

# THE 1818 SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## From The 1818 Society President's Desk

Dear Members:

During this year's Annual Meeting in October, we will also be celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the 1818 Society. We are planning a publication to mark this important milestone. The content of this would include historical events, reminiscences, anecdotes, funny stories, cartoons and photographs and span the period of service of all 1818 members. Also, the publication could provide the opportunity for raising money for expanding our activities, including those of our growing number of Chapters. If you have any suggestions on any aspect of this venture, if you would be able to contribute an article, or join the production team, please send an email to me (email: JShivakumar1818@gmail.com). Any broader suggestions regarding the anniversary celebrations may be sent to Charles Ziegler (email: candjziegler@hotmail.com).

As you know, we have a number of active and successful Chapters and further decentralization of our activities should be a priority. We encourage our members residing outside the DC area to form new Chapters at the city, state or national levels. These Chapters can support activities ranging from annual dinners and social get-togethers to promoting broader cultural and social interests and from redressing problems relating to pension, taxes and insurance to fostering links to ongoing Bank activities, working with Country Directors and their offices. Periodic electronic newsletters and our

website could be used to communicate among Chapter members. Members wishing to launch Chapters or expand the activities of existing Chapters are most welcome to make suggestions to me.

We want to build an 1818 electronic community, expand access to information and enhance electronic communications among members. For this to happen, we have to strengthen our data base and update our website. At the same time, we need to respect the wishes of members who prefer to stay with paper mailing. We are taking measures to push this agenda forward. Meanwhile, if you have a preference for paper mail, please let the 1818 office know.

Thanks to Sandra Hadler and Hazel Denton, a well-attended event of the Retirement and Active Living Committee (RALC) of the Society was held on March 6, 2008 (see article on page 6). The event also prompted an idea from Mr. Takahashi, our Japan Chapter Chair, who has special interest in senior living, on the establishment of a multicultural retirement community, involving not only our members but the wider international community. If you have any thoughts on this interesting idea, please send a mail or email to masayoshi.takahashi@verizon.net.

We miss Annabel Bracher, who served the Society so well over the past six years as its coordinator and is now enjoying what she calls her "second retirement". We welcome Joan Bartlett, who has joined us as Office Manager. Joan will be in the 1818 Office all day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and looks forward to welcoming and assisting members who drop in. She will also follow Annabel's practice of responding quickly and positively to emails and letters from members. I would also encourage members to copy Joan on any

proposals or concerns that can be sent directly to the officers and volunteers listed in the management matrix on page 5. Our forthcoming thirtieth anniversary prompts thoughts about how we were founded. The Society was the brain child of Mary C. Wolfe of Controllers, who passed away on February 22, 2008. In addition to her unstinting work as a volunteer at Society functions, she also served as the Vice President of the Society from 1984 until 1996. She, together with Verna Via, produced and updated the Directory of Retirees for the first fifteen years of the existence of the Society – a

Mary Wolfe wearing a Society Scarf



major task at any time, but especially so when all 1818 Society documents were produced on typewriters. Furthermore, Mary proposed in the early days of the Society, the establishment of an international retirement community in the DC area using a parcel of land at Bretton Woods, an idea floated earlier in this communication to you. We take a moment to honor her memory and thank her for creating the Society. May she rest in peace.

With warm regards,

Shiva

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ANZ CHAPTER

#### Developmental Meeting of the ANZ Chapter:

Date: May 11, 2008.  
Place: Melbourne.

All potential members are invited to attend. The meeting will discuss the specifics of future activities of the Chapter in Australia and New Zealand. Nigel Roberts, the Bank's Resident Representative, plans to attend together with the organizers, Cally Jordan, Graham Barrett, Jenifer and Michael Wishart.

The Chapter has solicited support from the following liaison volunteers in New Zealand and outside the NSW/ACT area:

NZ Betty Hanan, Bonnie Miller Perry, Graeme Thompson and Douglas Webb.  
QLD Peter Cardukes, Ross Paul, Gabrielle Persley and Dennis Purcell  
VIC Cally Jordan and Graham Barrett  
SA John Shepherd and Steve Carapetis  
WA Gerry Schockman and Joan McAdam

Anyone who would like to volunteer will be most welcome. The purpose is to provide a core of people in New Zealand and each state that will actively promote local members' interests, help with meetings that will take place and come up with ideas to explore and pursue.

A full account of a December 2007 meeting of the Chapter can be found on the Chapter's website at: [www.anz1818.freehost.com](http://www.anz1818.freehost.com).

Feedback and/or offers to work as volunteers on any of the above topics can be sent to Jo Martin. His e-mail is [jmartins@tpg.com.au](mailto:jmartins@tpg.com.au), postal address: 103 Cabarita Rd, Avalon Beach NSW 2107 Australia and telephone (02) 997 33022.

### 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. For further information, please contact Andrew Spurling (Tel. 0118-942-7310; e-mail: [DMSpurling@aol.com](mailto:DMSpurling@aol.com)). All Reservations must be made by March 31, 2008.

#### 2008 Winter Reunion and Luncheon:

Date: Saturday November 29, 2008  
Place: Thistle Hotel, Euston, London  
Please note change of venue. Details will be circulated in September. All 1818 Society members are welcome. For further information, please contact Andrew Spurling (Tel. 0118-942-7310; e-mail: [DMSpurling@aol.com](mailto:DMSpurling@aol.com)).

**Spring Reunion and 21st Annual Meeting:**

Dates: May, 8-10, 2009  
 Place: Lansdowne Hotel,  
 Eastborne, East Sussex.

