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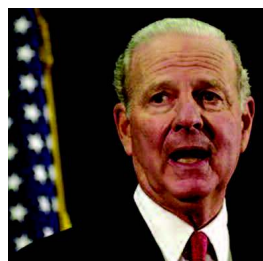
"I send you Chartwell bulletin No 1 which will conclude like Napoleon's famous bulletin after his Russian catastrophe, 'The health of the Emperor is excellent.'" —WSC TO HIS WIFE, 1 SEPTEMBER 1935



Christopher Hebb with Lady Soames on her birthday, 24th International Churchill Conference, Vancouver, 9/07.



The tireless Sue and Phil Larson flank Assistant Principal Jan Howard, Principal Craig Gaska, and Churchill Centre portrait presented to the Winston Churchill Elementary School, Schaumburg, Illinois, 6/07.



Secretary James Baker and Congressman Lee Hamilton, joint recipients of the Churchill Award for Statesmanship, Washington, 10/07.



Above: Professor Paul Addison at the San Antonio student-teacher seminar, 1/08;

Lindsay Mizok, Celia Sandys, Timothy Berry at Charlotte, N.C., 7/08 (p12). Right: the world's first Churchill statue (1941), restored in Saskatchewan (p13). Below right: Randy Barber presents one of three ICS Canada awards to Sean and Suzanne Carney, 5/08 (p13); Below: Churchill's Scotland tour party at The Law, overlooking the city of Dundee, 5/08 (p15).



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Changing Times...Changing Ourselves

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At this point last year, our famously indefatigable chairman, Laurence Geller, outlined his vision for The Churchill Centre. Since then a number of changes have taken place, all of them aimed at furthering our endeavours towards those goals.

Among these the most radical is the amalgamation of The Churchill Centre with the American Friends of the Churchill Museum (AFCM), the background to which will be of interest to many of our members.

I have worked at the Imperial War Museum since 1975 and served as Director of the Cabinet War Rooms since 1993. After several years of negotiation and struggle, in 2005, the Churchill Museum was opened by Her Majesty The Queen within the footprint of the Cabinet War Rooms.

The AFCM was established as a non-profit American corporation and a portion of the £6 million cost of building the Churchill Museum was found from this source. The AFCM then applied its energies to establishing an endowment for the long-term future of the Museum and a small fund to support programmes—largely outreach and exhibitions—around the Museum's work.

The AFCM and Churchill Centre were both engaged in the same mission: To preserve and publicise the legacy of Sir Winston Churchill. To counter the confusion we found among those considering giving funds to Churchill-based activities in the United States, the boards of each organisation agreed that it would be advantageous to merge the two. Like any merger, ours has not been without its problems and, some six months down the road, many are still vague about the reasons for it, its benefits, and how it works.

The new Churchill Centre aims to build on the magnificent foundations that the former Centre had established and to use the combined skills, identity and resources of the AFCM to take the work of the Centre several giant steps forward. The Centre has an excellent reputation for our work in respect of education. Our quarterly journal, *Finest Hour*, is among the best

of its kind. Our membership is spread across the whole of the USA, Canada, the UK and Australia. But how much more can we achieve?

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE, AN EYE ON THE PAST

Hundreds of thousands of people flood into the Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms every year, especially from the USA, drawn by the sense of walking in the footsteps of Winston Churchill, a figure they broadly admire. And remarkably, admiration for Churchill is something, which is a facet of all

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Governors
The Churchill Centre
Washington, DC

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Churchill Centre as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Centre's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Churchill Centre as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Michael D. Sisk & Company, PC

Baltimore, Maryland
February 22, 2008

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THE CHURCHILL CENTRE

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,628	\$ 11,709
Pledges receivable, less allowance for uncollectible pledges in the amount of \$0	9,562	5,000
Accounts receivable, no allowance necessary	20,000	-
Grants receivable	131,423	-
Prepaid expenses	33,431	4,944
Total current assets	<u>214,044</u>	<u>21,653</u>
Board Designated Endowment Fund Investments, at market value (Note 4)		
Churchill Centre United States	1,458,966	1,347,335
Churchill Centre Canada	56,530	49,971
	<u>1,515,496</u>	<u>1,397,306</u>
Office furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$0 in 2007 and \$3,927 in 2006	-	1,432
Long-term pledges receivable, less allowance for uncollectible pledges in the amount of \$0	6,000	11,000
Total assets	<u>1,735,540</u>	<u>1,431,391</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	4,431	-
Deferred revenue, conferences and events	53,000	-
Total current liabilities	<u>57,431</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets		
Operations	25,096	30,099
Board Designated Endowment Fund (Note 4)	1,515,496	1,397,306
	1,540,592	1,427,405
Temporarily restricted net assets- scholarships	137,517	3,986
Total net assets	<u>1,678,109</u>	<u>1,431,391</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,735,540</u>	<u>\$ 1,431,391</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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societies, from Arab and Israeli to South American and Russian to Asian and European, across the whole spectrum of social origins, religious beliefs, income and attitudes.

We have around 3000 members globally, a figure that hardly changes from year to year. Our website receives many thousands of hits per week. It is clear that we have a massive potential audience out there who can and should be brought into the fold of serious, keen and engaged Churchillians. We can greatly expand our membership and funding base; we can expand and professionalise our Board and increase our ability to raise major sums for our programme; we can expand our educational work; we can assure the preservation of The Churchill Museum—now

the focal base of The Churchill Centre and the beacon of Churchill's legacy for current and future generations; we can improve our website, already the most accessible and authoritative source of ready and reliable information on all aspects of Churchill, his life and the literature about him; we can establish a travelling exhibition, based on the electronic Lifeline at the Churchill Museum, to excite, inform and recruit more and more supporters throughout the USA and raise funds for our activities; and finally we can help bring to completion the massive *Winston S. Churchill*: the official biography and its companion volumes, on which Sir Martin Gilbert has worked tirelessly for over forty years, the last three of which the Centre helped fund in the 1990s.

This should add flesh to Laurence Geller's "Four Pillars of The Churchill Centre: Education, Publication, Scholarship, Media," which he highlighted so forcefully in last year's Annual Report. Under Laurence's leadership we have increased the membership of our Board to encompass a host of eminent, influential and experienced figures, all of whom are dedicated to our cause, to promoting and to raising funds for it.

We are blessed still with the unflagging dedication of our editor and encyclopaedia, Richard Langworthy (assisted, driven and occasionally directed by his equally dedicated wife, Barbara); our education programmes coordinator, Suzanne sigmas; our administrative staff, Mary Dwyer and Dan Myers; our adviser and organizer, Marcus Frost and his wife Molly; our webmaster, Dave Turrell. Sadly the Board has lost the services of Chris Hebbe, who for so long worked unpaid as Treasurer of TCC; of Richard Mastio whose organisational skills enabled Chapters to enjoy visits by Celia Sandys and author Michael Dobbs. Others who give generously of their time and energy include our many academic advisers, led by Professor James Muller; our chapter heads and officers; and all of you active members who do so much to sustain us and encourage our work.

The Churchill Centre thrives on the dedication and enthusiasm of all who are connected with it and it is my job to ensure that, as an organisation, we do our utmost to achieve our aims—while not losing sight of that sense of belonging to an organisation with a long history, not only of common cause, but of collegiality. I want to foster both of those aims and, with the drive of our chairman behind me, we will take The Churchill Centre to greater heights and wider realms.

REVIEW OF 2007-08

In the past year we have done much to support this approach and achieved a great deal.

In September 2007 under the chairmanship of Christopher Hebb, the city of Vancouver, Canada, played >>

host to the 24th International Churchill Conference, "Churchill and the Pacific War." Nearly 300 attended the event, with Friday's gala attracting 400 including 140 students from the Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, Vancouver. Excellent presentations were made by Canadian and American academic and lay speakers. Attendees ranged in age from 11 to 94 and included six Chinese-Canadians who had experienced the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong. A highlight of the conference was the presence of our Patron, Lady Soames, as we celebrated her 85th birthday.

