus. This project went to the Sanofi Biogenius Competition and won fourth place provincially. Kelly is interested in Asian, especially Chinese, affairs and politics.



Our enthusiastic wishes for success in future education and endeavors go with Navya, Kelly and all the participants and medalists.

# 54<sup>TH</sup> CHURCHILL MEMORIAL BANQUET



Head Table. Left to right; Mrs. Bonny Hodgson, Past President Dr. Roger Hodgkinson, Mrs. Patricia Warnke, Chief Rod Knecht, SWCS President John Warnke (not seated), Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Baron Watson of Richmond, Mrs. Joanne Knecht, His Honour, Honourary Col Douglas Mitchell, Mrs. Nicole Hodgkinson, LCol Brian Hodgson (Master of Ceremonies), Captain John Riswold (standing), Aide-de-Camp to the Lt. Governor



Their Honours Lt. Gov. Lois Mitchell and Honourary Col. Douglas Mitchell

Our 54th Annual Student Awards and Memorial Banquet was held June 8, in the Ramsey Room at the Edmonton Country Club. This lovely venue, with a view of Riverbend across the North Saskatchewan River, was the first ever chosen outside of the downtown Edmonton core.

Among the head table guests were their Honours Lt. Gov. Lois Mitchell and Honourary Col. Douglas Mitchell, Chief Rod Knecht and Mrs. Joanne Knecht. LCol Brian Hodgson served as Master of Ceremonies. The banquet was preceded by our student awards ceremony, held in the Jamieson Room.



Guest speaker Lord Alan Watson of Richmond, CBE



LCol. Charles (Chuck) Marshall

The 129 members and guests in attendance had a choice of main course menu items. Service and meals were very good.

John Warnke recognized LCol. Charles (Chuck) Marshall for his many years of service to our Society and presented him with a framed gift containing a portrait of Churchill, a Churchill commemorative coin on a ribbon, and an engraved plaque. Many thanks, Chuck.

Our guest speaker was Alan Watson, Lord Watson of Richmond, CBE: U.K Journalist, politician and Churchill scholar. His engaging talk centered on two speeches Winston Churchill delivered in 1946: his famous “Iron

Curtain” speech in Fulton, Missouri and his “United States of Europe” speech in Zurich. In these speeches Churchill warned America and Europe that the Soviet Union under Stalin had become an expansionist adversary. Political and economic alliances were necessary to thwart Soviet ambitions in Europe. These two speeches marked the beginning of a dialogue which led to European and trans-Atlantic post-war unity. Lord Watson concluded with his long-standing conviction that despite some current ideological trends, the security, prosperity and democratic ideals of Britain, the Commonwealth, Europe and America remain interconnected and interdependent. Insularity is “madness”.

Our sincere thanks go to Lord Watson, our honoured guests, members and attendees for their participation and support.

**The Society would like to thank Bellstar Resorts, Macri Photography and Nearctic Group for their considerable support:**



Special thanks are also due to Aleksandar Milic and his Edmonton Country Club staff for their considerable patience, willing assistance and excellent service. We are also grateful for LCol Hodgson’s participation and support.

Audio of Lord Watson’s speech as well as more images from the banquet can be found on our website: [www.churchillsocietyofedmonton.com](http://www.churchillsocietyofedmonton.com)

## HISTORICAL EVENTS

- 1893** Attends Royal Military College, Sandhurst, subsequent to having tried his entrance three times before successfully passing.
- 1898** Publishes his first book, *The Malakand Field Force*. He is attached to the 21st Lancers in Egypt. Participates in cavalry charge on September 2 at the battle of Omdurman.
- 1906** Elected as the Liberal candidate for North-West Manchester in a Liberal landslide. Publication of the first volume of *Lord Randolph Churchill*. (2 Vols.) and *For Free Trade*.
- 1911** Appointed First Lord of the Admiralty.

## SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Times are changing, but some ideals must not fade away: ideals like courage, integrity, justice, steadfastness and respect for the finest accomplishments of humanity, as reflected in the life of Sir Winston Churchill.

The Churchill Society promotes these ideals by helping young people develop research, critical thinking, citizenship, effective speaking and leadership skills.

Your membership fee of \$60.00 (\$25.00 for students) works in our community to support the highest ideals reflected in Churchill's life and work. It allows us to continue sending *The Churchillian* to you. Ideas and material for articles and notices of events of interest to Churchillians are most welcome.

Please consider inviting your family and friends to become members and purchase your own membership today by clicking on this link and following the instructions.

<https://www.churchillsocietyofedmonton.com/membership-form>

Alternatively, you may send the application below, along with your cheque to the "Contact US" address on the last page.

## 2018 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Type of Membership:\*  Regular \$60  Student \$25

**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.

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# THE HEROIC MEMORY

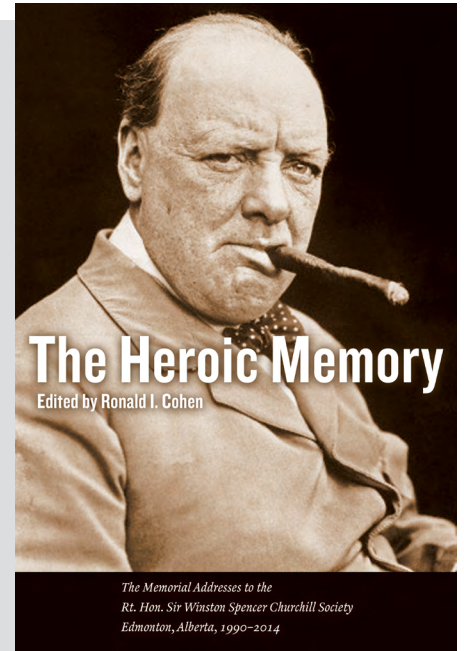
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“While many (Churchill) societies (took) tentative steps in their early days the Edmonton Society commenced its annual dinners in 1965 with...a clear requirement of the speakers – they had to have known or worked with Winston Churchill.

