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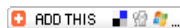
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Churchill and Marshall: Letters of Admiration

WASHINGTON SOCIETY FOR CHURCHILL

Dodona Manor, Leesburg, Virginia, 16 May 2010

On May 16, 2010 three members of the Executive Board of the Washington Society for Churchill participated in the opening of an exhibit entitled "With Affection and Admiration - The Letters of George C. Marshall and Winston Churchill", at the George C. Marshall International Center, Dodona Manor, in Leesburg, Virginia. The exhibit opening was arranged in association with the Washington Society for Churchill.

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Kevin Lacy on "Young Churchill at War" in Long Beach

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHURCHILLIANS

Long Beach, California, 22 May 2010



Center back: Bond Nichols, Dr. Leon Waszak and speaker Kevin Lacy with 18 college students at TCC luncheon

The Southern California Churchillians heard Kevin Lacy, noted expert on military history, speak on "Young Churchill at War". Lacey addressed Churchill's time spent in the Sudan including the cavalry charge against the Dervishes, the death of General Gordon, and the mahdi.

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U.S. Rep. Tom Ewing Speaks in Chicago

CHICAGOLAND CHURCHILLIANS

Chicago, IL, 23 May 2010

On May 23rd, the Chicagoland Chapter gathered for brunch at the Oak Brook Renaissance Hotel. Former US Rep Tom Ewing spoke regarding the founding and lifespan of the only college in American ever named for Winston Churchill. This follows Phil & Susan Larson's article on the subject recently published in FH 146. Dean of Woman and Fulbright Scholar, Betty Lower, Steve Smith former student and Gary Krominga former student joined the group.



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Randal Baker Speaks to the North Texas Churchillians

EMERY REVES NORTH TEXAS CHURCHILLIANS

Dallas, Texas, 22 May 2010

The Emery Reves North Texas Churchillians met for a great evening of food and fellowship at the lovely Park City Club of Dallas. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Randall Baker of the New York Churchillians. Mr. Baker spoke about the significance of May 10, 1940 when Sir Winston Churchill became Prime Minister of Great Britain. His message was clear about the great leadership of Churchill during the war and what he meant not only to Great Britain but to the western allies as well.

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International Churchill Society of Canada Annual Dinner

ONTARIO

Toronto, 10 May 2010

A "Full House" of 140 members and guests of ICS Canada attended the Annual Dinner of the Society, on the 70th anniversary of the day in 1940 when Churchill became Prime Minister.

The Head Table included the Guest Speaker Richard Langworth, the Founder of ICS/The Churchill Centre and Editor of *Finest Hour* magazine, who was accompanied by his Wife, Barbara, the Publisher of the magazine, and was piped in by a member of the Lorne Scots Infantry Regiment of the Canadian Army.

Society Chairman Randy Barber opened the proceedings, welcoming the attendees and thanking the members of the Dinner Committee who had done such an outstanding job.



After a sumptuous dinner, Society Vice Chairman Terry Reardon introduced the Guest Speaker by commenting on how Richard came to be a Churchillian. It was while watching the Funeral of Winston Churchill on television on 30 January 1965 and being moved and impressed at the outpouring of respect and admiration. This led to the forming of the Churchill Study Group and the launching of the *Finest Hour* magazine.

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Inaugural Meeting of the Churchill Centre Houston

CHURCHILL CENTRE HOUSTON

Houston, Texas, 24 April 2010

Twenty one Churchillians from the greater Houston Texas area gathered at a local Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen for the inaugural meeting of the Churchill Centre Houston. Many long time members of the national organization from the Houston area were very glad indeed at the formation of their own local chapter. Mr. Jim Slattery was the master of ceremonies for the evening.

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New England Churchillians Visit the U.S. Naval War College

NEW ENGLAND

Newport, Rhode Island, 7 May 2010

The New England Churchillians enjoyed a day visit to the [U.S. Naval War College](#) for a lecture entitled "His Finest Hour: Churchill in 1940," given by Professor John H. Maurer, chairman of the college's Department of Strategy and Policy and member of the Centre's Board of Academic Advisers. Illustrating his talk with quotations, photographs, maps and charts, Dr. Maurer surveyed the march toward war throughout the 1930's. He developed his theme that Churchill's leadership was critical in 1940, not only to rally the British people to stand alone after their defeat on the continent, but also to quash back-channel efforts by members of the government to parley with the Nazis in the summer of 1940.