We look forward the 25th International Conference in Boston, organised by Joe Hern and assisted once again by a team of volunteers. The theme is "Churchill and Ireland," with many erudite speakers; we also mark the centenary of the marriage of Clementine and Winston Churchill, and WSC's visits to Boston. It promises to be a characteristically innovative, enlightening, participatory and, as ever, hugely convivial affair, at which I hope to see as many of you as possible.

We were pleased in October to present the Churchill Award for Statesmanship to two leaders who exemplify Sir Winston's collegial approach to politics, former Secretary of State James Baker and former Congressman Lee Hamilton; and our Emery Reves Award for journalism to Christopher Matthews.

As Laurence Geller reinforced in his remarks last year, Education is at the heart of what we do. The Churchill Centre is extremely grateful to the many scholars and teachers who supported our educational program by attending or conducting seminars for teachers in 2007. Participants rate the quality of our instructors as one of their most important reasons for attending our free seminars.

Direct financial support and donation of meeting space allowed us to bring the seminars in under budget and we thank the individuals and organizations who underwrote the seminars in San Antonio, Atlanta and Fullerton, in particular Marcus and Molly Frost, who completely funded the San Antonio event. Judith Muller,

THE CHURCHILL CENTRE		
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES		
For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006		
	2007	2006
UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Support		
Contributions	\$ 289,660	\$ 357,755
Fundraising events, net of direct costs of \$50,855 in 2007 and \$0 in 2006	292,488	5,000
Seminars and book and other sales	211,435	417,771
Other revenue		
Investment income, net of investment fees	85,122	60,760
Total unrestricted support and revenue	<u>878,705</u>	<u>841,286</u>
UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES		
Programs	574,012	703,106
Fundraising	81,437	74,804
Administrative	106,229	80,875
	<u>761,678</u>	<u>858,785</u>
Change in net assets before unrealized gain on investments	117,027	(17,499)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(3,840)	88,258
Change in unrestricted net assets	<u>113,187</u>	<u>70,759</u>
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Support		
Contributions	2,108	3,986
Grants	131,423	-
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>133,531</u>	<u>3,986</u>
Change in net assets	246,718	74,745
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,431,391</u>	<u>1,356,646</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,678,109</u>	<u>\$ 1,431,391</u>
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Bill Fisher, Gary Garrison and Judy Kambestad also all gave freely and keenly of their services to support the programmes in action.

The Churchill Centre has traditionally supplied a service to its members which enables them to visit Churchill-related sites around the globe. The focus of 2008 was our tour of "Churchill's Scotland" for forty-one members arranged by Barbara and Richard Langworth and described elsewhere in this report.

The year ahead will see more changes, as we endeavour to expand our reach, exploit our strengths and achieve ever more in the name of Winston Churchill. I am confident that, by the end of that year, we will be a stronger, more widely known, respected and successful organisation,

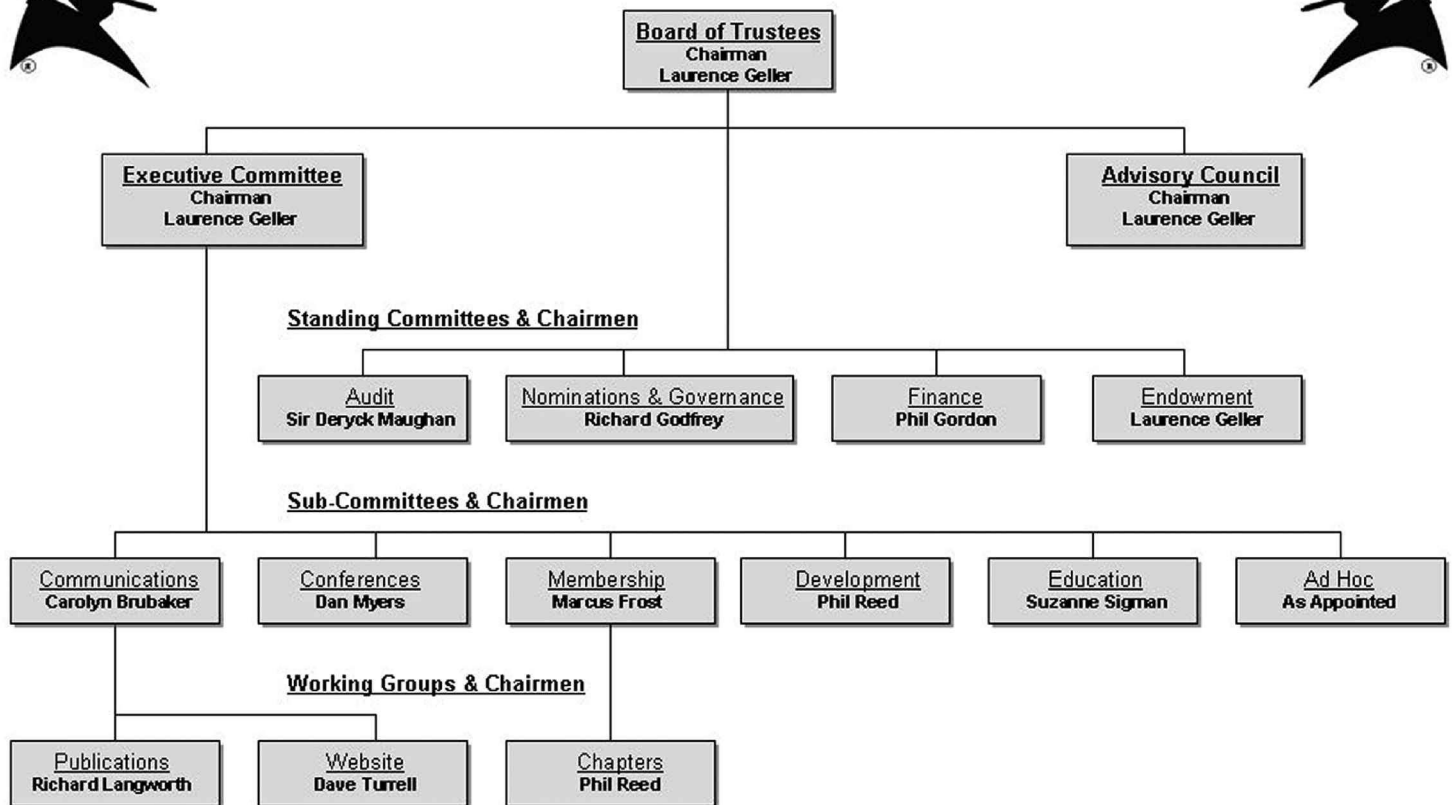
but also one in which each member, each protagonist, each supporter will feel a greater sense of belonging and an even greater sense of pride in belonging to The Churchill Centre.

They say you can find a Churchill quote to adorn every situation, and to that end I offer a remark he made about a rather more important Anglo-American cooperative venture, after his meeting with President Roosevelt in August 1941:

"For my own part, looking out for the future, I do not view the process with any misgivings. I could not stop it if I wished; no one can stop it. Like the Mississippi, it just keeps rolling along. Let it roll! Let it roll on full flood, inexorable, irresistible, benignant, to broader lands and better days." ☺



The Churchill Centre – Organizational Structure - August 2008



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EDUCATION REPORT

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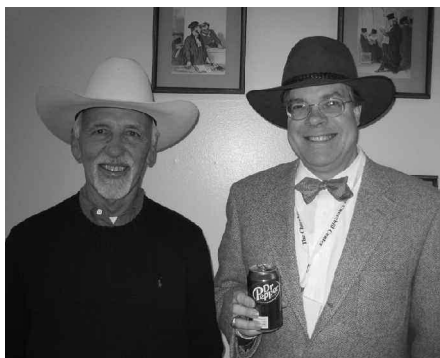
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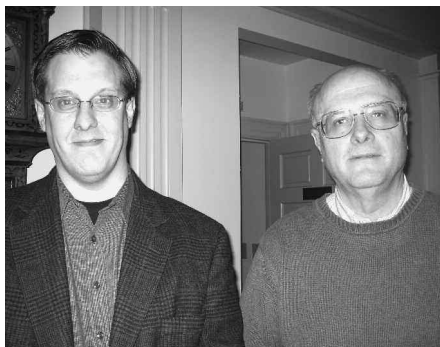
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The Centre is extremely grateful to the scholars who supported our educational program by conducting seminars for teachers in 2007: Drs. Mark Blitz, Claremont-McKenna College; David Freeman, California State University, Fullerton; Steven Hayward, American Enterprise Institute; Warren Kimball, Rutgers University; Justin Lyons, Ashland University; and the chairman of our Academic Advisers, James Muller, University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Participating teachers rate the quality of our instructors as one of their most important considerations when deciding to attend our free seminars. We all know that time is a precious commodity, and teachers, too, must be judicious in deciding how spend their Saturdays.



