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From The  
1818 Society  
President's  
Desk

Dear Members,

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the World Bank community from Japan and to those who have family and friends in Japan affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami. Our members have shared their experiences and thoughts on the 1818 Website. Reading this is moving. On the safety of our colleagues and their families during the earthquake that has razed much of Christchurch, New Zealand it was a relief to learn from the ANZ Chapter that they are well, even though their everyday lives have been seriously disturbed.

You may already know that Bank Human Resources has initiated a study on the premium structure of Retiree Medical Insurance Plan (RMIP) by the benefits consulting firm Towers Watson. Among the issues covered would be the premium discount for Medicare Part B enrollees. The 1818 Society is being consulted as the study progresses. A Core Team of the 1818 Insurance Committee, led by our Vice President Kabir Ahmed, is representing the society at these consultations. Our first priority is to ensure that the study addresses the right questions and that its scope and methodology are acceptable. Thereafter, when the draft report of Towers Watson is made available, the Core Team will prepare

comments for the 1818 Board to transmit to Bank HR, which is the decision maker on RMIP premiums. The 1818 Board will finalize its comments after consulting our Chapters and a representative sample of membership.

Dan Ritchie and Inder Sud are organizing the society's first-ever NGO Fair on Wednesday April 27, 2011 at the Preston Lounge. Over twenty NGOs will showcase their efforts and share their experiences with other 1818 members who are interested in setting up or supporting an NGO.

Claudette Ducran and Maria Gomes are working on the establishment of an 1818 Travel Club, with an exciting cruise to New England setting sail on October 6, 2011 to launch it.

We expect that members will enthusiastically welcome these two new ventures by the Society.

Finally, I have to invite members' attention to some unwelcome changes to the Long Term Care Insurance Plan offered by the World Bank Group. Please see details elsewhere in this Bulletin.

With Best Regards,

Shiva  
(J. Shivakumar)

## Chapter and Sector Events

### ANZ CHAPTER

Jo. Martins, with the advice of senior legal counsel, continues to take the sequential

steps that might lead to a challenge to the Australian Taxation Office's stance on the taxation of the Bank's pension. Consultation will be resumed regarding the proposed Chapter meeting in Canberra sometime in the future.

Suggestions and/or offers to work as volunteers for the Chapter can be sent to Jo Martins at [jmartins@tpg.com.au](mailto:jmartins@tpg.com.au). His postal address: 103 Cabarita Rd, Avalon Beach NSW 2107 Australia and his telephone number is 61+2+99733022.

### **BRITISH CHAPTER (BC)**

#### **Spring Reunion and AGM.**

Date: May 13 - 15, 2011

Place: Edinburgh.

The Reunion will take place in the Barcelo Carlton Hotel, which is centrally located with easy access to the main places of interest in the city.

Edinburgh, or "Auld Reekie," as it is affectionately known, is a city of two parts. The Old Town was developed around the imposing castle, and is reached by the Royal Mile, with 'Closes' leading downhill on either side of this main artery. This medieval layout and many of the reformation-era buildings still exist. The New Town was developed in the 18th Century as a solution to overcrowding. Designed to fit in with enlightenment ideas of rationality, there are elegant Georgian squares, fine buildings and wide main streets. This city of contrasts, surrounded by beautiful Scottish scenery, will provide a fascinating venue for the 2011 Spring Reunion.

The program of activities will include a Friday-afternoon guided walking tour, contrasting the Old and New Towns. On Saturday, members will be able to join one of two or three groups to visit specific places of interest, or will be free to make individual visits to other notable features of the city. Members will be provided with notes on the various options to help them

decide what they might like to visit. An afternoon coach trip is planned with a visit to Hopetoun House, Scotland's finest stately home, followed by a stop in historic South Queensferry with its imposing views of the Forth road and rail bridges. As usual, there will be plenty of opportunities to meet old friends over drinks and dinner. On Friday evening there will be a guest speaker, Alistair Moffat, formerly Director of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and Director of Programs at Scottish Television and an authority on Edinburgh's history. Scottish traditions will be celebrated on Saturday evening, with a piper in full regalia to address the haggis, and a demonstration of Highland dancing. Information on many of the attractions in and around Edinburgh can now be downloaded from the British Chapter web site <http://www.1818bc.org.uk/> together with a downloadable booking form.

For more information or booking forms and details of contacts for hotel reservations contact Ian Hill at [eventorganizer1818bc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:eventorganizer1818bc@tiscali.co.uk) Tel: 44 (0) 1730 821440.

### **CANADIAN CHAPTER**

Canadian retirees who are interested in joining can contact Jim Smith on [jsmith.econ@gmail.com](mailto:jsmith.econ@gmail.com) or Helene Masson on [conferencesinc@yahoo.ca](mailto:conferencesinc@yahoo.ca). Jim and Helene would also welcome help in the task of contacting other Canadians who may potentially be interested.

