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The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of The 1818 Society took place on October 24, 2007. Adrienne Nassau chaired the meeting, noting that this was the last time that she would do so. After adopting the agenda and approving the minutes of last year's meeting, the chair noted the controversy surrounding Mr. Wolfowitz's departure; the unusually large number of new 1818 Society members; and ongoing efforts to strengthen the bonds between the Bank and its alumni. The chair then recognized retirees who had been especially active during the year: S. Eccles, R. Halperin, A. Keyserlingk, J. Kendall, C. Ziegler, F. Hall, C. Jones, S. Hadler, H. Denton, S. Sigurdsson, J. Casey, J. Blaxall, A. Bracher and G. Votav. The chair also noted the robust activities of the various Chapter and Sector Groups.

Vicky Bettancourt informed the audience about the Bank's community outreach activities, which last year had raised \$1.4 million from staff and retirees. The Bank had matched all donations by 50 percent.

Treasurer Jeff Katz recognized the contributions of T. Ahmed, C. Gochenour and D. Jones in keeping track of the Society's finances. Its assets are now about \$70,000.

The Retiree Directory will continue to be produced in paper form, but plans are underway to augment this with an electronic PDF file that can be accessed via password on the Society's website. A proposal from the

floor to include telephone numbers in the electronic directory received strong support. Stephen Eccles and Bank Staff informed the audience that the Pension Fund was in excellent shape and had only been marginally affected by the recent market turmoil. Details of the plan are available in a document entitled Staff Retirement Plan 2006 Annual Report.

Alex Keyserlingk noted the contributions of E. Meigher and J. Maillat to the Pension Benefits Committee, which had had a quiet year.

Kerry Mack, the new Pension Fund Administrator, noted the contributions of his predecessor, K. Nagarajan. Much of the Fund's administration now takes place in Chennai, India, where a companion record of all pension records now exists.

John Kendall and Bank staff Ken Humphries discussed the medical insurance plan. Overall, the plan is in good shape, but there are several concerns, including doctors dropping out of the Aetna system and difficulties in understanding the explanations of benefits. An Aetna satisfaction survey is planned. On the drug front, the audience learned that a company called "Caremart" has purchased Pharmicare. The Bank and the new entity are negotiating drug prices.

Dominique Lallement summarized the recommendations of the Nominating Committee to fill six vacant positions on the Board of Directors. Frona Hall, Alexander Keyserlingk, Sununta Prasarnphanich and J. Shivakumar (Shiva), were elected for the two-year positions. Shiva was also elected President and Chairman of the Board. For the one-year term, Kunio Kikuchi and Khalid Siraj were elected.

(Summary S. Sigurdsson).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1818 BRITISH CHAPTER (BC)

Spring Reunion and 20th Annual Meeting:

Dates May 16 -18, 2008
Place Swans Nest Hotel,
Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire

The activities include a weekend of Shakespeariana. All 1818 Society members are welcome. Details will be circulated in February, if you do not receive them by late February, or for further information, please contact Andrew Spurling (Tel. 0118-942-7310; e-mail: DMSpurling@aol.com).

CHILEAN CHAPTER.

The Chilean Chapter will meet in the first two weeks of December on a date and place to be agreed. The group will bid farewell to 2007, and to review progress on issues raised regarding health benefits and currency denomination of pensions. To this end, María Angélica Correa (mcorrea@interactiva.cl) and Jorge García-Mujica (jgarciamujica@comcast.net) have been appointed to lead the follow-up on Vanbreda, and Aetna plans respectively. Jorge García-Mujica has also agreed to coordinate the review, and follow up on pension matters for the Chilean group. For information about events, please contact Miguel Schloss (miguel@dalberg.com), or Silvia Lay de Schloss (slay-damc@vtr.net) tel. 56-2-458-6050.

DUTCH CHAPTER.