FOUR AMONG MANY: We do not have photos of all the professors who helped. Above, Warren Kimball and Jim Muller, appropriately garbed at Baylor University. Below, Justin Lyons and John Maurer at the February 2008 seminar at William and Mary.



THE CHURCHILL CENTRE

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 246,718	\$ 74,745
Depreciation	1,432	1,044
Change in market value of investments	3,840	(88,258)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Decrease (increase) in pledges receivable	(4,562)	2,500
Decrease (increase) in pledges receivable long-term	5,000	(11,000)
Decrease (increase) in other receivables	(151,423)	6,100
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(28,487)	1,067
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	4,431	(2,647)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	53,000	(51,790)
Net cash provided (used by) operating activities	<u>129,949</u>	<u>(68,239)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(331,587)	(429,366)
Sale of investments	<u>209,557</u>	<u>339,383</u>
Net cash provided (used by) investing activities	<u>(122,030)</u>	<u>(89,983)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,919	(158,222)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>11,709</u>	<u>169,931</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 19,628</u>	<u>\$ 11,709</u>

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We are equally grateful to the following individuals and organizations who underwrote Churchill seminars in San Antonio, Atlanta and Fullerton: Dr. Mary Nichols and the Political Science Department at Baylor University; James Bruns, President and Chief Executive Officer, Atlanta History Center; and California State University, Fullerton Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Direct financial support and donations of meeting space allowed us to bring the seminars in under budget. Deep thanks to Marcus and Molly Frost, who completely funded the San Antonio event.

Churchill Centre members Marcus and Molly Frost, Judith Muller, Bill Fisher, Gary Garrison and Judy Kambestad chauffeured us from airports and hotels, monitored the

lunch buffets we provided free for participants, registered teachers and generally helped us perform efficiently in an unfamiliar city.

As always, the Centre's staff, Dan Myers and Mary Dwyer, responded to applications, made reservations, shipped our reading materials, printed our name tags, monitored our expenses and straightened out the inevitable curve balls. *Finest Hour* editor Richard Langworth, senior editors Jim Lancaster and Paul Courtenay, and Churchill bibliographer Ronald Cohen, never disappointed when we needed accurate information about reading materials and hand-outs.

I am often thanked for planning the seminars, but my gratitude, and yours, should really go to what we might call "Team Churchill."

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Activity: The Churchill Centre was incorporated in the State of Illinois to conduct educational and charitable activities and to promote the study and appreciation of the life and thought of Winston Spencer Churchill.

Tax status: The Centre is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for federal or state income tax has been provided in the accompanying financial statements.

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as received. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Unconditional promises to give during the next year are reflected as current pledges receivable at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give during subsequent years are reflected as long-term pledges receivable at their net realizable value. Allowances for doubtful pledges are provided based on an estimate of potential uncollectible amounts at each year-end.

Use of estimates: The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents: The Centre considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Net Assets: Unrestricted net assets are the net assets that are neither permanently restricted nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation: Fixed assets are recorded at cost and capitalized when in excess of \$500. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets, using the straight-line method.

Donated services: No amounts have been recorded in the financial statements for substantial services provided by volunteers, since there is no objective basis to measure the value of such services.

Items for Resale: The Centre offers certain products for resale. However, the Centre expenses these products upon purchase. Unsold products at the end of the year are not inventoried since the ultimate recovery of this cost is uncertain. Beginning in 2007, products for resale have been contracted with an outside vendor for which the Centre will receive a percentage of the sales.

Note 2. Investments

Investments consist of the following and are carried at fair market value. Investment expense was \$10,389 and \$8,280 for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

	2007	2006
Accrued interest	\$1,788	—
Depository receipts	67,257	65,145
Equities	145,742	—
Fixed income	198,375	305,968
Money market funds	107,858	73,814
Mutual funds	937,946	902,408
	1,458,966	1,347,335
Canada Savings	56,530	49,971
Total	\$1,515,496	\$1,397,306

Note 3. Pledges Receivable

	2007	2006
Amounts due in:		
...less than one year	\$9,562	\$ 5,000
...one to five years	6,000	11,000
	15,562	16,000
Uncollectible pledges	—	—
Net realizable value	15,562	16,000
Classified as:		
Current	9,562	5,000
Longterm	6,000	11,000
Total	\$15,562	\$16,000

Note 4. Board Designated Endowment Net Assets

The Board of Trustees has designated an Endowment Fund consisting of certain contributions and the related earnings and appreciation from the investment of those contributions. The Board of Trustees may transfer from this Endowment Fund such sums as appropriate for the operations of the Centre; however, it is the current policy of the Board of Trustees to limit such transfers to no more than the accumulated interest, dividends and realized gains on the sale of assets derived from the investment of those contributions.

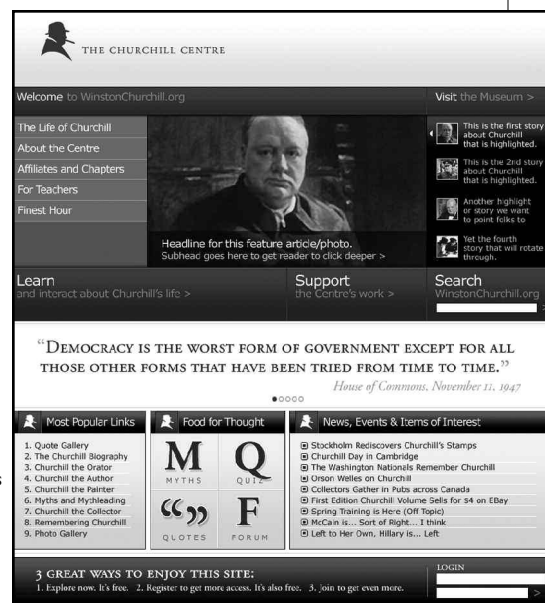
Note 5. Commitments

The Centre leased an office space in Washington, D.C. under a five-year lease beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2007. Rental expense was \$39,519 and \$36,753 for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Centre has entered into an agreement to retain a Director of Publications Editorial Services at an annual cost of \$96,000, and an Academic Consultant for \$6,000. These agreements may be terminated by either party upon thirty days advance written notice.

Note 6. Merger

On 3 January 2008, The Churchill Centre completed a transaction pursuant to which American Friends of the Churchill Museum, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, transferred substantially all of its assets and certain liabilities to The Churchill Centre.

A complete copy of the Financial Report is available from our Administrative Office, (888) WSC-1874.



EARLY PROTOTYPE: We're not running this big because it's being revised, but this is the essence of the new home page: clean, interactive, with powerful inducements to keep clicking.

WEBSITE REPORT

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Early in 2007, in response to a desire by the Board of Trustees to upgrade and greatly enhance www.winstonchurchill.org, the Churchill Centre website, a committee was formed to begin looking at ways in which the site could be revamped. Its membership has fluctuated over time, but has settled down to the hard core team of Dave Turrell, Richard Langworth, Todd Ronnei, John Olsen, Ian Langworth and Suzanne Sigman.