### **CHILEAN CHAPTER**

On January 28, a luncheon took place with retirees in the coastal town of Viña del Mar (a summer resort about 1 1/2 hours drive from Santiago) at the Divino Pecado Restaurant, across the city's Casino.

Pictures and summary description of previous meetings can be seen in the Chapter's web page <http://www.1818chile>.

[00freehost.com/](http://00freehost.com/) by clicking Reunion's section.

The *Directory of 1818 Society Members* has arrived. Those interested in having a copy, please contact Miguel Schloss (tel. 02-458-6050 or [miguel.schloss@dalberg.com](mailto:miguel.schloss@dalberg.com)) so that they can pick up their copy at the reception at Presidente Riesco 3785; Las Condes, Santiago.

For information on future meetings, please contact Miguel Schloss at [miguel.schloss@dalberg.com](mailto:miguel.schloss@dalberg.com) or Silvia Lay de Schloss at [slaydamc@vtr.net](mailto:slaydamc@vtr.net) tel. 56-2-458-6050, or 56-99-544-3856.

## DUTCH CHAPTER

### Twelfth Dutch Reunion

Dates: September 8-10, 2011

Place: Harderwijk

The history of Harderwijk goes back a thousand years. In the 13th century it was an important trade and fishing center. We will enjoy its history, visit its world famous dolfinarium, explore its traditional links with eel smoking, and the doctoral degree that Linnaeus obtained at its university. We will also sail on the inland Southern sea, now a lake called het IJsselmeer. We will stay in the best hotel in Harderwijk: hotel Baars (Best Western), in the centre near the monumental church and the old historic monastery.

If you would like to come to the Harderwijk reunion please inform the reunion coordinator, Henk Groen, at [hggroen@aol.com](mailto:hggroen@aol.com) and reserve your room at Hotel Baars, Harderwijk, Netherlands, for September 8 and 9. You can reserve by emailing: [sales@hotelbaars.com](mailto:sales@hotelbaars.com), or by calling Jose Beijen (the lady who is our contact at the hotel) at +31 341 412007. Please mention: "World Bank reunion" and let the hotel know whether you want a double room (Euro 95 per night for two, incl. breakfasts) or a single room (Euro 85 per night). By giving your credit card

info, the hotel will hold your reservation. We have taken an option on 30 rooms, valid until early August 2011. It's a good idea to make your reservations early.

More details about the program will be sent shortly via email to previous participants as well as other Dutch retirees or their spouses/partners. For more information, contact: Henk Groen at [hggroen@aol.com](mailto:hggroen@aol.com).

### Thirteenth Dutch Reunion

Dates: September 6-8, 2012

Place: Apeldoorn

## FRENCH-SPEAKING CHAPTER

The French Chapter is holding its Annual Meeting on March 24, 2011. There will be a debate on development issues managed by Jean-Michel Severino and Serge Michailof. The autumn trip is currently being planned. The destination will be the Loire region with its well-known chateaux. The dates are from September 23 to 25, 2011. Additional information can be obtained from Olivier Lafourcade at [olivierlafourcade@yahoo.com](mailto:olivierlafourcade@yahoo.com)

The Chapter's website can be found at: <http://www.1818france.org>. For further information, please contact Olivier Lafourcade at [olafourcade@1818france.org](mailto:olafourcade@1818france.org).

## GERMAN-SPEAKING CHAPTER

Preparations for the 2011 annual meeting have been finalized. The meeting will take place from September 9 – 11 in the World Heritage city of Stralsund on the Baltic Sea. Hans Jürgen Peters has prepared an outstanding program. Franz Kaps (EM: [fkaps@t-online.de](mailto:fkaps@t-online.de)), the speaker of the chapter, will share the information with an English summary with other chapters. The German-Speaking Chapter would like to draw, in particular, the attention of 1818 Society colleagues from the Scandinavian countries, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to the event, since the port city of Stralsund, one of the old Hanseatic cities, is

a landmark of importance to other countries around the Baltic Sea.

For further information please contact Franz Kaps ([fkaps@t-online.de](mailto:fkaps@t-online.de)).

### JAPAN CHAPTER

In order to express our instant support and goodwill to those victims of the Eastern Japan Disaster, the Japan Chapter donated 10% of the accumulated member fees to one of the most credible and reliable NGOs, Civic Force (<http://civic-force.org/english/index.html>), which is already aggressively helping victims in the eastern regions in Japan. Also a section is now dedicated to the Great Northeast Earthquake and Tsunami within the 1818 Society website.

