SPRING DINNER

DATE: Thursday, April 1, 2004

TIME: Cocktails - 6:15 p.m.
     Dinner   - 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Atrium of the MC Building

Cocktails and Buffet Dinner (with background piano music) for 1818 Society friends and colleagues. Cost is $31 per person. Payment must reach the Society office no later than March 26.

ARBORETUM TOUR

DATE: Wednesday, May 5

TIME: 11 a.m.
PLACE: The National Arboretum

The Society has again reserved a Tram for up to 48 people to admire the azaleas and other spring flowers on the Arboretum grounds. The tour takes about 40 minutes and will not make stops en route. Commentary will be by a docent or by tape. The Tram can accommodate 2 wheelchairs and 44 people.

The Arboretum has many attractive areas, and members are free to walk by themselves when and where they choose, whether they are riding the Tram or not. Watch for the announcement and registration form.

SUMMER RECEPTION

DATE: June 29, 2004

TIME: To be determined

PLACE: Botanical Garden (near the Capitol building)

FLORIDA REUNION DATES

Retirees living in Florida were recently advised of a proposal to hold a reunion of The Florida Circle of The 1818 Society in St Petersburg, Florida, from Thursday, May 13 to Sunday, May 16, 2004.

Several people, however, have indicated that these dates are inconvenient for them for one reason or another. They have been asked to inform Richard Clements of alternative dates that would be better for them.

Richard’s street address is 1213 Royal Street, Key West, FL 33040, telephone no. 305-294-7450, and email address RClem73143@aol.com. An early reply would be much appreciated.

UK CHAPTER

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING REUNION
DATES: 14th to 16th May 2004

PLACE: Glasgow, Scotland

Accommodation: The Thistle Hotel, Cambridge Street, Glasgow. Discounted double, 90 B&B or single, 70 B&B. For reservations, call hotel (44-870-333-9154) before 30th April. Be sure to ask for the 1818 Society British Chapter special rate when making reservations. Free parking is available at hotel.

Events: Visits will be made with a guide to see the artistic work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the impressive Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre and Stirling Castle. Weekend events start at 3:30 pm on Friday 14 May in the Willow Tea Rooms (5 min. walk from the hotel).

FOR INFORMATION: Contact Andrew Spurling, Secretary, British Chapter; e-mail: dmspurling@aol.com or telephone/fax 44-118-942-7310 for more details and booking sheets.

The meeting will include two speakers, Mme Haleh Z. Bridi, the Bank’s Special Representative to EU Institutions at Brussels; and Mme Alexia Latortue, who is a Microfinance Specialist to the Paris Office of the Consultative Group for Assistance to the Poor (CGAP). Dinner will follow the meeting.

NON-SOCIETY EVENTS OF NOTE

SEMINAR
HOUSING FOR OLDER ADULTS: CHOICES AND CHALLENGES

DATE: May 18, 2004

TIME: 12:00-1:30

LOCATION: World Bank, J1-050

One of the challenges for older adults and their caregivers is what to do when their current living arrangement is no longer viable.

This seminar, presented by an eldercare expert, will help you:

- Learn about various housing choices
- Understand support systems for staying at home
- Explore the many options available in the Washington area

FRENCH CHAPTER MEETING AND DINNER

DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2004

TIME: 17:45

LOCATION: World Bank =s Paris Office
No registration necessary.

Celebrating Staff
60 Years of World Bank Staff

In 2004 the World Bank is 60 years old, dating from the Bretton Woods Conference of July 1-22, 1944. The 1818 Society will mark this occasion with a collaborative project with the World Bank Group Archives and World Bank Group Corporate Communications that is part of a larger, institution-wide observance of the 60th anniversary of Bretton Woods called Making a Difference-One by One, for which opportunities to participate have been announced separately. This particular portion of the observance is called Celebrating Staff, the goal of which is to honor the contributions of 60 years of staff to the work of the World Bank Group. All members of The Society are invited to participate.