Ninth Dutch Reunion:

Dates: 2nd or 3rd weekend in September 2008.
Place: Hague (most likely)
For suggestions and/or information: Robert-Jan van der Lugt; e-mail: rj@laovan.demon.nl

Tenth Dutch Reunion:

Dates: September, 2009.
Place: Noordwijk
For this tenth anniversary of the Dutch Chapter of The 1818 Society, the group will return to where it all started: het Zuiderbad in Noordwijk. For more information contact Robert-Jan van der Lugt rj@laovan.demon.nl

FRENCH-SPEAKING CHAPTER

The Fall outing of the French Chapter took place in Toulouse and surroundings on October 5 -7. A

festive event, where the highlight was a visit to the Airbus A380 jumbo plane assembly plant. A great dinner on a cruise ship on the Garonne river, and a lot of conviviality among participants. Date for the 2007 Annual Meeting (in early Spring) and the destination of Fall outing to be determined soon,.

GERMAN-SPEAKING CHAPTER

Fall Reunion:

Dates: First weekend in September, 2008
Place: Potsdam.
For further information, please contact Dieter von Samson; e-mail: dietersamson@netcologne.de.

JAPAN CHAPTER

The first reunion of members of the Japan Chapter in the Washington area took place in Bethesda on August 26, 2007 in a tiny but attractive restaurant called *The Persimmon*. Members of three families attended: Mr. & Mrs. Kikuchi, Mr. & Mrs. Abe and Mr. & Mrs. Takahashi. The group discussed the possibility of persuading other Japanese speaking members in the Washington area to join the Chapter. Collaboration with the Bretton Woods Society Project as a part of the Japan Chapter's activities was also discussed.

Work on the Japan Chapter's Web Home page is still ongoing and will include a Japanese version as well as an English one.

For further information and/or details, the contact email address in Japan is: Harutaka Hamaguchi (Director of the Japan Chapter), Kenedix, Inc. NTB-M Bldg. 7F 2-9, Shinbashi 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0004, Japan,
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FLORIDA CHAPTER

2008 Spring Reunion

Date: February or March 2008?
Place: Fernandina Beach on Amelia
Island or Cocoa Beach?

If you would like to help with planning or you have ideas you would like to share, please contact Karin Nordlander at phone number (561) 447-9499, email karin@nordlander.com, mailing address 4301 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431. Check the new website of the Chapter to

see what is proposed. Karin wants to hear from you what your preference is, Cocoa Beach in February or Amelia Island in March. Majority rules! A decision will be taken mid December. You can access the website for the Florida Chapter through the 1818 Society website www.worldbank.org/1818 or directly at <http://1818florida.googlepages.com>.

ENERGY SECTOR GROUP

John Besant Jones spoke to the 1818 Energy Group on November 20 on the “*Lessons of Power Sector Reform: Implications for the Bank's Future Power Sector Strategy*”. A summary of his presentation is now available on the 1818 Society's website (www.worldbank.org/1818). We plan to have another Energy group lunch presentation in Feb-March 2008.

There will also be an Energy ‘alumni’ reception at Mike Gillette's residence in Great Falls on Sunday, December 9, from noon to 4.00pm. All 1818 Energy retirees are invited. More detailed information on this event was sent at the end of

November. For information about other activities of the Energy Sector Group, please contact Huda Kraske (HQKraske@aol.com) or Eugene McCarthy (emcc8940@aol.com).

WATER SECTOR GROUP

The paper and power point presentation of J. Shivakumar (Shiva) from the October 12, 2007 meeting of the Water Group can be found in the Sector section of the 1818 Society's website (www.worldbank.org/1818) under “The Water Group”. There you will also find other papers presented by earlier speakers at meetings of this Group.

Those interested in receiving information about the Group's activities should contact Richard MacEwen (rmacewen@alum.mit.edu, tel: 1-703-734-0367), who will incorporate their names into the email distribution list.

The Organizing Committee includes: Alain Locussol, Edouard Motte, Carlo Rietveld, and Dick MacEwen.