The Japan Chapter celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011. We are planning to have a special event at the end of June or beginning of July. The management committee welcomes any suggestions for the event. Please propose your ideas to [1818societyjapan@gmail.com](mailto:1818societyjapan@gmail.com) or through the bulletin board of Japan Chapter's new website: <http://www.1818societyjapan.com/>

As Japan Chapter's membership rules are more liberal than 1818 Society's rules in terms of eligibility, we are always welcome for you to be a new member. Please contact with our administrator through e-mail: [1818societyjapan@gmail.com](mailto:1818societyjapan@gmail.com) for details.

The English-language version of the Japan Chapter's Web Home page can now be found at <http://www.geocities.jp/societyjapan/>. For further information and/or details, the contacts in Japan are: Mr. H. Hamaguchi, Director, at [harutakahamaguchi@kenedix.com](mailto:harutakahamaguchi@kenedix.com); Mr. T. Kudo, Director, at [Kudo.Tsutomu@jica.go.jp](mailto:Kudo.Tsutomu@jica.go.jp); and Mr. Masayoshi Takahashi, President, at [mtaka1937@ybb.ne.jp](mailto:mtaka1937@ybb.ne.jp). For the Washington DC area, contact Mr. Kunio D. Kikuchi, HQ Liaison, E-mail: [kuniokikuchi@yahoo.com](mailto:kuniokikuchi@yahoo.com).

### FLORIDA CHAPTER

Patricia Kittleman ([bluangel1000@gmail.com](mailto:bluangel1000@gmail.com)) has kindly agreed to plan the 2011 gathering of the Florida Chapter. It will be held on the West Coast of Florida in Crystal River/Homossassa Springs the last week of October. Please contact Patricia for the details of the gathering. For 2012 the plan is to take a cruise to the Bahamas (the cruise ship leaves from Palm Beach, see <http://bahamascelebration.com>). You can access the Florida Chapter website at <http://sites.google.com/site/1818florida> or through the 1818 Society website [www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818).

#### You Can Help:

Each 1818 sector group would like to link up with new retirees from its sector. Right now, leaders of the sector groups review the list of new members in each Bulletin to spot newcomers affiliated with their sectors. Please help us improve on this hit-and-miss system by alerting the sector contacts mentioned below about new members affiliated with operational sector groups.

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**1818 EDUCATION SECTOR GROUP**

Date: Monday, May 9, 2011

Time: 11.45 a.m.

Place: Main Complex Dining Room

The 1818 Education Sector Group's next event will be a lunch on Monday, May 9, 2011. The social gathering will start at 11:45 a.m., followed by a self-service lunch at 12:15 p.m. At 1.00, our fellow alumna Marlaine Lockheed will speak about her post-retirement experience of teaching education policy to graduate students at Harvard and Princeton, and taking Princeton undergraduates to Costa Rica and Turkey to look at other education systems in the world. If you would like to join this event, please let Sverrir Sigurdsson ([tssigurdsson@yahoo.com](mailto:tssigurdsson@yahoo.com)) know as soon as possible. Firm bookings must be made by Thursday, May 5, 2011.

At our latest lunch event on February 2, 2011, Emiliana Vegas from the Education Sector Network presented her work on teacher policies around the world. Twenty-three Society members and Education Sector Network staff attended. Her masterful presentation was followed by a lively discussion moderated by Juan Prawda. The gathering also discussed with the sector manager, Robin Horn, two initiatives aimed at strengthening ties between sector staff and retirees: (a) the administration of Jim Socknat's memorial fund; and (b) staff mentoring. A follow-up on both topics is ongoing. Many retirees attended the Bank's Education Week, during March 7 – 11, 2011.

The Education Sector Network will keep Sverrir informed about seminars, conferences, publications, etc., organized by the Network, and he'll pass the information to 1818 members. If you'd like to be on the mailing list, please contact him at [tssigurdsson@yahoo.com](mailto:tssigurdsson@yahoo.com). Juan Prawda ([prawdaj@verizon.net](mailto:prawdaj@verizon.net)) and Eluned Schweitzer ([elunedrob@hotmail.com](mailto:elunedrob@hotmail.com)) are

providing the group with support and advice. The group is looking for additional volunteers and ideas for future presentations.

**1818 ENERGY SECTOR GROUP**

First, an update on the health of two of our colleagues: Yves Rovani is recuperating at home after treatment for cancer and Mike Gillette is recovering well from ankle surgery. We send them our very best wishes for a full recovery and look forward to their re-joining us soon. You may e-mail them at [yrovani@aol.com](mailto:yrovani@aol.com) and [mj\\_gillette@yahoo.com](mailto:mj_gillette@yahoo.com).