*The Heroic Memory 1965 – 1989* (ISBN 1-55195-115-0) contains the addresses of the speakers for the first twenty five years, with the list being a veritable Who’s Who of distinguished political, military and family figures.

*The Heroic Memory, 1990-2014* (ISBN 978-1-77136-412-6) contains the addresses for the second quarter century. While inevitably, with the passage of time, not all had in one speaker’s words, “pressed the flesh” they all have provided a fresh insight into Churchill’s life and times.

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



-Terry Reardon

*Review of The Heroic Memory in Finest Hour, Winter 2018 No. 179*

Both volumes are available: Purchase - <https://www.abebooks.com/home/ALHAMBRA> or telephone Alhambra Books, in Edmonton, 1-780-439-4195 – CDN\$15 – two-volume set \$25. They are also available at Audrey’s Books on Jasper Avenue. See the International Churchill Society Canada at [www.winstonchurchillcanada.ca](http://www.winstonchurchillcanada.ca)

“*The Heroic Memory*” can be found online at:

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# CHURCHILL'S LEGACY: TWO SPEECHES TO SAVE THE WORLD

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“Although they were attacked and denounced at the time, Winston Churchill’s two great speeches of 1946 - delivered 4,700 miles away from each other - created the political architecture for the whole postwar period. To a very great degree, the geostrategic world we inhabit today sprung from the words Churchill spoke at Fulton, Missouri and Zurich, Switzerland. Alan Watson’s scholarly, well-written and penetrating analysis shows how that came about.” - Andrew Roberts

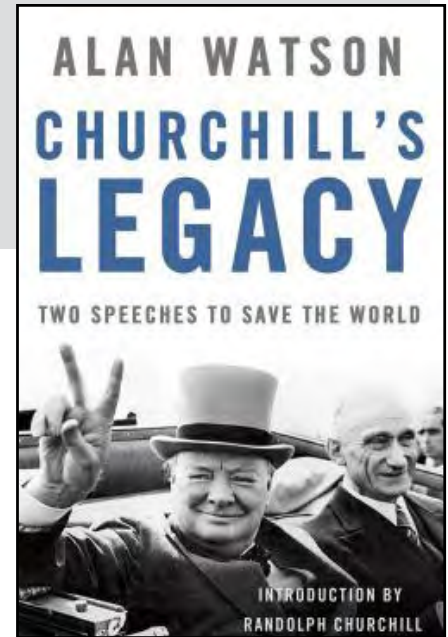
“*Churchill’s Legacy*” by Alan Watson, Baron Watson of Richmond, can be found online at:

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## ARMISTICE 100 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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A special city-wide event is being planned for November 11, 2018 in Edmonton to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. An organizing committee is working on preparations with the City and Provincial governments and the Canadian Armed Forces.

The purpose of the event is to acknowledge the sacrifice of 60,000 Canadians soldiers and their families and to honor the ideas and ideals they defended. Planned events include a “Piling of the Drums” ceremony, the Menin Gate re-imagined, WW1

interpretive soldiers, WW1 educational material, a “Memory Wall”, The Lord Strathcona Regiment horses & corral along with a Leopard tank, and a new video created specifically for the event: Flander’s Fields, a modern interpretation connecting 1918 to 2018.

Volunteers will be needed to make the day a success. We are advised that events will be outdoors, regardless of weather. If you wish to volunteer, contact the organizers at:

T. 780 429 0166

E [info@edmontonheritage.ca](mailto:info@edmontonheritage.ca)

If you have received a print version of *The Churchillian* and would like to receive a digital version of same in full-colour, please send us an email to [info@churchillsocietyofedmonton.com](mailto:info@churchillsocietyofedmonton.com)

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# NATIONAL YOUTH FORUM

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## An Opportunity to Encourage Leadership and Engagement for Young Canadians

Please share this opportunity with any young people that you feel would benefit from it.

Youth aged 15-19 are encouraged to apply to attend the National Youth Forum to learn more about governance and parliamentary proceedings in Ottawa.

The Forum welcomes more than 100 students per week to Ottawa, immersing them in the world of the Parliament of Canada and Canadian public affairs. Scholarships are available.

For the session running October 21 to October 26, the deadline is September 17.

For more information visit [www.forum.ca](http://www.forum.ca)

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## OUR OBJECTIVES

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To honor the life of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill by:

- Educating students on his life and achievements, and their continued relevance, by organizing debates, and public speaking/essay competitions;
- Educating the public on his life, philosophy, achievements and literary heritage by organizing lectures, speeches, seminars and the publication of these lectures and speeches;
- To advance education by providing scholarships and research bursaries to students at Universities within Alberta to continue their education at colleges and universities throughout the world.

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# MANY THANKS, JOHN

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It was with regret that the Board of the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston S Churchill Society accepted the resignation of President John Warnke. John served the Society with tireless energy, great talent and energetic hard work. He undertook important and much-needed initiatives to reinvigorate the Society, including the construction of our Churchill Society website and moving to a more affordable venue for our annual Banquet. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Elisebeth Checkel has been appointed interim President. She was elected to the Board in 2017, but served previously as membership secretary in the 1990s. She is interested in continuing with John's work to develop the website and work with Board members and the membership at large to enhance the profile of our Society in Edmonton and across the country.



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## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

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Elisebeth Checkel	President, Membership
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