While the current site contains an extraordinary amount of good information (just try searching on any relevant topic) there are three fundamental problems we wanted to address.

1. Internet design changes and by today's standards the present site needs a clean, cosmetic makeover.

2. We are not the masters of our own destiny with the current provider. While we control most of the content we do not control the underlying code. This leads to problems in trying to >>

stay technically current and innovative.

3. With constant addition over time the content of the site has become somewhat cluttered and disorganized. We need to sort, winnow and regroup.

Late in 2007 we completed assembling our thoughts and successfully went in search of a professional technical partner for our efforts. Much of the early part of 2008 was spent working with our designers in coming to grips with the “look” for which we were searching. This by its nature is a somewhat slow, back and forth process, as sets of ideas are offered, evaluated and refined. However, the overall design was finally locked down and we are now in the development phase for the new site. As of mid-July, significant progress has been made in construction of the framework, and we anticipate beginning to load content soon.

Our approach to loading content is a relatively simple one. We will begin with a combination of the most important and the most popular information. It is, of course, vital that we maintain information on the Centre itself: Who we are, what we do, how to join us. As another example, the statistics on the current site indicate that the most popular pages are Winston Churchill’s *speeches*—so they will, of course, be easily locatable. Our flagship journal, *Finest Hour*, will be there, and much more than you can imagine!

Generally speaking, industry statistics indicate that a reworked site will launch with 50% of the original content, and I believe this is a fair goal for Day 1. Once relaunched, we will enter into an intensive effort not only to sift the remaining original content but, more importantly and excitingly, to begin work on creating whole new sections designed to attract audiences we do not currently have, and to entice today’s fleeting visitors to come back and see us again.

Which leads me to the obvious question of—when? Ultimately the launch date will be determined by the pace at which we can migrate the content. I believe we will launch the new site this autumn. But, if asked when it will be finished, my honest and hopeful answer is....never. ✂

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

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Our chief task over the past year was to carry out our Chairman’s wish, confirmed by the Board, that *Finest Hour* become larger and the *Chartwell Bulletin* more frequent. As of mid-2008, *Finest Hour* has grown from the typical 48 pages to up to 64 pages, and now incorporates the papers from conferences and seminars, formerly published (as much as four years late) in separate booklets entitled *Churchill Proceedings*.

This process began in *FH* 134 (Spring 2007), and in the four issues from *FH* 136 to 139 we published virtually all the papers from the 2007 Vancouver conference, only months after they were originally delivered.

Simultaneously the *Chartwell Bulletin* shifted from a tri-annual to a quarterly publication, and with up to twenty pages from the previous twelve or sixteen. While *Finest Hour* is now devoted to “all Churchill, all the time,” the *Bulletin* handles news of local, national and international and educational events. Between our two periodicals, members now receive a publication on the average of every six weeks.

We aim to post issues of the *Chartwell Bulletin* on our website immediately upon publication, and *Finest Hour* within a year of publication (although accessible to members as soon as they are posted). This is happening thanks to Dave Turrell, who has my total confidence not only as webmaster but as an outstanding deputy editor.

From the presidency of Bill Ives, the board has been concerned with the editorial succession. With skill, balance and humor, Dave Turrell, who is English-born, shares our editorial imperative: a “fair and balanced,” non-hagiographic but wholly positive magazine: a layman’s journal with academic pretensions. I am confident *Finest Hour* at last has laid the groundwork for its long-term continuity.

In addition to the two periodicals, and collaboration with our website working group, the editor is charged with producing all necessary printed matter and individual publications. In 2008-09 this will include two special publications thus far committed to by the Board of Trustees. First on the list is a book of “Churchill Facts,” comprising the quick-facts offered in *Finest Hour*’s “Amperсанд” column over the years, supplemented by a text written by David Hatter of the Churchill Centre UK. We intend this booklet as a kind of “Churchill 101” course manual, to be used as a hand-out at student events and for other purposes where we desire to impart a quick education on Sir Winston Churchill’s life and times.

The second publication is a Martin Gilbert monograph on WSC and a California war hero, published in memory of the late Jerry Kambestad, and funded by Jerry and his wife Judy, who remains active in our affairs.

We also produced in 2008 a revised membership application, stationery and business cards, press releases and a tour program for “Churchill’s Scotland.” ✂

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Sir Martin Gilbert Essay Contest, Chicago, 2005.

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Michael Maibach; contest

runner-up Matthew

Palaparathi of Hiram

Rickover Academy, Chicago;

Matthew's teacher, Cdr.

Donna Fournier; organizer

Cdr. Joe Troiani, and one of

the contest's judges,

Professor James Muller.



Rickover Military Academy is an award-winning institution in Chicago that is blazing the trail of finer education under the Chicago School District banner. Its students have admirable focus and ambition. Leading students from other military schools in the area have likewise been invited.

We put great emphasis in the student mission of the Centre and march forward with gusto. We are glad to be in touch with all and celebrate some very good work from some very dedicated people.

Affiliates at Work: Teaching the Next Generation

The Chartwell Bulletin is always pleased to highlight good work done by individual chapters or affiliates, separate from but certainly no less important than the Centre's own seminar programs. Clearly, some chapters are making an important contribution.

VANDERBILT CHAPTER

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, APRIL 30TH—

The Vanderbilt Chapter sends greetings to all who work to preserve and extend the legacy of Sir Winston Churchill.

Our Maymester class, "The Visionary Rhetoric of Sir Winston Churchill," remains the most successful summer study-abroad class on campus.

Last year, thirty-six students enrolled in our three-week class in London studying Churchill's most famous speeches. We were so successful that the Dean is coming to London this year and recommending that we have back-to-back classes there, to accommodate the tremendous interest that Vanderbilt students have demonstrated for this program.

We currently have about thirty-eight active chapter members and are hoping to add more this year. I believe our chapter is a shining example of the continuing interest of today's young people in Winston Churchill, and look forward to hearing about the success of other chapters and the ideas that you might have for increasing the success of our combined efforts.

—JOHN ENGLISH, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

SIR MARTIN GILBERT ESSAY CONTEST

CHICAGO, MAY 15TH— Our student program is alive, well and growing in Chicagoland. Many who attended the 2006 Conference here remember the "First Annual Martin Gilbert Student Essay Contest," in which over seventy students participated. Winners received cash prizes meant for educational purposes, and one winner, Matthew Palaparathi, presented his thesis at the conference. Educators attended with their junior and senior high school age students, and were addressed by Professor James Muller.

The Chicagoland chapter is active throughout the school year, making PowerPoint presentations to regional schools, giving a thumbnail profile of Winston Churchill tailored to the age group of each audience. To date, we have talked to children from kindergarten to the 12th grade. The response has been enormous. We have been invited back to a number of the schools, and have been joined by school administrators at local dinner meetings. They bring a special energy which informs us about how Churchill is being taught in today's classrooms.

We always host students at our dinner meetings. More immediately, we sponsored (with immense aid from member Joe Troiani) Celia Sandys, who spoke to 200 high school military students today on the subject of Churchill's leadership. ↗

SEATTLE CHAPTER

I appreciate The Churchill Centre's focus on teaching Churchill in today's schools. I teach 20th Century history to high school seniors and college students, in a private school system, so I have the privilege of going into a lot more depth on Churchill's warnings in the 1930s and his leadership through the Second World War. I understand the dilemma faced by many teachers to cover only what's "in the test." This means that we must be creative in how we include Churchill in education today, based not necessarily on what is included in the curriculum, but in developing other extracurricular programs.

For instance, a lot of our students are very enthusiastic and successful participants in the competitions of the Future Business Leaders of America. In that vein, we in Seattle wish to start a Churchill Statesmanship competition for high schools, where students compete in rhetoric competitions using Churchill as the archetype model. Such a competition will provide the opportunity for achieving numerous objectives:

- It provides the local chapter with a reason to stay in contact with educators in the region.