Andrew Steer, the Bank's Special Envoy on Climate Change, will speak at a lunch on March 31 at 12.30 pm in the MC-C1 East Dining Room. His theme will be "Climate Change: Agreement or no Agreement, Positioning the Bank's Future Operational Strategy". This event is for all 1818 Society members, and we especially encourage energy sector alumni to attend.

For further information about activities of the Energy Sector Group, please contact Mike Gillette ([mj\\_gillette@yahoo.com](mailto:mj_gillette@yahoo.com)), Akin Oduolowu ([Oduolowu@yahoo.com](mailto:Oduolowu@yahoo.com)), Yves Rovani ([yrovani@aol.com](mailto:yrovani@aol.com)); Eugene McCarthy ([emcc8940@aol.com](mailto:emcc8940@aol.com)); or Hal Wackman ([hal.wackman@gmail.com](mailto:hal.wackman@gmail.com))

**1818 HNP SECTOR GROUP**

A new sector group covering Bank work in health, nutrition, and population (HNP) is getting organized. We welcome inputs from all Bank staff and retirees who support progress in this key area.

A first task is to set up an email list of alumni interested in HNP issues. We'll use the list to plan face-to-face events in 2011. Please contact William McGreevey ([mcg1938@gmail.com](mailto:mcg1938@gmail.com)) for further details and to join the sector mailing list.

Our group's first session -- on Feb. 2, 2011 was organized by Sverrir Sigurdsson with help from Miren Fernandez. Ms. Nicole Klinge, senior sector specialist in the Human Development Network, gave a succinct summary of the Bank's HNP sector strategy and fielded questions from participants. We are grateful for her full and frank rendering of current thinking in the Bank. She expressed enthusiastic readiness to continue the dialogue with our group. Among those present were Gurushri Swamy, Ok Pannenberg, Sverrir Sigurdsson, Joan Nelson, Bernhard Liese, Vincent Turbat, Katherine Marshall, Alan Berg, Martin Karcher, and Uma Lele. Apologies to anyone I failed to count.

A second meeting, tentatively scheduled for 13 April 2011, 12:30 p.m. in MC Dining Room, will discuss the evolution of Bank population policy. In the McNamara era, population received high-level support, but times change. John May, Eduard Bos, and Hazel Denton will (tentatively) lead our discussion. Contact 1818 Society if you can attend.

At a future session, we hope to discuss the current narrative of moving beyond vertical v. horizontal programs for health system strengthening to reach an Aristotelian 'diagonal.' Can the Bank do it all? Can its leadership induce better donor support, too? Such a topic might be *a propos* by the merry, merry Month of May.

Please invite friends and colleagues to join our efforts. And check out our site on GoogleGroups (HNP 1818). The first lunch in February was a good beginning. Further success depends on how Bank staff and retirees can meet and work together toward common goals.

### 1818 WATER SECTOR GROUP

If you're interested in receiving information about the Water Group's activities, please contact Dick MacEwen at email

[Rmacewen@alum.mit.edu](mailto:Rmacewen@alum.mit.edu); tel 703-734-0367. He'll add your name to the group's email distribution list.

In mid-April, the Rotary Club of Washington DC and the Rotary Club Paris Academies are co-hosting an exciting week of activities focusing on water in developing countries. Three events will be of interest to members:

- April 14, 2pm-5pm, Canadian Embassy, 501 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington DC—**Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG) Workshop**. This “how-to” workshop will describe best practices in developing water projects. **All Rotarians and 1818 Society members are invited**. The fee is \$25, and you may register at [www.watersummit.org/wasrag.html](http://www.watersummit.org/wasrag.html).
- April 15, 8:30am-5:00pm, National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington DC —**International Summit on Water in Developing Countries 2011**. An unprecedented gathering of Ambassadors, global and national leaders, international NGOs, and global businesses to address the water needs of developing countries. Hear from an impressive list of high-level speakers who help make global policy. The Summit fee of \$325 is discounted to \$125 for Rotarians and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and video and written reports of the proceedings.
- April 15, 5:00pm-10:30pm, National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington DC — **International Summit Reception and Awards Banquet**. Network with dignitaries from the Water Summit with background music from jazz hit Marcus Johnson; then enter the

ballroom for a special dinner prepared by French chefs. Individual Achievement Awards will be presented to Matt Damon and Gary White, founders of water.org, and Alexandra Cousteau, founder of Blue Legacy. Meet special guests like the Cousteau family and others who have trumpeted the importance of water, and more than 40 French Rotarians who are co-hosting the event. The fee is \$125 and is a great value for an extraordinary evening.

To learn more, and register for the sessions, please visit [www.watersummit.org](http://www.watersummit.org). Registration is limited, and registrations will close when tables are filled.

