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The Trustees and Governors cordially invite you to

The 2004 Churchill Lecture
Washington, April 13th
"Churchill, Roosevelt and the
Way We Live Now"
by Jon Meacham
Managing Editor, *Newsweek*
author of
Franklin and Winston

Moderator:

Christopher Matthews, MSNBC

to be held at

The George Washington University
Jack Morton Auditorium
First Floor
Media and Public Affairs Building
805 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 13th

Admission free; reservations required

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The Churchill Centre and The George Washington University are honored to welcome Jon Meacham, author of the acclaimed new book *Franklin and Winston*, as the fourth Churchill lecturer. Our moderator is Chris Matthews of MSNBC, host of "Hardball" and a Churchill Centre Trustee.

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The Churchill Centre Liberty Award
to General Tommy Franks
Chicago, May 21st

Honorary Co-chairmen:

Senator Dick Durbin

Secretary Jack Kemp

Ambassador Paul H. Robinson, Jr.

"We know that other hearts in scores of millions beat with ours; that other voices proclaim the cause for which we strive; other strong hands wield the hem and shape the weapons we need; other clear and gleaming eyes are fixed in hard conviction upon the tyrannies that must and shall be destroyed."

—Winston S. Churchill, 18 March 1941

Benefit Dinner

The Drake Hotel

140 East Walton, Chicago, Ill. 60611

Cocktails: 6PM • Dinner: 7PM • Business attire

Subscription \$500

of which \$400 is a tax-deductible contribution
to The Churchill Centre's
educational and publishing programs.

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With pride and respect, The Churchill Centre is presenting its Liberty Award for outstanding contributions to the advance of Democracy to retired general Tommy Franks, who commanded the victorious American military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq following the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001.

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President's Letter

Open Meetings Are the Rule

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 4TH— The Library of Congress exhibit, "Churchill and the Great Republic," opened today and runs through June. Amid the excitement and glitter of British Embassy and Library receptions, and President Bush's unprecedented appearance at the Library where CC members constituted 20% of his audience, something else occurred which, for me at least, was more important and of more lasting value. The Churchill Centre held the first "open" meeting of its Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees Chairman).

I have always advocated collective (some say transparent), decision making for organizations like ours. The many who strongly support the Centre with time, donations or both must have full confidence that the Centre's Governors are fulfilling their stewardship responsibilities. That confidence can be increased greatly if members know that key decisions are collective ones reached by a process providing ready access to our leadership.

The February 4th meeting was a superb example of open collective decision making. In attendance, besides Committee members and our Executive Director were four Governors, the leaders of one of our most active affiliates, two Trustees, and several spouses. The opinions of all were sought on a variety of matters, and were freely given. The considerable contributions by non-Executive Committee members were thoughtful, valuable, germane to our issues and, frankly, most refreshing.

The aftermath was extremely positive. A veteran of many Centre meetings said to me afterwards: "Best meeting I've attended in years." I've received several telephone calls and a most interesting letter from those who came; all appreciated the opportunity to have been there, and to have participated. >>>

The 2004 Churchill Lecture

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ing to save his country, who comes to love the guy he needs to save it. It's a story of unbalanced but effective friendship between two great figures. It may be the best book I've ever read about public affairs."

Churchill Centre President Bill Ives says: "The relevance of the Anglo-American relationship is perhaps more important today than at any time since the era of Churchill and FDR. Jon Meacham refracts their experiences in a way that is altogether riveting and instructive to future leaders."


The Churchill Lecture series was created by The Churchill Centre in 1998 to look at current events in the light of Churchill's wisdom and experience. The first Lecture ("A New Focus in an Un-National World") was delivered by former U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, Raymond Seitz. The second lecture was by Chris Matthews, who spoke on Churchill the enduring and courageous politician. The third lecture, last year was by Professor David Fromkin of Boston University, on Churchill and the making of the modern Middle East.

The Centre is again proud to

have as Lecture cosponsor The George Washington University, which provides the facilities, and offers tickets to students and faculty through its Office of Special Events. Admission is free but tickets are limited by the capacity of the auditorium, which holds 250 people. Here, 200 seats have been reserved for students and faculty.

The purpose of the Lecture is to illustrate Winston Churchill's example of leadership, statesmanship and/or citizenship by applying or contrasting his approaches and philosophy to modern issues and situations.

Churchill Lecturers discuss some aspects of Churchill's life, times, failures and or successes, but predominately on modern themes, against the background of Churchill's wisdom and experience. Lecturers discuss Churchill's views on any subject, but do not speculate as to how Churchill would view specific modern issues.