- It provides an opportunity for The Churchill Centre to distribute materials on Churchill's legacy of statesmanship to educators who will envision and equip the students. >>

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- It provides opportunity for students to express in their own words why Churchill is relevant as a model for leadership and statesmanship today.

- It provides The Churchill Centre with an opportunity to be seen by administrators, educators and students as relevant to the next generation, and to the issues we face today.

Despite the tiny allotment of time that available for Churchill in schools today, my experience is that students who have heard of him appreciate Churchill's wit, his vision and his principles. In an era when politicians fail to spark the enthusiasm of young people, many students only wish we had leaders like Churchill to deal with the tough challenges of the 21st century. Certainly we will pursue the young people at the local level here in Seattle, but a discussion of perhaps how the national office can assist in some sort of competition or other event would be great dialog. I would be very happy to hear from anyone with any input of further suggestions.

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B.C. SOCIETY

Simon, I hope you were able to attend the annual banquet of the Sir Winston S. Churchill Society of British Columbia, (see local news) with Lord Boyce, former chief of Defence Staff and First Sea Lord of the British Armed Forces, and had a chance to chat with Ian Marshall, our scholarship committee chairman, and with Brooke Campbell, our programs director, who can explain how we attracted 135 students to the 2007 International Churchill Conference. We have no shortage of interest in Winston Churchill from young people.

CHRISTOPHER HEBB, PRESIDENT
RT HON SIR WINSTON S. CHURCHILL
SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

GEORGIA CHAPTER

Kudos to Christopher Hebb for arranging for so many students to attend part of the 24th International Conference. In the United States, with pressures on teachers "to teach the

test," it is hard to get their attention for much depth on Churchill—on any subject, for that matter. In a conference about a year ago, nearly fifty teachers echoed the same sentiments. One said, "I only can say two sentences about Winston Churchill because that's about all that can be on the test." This is a problem frequently cited by enthusiastic but frustrated teachers at our high

school teacher seminars

If we could establish a means to gather ideas along getting youth (and teachers) involved, we might be able crack this nut, and will have succeeded in our effort "to keep the memory green, and the record accurate."

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Churchill in Advance Placement History

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL,
APRIL 14th— Richard Marsh and I today conducted a Winston Churchill teaching unit on behalf of the Churchill Society of Michigan. It was the first of what we hope will be a series on history curriculum with area schools.

A Churchill lesson plan was presented to the Advanced Placement (AP) European History class as a "document-based question" (DBQ), which the Board defines as "not to test students' prior knowledge of subject matter, but rather to evaluate their ability to formulate and support an answer from documentary evidence." The College Board AP European History exam includes an essay based on a DBQ; our Churchill lesson plan provides practice for this part of the test.

At the teachers' direction we focused on World War II and its advent, preparing "documents" which the students studied over the weekend. These included excerpts of Churchill speeches, radio broadcasts to the



Chicago Tribune, 1965

United States, diary entries of Alanbrooke and Goebbels, *Time* magazine's "Man of the Year" article, political cartoons, and excerpts on the "Grand Alliance" from works of Sir Martin Gilbert.

President Kennedy's speech conferring honorary U.S. citizenship on Sir Winston in 1963 was the document we used to introduce Churchill's oratory ("The incandescent

quality of his words illuminated the courage of his countrymen").

Our classroom session started with an overview of Churchill. The students then spent forty-five minutes writing their essays, followed by a half-hour's general discussion. At teachers' request we spoke about appeasement and empire—themes the class had just been discussing. We added aspects of Churchill's life, including his dismissal from office after the war, and his "Iron Curtain" speech at Fulton in 1946. Churchill himself had the last word, with his recording of his first speech as Prime Minister, "Blood, Toil, Tears and

Sweat,” introduced with information about the crisis of confidence and chaos on the Continent which combined to force a change in British government.

There is a real challenge to get Churchill included in course material, which contains much structure, and a syllabus that is not easily altered. Structure begins with the Michigan Department of Education, is added at the regional level, then adjusted by the school and the individual teacher. All these varied inputs are crucial.

In communicating the Churchill dimension, it is important first to identify willing teachers. A form letter is not as likely to produce results as are personal contacts. This is how we succeeded at Novi High School.

Once identified, try to get the teacher's ideas of what material fits his or her course. If time is spent on Churchill, it must fit the content and flow of the course—WSC cannot just parachute in! Major themes can be suggested, but the teacher must settle the amount of time devoted to class participation, lecturing, and student preparation. A “canned” or off-the-shelf lesson may not fit all situations. Churchill *content* is not the challenge

because there is something in his story for every course. The real challenge is creating the timing, theme and format that suits the individual class.

The DBQ format worked well at Novi and should have appeal to other Advanced Placement teachers. It contained both an educational and a practical purpose. It does not require outside facilitators, except perhaps for purposes of verisimilitude. Perhaps a generic lesson plan may emerge that will fit most teachers' needs, subject to their individual considerations.

We believe we accomplished our objective in this Advance Placement European History Class. Participating students will take more notice when they hear the name of Winston Churchill in future. In some, we hope, this will lead to a lifelong interest.

As a next step in this project another appeal will be made within the Michigan chapter for direct contacts with selected public and private schools. This initial experience will help guide our approach. The project requires personal effort and follow-up. But for credibility it requires more than just two people: it needs the imprimatur of the Michigan chapter and The Churchill Centre. ☺



Invoking memories of the classic speech by Lord Mountbatten in Western Canada over forty years ago, Lord Boyce, former First Sea Lord and current Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports addressed the Churchill Societies of British Columbia, Edmonton and Calgary this year.

banquet tonight, with 109 attending. Admiral the Lord Boyce gave a fascinating, well prepared and delivered speech which will appear in a future edition of *Finest Hour*.

Michael Cecil Boyce, Baron Boyce GCB OBE DL, is a cross-bench (non-party) member of the House of Lords, a former First Sea Lord and chief of Defence Staff. Since 2004 he has held Churchill's and the Queen Mother's former honorary title, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

Focusing on Churchill and the Navy, Lord Boyce concluded: “Winston Churchill had a real fondness for his country's maritime heritage. He appeared to be a good sailor and enjoyed being at sea—he certainly made good use of the Admiralty yacht *Enchantress* during his first time as First Lord although, as he wrote to his wife, being on a ship in bad weather was like being in prison except with the added chance of being drowned!

“I believe he felt it was a special privilege to be in charge of the Royal Navy, which held a special place in his heart. It probably provided a mixture of pleasure and indigestion and he wanted to do all he could to see it >>

LOCAL & REGIONAL

ARIZONA

PHOENIX, MAY 12TH— Celia Sandys continues on her chapter tour sponsored by The Churchill Centre for local members. Larry Pike was her host tonight on the first stop of her latest visit, attended by eighty people, only half of whom were CC members—so hopefully we'll see some new members from Arizona.

Celia, whose three-part documentary television series “Chasing Churchill” appeared on PBS in August, was interviewed for a radio show hosted by Congressman J. D. Hayworth. Larry Pike estimated that 40,000 people were tuned in when Celia's production aired.

The attendees were eclectic. One gentleman had an uncle who was a pallbearer at Churchill's state funeral. A Montreal woman recalled both Sir Winston and Celia being in that city.” Professor Roger Adelson, an erudite Churchillian attended from Arizona State. Larry Pike expressed gratitude for the many kindnesses of the Princess Hotel, and to Cherri Kisel of Strategic Hotels & Resorts for her efforts on our behalf. Celia's next stops were Denver and Chicago. —Mary Dwyer

BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, JUNE 13TH— The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Society of British Columbia held its annual

live up to its past glories. I think he saw the post of Lord Warden as an extension of all that took satisfaction, historian as he was, of knowing he had a niche in that part of our island's ancient history."