### **Long Term Care Plan: Briefing Note**

#### ***Background***

The World Bank Group (WBG) has been offering a Long Term Care (LTC) plan since December 2, 1992, with over 1860 staff and retirees currently being enrolled. This plan is commercially insured and underwritten by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife") and offered on an unsubsidized 'staff pay all' basis, with direct billing from MetLife. LTC insurance covers non-medical expenses for long-term illnesses, including benefits provided for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health aides, homemaker services, and adult day care. Under the terms of the policy, MetLife has the right to discontinue enrollment. Only HQ-based Staff Appointments of Regular, Open, Term, ED/EDA, ETC, ETT are eligible to enroll.

#### ***Changes***

- Met life has now informed us that it will discontinue new enrollment of WBG's eligible persons starting May 1, 2011 but will continue to provide coverage for existing participants, but with a significant increase in the premiums.

- Of note, the LTC market is currently under extreme pressure, with many LTC insurers withdrawing from this line of business. Those who are not withdrawing will focus on retaining their current large clients, primarily from the public sector, but are unlikely to expand their portfolio. This market is also likely to be influenced by the US Health Care Reform.

#### ***Impact on Staff and Retirees***

- *Enrolled staff and retirees.* Under the terms of the Certificate of Coverage, an insured whose coverage is in effect on April 30, 2011 can continue coverage through payment of premiums directly to MetLife. However MetLife is seeking permission from the US authorities for an in-force rate increase for their current employer group policies. While the exact amount of the requested in-force rate has not yet been communicated to the WBG, it appears from public information that it could be substantial (up to 40 %) and expected to be implemented in 2012. The actual rate increase and the timing of implementation will be subject to regulatory approval and existing rate guarantees.
- *Other Staff.* Eligible staff can enroll in the LTC program until April 30, 2011, but these new enrollees would then also face this potential rate increase. After May 1, 2011, there will be no further opportunities for WB staff to enroll under the group policy. (Retirees are eligible to enroll up to April 30, 2011 similarly to Active staff. However please note that the window for enrollment without undergoing medical underwriting is 90 days after the entry of duty date. Therefore all Active staff who have not enrolled within that 90 days window and all retirees who would wish to enroll before April 30, 2011 are considered late enrollments and would be subject to medical underwriting. No waiver is possible.)

***Proposed Action Plan***

At this time the WBG does not plan to search for and select of another LTC insurance policy carrier until the market for this line of business has stabilized. A Kiosk announcement and personalized letters to the current subscribers have been prepared. In addition, the WBG web pages on the LTC plan have already been amended to reflect the changes recently announced by MetLife.

**From the Editor**

I have been active in The 1818 Society in various capacities since 2000. During this time, I have been consistently impressed by the quality and dedication of those who volunteer their time and talents to The 1818 Society. As our activities broaden to include a wide range of social events, as well as watching out for members' interests in the Retiree Medical Insurance Plan and the Staff Retirement Plan, we need more dedicated volunteers to come forward to undertake them. **Please consider volunteering some of your time and talents. Volunteering for the 1818** is something I have found to be personally rewarding, as well as helping to safeguard my interests as a World Bank Group retiree.

You can learn more about the activities of The 1818 Society and opportunities for volunteer work at The 1818 Society's web site: [www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818)

As always, I am happy to receive your suggestions and comments. I can be reached at [chiegler1@hotmail.com](mailto:chiegler1@hotmail.com).

Chuck Ziegler  
Editor

**New Members**

We welcome the following Bank Group retirees/alumni to The 1818 Society. **Country of intended residence other than the USA have been added after their names.**

Rolando Arrivillaga  
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Carmen Brinckhaus  
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**REMINDER  
Annual Life Certificate**

Life Certificates for the year 2011 were mailed during January to your home address on file with Pension Administration Division. You are required to return the duly completed Life Certificate by **April 30, 2011**. Please send your duly completed Life Certificate to:

**Pension Administration Division  
The World Bank  
1818 H Street, NW, MSN MC7-710  
Washington, DC 20433**

You may if you wish, to save postal delay, send a copy of your Life Certificate via facsimile transmission to **(202) 522-1723**.

**In accordance with the Staff Retirement Plan procedures, non-receipt of a duly completed Life Certificate will result in the suspension of pension payment.**

**REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**Most services provided to our membership are the result of hard work by members who donate their time and expertise.** The 1818 Society has a pool of volunteers who can be called upon to carry out various tasks, based on interest. Please help us by adding your name to the pool – we always need more volunteers.

Please contact Maria Elena Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator at [mariele777@aol.com](mailto:mariele777@aol.com), or the Society's office at [1society@worldbank.org](mailto:1society@worldbank.org).

Currently, we are looking for two volunteers interested in helping to organize a visit to the Arboretum and two other volunteers to do the same for the visit the Mount Vernon. Volunteers are expected to participate in the visits. Training is provided.