As now planned, a collage of photographs of selected staff will be prepared for inclusion in the institution-wide observance of the 60th anniversary scheduled to take place on June 30. Those included in the collage will represent and celebrate all staff of the World Bank, IDA, IFC and MIGA who have done the work of these institutions over the past 60 years. The photographs will be obtained from the World Bank Group Archives and other sources.

All members of The 1818 Society are invited to submit suggestions of names of staff--active or retired, living or dead--to be considered for inclusion in the collage. Suggestions need not--in fact should not--be confined to the usual suspects. The work of the Bank is done by staff of many nationalities at all grade levels, and in diverse occupational streams. We want to represent as many as possible, because they have all contributed to the Bank’s success. There is no intention of trying to establish who were the best staff of the past 60 years. Rather, the objective is to try to obtain as representative a sample of staff as possible, so as to celebrate the contributions of all staff.

The closing date for the receipt of your suggestions is April 30.

In preparing your suggestions please be sure to include the name of the staff member; nationality; approximate dates of service; job
title; any career highlights that you can recall, especially their participation in significant events of Bank history; and, most important, the reasons for your suggestion. There is no limit to the number of staff you can suggest.

A committee composed of members of The 1818 Society will make the final selections, with the help of the suggestions submitted by you.

You are strongly encouraged to submit your suggestions electronically, as that will make the work of the selection committee much easier. Please send your suggestions to The 1818 Society at 1society@worldbank.org with ACelebrating Staff@ in the subject line. If you send your suggestions by regular mail, please address them to:

Charles Ziegler  
C/O The 1818 Society  
P O Box 27388  
Washington DC 20038-7388  
U.S.A.

Life Certificates

In 2005, the Pension Administration plans to change the timing of the Life Certificate notice from June to February, making it more convenient for retirees, many of whom are away from home during the May through September travel season.

This year, as in the past, you can expect to receive the Life Certificates in June. They must be completed and returned no later than August 15, 2004. When the new cycle begins in 2005, you will be receiving the Life Certificates in February to be completed and returned no later than April 15, 2005.

The timing of the May cost-of-living notification will remain unchanged. Retirees will continue to receive this notice every June.

Cost of living adjustments for non-US dollar pensions

Two of the European chapters and individual retirees raised questions about 2003 cost of living adjustments for non-US dollar pensions. The 1818 Society supported a review of this matter.
A thorough review was conducted by the Pension Administration Division. It found that 2003 cost of living adjustments for certain non-US dollar pensions needed to be revised because International Financial Statistics (IFS) data had not been properly reflected in the Bank's Statistical Information Management & Analysis database (SIMA) on the last business day in April 2003. The problem arose because the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data in the SIMA was frozen from February 2003 to August 2003. (SIMA was undergoing some system overhauling) Thus, data taken from the SIMA database at the end of April, which was used for the cost of living adjustments, did not reflect changes in IFS made after February 2003.

Pensions have been adjusted to reflect the correct cost of living increases effective May 1, 2003. The retroactive payments were processed with regular pension payments for February 2004. Affected retirees/beneficiaries were advised of these actions by a February letter from the Pension Benefits Administrator. Steps are being taken to ensure that these problems do not recur.

New Members

However, even after the duplicates were accounted for, we are delighted to report that the mailing resulted in many new members.

Jean B. Aden, Claudette Adm, Ritu Aggarwal, Mirza Q. Ahmad, Nasreen Ahmed, Zia R. Ahmed, Aurora Alba, F. Lynn Alexander, Ibtihaj E. Azar

Michael Bamberger, Michelle Bazin, Michel J.M. Beguery, Amos Ben Mayor, Sonia Benavides Paz, Brian W. Berman, Hillechien Blackshaw, Betty Blackwell, Carole S.
Boncarosky, James Bonnardeaux, Jahangir

Claudia de Moura Castro, Vijay Chaudhry, C.L. Chow, Dorothy Christmas, Arie Chupak, Raymond Claude, Carolyn L. Collins, Leonardo M. Concepcion, Niall V. Corwell, Robert W. Crown, Agustin Cruz