VANCOUVER, APRIL 23RD—Ninety-six people at B.C. Society's "Evening with Churchill" heard Andre Gerolymatos discuss Churchill's accomplishments in Athens in December 1944 and January, 1945, which enabled Greeks to avoid a dictatorial government under the communist-led ELAS. His remarks were followed by descriptions of their personal experiences by Owen Dolan QC, and Dr. Ron MacAdam. Together, our three speakers afforded an authoritative window on Churchill and Greece in World War II from the rare perspective of firsthand knowledge.

Dr. Gerolymatos is chairman of Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University. Born in Athens in 1952, where his parents had lived during the German occupation, he was educated in classics and modern history at McGill University in Montreal. A specialist in military and diplomatic history, he is the author of *Espionage in Classical Greece* and *Guerilla Warfare and Espionage in Greece 1940-1944*.

Owen Dolan QC is a native of Vancouver, where he practices probate law. In 1941 at age 18, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy and served in the North Atlantic aboard the corvette HMCS *Saskatoon*, on anti-submarine convoy duties in 1942-43. He volunteered to be a coxswain on a landing craft (LCA) and, attached to HMCS *Prince David*, participated in the 1944 D-Day landings, the invasion of southern France, and the 1944-45 landings in Greece. Ten years ago, the Greek government awarded Owen a commemorative medal for his "valuable contribution towards attaining freedom and democracy in the Greek Theatre during World War II."

After matriculation from high school in Southern Rhodesia in 1939, Ronald MacAdam was conscripted at age 18 into the Southern Rhodesian Army, and trained in Israel and Egypt. Seconded to the British Army's Royal Rifle Regiment 11th Battalion, he

landed in Greece as a platoon commander, fighting the communist partisans endeavoring to suborn the Greek government. After the war, Ron attended university in Scotland graduating from St. Andrews and Edinburgh universities, becoming a specialist in Internal Medicine in 1953. In 1957, he a practice in North Vancouver as an Internist at Lions Gate Hospital, retiring in 1993.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, MAY 15TH—Churchill friends of Greater Chicago hosted Celia Sandys for a splendid day of events beginning at Rickover Naval Military Academy, where she spoke through the kind arrangements of Dr. Joseph Troiani. "Piped aboard" with bell and whistle, she inspected cadets in full dress uniform before speaking to an audience of 300 on her grandfather and his leadership. The cadets offered a tour of the school and a reception which included a cake to celebrate Celia's birthday.



The Centre's presentation painting, "Churchill After Karsh" by Martin Driscoll, is frequently presented to supporting schools like the Rickover Academy. Above, Academy Superintendent Michael Biela, Cadet Alexis Contreras, Celia Sandys, Susan and Philip Larson of the Chicago Friends.

In the evening, Churchill Friends met at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago for socializing and a dinner hosted by Philip and Susan Larson prior to hearing Celia speak on "Remembrances of My Grandfather." Her shared intimacies touched all present. Among the crowd of fifty were Ambassador Paul Robinson, chairman emeritus of our board of trustees; Churchill Centre chairman Laurence Geller, CC director of administration Mary Dwyer, and NFL coach Marvin Levy.

Mr. Levy, former general manager and vice president of Football Operations for the Buffalo Bills, will speak to the Chicago Friends on Thursday, November 20th at the Intercontinental Hotel in Chicago. An avid Churchillian, Coach Levy will relate the relation of Churchill's saga to his professional experiences.

NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE, JULY 9TH—The Churchill Society of North Carolina, with the support of the Charlotte Museum of History, hosted "A Close Encounter with Winston Churchill" as Sir Winston's granddaughter, Celia Sandys, continued her chapter tour. The standing-room audience numbered 350, and an additional 150 had to be turned away for lack of space.

Celia enthralled the overflow crowd with tales of her adventures with her grandfather, as well as many humorous and sensitive anecdotes from his "not uneventful life." The audience was treated to a feast for the ear and heart as she related how, as a teenager, she accompanied "Grandpapa" aboard the Onassis yacht *Christina* on a Mediterranean cruise from Monte Carlo to Istanbul and back. She also spoke of that tragic day when, seated beside her grandfather, they together heard of the assassination of President Kennedy. Her talk was followed by a question and answer period where questioners sometimes combined with their queries with tales of personal encounters with Sir Winston.

Preceding the program, the North Carolina chapter hosted a reception for nearly fifty sponsors of the event, at which Celia posed for pictures and inscribed books. Three local students, guests of Society members, were recognized for their achievements at both the reception and during the evening's program. They included West Point appointee Timothy Berry; Ardrey Kell High School ROTC Command Sergeant Major Nicholas Bachelder; and Lindsay Mizok, a well-known local artist who displayed her recent portrait of Winston Churchill.

Prior to the evening's events, Celia Sandys was interviewed by Julie Rose of the local affiliate of National



Above: Celia Sandys with Nick Bacheldor, a senior at Ardrey Kell High School. *Below:* Celia with artist Lindsay Mizok and West Point appointee Tim Berry. *Farther below:* Lindsay chose to portray WSC with a smile. Most photos she researched carried a stern look or a scowl. Lindsay knew that Churchill had a humorous side which frequently came out under the burdens of his position. In choosing a "smiling Churchill" she took independently the same position as Sir Martin Gilbert, who preferred the "smiling Karsh" photo on the dust jacket for his classic, *In Search of Churchill*.



Public Radio; and on the locally-produced Danny Fontana Show which, through syndication, reaches over ten million homes nationwide.

On behalf of the North Carolina chapter and all those attending the event, we thank The Churchill Centre for its support of this event and are deeply grateful to Celia Sandys for her patience and good humor throughout this very busy day. —CRAIG HORN

NORTH TEXAS

DALLAS, JUNE 13TH— Thirty-one North Texas Churchillians met at the acclaimed Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen for an evening of socializing and seafood. After dinner, the group was treated to a PowerPoint presentation and speech by long time Dallas member Nathan Hughes.

Nathan offered a realistic account of what life in wartime London, particularly during the Blitz. He wove his story masterfully with pictures, showing what the citizens of London suffered and endured. His presentation was accompanied by contemporary music, like the "White Cliffs of Dover" by Dame Vera Lynn. The program made for a great evening, enlightened by the life and experiences of Mr. Hughes.

Nathan served for five years as director of North Texas Churchillians, and was the recipient of the English Speaking Union's National Merit Award in 1995. Born and raised in Wales, he served in the British armed forces from 1942 to 1947. Then he took a degree in Physics and Applied Mathematics, eventually becoming a UK chartered engineer and a U.S. certified professional broadcast engineer. His early memories were captured in his book, *Reminiscences of Wales 1924-1942*.

ONTARIO

TORONTO, MAY 7TH— The annual dinner of ICS Canada was held at the historic, 125-year-old Albany Club, with 110 members and guests in attendance. President Randy Barber welcomed the attendees and presented the recognition awards for 2008. One went to Sean Carney, technology

instructor at Etobicoke Collegiate Institute in Toronto, who secured an inoperable M4 Sherman tank from the Department of National Defence, which will be re-fitted by his students and returned to the military. (See cover photo.) The project, which will cost \$200,000, has captured the imagination of the whole school and the media. As Sean remarked to the *Globe and Mail*, "This is exposing the kids to a real piece of history."



WORLD'S FIRST: Peacock Collegiate students (in 40-below temperatures) raise the refurbished 1941 statue which, as far as we know, is the first ever cast of Winston Churchill. Welding instructor Martin Holzer and his students did the restoration on the ten-foot edifice.

ICS Canada's second award winner was Martin Holzer, a welding instructor at the Albert E. Peacock Collegiate in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, who undertook the refurbishing of the ten-foot-high Churchill statue unveiled at the school in 1943: the oldest statue of Churchill in the world. Holzer was surprised and pleased to hear the won a national award he didn't know existed. It came to our attention via *Finest Hour* senior editor James Lancaster, who is compiling a book on Churchill memorials. Mr. Holzer telephoned after receiving the award and was most appreciative. The project took over 400 hours of his and his students' time >>



ICS CANADA ANNUAL DINNER, May 7th. *Above:* Randy Barber presents the Recognition of Merit Award for 2007 to David Robinson and his wife Vanessa Taber. David organized the visit of 5000 students to Vimy Ridge, sacred to Canadians who fought and died there in World War I. *Above right:* Ambassador and Mrs. Ken Taylor. During the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979-80, Taylor, then Canadian Ambassador to Iran, sheltered, smuggled out, and probably saved the lives of six Americans. He has long served as honorary chairman of ICS Canada, and was the keynote speaker at the 2005 International Churchill Conference in Quebec City.