**Events In D.C.**

Live in the DC area? Sign up for our next fun outings! Details are posted on our website, and an e-mail will be sent announcing the details of the visit. If you don't have

access to a computer, just call our office at 202-458-1956 to register!

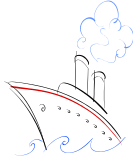
On April 5, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. a visit to the **Museum of African Art** is planned.

May 2011: Visit to the **Arboretum**. The azaleas' expected peak time is the last week of April/first week of May.

June 2011: **Mount Vernon** and optional lunch and/or boat tour of the Potomac

July 2011: **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

### **Cruise To New England and Canada with The 1818 Society Travel Club**



The Society has recently formed a Travel Club. The first event will be a Fall Cruise to New England and the Canadian Maritimes!

**9-Day (October 6) Royal Caribbean Cruise from Baltimore**---to the beautiful scenery and historic ports of New England and Canada, visiting Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, Maine; St. John, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Boston, Massachusetts. Dine, hike, bike, watch whales, and explore the towns.

In order to get a good group rate, we need an early booking of a minimum of 30 persons to sign up for the cruise.

For more information, please contact Maria Gomes as soon as possible: E-mail: [1818travelclub@gmail.com](mailto:1818travelclub@gmail.com)

### **1818 Society Directories Available**

Copies of the latest *Directory of 1818 Society Members* (July 2010) are still available for pickup in person on a first come, first served basis at The 1818 Society office.

### **A View From the Atrium**

By **Moe Kallattay**

.....A consulting assignment pried me out of the atrium coffee shop and over to Kyrgyzstan in February. To my surprise, the Bank's busy and friendly office there is open around the clock, because local staff and visiting mission members need to conduct video and phone conferences with colleagues in distant time zones. With one-third of Bank staff now located outside Washington, the working day is getting stretched at both ends by 'VCs' - videoconferences-at ungodly hours. A friend in the Hanoi office tells of starting many of her work days with a 6 a.m. VC and ending the last VC of the day at 10 p.m.

.....We've all been transfixed, of course, by the rush of change in Egypt and Tunisia. One of the Bank's bloggers, Sina Odugbemi, injected a wry note: "The Arab Spring has been a spectacular surprise that so-called experts around the world failed to foresee, yet the same experts are now rushing to impose their favorite frameworks/paradigms on it. I call it the Explanation Olympics. There are experts who are certain the Arab Spring is all about social media. Others are quite sure it is all about the price of food. Still others say: it's the youth bulge, stupid. I suspect that the Explanation Olympics are only just beginning. They will soon move from the media to global conferences, and on to the pages of books so fat they can knock a grown man out. One can only hope that the Explanation Olympics will include what the brave souls leading the revolution, and paying the price for the effort, are actually saying. A word that keeps dropping from their lips is 'dignity'.

.....The Bank's early entry in the Explanation Olympics was a recent speech in Brussels by the new vice president of the MENA region, Shamshad Akhtar. She said "The root cause of political turmoil in MENA is

fatigue with long-standing authoritarian rule and weak political and economic governance as confirmed by public concerns regarding issues of voice, social justice, fairness, accountability and access to public services. The MENA Region, however, [also] has its strengths: its youth, its resource base and its resilience that has been well tested during the global crisis."

....Our colleagues working in Southern Sudan have participated in a different struggle for dignity by voting in their land's long-awaited independence referendum. They shared their voting-day excitement. Florence Poni, the receptionist in the Bank's Juba office said: 'Over the past 16 years, my family has been living in the Maaji Refugee Camp in Uganda. They have been sleeping under heavy rains, moving from one camp to another carrying all our belongings to avoid the Lords Resistance Army rebels, and have dreamt of the day we would cast our votes to ensure a better life for us. To me, this Referendum means liberty, freedom, and sovereignty for Southern Sudan and for my family. It was a very exciting feeling when I cast my vote.'

Museme Munira Issa, a gender specialist, said "On the morning of January 9, 2011, I left home at 5:30 a.m. just to ensure that I was among the first to vote at my polling station. To my dismay, I was at the end of the longest queue I could have ever imagined. My luck came when I was picked as a volunteer to serve the voters with water. Because of this, I was permitted to vote earlier, after "just" four hours of queuing. I stood transfixed near that ballot box until I had to be reminded to leave the spot. It was the moment of my life! Juba staffer Peter Gonda concluded: "The referendum is a golden chance for us Southern Sudanese who have not seen home for long to participate in the process of voting for our freedom and that of generations to come. We are confident to face the post referendum issues that will come with the birth of a new nation."

Here in Washington, the early daffodils have just emerged....signs of spring are all around, it seems.