Churchill Lectures are structured and timed to provide maximum impact on young people, and are published or distributed by The Churchill Centre, and posted on the Centre's website (www.winstonchurchill.org). 

Further along the same lines, monthly Executive Committee conference calls are held with an open invitation to the other Governors to join in the conversation. New Governors are specifically invited to participate in calls early in their terms, to acquaint them with current programs and challenges. Executive Committee minutes are made available to the other Governors as soon as they have been approved. Governors have continually solicited the views of non-Governor members and these members are being asked to participate and even lead Centre activities and programs. More and more Centre-related material is appearing in *Finest Hour*, the *Chartwell Bulletin*, and on our website. I feel we have established most useful precedents.

21st International Churchill Conference: September 23-26th:

By now you have received your registration packet. (If you have not, please call our offices toll free at 888-WSC-1874 and one will be sent to you immediately.) One minor correction to my recent letter is that there will be no events in London preceding the conference in Portsmouth, followed by optional tours of the Normandy D-Day landing grounds and the track of Allied armies to Berlin. Tickets are limited! Please act now to register for one of our most exciting conferences in history.

—Bill Ives

General Franks Liberty Award, May 21st

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"General Franks received this award for his brilliant execution of the Afghan and Iraq Wars and the ouster of the Taliban and Saddam Hussein," says Churchill Centre President Bill Ives. "Whatever history may say of the final outcome, there is no doubt that Gen. Franks' leadership was responsible for completing those operations with speed and minimum loss of life."

One of Churchill's cardinal rules was collegiality among the political parties. To that end, we are honored by Senator Dick Durbin (D.-Ill.) and Secretary Jack Kemp, who join with our own chairman emeritus of Trustees, Ambassador Paul Robinson, to congratulate General Franks for his services to his country.

As general in charge of the U.S. Central Command, Tommy Franks led more than 250,000 troops, and a coalition of forces from more than 60 nations, in swift campaigns.

He took over CENTCOM, responsible for U.S. military operations in 25 countries from North Africa to Afghanistan, on July 6th, 2000 and ran it for three years, a period that saw not only the 9/11 attacks in New York and Washington and the Afghan and

Iraq wars, but the terrorist attack on the USS *Cole* in Yemen.

Franks grew up in Midland, Texas, President Bush's home town, and was one year ahead of Laura Bush in high school there. He dropped out of the University of Texas in 1965 to volunteer for the war in Vietnam, where he was wounded three times. He earned a commission in Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and worked his way up to four stars over a 30-year career.

Invitations to the award dinner will be issued to a broad array of prominent citizens. The luncheon and dinner will benefit The Churchill Centre, which sponsors educational and publishing efforts ranging from high school student outreach programs to seminars and symposia for college and graduate students. The Centre publishes classic Churchill works, its own journal and other publications. It sponsors an annual Churchill Lecture series, and holds annual international conferences with the Churchill Societies of the UK and Canada.

The dinner is open to the public, at \$500 per ticket. Tickets include a tax-deductible contribution of \$400 to The Churchill Centre's educational and publishing programs. ☺

Library of Congress Symposium, June 1st

As part of its responsibilities in the Library of Congress exhibit, "Churchill and the Great Republic," The Churchill Centre has arranged two academic seminars. The first, on Churchill and Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower, was held February 19th. The second, on June 1st, will discuss "New Research on Winston Churchill." The presenters are Professors James W. Muller, University of Alaska, Anchorage; Paul A. Cantor, University of Virginia; and Mark Blitz, Claremont-McKenna College; a fourth presenter is Allen Packwood, Churchill Archives Centre Cambridge. As in February, the symposium will be held in the Mumford Room, Madison Building, Library of Congress, Washington, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Another responsibility of The Churchill Centre was the exhibit guidebook, *Churchill and the Great Republic*, which is a "must" for all serious historians. It is available for \$19.95 from the Centre at 1150 Seventeenth Street NW, Suite 307, Washington DC 20036. ☺

CUT OR SEND SIMILAR INFO:

Master Registration

Please mail all checks to
The Churchill Centre, Suite 307
1150 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington DC 20036

Or telephone or fax and charge to Visa, Mastercard or American Express:

Tel.: (888) WSC-1874 or (202) 223-5511
Facsimile: (202) 223-4944

Washington, April 13th
Email registration is preferred.

☐ Please reserve _____ tickets (limit: two per member) to the 2004 Churchill Lecture, Washington, April 13th. (Admission is free of charge).

Chicago, May 21st:

☐ Please reserve _____ tickets to the Liberty Award Dinner for General Franks, Chicago, May 21st. I/we enclose \$500 per ticket, of which \$400 is tax-deductible by U.S. citizens as a donation to The Churchill Centre, a non-profit educational institution.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: Menu choices for the Franks luncheon and dinner will be offered upon receipt of registration.

