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Iain and Katherine Carter, Gregg and Joan Collins

■ The Churchill Society

Each year, The Churchill Society of New Orleans assembles donors, Corey Circle members, and society members for a birthday dinner to celebrate its namesake, statesman and United Kingdom Prime Minister (1940-1945 and again, 1951-1956) Winston Churchill. Housing the most recent dinner was the New Orleans Country Club, which served a fine menu of Bibb lettuce, a main course choice (fish or pork tenderloin) and white chocolate bread pudding, along with complementary wines.

To entertain, *Bon Operatit!* brought back their stellar performance from the preceding year. Hands were clapped for opera singers **Lauren Gisclair**, **Mary Akin**, **Joe Akin**, and **Jake Penick**, whose performance included Gilbert and Sullivan numbers, as well as rousing renditions of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “Rule Britannia.”



Shirley Trusty Corey, Catherine Burns Tremaine, Stephen Gold

The featured speaker, **Katherine Carter**, garnered rapt attention during her talk on her new book, “Churchill’s Citadel: Chartwell and the Gatherings Before the Storm.” It revealed secrets and insights into Chartwell, Sir Winston’s country home for over 40 years. During the 1930s, Churchill’s on-premises meetings, where he gathered intelligence about Germany’s preparations for war, strengthened his fight against the Nazis. Author-historian-curator Carter has managed the manor house and collections at Chartwell for more than a decade. “No one could be better qualified than Katherine Carter to write this fascinating account...” stated **Andrew Roberts**, author of “Churchill, Walking with Destiny.”

Among those seated for the evening’s attractions were TCS vice president **Christopher Tidmore**, secretary **Ted Martin**, **Anne (Mrs. Herschel L.) Abbott** with daughter and son-in-law **Cathryn** and **Sam**

Wagner, **John and Bonnie Boyd**, **Rand and Terry Voorhies**, **Sandra Lobrano** and **Mary Bourdin**, **Ouida** and **Ferdie Laudumiey**, **Edie and John Wilson**, **Betsy and Wendell Stout**, **David Perlis** and **Debb Almeida**, **Robert E. Young**, **Sherry and Hunter McFadden**, **Jacqueline Gamble**, **Lois and Jay Van Kirk**, **Lucie Whitley**, and scores more.



Sally Reeves, Susie Hoskins



Sandy Villere, Blanche McCloskey