*Moe is the pen name of a retiree / consultant.*

### **Please Include Your UPI**

The 1818 Society office is implementing a new database system. In order for the office staff to track your communications to them better, ***please include your UPI on all e-mails sent to The 1818 Society office.***

### **Artists' and Writers' Corner**

Ranjan (C.F.) Amerasinghe has just had published (Feb. 2011) by Martinus Nijhoff (Brill) in the Netherlands a book in English entitled *International Arbitral Jurisdiction*. It analyzes the jurisdictional powers of international arbitral tribunals in areas of fundamental importance. The volume clarifies how these tribunals have approached problems in consensual arrangements for submission of disputes to tribunals and discusses the general principles which have emerged. There is also a chapter on special aspects of the jurisdiction of the Iran-US Claims Tribunal which has a distinctive character in the context of modern international relations.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

#### **Required Medicare Enrollment and the Retiree Medical Plan (RMIP)**

Under the rules of the RMIP, retirees (and their covered spouse or domestic partner) are required to enroll in the National Health Plan (NHP) of the resident country registered with Pension if they are eligible on the same basis as a national of that country. In the United States, the NHP is Medicare and enrollment in Medicare is required for all eligible retirees and their spouse or partners in the RMIP.

Most World Bank retirees who are now U.S. citizens or permanent residents aged 65 or

over are eligible for at least Medicare Part B. Failure to enroll in Medicare Part B when eligible can result in a Medicare premium penalty if you enroll at a later date and can reduce your RMIP claim reimbursements for U.S. medical services.

Further information is available on The 1818 Society web site. Click on **Related Links**, then click on **Retiree Medical Insurance Plan (RMIP) and Medicare FAQs**.

### Job Opportunities

Job opportunities at the World Bank Group and other organizations are regularly posted on The 1818 Society's web site at: <http://1818members.wordpress.com/job-opportunities/>.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Your presence, ideas, creativity, and skills are in demand. Several non-profit organizations are seeking volunteers. The 1818 Society and the World Bank's Community Outreach Program have identified three organizations that retirees might find interesting to work with. Visit the 1818 Society's website at [www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818) for more details or you can contact Ms. Marilyn Manalo at [community1818@gmail.com](mailto:community1818@gmail.com).

WBFN Book Project is also looking for volunteers who can help out between Monday and Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. They are currently packing books destined for schools in Nigeria and then we'll be packing for Papua New Guinea. Small groups of 6-7 volunteers are also welcome. The tasks include:

- making up boxes
- stamping books
- sorting books
- packing books

If interested, please contact us at (202) 473 8960 or email at [bookprojectwbfn@worldbank.org](mailto:bookprojectwbfn@worldbank.org)

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm

Location: Basement of the J building, Room B3-105, 701 18th Street NW, Washington DC

### World Bank Book Project

*By Sue Gail Spring*

For three weeks in August, 2010, my colleague Sandi Hannibal and I (we are the two librarians at Norwood School in Bethesda, Maryland) visited Mwika, Tanzania, a small village on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro. We were there to work in the Mwika Community Library which was started with books from the World Bank Book Project by former Norwood parents Young and Sadikiel Kimaro. The Kimaros recently retired from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and moved back to Mwika, Kimaro's birth place, to put in action the experience gained during their careers. Clean water projects, a proper market place, and support for girls' education are ongoing initiatives of the Kimaros, but their first goal, made possible by the World Bank Book Project, was to provide a library for the people of Mwika, a place where books are extremely rare and even textbooks are shared and not allowed to leave the school.

*You can read the rest of this remarkable story on The 1818 Society's web site at: [www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818) at Members Corner*

### Please Keep Your Address Up-to Date

Please remember to inform the 1818 Society when your address, phone number or e-mail changes. The best way to do this is via e-mail as it reduces typing errors. Please do not inform the Society of address changes by phone. The Society's e-mail is [1society@worldbank.org](mailto:1society@worldbank.org). The mailing address is:  
The 1818 Society, P.O. Box no: 27388, Washington DC 20433.  
World Bank Mail Stop no: MSN MC 1-104.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

We regret to inform you of the deaths of the following, to whose families we extend our sincere sympathy.

If you would like to post information about a friend's memorial service, you can use the link <http://1818members.wordpress.com/in-memoriam/> or go to the Society's website and click on the flower, on the upper right hand side.

**Rosemary Ahmad** 87, of Falls Church, Virginia, on January 26, 2011, surviving spouse of Anwar Ahmad

**Anita Alvano**, 67, of McLean, Virginia, on February 8, 2011. Ms. Alvano retired from the Bank in 1998.

**Peter James Brumby** 82, of Waihi, New Zealand, on January 31, 2011. Mr. Brumby retired from the Bank in 1989.

**Abdallah El Maaroufi**, 66, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, on January 8, 2011. Mr. El Maaroufi retired from the Bank in 1998.