Using the words of Churchill, Hitler, Göring and Goebbels, Dr. Maurer showed how Churchill exercised effective leadership by communicating to different audiences: the British people, the government and people of the United States, the captive peoples of Europe, and the enemy.



Churchill's leadership qualities were evident not only to the British whom he led, but also to his enemies. Dr. Maurer quoted Hitler telling Ribbentrop in 1937 that Churchill would be prime minister in five years and that Germany "will then be in a fine mess!" (was Hitler a Laurel and Hardy fan?) unless he struck sooner; and Speer relating that on hearing of Churchill's return to the cabinet in 1939, Göring "dropped into the nearest chair and said wearily: 'Churchill in the cabinet. That means that the war is really on.'"

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NE Churchillians Attend Talk at St. Mary's Church, Barnstable, MA

NEW ENGLAND

Barnstable, Mass, 13 March 2010

Richard G. Osborne, an active member of the New England Churchillians, delivered a talk at St. Mary's Church to an audience of 85 on Churchill's life, stretching as it did from Queen Victoria's cavalry to the Nuclear Age. While Shakespeare wrote that there were seven stages of man, giving an overall picture of Sir Winston's life as an athlete, soldier, war correspondent, author, painter, politician, war leader and statesman required nine stages. Mr. Osborne singled out what he considered the unfair criticism Churchill received as the result of the Dardanelles. He told the audience that he regarded it as the most innovative strategy of the First World War whose failure was due to tactical execution by the Navy and Army.

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N. Carolina Sponsors Seminars for Students & Teachers

NORTH CAROLINA

February-March 2010

In February and March 2010, the Churchill Society of North Carolina (CSNC) sponsored two Winston Churchill Seminars for North Carolina High School Students & Teachers. The first seminar was held in late February for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) at the [Charlotte Museum of History](#). Over 100 students from nearly a dozen high schools, along with 20 teachers, participated

in a day-long program that included presentations by Dr. Bob Whalen, Queens College, Dr. Bob Billinger, Wingate University, and Craig Horn, Chairman CSNC and featured Col. Quincy Collins, USAF Ret., and former POW. Especially noteworthy was an interactive session organized by high school teacher Shannon Winchester, Honors History Teacher at Weddington High School in Union County. This session challenged the students to apply Churchill's lessons of leadership to current problems facing our country and the world - healthcare, nuclear proliferation, hunger, and small wars. The day began with remarks from Celia Sandys calling from London to welcome the students and briefly recount some of her personal memories of her grandfather and the relevance of his life in today's world. And the day concluded with a Churchill Jeopardy game organized by Mr. Stacy Moore, Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator for Union County Public Schools.

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Nathaniel Hughes 1924-2010

20 April 2010

Nathaniel Hughes died 20th April, 2010 after a life well-lived. He was born in Castell-y-Rhingyll Wales on 20 June 1924. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Selma Leyshon Hughes; three children, Richard (Debra McLane), Clare (Randy Gibson), Simon (Anita Peña); and three grandsons - David and Patrick Hughes, and Cole Gibson. He leaves numerous relatives and friends here and abroad, including cousins Cyrus Hughes, Ann Cross, Enid Pearson, and Beryl Lake.

A Welsh-speaking Welshman, born into a close knit agricultural and coal-mining community, he was brought up by his grandmother, Hannah Rees. Educated at Llandeilo County School, he went on to serve in the Royal Navy and the Royal Signals during WW II, from 1942 to 1947, and saw action in Italy. On demobilization, he attended the University of Wales at Swansea, graduating in Physics and Applied Mathematics, trained with the BBC and the Marconi Company. He began a long career in the broadcast and communications industry. His professional career started as a Marconi Planning and Installation Engineer, where he installed state-of-the-art technical facilities for RAI in Turin, Milan, and Rome; and television transmitter stations for the BBC and other European broadcasters. He supervised the first Eurovision transmission from the Vatican, during an exchange of programs involving nine European countries in 1954. He participated in some of the first closed-circuit television applications of medical and underwater operations. His pioneer work in the industry is cited in "The History of Independent Television" by Anthony Pragnell. He was Senior Engineer for Associated Rediffusion (the first London Independent Television Company), then Chief Engineer of Television Wales and West, and General Manager of Teledu Cymru. The two latter stations, which were in Cardiff, produced a wide range of Welsh language programs, one of which "Gwlad y Gân" (Land of Song) was networked throughout the United Kingdom.

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