Please print!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Daytime tel. _____

Email _____



Local Activities Report

by Judy Kambestad

Local & Affiliate Coordinator

CALIF. DESERT, MARCH 3RD— Churchillians of the Desert met with CC President Bill Ives, So. California local organizer Jerry Kambestad and me in Indian Wells. Programs, education, and fundraising were discussed. Interim officers are David Ramsay, President; Morris Beschloss, Vice President & Programs Chairman; Barbara D. Morrison, Secretary; and Robert N. Pyle, Treasurer. Also on the committee are Penny Usherwood and Malcolm Paterson. This group will meet only during winter season.

DALLAS, FEBRUARY 8TH— North Texas Churchillians gathered for a "Fireside Chat" with Professor James Muller at the home of Ann and Richard Hazlett. Muller spoke on *"The River War: Best of Churchill's Early Writings."* The 36 attendees participated in a lively discussion. While in Dallas, the Mullers visited the Wendy Reves Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art.

GAINESVILLE, FLA., JANUARY— Celia Sandys spoke to 100 Churchillians, reports Richard Streiff, and she was enthusiastically received. Most of the attendees were guests, many of whom went home with member applications.

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 11TH— The Churchill Society of New Orleans welcomed Prof. James Muller, University of Alaska, Anchorage and Chairman, TCC Academic Advisers, speaking on *"The Education of Winston Churchill."* Forty-five people attended, preceded by drinks and hors d'oeuvres at an Italian restaurant. Admission was \$10. Hill Riddle introduced Jim Muller.

NORTH CAROLINA— We were sorry to receive the resignation of Gary Snyder and thank him for all the work he did in organizing the group. Dr. Wendell Musser has kindly volunteered to step in as

interim leader. He can be contacted at AWMuss@aol.com or telephone (919) 477-1325.

PHILADELPHIA— Bernard Wojciechowski says his workload is such that he can now start organizing a group in the area. Expect to hear from him soon. He can be contacted at bwojciechowski@ambler-sav.com, telephone (215) 619-8880.

PHOENIX, FEBRUARY 9TH— A local group has been formally established here. Interim leaders were selected to organize and recruit new members. They are Larry Pike, President; Diane Cook, Vice President; Ron Lebowitz, Secretary; and the Hon. Steve Tully, Treasurer & General Counsel.

"We are grateful to CC President Bill Ives and to Judy Kambestad for taking the initiative last autumn, during a visit here, to encourage a Churchill Centre chapter in Arizona," said Larry Pike. "Our affiliate will grow rapidly and relish the opportunity to promote the remarkable legacy of The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill here in the Southwest."

Anyone interested in taking an active part should contact Larry Pike, lvpik@chartwellgrp.com, telephone (602) 955-4364.

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 11TH— Fifty members and guests of The Other Club of Ontario, the local chapter of ICS Canada, gathered at the Albany Club in Toronto for "An Evening with Winston Churchill." President Norman MacLeod was in the chair, providing an update on a project of ICS Canada and the Toronto-based Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy to revivify the area around the statue of Churchill in City Hall Square. Toronto. Norm announced that the fund raising goal of \$25,000 had been reached and, subject to the weather cooperating, the grand opening is set for June 6th 2004, the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

ICS Canada President Randy Barber gave a report on the

Bermuda Conference and advised that plans were underway for 2005 Conference in Quebec City. Peter Allen and Terry Reardon spoke on "Young Winston's Wars" and "The Two Winston Churchills" respectively. After libations and food and a silent book auction the video "Churchill and the Cabinet War Rooms" was shown. The evening ended with the announcement of the ICS Canada annual dinner for May 10th, the 64th anniversary of Churchill becoming Prime Minister. The guest speaker is former Prime Minister of Canada John Turner.

ATLANTA, MARCH 5TH— Georgia Churchillians' inaugural meeting was held by 19 members, a great success since most of us hadn't previously met. Highlight of the dinner meeting was a presentation by the traveling James Muller, University of Alaska, Anchorage, on his upcoming two volume new edition of Churchill's *The River War: An Historical Account of the Reconquest of The Soudan*. He revealed interesting facets about the first publication of the book and read passages which had been deleted from subsequent printings when it was abridged in 1902.

Six members volunteered to serve on the organizing committee, setting direction for the future. The group will start with e-mail, then come together when material is ready for final review and consideration. One of the immediate steps will be to launch the process of becoming an official affiliate of The Churchill Centre. ☺

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