



Dear Fellow Canadian Churchillians:

AGM – February 28, 2013



The following Directors were re-elected to the Board for a further three year term – Randy Barber, Frank Moskoff and Peter Campbell.

We were honoured to have a distinguished Canadian, Jerry Grafstein, a Senator for twenty six years, speak to us on Winston Churchill as a Liberal. Jerry's speech was informative and entertaining, with serious matters interspersed with light hearted comments.

A fine Film on Churchill's life from British Movietone News, was an impressive and moving tribute to the Great Man, and was very well received by the audience.

Annual Dinner – May 9, 2013 – Albany Club of Toronto

A Flyer with full details is enclosed, and can also be viewed on our web site, shown above.



This Year's speaker is Terry Reardon, the Vice Chairman of the Society, and the author of "Winston Churchill and Mackenzie King"; "So Similar, So Different." Born just two weeks apart in 1874 they took different paths to achieve their objective of a parliamentary career - Churchill through military exploits and King through academic excellence. When he became prime minister, King realized that Canada had to progress from a subservient position to an independent one; thus when the Second World War broke out, Canada's parliament made its own decision to be a participant.

The Book, with a Foreword by former prime minister John Turner, has received widespread acclaim, including the Globe and Mail, on January 5, 2013, including it in "The twelve very best books to start a Churchill Library."

Terry has spoken on the Book to many local organizations, and was interviewed by Steve Paikin on April 4, to be broadcast on TV Ontario, in two, twenty five minute segments on consecutive evenings. He was also interviewed on the morning show on Classical 96.3 FM, and the ten minute segment can be downloaded from our web site.

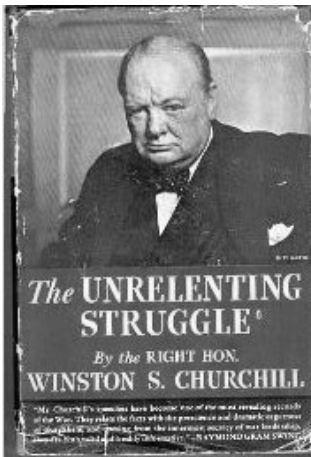
The annual dinners for the past four years have been "sell outs" and we encourage early booking. As stated in the Flyer, payment can be made through PayPal and it is not necessary to have a PayPal account; alternatively payment can be made by cheque.

30th Annual Churchill Centre Conference, Washington D.C., November 1 & 2, 2013



After the most successful Conference at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto last October, the 2013 Conference will no doubt be up to the same high standard. The Theme is “Winston Churchill, Perspectives of Leadership.” Further details including some of the speakers already arranged can be found on the Churchill Centre web site – www.winstonchurchill.org; Calendar of Events; Annual Conferences.

From the Bookshelf



“The Unrelenting Struggle;” “The Second Volume of Churchill’s War Speeches.”

An extract from a Broadcast “To the People of Canada” on June 2, 1941.

“I am glad to have an opportunity of speaking again to the people of Canada. Your comradeship in this mortal struggle cheers and fortifies the people of these islands. To Nazi tyrants and gangsters it must seem strange that Canada, free from all compulsion or pressure, so many thousands of miles away, should hasten forward into the van of the battle against the evil forces of the world. These wicked men cannot understand the deep currents of loyalty and tradition that flow between the different self-governing nations of the British Empire. The people of Great Britain are proud of the fact that the liberty of thought and action they have won through their long, romantic history should have taken root throughout the length and breadth of a vast continent,

from Halifax to Victoria.

The people of this country know that the prayers, the toil and the anxious thoughts of all Canadians are with them, in their severe ordeal. Canada has given abundant proofs of her purpose. Canadian troops are becoming a familiar sight in the towns and villages of England. I have met many men of the Canadian forces, and I have never seen a finer body of troops. It has not fallen to them as yet to be engaged with the enemy, but they have been allotted a task of vital importance, to play their part in the defence of the heart of the Empire, and to meet the enemy, should he venture to come, upon the very threshold of the land. And when the test comes – and come it may – I know that they will prove that they are worthy sons of those who stormed the Vimy Ridge twenty-four years ago.

I speak to you, this afternoon from No. 10 Downing Street, here in the capital and the governing centre of this battered but indomitable city and island. Our people have been through much – and some things they will never forget...None of them, none of us, doubts that together, with the whole Empire together, with the Old World and the New World together – no one doubts that we can or that we shall see it through; and that when at length we march again into the light of happier and easier days, Canada will play her just part in laying the foundations of a wider and better world.”