New Members

We warmly welcome the following Bank retirees to The 1818 Society:

Andres E. Abramovich
Kemal Ahmed
Chaimaa Akkad
Khalid M. Alsaad
Kym Anderson
Mats Andersson
Sherif Kamel Arif
Betty F.A. Bain
Teresa Barger
A. Robin Broadfield
Rathnavatee Chiniah
Sumitra Dabholkar
Gail Campbell Davenport
Marga O. DeLoayza
Gilles Dussault
Carlos Ricardo Escudero
Madan Gera
Erasmus Gonzalez-Holmann
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Mizan Habtemariam

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Koji Kashiwaya
Natalia Lobanova
Andrew John Macoun
Zeeshan Fatima Mahmood
Fernando Manibog
Bertrand P. Marchais
Betty Maticic-Snyder
Donald McIsaac
Jennifer Meade
Saha Dhevan Meyanathan
L. Richard Meyers
Gobind T. Nankani
Helen B. Nankani
Edward Nassim
Letitia A. Obeng
Anu Oinas
Barbara M. Paciejewski
Annette Steen Pedersen
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Guy Pfeffermann
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Board members - 2007

Frona Hall, Alexander Keyserlingk, Uma Lele, Kunio Kikuchi, Jean-Yves Maillat, Sununta Prasarnphanich, J. (Shiva) Shivakumar (Chairman), Khalid Siraj, Charles Ziegler, Adrienne Nassau (Honorary Member).

Officers - 2007

J. (Shiva) Shivakumar - President. (E-mail: 1Society@worldbank.org)
Catherine Fogle - Vice President
Jeffrey Katz - Treasurer
Carolyn Gochenour - Assistant Treasurer
Adrienne Nassau - Secretary
Annabel Bracher - Society Operations Coordinator:

**Retiree Representatives on Bank
Group Committees**

Stephen Eccles - Pension Finance
Ricardo Halperin - Alternate, Pension Finance
A. Keyserlingk, - Pension Benefits
Jean-Yves Maillat - Alternate - Pension Benefits

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News and Notices

From the Editor.

Has the existence of The 1818 Society made any difference to you? I am not necessarily talking about anything earth-shattering, simply a difference. To illustrate, there was a brief notice in the October 2006 issue of the 1818 Society Bulletin to the effect that my wife, Veronica, had published her second book. Our friend and former Bank colleague, Clifford Gilpin, now living in Maine, read this notice and decided that this was something that the World Affairs Council that he is directing would be interested in. As a result, Veronica and I spent a very agreeable week in Maine last June in the company of friends and former colleagues.

I also use the Retiree Directory to locate friends and former colleagues, I use the Society's website to keep track of social and professional events in and around the Bank, I appreciate papers on retirement matters prepared by fellow Society members, and I enjoy attending seminars organized by the Society.

I am raising this topic, because I think that it would be interesting to record stories and anecdotes about how the Society's existence has affected us over time. This effort is also a sidebar to a larger project that I am working on – recording the story of the 1818 Society since its inception in 1978. At the moment, I am not sure where exactly this project is going, but so far it has been fun to rummage through the Society's archives and weave together interesting threads. So, if you have any stories or anecdotes to offer, large or small, on how the Society has made a difference to you, please share them with me and I will one way or another share the results with those who are interested.

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I look forward to receiving whatever stories you might wish to share with me and my project.

Please note that I plan to send the next issue of the Bulletin to the print shop on Thursday morning, January 17, 2008.



The 1818 Society's Website/Blog

Much of the information in the Bulletin can be found in more detail on www.worldbank.org/1818, the Society's official website. Important recent entries are included below. You are also invited to share your views and experiences on any topic at the Society's Blog. The Blog is at www.1818society.wordpress.com

Address by President Robert Zoellick

World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick will address members of The 1818 Society on Wednesday January 9, 2008 at 12:00 noon at Bank Headquarters. All Society members are invited. The topic of the presentation will be "*Challenges facing the Bank today*". The presentation will be preceded by a coffee service, starting at 11:30 a.m. The presentation will be followed by a Q. & A. period, during which the audience can submit their written questions to a referee, who will relay them orally to the President.