**Robert W. Fishwick** 84, of N. Bovey, Devon, UK, on February 11, 2011. Mr. Fishwick retired from the Bank in 1984.

**Walter Wesley Hobbs**, 88, of Jenks, Oklahoma, on February 13, 2011. Mr. Hobbs retired from the Bank in 1985.

**Lise C. Joyce**, 87, of Falls Church, Virginia, on January 8, 2011. Ms. Joyce retired from the Bank in 1986.

**Mahmoud Jibril Juneidi**, 85, of Amman, Jordan, on February 2, 2011. Mr. Juneidi retired from the Bank in 1982.

**Anne Marie Kalivoda**, 90, of Thenac, France, on December 3, 2010. Ms. Kalivoda retired from the Bank in 1967.

**May-O Kuo**, 61, of Vienna, Virginia, on February 5, 2011. Ms. Kuo retired from the Bank in 1994.

**Jacqueline F. Lachman**, 83, of Paris, France, on December 27, 2010, surviving spouse of Alexis Edmund Lachman.

**James B. Lancaster**, 91, of Washington DC, on January 7, 2011. Mr. Lancaster retired from the Bank in 1981.

**Anna Mathew**, 88, of Durham, North Carolina, on January 18, 2011, surviving spouse of P.M. Mathew.

**Vivian C. Mendoza**, 60, of Ashburn, Virginia, on February 11, 2011. Ms. Mendoza retired from the Bank in 2007.

**Paul T. Michael**, 82, of Phoenix, Arizona, on January 23, 2011, spouse of retiree Hedy Michael.

**Harry Montague**, 77, of Brookline, Massachusetts, on February 2, 2011, spouse of retiree Ruth Montague.

**Yoshio Nakahara**, 89, of Tokyo, Japan, on October 21, 2010. Mr. Nakahara retired from the Bank in 1986.

**Frances Peel**, 89, of Silver Spring, Maryland, on February 22, 2011. Ms. Peel retired from the Bank in 1985.

**Stanley Please**, 87, of Oxford, UK, on February 2, 2011. Mr. Please retired from the Bank in 1983.

**Zvi Raanan**, 81, of Washington DC, on January 5, 2011. Mr. Raanan retired from the Bank in 1994.

**Mannil Sree Ram**, 90, of Chennai, India, on February 2, 2011. Mr. Ram retired from the Bank in 1971.

**Elizabeth Nora Reade**, 97, of Dublin, Ireland, on February 28, 2011. Ms. Reade retired from the Bank in 1970.

**Norman E. Robbins**, 82, of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, on January 14, 2011, surviving spouse of Thea Babette Robbins.

**Pierre M. Sala**, 72, of Casablanca, Morocco, on January 23, 2011. Mr. Sala retired from the Bank in 1993.

**Virginia Talley**, 92, of Washington DC, on February 18, 2011. Ms. Talley retired from the Bank in 1984.

**Donald E. Templeton**, 79, of Bronson, Florida, on July 19, 2010, spouse of retiree Charlotte N. Templeton.

**Leo van Maare**, 67 of Noordwijk, the Netherlands, on January 30 2011. Mr. van Maare retired from the Bank in 1986.

**Margot K. Vobe**, 85, of Silver Spring, Maryland, on February 7, 2011. Ms. Vobe retired from the Bank in 1988.

**Charles Dennis Westoby**, 86, of Steyning, W. Sussex, UK, on February 7, 2011. Mr. Westoby retired from the Bank in 1985.

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### VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

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The 1818 Society is organizing a visit to the Museum of African Art on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. There will be a docent led, one-hour tour of the museum's highlights. We will meet at the information desk close to the main entrance (located in the Enid Haupt Garden on Independence Avenue). Closest metro stops: Smithsonian station on Orange line, and L'Enfant Plaza station on Green line.  
[Click here](#) for more information.  
To register, [please click here](#)

### Earthquake and Tsunami in JAPAN

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On behalf of The 1818 Society, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the World Bank community from Japan and to those who have family and friends in Japan affected by the earthquake and tsunami this past Friday. The Embassy of Japan has posted information on their website ([www.us.emb-japan.go.jp](http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp)) as well as organizations that are accepting donations, primarily the Red Cross.

Let us come together as a community to express condolences to Japanese members of our community and offer whatever level of donation is possible for the victims. You can add/view comments at [Members Corner](#). The 1818 Society Members are invited to donate through WB Community Connections Fund. Please use the attached form and return with your check by March 25, 2011.  
[JapanDisasterReliefForm.doc](#)

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### Launch of The 1818 Society Travel Club


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