ICS CANADA...

with great effort to remain faithful to the original design. The rejuvenated statue was unveiled in December 2007.

David Robinson of Port Perry High School, Ontario (winner of the 2007 award, for organizing the visit of 5000 Canadian students to the World War I Vimy Ridge project) spoke briefly on this year's trip of 6000 students, to Ortono, Italy, site of the December 1943 victory which led to the Allies' advance on Rome. The students had researched the 2300 Canadian troops who fell in that battle; now they will visit their graves. Dave has also visited Canadian troops in Afghanistan, with the intent of having the students "twin" them with their counterparts in World War II.

In the toast to Sir Winston, David Brady who noted that sixty-eight years ago to the day marked the beginning of the Norway debate in the House of Commons, which led to the replacement of Neville Chamberlain by Winston Churchill. He quoted the biting comments of Leo Amery ("In the name of God, go!") which were a key factor in the debate.

Keynote Speaker was Honorary Chairman of ICS Canada, Ken Taylor, Canadian Ambassador to Iran in 1980, whose heroism in saving the lives of six Americans during the hostage crisis

made him an international celebrity. Ambassador Taylor spoke on Churchill's role in the creation of the modern Middle East in 1921, which he saw as a cost cutting measure for Britain. With firsthand knowledge of the problems facing the region, he suggested that if Iran did not reinvest in its oil industry, its oil supplies will be depleted within ten years. He finished by wondering, "Where is Sir Winston when we need him?" He was thanked by Gordon Walker, who presented him with a copy of the Churchill, Toronto & Canada plaque in Toronto City Hall Square.

ICS Canada President Randy Barber continues to make faithful rounds on the speaker circuit, telling the story of Winston Churchill. On 29 April, Randy addressed the Kitchener Probus Group, whose chairman wrote, "We learned so much about the special attributes and accomplishments of Winston Churchill...I trust that some of our 200 members will avail themselves of the opportunity of joining the International Churchill Society of Canada."

Randy also addressed the Honourable Company of Freemen of The City of London of North America, which thanked him "for bringing Sir Winston back to life in such a knowledgeable and entertaining way."

WASHINGTON DC

APRIL 12TH— We gathered at the Old Ebbitt Grille in downtown Washington as Professor Barry Gough spoke of "Titans at the Admiralty: Winston Churchill and Lord Fisher": our annual event marking Churchill's "Sinews of Peace" speech in March 1946. An Emeritus Professor of History at Wilfred Laurier University in Ontario, Barry is a naval scholar who is writing a book on this powerful and volatile Royal Navy combination.

Churchill, and his First Sea Lord, "Jacky" Fisher, were much alike: energized, reforming prodders, too powerful to say "no" to, but from different generations. Each pressed his needs and demands on his superiors.

Working with Fisher proved a watershed for Churchill, who brought the retired admiral back against the advice of many at the Admiralty. In the early months of World War I, the old salt and the young politician hit it off. But the pressures of the developing Dardanelles campaign led to Fisher's abrupt walk-out in May 1915. "I can't out argue you," he told Churchill in frustration; his departure dragged Churchill down with him.

Together, Fisher and Churchill converted the Royal Navy to oil propulsion from coal, persuading Parliament to purchase oil rights in Persia, and had the fleet at battle stations when war was declared in August 1914. As usual, the discussion following Barry's talk was sprinkled with insights and new material from the well-informed dinner guests. ☺

"Send for Churchill": 1951 Campaign Pin



From the Washington Society for Churchill comes this finely enameled replica of the pin Churchill's supporters wore in the 1951 General Election — which also happens to be highly relevant today, or any day. The craftsman-ship is a major improvement on the original—crisp, clear and bright. US \$10 or the equivalent postpaid. Send cheques payable to WSC, c/o Dan Borinsky, 2080 Old Bridge Road #203, Lake Ridge VA 22192 USA.



A Grand Climacteric: Churchill's Scotland '08

Richard M. Langworth



SHERIFF COURT, 1908-2008: the site of WSC's Dundee triumph, a century on. The gas lamps are gone, but everything else is pretty much the same.

Forty-three Churchillians toured Scotland on 3-14 May: the 15th Churchill Tour and our third to Scotland. We covered 600 miles from Glasgow to the English Lake District, Edinburgh, Dundee, Gleneagles and Loch Lomond. The highlights were a black tie dinner aboard the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, a visit with Lord and Lady Airlie and our Patron Lady Soames; and a day-long celebration of the centenary of WSC's election as Member of Parliament for Dundee, arranged by the city and University of Dundee through the efforts of James Lancaster and Neil Powrie. The tour also donated \$300 per person to The Churchill Centre treasury.

Glasgow Airport was an ideal arrival point, since we could check in and catch up on lost sleep at the Holiday Inn across the street. Tour hosts Barbara Langworth, Ann and Garry Clark and this writer met arrivals and hosted an opening night dinner.

Leaving Scotland temporarily, we traveled on May 4th to Sedburgh, beloved public school of Brendan Bracken, Churchill's longtime friend,

Minister of Information during World War II. Welcomed by Headmaster Christopher Hirst and events manager Margie Gorst, we toured the campus, examined inscribed Churchill books in the library, and enjoyed lunch and tea.

Our speakers were two guests from Ireland: Bracken's biographer Charles Lysaght, and his eponymous nephew. Charles and Brendan regaled us with tales from the thirty-year relationship these devoted allies.

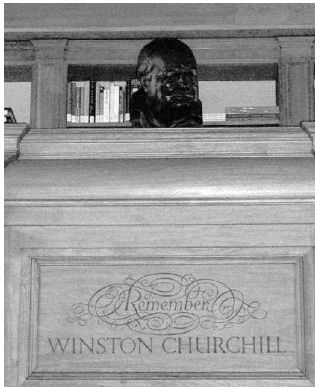
The next day found us touring the Lake District: Wordsworth's Dove Cottage near Grasmere, remote and beautiful Ullswater with its great waterfall, Ayra Force; and the surrounding hills. Storrs Hall, a fine old mansion on Windermere, was our elegant accommodation both evenings.

On May 6th it was back into Scotland via East Lothian, where we lunched at Lennoxlove with the 15th Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, and his Duchess (Angus and Kay). The connection here was Rudolf Hess, who parachuted into Britain in 1941, hoping to make contact with pro-Hitler elements. Instead he met the

present Duke's father, who turned over the Deputy Fuehrer for incarceration—as it turned out, for life.

Our hotel for the 6th through 8th was Edinburgh's magnificent Balmoral (formerly the North British), and our speaker the first night was Professor Paul Addison, author of *Churchill on the Home Front* and *Churchill: The Unexpected Hero*, who talked of WSC's links with Scotland.

May 7th was free for shopping and sightseeing as we readied ourselves for a magnificent dinner in the State Dining Room on *Britannia*, with engraved royal invitations, champagne reception, a Churchill bust, musical ensembles and a tour of the ship. The menu was all-Scottish banquet, with music throughout, the traditional ceremonial "Ode to the Haggis." Our speaker, Professor David Stafford, author of *Churchill and Secret Intelligence*, related the role of Scots in Churchill's wartime intelligence apparatus. It was a grand and memorable evening aboard the ship that had seen so much history, and had at times carried Churchill himself. >>



Above and left: Brendan Bracken and Charles Lysaght told us stories of Bracken and WSC; Angus and Kay Hamilton showed us the Fisher portrait and discussed the Hess landing at Lennoxlove; David Stafford spoke about the many Scots in Churchill's Intelligence cadre during World War II.