An ANZ Chapter of The 1818 Society

There is a move afoot to try to establish an 1818 Chapter for the Australia - New

Zealand region. Jo M. Martins has taken the initiative to set up this chapter and will be inviting World Bank Group alumni in this region to a dinner in Sydney which is now planned for December 3, 2007. Although the deadline for participation has passed, interested parties are exhorted to contact Jo. M. Martins at e-mail address JMartins@tpg.com.au. Her phone is (02) 997 33022. Her address is: 103 Cabarita Rd, Avalon Beach, NSW 2107, Australia. As noted below, the ANZ Chapter of the 1818 Society has a prestigious history in the Society's annals, and it would be great to have it resurrected. The April 1988 issue of the 1818 Society Newsletter notes, that *the first overseas Chapter of the 1818 Society – the Southern Cross Chapter in Australia – was then alive and flourishing*. At that time, work was progressing well at establishing nascent 1818 Chapters in France and the UK.

RALC's Retirement Facilities Fair

RALC will hold its next event on Thursday, March 6 from 2.00-4.00 pm in the Black Auditorium, H Building. The event is entitled a "*Facilities Fair: Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) in the Greater Metropolitan Area*". The event will have a keynote speaker from the independent Continuing Care Accreditation Commission addressing the advantages and disadvantages of CCRCs. Also, Representatives from approximately twenty CCRCs in the area will be invited to take over one of the tables around the Auditorium and provide information on their facilities. There are two criteria for CCRC participation in the Fair: (1) The facility has an 1818 Member resident, who would be prepared to act as a contact person for those who wish to follow up. (2) The CCRC will complete the RALC questionnaire, copies of which will then be made available at the Fair.

Additional RALC events for 2008 and beyond will address our changing lifestyles, including *'Ageing in Place'*.

Action to take now: If you are resident in a CCRC in the Washington Metropolitan area, or know of an 1818 Member who is, and recommend the facility to be included in the Fair, please ask the CCRC management to download the questionnaire from the 1818 website (under Publications) and email the completed questionnaire to the 1society@worldbank.org, attention of Sandra Hadler at. *Also, mark your calendar for March 6, 2008. Registration forms will be available in February.*

Aetna Medicare Direct Enrolment

If you are enrolled in Medicare Direct, you have probably received a letter from Aetna urging you to enroll.

Aetna has now confirmed that they sent a letter to all retirees urging them to join Medicare Direct, irrespective of whether or not they had already enrolled. If you are already enrolled in Medicare Direct (which you should be if you are registered in Medicare) please disregard their letter.

1818 Society Alumni News.

The 1818 Society website has an item called "Alumni News". We are hoping to report short news items on and about our former colleagues. We need your input to keep it up to date and lively. Please send any items you think are newsworthy to: 1society@worldbank.org.

Study Group Leaders Needed

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the American University is seeking parties interested in preparing and presenting courses on economic - or other - subjects to groups of post-career but intellectually active individuals. The

American University OLLI program consists of 40-45 Study Groups offered over one of two ten-week semesters (Fall and Spring).

Study Groups are led by volunteers including active or retired professionals or faculty from the private or public sectors, and other independent experts. Subjects for a Study Group usually derive from the careers or avocations of the group leaders. As one of the leaders, you would meet with your group one morning or afternoon a week for 1-3/4 hours. There are no evening classes.

For more information about the program please visit www.OLLI-DC.org or call the OLLI office at (202) 895-4860.

Artists' & Writers' Corner

Hunger March Enactment

The June 2007 issue of the Bulletin (p. 6) notes that fellow retiree Tony van Vugt had written a book and was planning a re-enactment of the 1944-45 Hunger March in the Netherlands. This re-enactment has now been completed. It took place in the Netherlands from August 4 – 12, 2007. According to Tony, it was an outstanding success. A small core of elderly participants (average age 71) started from Rotterdam (where Tony started his original trek in 1945 at age 11). The group walked 100 miles in seven days. By arrival at their destination the group had grown to a couple of thousand walkers.

For most participants it was an emotional remembrance. Many older people were in tears because even though it was more than 60 years after the event their original suffering and bravery was finally remembered and recognized.