Paula C. Daves, Maria-Wivina De Vera, Maria S. Del Solar, Isabel Delgado, Eugenia Dennis, Gloria V. Dennis, Kemal Dervis, Mohamadou Diop, German Domingo, Brian Donnelly

Paula Earp, Jamshid Ehsani, Peter Eigen, Hamdy Elfiky, Mustafa M. El Mubasher, Ibrahim I. Elwan, Carlos Emanuel, Lynn K. Engstrand, Mely M. Escanilla, Alberto Eulate


Siham N. Hamady, Kewal Krishan Handa, Imelda C. Hansborough, Toneema M. Haq, Sven Hegstad, Jaakko Heininen, Norman L. Hicks, Betty Curzon Hill, Leif Hommelgaard, Sujin S. Hur, Syed Z. Husain

Soledad B. Ilagan, Mahmoud S. Issa

Rebecca Jaimes, Jagdish C. Jassal, Susan H. Jayne, Daphne Jeffery, Irene M. Jones, Kirby Jones, Nicole Jones, Michael H. Jordan

Shigeru Kataoka, Zafar Shah Khan, Khwaja, Jong S. Kim, Anne Kirby, Anita Klaric, Hisako Koga, Anne O. Krueger, Friedrich H. Kukelhaus

Brenda La Fleur Castille, Veronique Lavorel, Kye Woo Lee, Irene F. Lewin, Hans-Roland Lindgren, Kuo-Chang Ling, Gladys D. Longchamp, Amina Luna-Jiron, Suzanne S. Lunsford


Taverekere Srikantaiah, Robert Steinberg, Shobha Subramanian, Elia E. Sutono

Eduardo Talero, Waman Shripad Tambe, Carlos M. Tan, Mustafa Tankir, Ernesto N. Terrado, Thanit Thangpijaigul, Gene Tidrick, Nguyen T. Tin, William G. Tyler

Jagadish P. Upadhyay


Ana Maria Wackenfeld, Peter J. Wall, Alan A. Walters, Diane F. Wildeman, Renee Williams, James Otis Wright, Paul C. Yeung

Arshad Zaman, Rolando M. Zosa
NOTICES

**Bicycle Parking**

The Bank is preparing a new policy that will allow retirees to park bicycles in the Bank’s garages. They would like an estimate on the number of retirees that are likely to utilize the Bank for bicycle parking. Please contact the 1818 Society to let us know whether you would be a regular or occasional user of bicycle parking facilities.

**Retirees Directory**

Please remember that the Retiree Directory is prepared by The 1818 Society as a service to our membership and is for your personal use only. It is not to be used for business purposes of any kind, including that of not-for-profit and charitable organizations.
IN MEMORIAM

We regret that, since the last issue of the Bulletin, we have been informed of the deaths of the following, to whose families we extend our sincere sympathy.

Josina Loven Van der Ree, 99, of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, surviving spouse of Renier Loven, on January 1, 2004.
Vera M. Wishart, 85, of Lausanne, Switzerland, surviving spouse of Charles Wishart, on February 20, 2004.

Volunteers Needed

Membership in the Society is growing, and we are looking for volunteers to keep our programs going. Below is a list of some areas where we need help. If interested, please fill out the attached questionnaire, and return it to the 1818 Society, in person (Room MC1-104), by mail (P. O. Box 27388, Washington, D.C. 20038-7388), or by FAX (202-522-2417). You may contact Charlotte Jones for further information at bobandida@juno.com.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name______________________________________ Telephone______________________________

Date_______________________________________ E-mail______________________________

Yes, I would be willing to help out with the work of The 1818 Society from time to time. Activities which may be of interest to me are (check as many as apply):

Help out in The 1818 Society office and/or at events.

Design a new letterhead and business cards for The 1818 Society.

Be a member of the Friends-in-Need network.

Assist with writing and/or editing sections of the newsletter

Assist in planning and organizing a special tour or event.

Serve on regular and/or special committees.
Be a point of contact and/or provide assistance to retirees on issues such as immigration, estate planning, RMIP, Medicare, pension.

Be a resource person for 1818 Society computer issues.

Specify another way in which you would like to help: ________________________________