Left: WSC remembered at the Sedbergh Library. *Right:* Archerfield, near Dirleton, where Asquith offered

Churchill the Admiralty in 1911.



Below left: Paul Alkon at the Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh; Molly and Marcus Frost are piped aboard HMY *Britannia*, which rolled out the red carpet (literally). *Right:* The State Dining Room, *Britannia*, was the setting for a sumptuous and elegantly presented six-course dinner.



On May 8th we had a guided coach tour of Edinburgh, ending at the Castle, which houses the Scottish National War Museum. The Scots suffered disproportionately in the World Wars, and Churchill commanded a Scottish battalion in World War I. The next day we crossed the Firth of Forth and arrived bright and early in Dundee, Churchill's old constituency, where we were guests at celebrations marking the Centenary of Churchill's election as Member of Parliament, a seat he held until 1922.

On arrival we were met by Neil Powrie, Conservative Councillor in Dundee for the last thirty years, and *Finest Hour* senior editor James Lancaster, and his wife Lydia, who had worked to promote the Centenary for over a year; at last the day had come.

We began with a tour of local Churchilliana: Dudhope Terrace, where the appendix-less Churchill learned he had lost the 1922 election; The Law, with its 360-degree vista unique in Britain; Sheriff Court, where Churchill

greeted his supporters in 1908; Marryat Hall, where he was proclaimed Dundee's ex-MP in 1922; Caird Hall, where he defied the hecklers.

At the City Chambers we were given lunch and a warm welcoming speech by Dr. John Letford, Lord Provost of Dundee, who was greatly taken with the events and a most gracious host. After lunch we walked to Meadowside St Paul's Church, where the Rev. Maureen McDougall showed us the future location of a plaque marking Churchill's tenure. At the Queen's Hotel, Churchill's frequent headquarters, joint owner Gordon Sneddon asked Marcus and Molly Frost to unveil his own plaque in the lobby. Tea was accompanied by Jim Lancaster's rendition of Churchill's amusing speech about the Dundee press on 14 November 1922.

A short walk brought us to Dundee University, for a champagne reception to mark the opening of its three-month-long Churchill exhibition. The Principal, Sir Alan Langlands,

introduced our Patron, Lady Soames, who unveiled the plaque destined for the Meadowside St. Paul's Church.

Later, historian and CC member Andrew Roberts delivered a brisk recap of "Churchill and His Detractors," accompanied by questions from the floor, some challenging: "Did you know, sir, that Churchill countenanced spy planes over Russia during the Cold War?" one ardent questioner asked. "Yes, and good on him," the unabashed Roberts shot back. And a lovely time was had by all.

At the Queen's Hotel this evening, the tour hosted a dinner for Lady Soames and Lord and Lady Airlie; the Lord Provost, Gordon Williamson and Neil Powrie of the City of Dundee; Sir Alan Langlands, David Duncan and Joan Concannon of the University. Our speaker was Neil Powrie, who outlined the saga of "Churchill, Dundee and Scotland."

We spent three nights at Gleneagles resort, host of the 2004 and 2014 Ryder Cups, with time to enjoy

golf, hawking, horseback riding, off-road driving, and an impressive spa. On Sunday May 11th we were the guests of the Earl and Duchess of Airlie (David and Ginny) and Lady Soames at Airlie Castle, ancestral home of Clementine Churchill; and Cortachy Castle, the Airlie's home. A staggering luncheon awaited, and we left groaning because another impressive Gleneagles dinner was only hours ahead!

On Monday May 12th we headed south, stopping at Famous Grouse for a sampling of Scotland's best blended and malt whiskies. Here we could try and buy many special

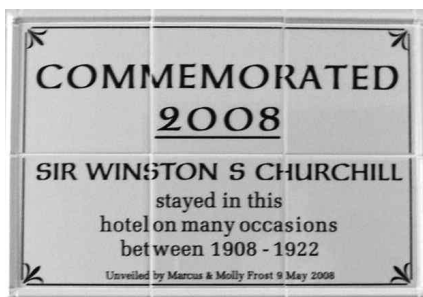
bottlings that you never see in the shops, such as their distinctive blended malts using barley only. Yum!

After lunch, we diverted west from the banks of Loch Lomond, traveling through spectacular highland passes to the Kintyre Peninsula and Strachur House, home of Sir Charles and Lady Maclean. We enjoyed a tea with home baking, toured the house and garden, and recited joint memories of Charles' great parents, Sir Fitzroy and Veronica Lady Maclean, two of the Centre's most distinguished friends, who hosted us on two earlier occasions on these premises.

The last two nights were at Cameron House on Loch Lomond: an 18th century baronial mansion on 100 acres of parkland. We cruised romantic Loch Lomond with champagne and a piper for company. Our last dinner hosted Major General Charles Ramsay, and his wife Mary; Charles delighted us with talk of Churchill and his father, Admiral sir Bertram Ramsay, who handled naval aspects of the D-Day landings. The brother of David Ramsay, who heads our California Desert chapter Charles had a distinguished military career and is a notable speaker on World War II topics. >>



Top: Lady Soames, Neil Powrie and the Lord Provost of Dundee, John Letford, with the plaque, subscribed by a number of donors including The Churchill Centre and the Churchill Centre - UK. *Above:* Reannouncing election results at Sheriff Court, where Churchill was victorious a century ago. Sir Alan Langlands welcomes guests to the Queen's Hotel on behalf of the University of Dundee, which hosted the Churchill Centenary Exhibition. *Below:* new Queen's Hotel tiled plaque in the foyer; Earl Baker, Ruth Lavine, Joe Troiani, Terrie Badgett, Ellen Brooks; Dudhope Terrace, Churchill's 1922 campaign lodgings (christened "Dud Hope" by Lady Soames), where WSC found himself without a seat, without a party, and without an appendix.



CHURCHILL'S SCOTLAND...

After a series of toasts by our party, a rousing rendition of "Auld Lang Syne," and a toast by Earl Baker, we went reluctantly to bed, and broke up the next morning as coaches delivered us to Glasgow and points beyond.

It was in Churchill's words a "grand climacteric"—Garry's, Ann's, Barbara's and my last as tour hosts. We were pleased and proud to be the guides, and to share our love of Scotland with so many friends:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Tours are planned so that both or either can be undertaken.
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Final Date for reservations is 1 February 2009.



Above: Airlie Castle; Lord Airlie and Lady Soames; Pam Steward, RML, Susan Wolf; Sir Charles and Lady Maclean (Debbie and Charles). Left & below: Lady Airlie (Ginny) with Richard and Barbara; Brig. Gen. Sir Charles Ramsay; Lady Ramsay (Mary) with Judy Kambestad and Lars Troide; Angus MacLeod and Bill Francis (with bubbly), Loch Lomond.



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14 September Greenwich, Connecticut. Sir Winston Churchill Polo Cup Benefit match. Sponsored by TCC and New York Churchillians. Contact: Gregg Berman gberman@fulbright.com, (212) 318-3388.

20-28 October. Tour XVI: Churchill's Morocco: Marrakech and Ouarzazate, hosted by Celia Sandys. Contact: Admiralty Travel, (888) 722-3401 or see: <http://xrl.us/bjo8e>.

1 November, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Teacher Seminar at the Duquesne Club, in cooperation with the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Faculty will include Professor David Jablonsky. The Centre is approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a provider of professional development for a three-year period. Philadelphia in 2009. Contact: S. Sigman, s.sigman@comcast.net, (617) 696-1833.

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28 February, Tempe, Az.. Arizona State University Teacher seminar with Prof. Roger Adelson.

2-4 April, Chicago, Illinois. Graduate student Seminar, Hotel Intercontinental.

April (tentative): Teacher Seminar co-sponsored by TCC and Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan.

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Autumn: 26th International Conference, San Francisco.

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