The media (Press, Radio and TV) followed every step of the way. There were four civic receptions along the way

and the people in the villages that the group passed displayed the outstanding hospitality that these places are known for.

A photographic and bilingual report (Dutch & English) is now posted on Tony's website: avanvugt@hongertoicht.org

Mauritanian Pastoral Code

Fellow Retiree, Hans Werner Wabnitz has written a paper explaining why the *Mauritanian Pastoral Code* is a piece of "best practice legislation". The reason is that it has been written by locals, not expatriate consultants.

It has been published, in English in a German legal Journal in Cologne this year. It is available on the internet at:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=906985, or, if you type into Google "code pastoral", and scroll down to the item starting with SSRN, you will also find it.

The paper outlines the content and impact of the Code Pastoral of Mauritania. The text recognizes the traditional common property regime for nomads on pastoral lands, classified as public domain, a shift from exclusive ownership rights. Nomadic livestock grazing accounts for 75% of Mauritania's agricultural output, but

receives only 10% of agricultural budget and donor support, compared to sedentary agriculture - a policy error.

The Code has been drafted by herders themselves, in defense against the increasing encroachment of farmers into rangelands. The arid climate of the Sahel forces herders to "follow the clouds" - search for pasture and water, to engage in distant extended north-south treks, the "transhumance", recognized by traditional rules and the Islamic law (Sharia).

The Code qualifies as "best practice" because of its clarity. Its 46 short paragraphs spell out its objective, define legal and customary notions, lay down basic principles and rights and provide for realistic, self-executed conflict resolution procedures, in which the Code relies on social pressure rather than state authority, fostering social peace.

The Code contrasts with existing legislation, modeled after French legal tradition, as well as the case-law-only textbooks of Islamic law. Its genesis, reliance on traditional rights, and its form are revolutionary - possibly explaining implicit hostility of the administration to achieve effectiveness (four years). Early experience seems to justify a positive assessment of its application.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Thormod V. Andersen, 98, of Horsens, Denmark, on August 23, 2007. Mr. Andersen retired from the Bank in 1954.

Judith Bell, 77, of Las Specia, Italy, on September 12, 2007, surviving spouse of Mr. Bernard Bell.

Renee Brechot, 80, of Paris, France, on October 6, 2007, surviving spouse of Mr. Jean Brechot.

Ve-Cheng Chang, 90, of Potomac, Maryland, on October 15, 2007. Mr. Chang retired from the Bank in 1982.

Rita E. Deely, 90, of Gaithersburg, Maryland on November 4, 2007, surviving spouse of Raymond E. Deely.

Valerie Fishwick, 71, of North Bovey, Devon, UK, on July 25, 2006, spouse of Mr. Robert W. Fishwick.

Enzo Grilli, 63, of Washington DC, on October 28, 2006. Mr. Grilli retired from the Bank in 1995.

Susan O. Johnson, 68, of Potomac, Maryland on September 27, 2007. Ms. Johnson retired from the Bank in 2001.

Roger Dale Lawson, 62, of Staunton, Virginia on July 29, 2007, spouse of Anne M. Lawson.

Audrey Mayne-Nicholls, 80, of Santiago, Chile on September 1, 2007. Ms. Mayne-Nicholls retired from the Bank in 1984.

Tony Pallett, 77, of Washington, DC on October 25, 2007, spouse of retiree Wendy Woods Pallett.

Richard S. Read, 78, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on October 5, 2007. Mr. Read retired from the Bank in 1991.

Eva A. Schaffer, 86, of Kailua, Hawaii on September 12, 2007, surviving spouse of George A. Schaffer.

Trayambkeshwar Sinha, 59, of Bethesda, Maryland on November 12, 2007 Mr. Sinha retired from the Bank in 2007.

Elizabeth H. Warburton, 94, of Bowie, Maryland on October 2, 2007. Ms. Warburton retired from the Bank in 1972.

Eric R. Wester, 58, of Falls Church, Virginia on October 10, 2007, spouse of retiree Ubolwann Wester.