Please note that this meeting takes place earlier in May than usual. The hotel is on the Promenade and within walking distance of the Congress Theatre. A Saturday coach trip will include Battle Abbey. Details will be circulated in February 2009. All 1818 Society members are welcome. For further information, please contact Andrew Spurling (Tel. 0118-942-7310; e-mail: DMSpurling@aol.com).

**CHILEAN CHAPTER.**

The Chilean Chapter met on December 13, 2007 to bid farewell to 2007, and to review progress on issues raised regarding health benefits and currency denomination of pensions. For information about this or other 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September 2008.  
 Place: Rhenen

The group will stay at Hotel 't Paviljoen in Rhenen. Wageningen/Rhenen is an interesting area, nature-wise but also with a WWII history. All this will be explored during the reunion. For more information and reservation, please contact Jan Bouwhuis at cunera23@planet.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**

Pictures from the October 2007 "Fall-outing" of the Chapter can be seen on the web-site of the association: www.société1818france.org. Dates for the next Fall-outing have been set for October 3 to 5, 2008. For further information, please contact Olivier Lafourcade (e-mail: olafourcade@oml.fr).

**GERMAN-SPEAKING CHAPTER****Fall Reunion:**

Date: First weekend in September, 2008  
 Place: Potsdam.

For further information, please contact Dieter von Samson; e-mail: dietersamson@netcologne.de.

**JAPAN CHAPTER****Second Annual Meeting and Reunion:**

Date: July 14, 2008  
 Time: 3:00 PM to 8:00PM  
 Place: Akebono-kaikan (Shijuku-ku, Tokyo) of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).  
 Details of the program will be announced and members informed in April, 2008.

All 1818 members and their spouses are welcome. 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 contact address in Japan is: Hardtack Hamaguchi (Director of the Japan Chapter), Kenedix, Inc. NTB-M Bldg. 7F 2-9, Shinbashi 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0004, Japan, Tel. 03-3519-2739; Fax 03-3519-2533;

E-mail: harutaka\_hamaguchi@kenedix.com.

For the Washington area, the persons to contact for information are Mr. Masayoshi Takahashi (masayoshi.takahashi@verizon.net), or Mr. Kunio Kikuchi (Kunio\_kikuchi@yahoo.com).

**FLORIDA CHAPTER**

The 2008 Spring Reunion of the Florida Chapter took place on March 11-14, 2008, at Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island. For information about this or other events, please contact Karin Nordlander by email (karin@nordlander.com) or by phone (561-447-9499). You can access the Chapter's website through the 1818 Society website [www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818), or directly at <http://1818florida.googlepages.com>. Want to participate in 2009? Check out the website and vote for the place you like best. You have a choice between Naples and Palm Beach!

**ENERGY SECTOR GROUP****Lunch Presentation:**

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2008,  
 Time: 11.00am,  
 Place: IFC Building Dining Room

The next Energy Sector Group lunch presentation takes place on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 11.00am in the IFC building, followed by lunch, when Darius Lilaonwala will speak on “IFC’s Proposed Approach to Climate Change in the Electricity Sector”.

Please note that the previous presentation of John Besant Jones on November 20, 2007 (Lessons of Power Sector Reform) is now available on the 1818 website under Energy Sector.

ESMAP celebrated its 25th anniversary on February 21, 2008. The current ESMAP manager is Ede Vasquez.

We report with sadness the recent loss of two energy colleagues, Fred Howell and Raquel Owen. Personal tributes to these colleagues, written by Yves Rovani and Zia Kalim respectively, can be found on the 1818 website.

For information about activities of the Energy Sector Group, please contact Huda Kraske (HJKraske@aol.com), Mike Gillette (mj\_gillette@yahoo.com), Akin Oduolowu (Oduolowu@yahoo.com) or Eugene McCarthy (emcc8940@aol.com).

### WATER SECTOR GROUP

Papers from earlier meetings of the Water Sector Group can be found in the “Water Group Sector” section of the 1818 Society’s website ([www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818)).

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/alumni to The 1818 Society:

Ore F. Adams  
Marva Angus  
Ana-Maria Arriagada  
Susan Brickland  
Robert M. Buckley  
Que P. Bui  
Lorelei I. Buntua  
L. Marianne Cabraal

Annisa Cline-Thomas  
Kate Dufek  
Clare Fleming  
Joseph Goldberg  
Genalinda A. Gorospe  
Wafik Grais  
Victoria C. Herron  
Brendan Horton  
Takehisa Iizuka  
Catherine Kleynhoff  
Anna K. Laidson  
Parivash Mehrdadi  
Meera Mehta  
Karen Merszei  
Khawaja M. Minnatullah  
M. Ginette Moise-Luabeya  
Judith C. Morroy  
Dzingai Mutumbuka  
Otilia M. Nadora  
Theodore F. Nkodo  
Judith O'Connor  
Gabrielle Persley  
Shahnaz Rana  
Eleanor Rebolgar  
T. V. Sampath  
Jean-Louis Sarbib  
Anil Somani  
Bachir Souhral  
Margrete Stevens  
Michael L. Stevens  
Apinya Suebsaeng  
Gary Theisen  
Lars Vidaeus  
Karin Waelti  
John Waterston  
Christina Westholm-Schroder

### News and Notices

#### From the Editor.

If you are a reader of the 1818 Society website, you may have noticed that the “*Publications*” section now includes an up-to-date version of the “*Directory of Retirees*”. However, if you try to access the Directory, you find that it is password-

protected. Announcing the password through the Bulletin, which is in the public domain, would obviously negate any usefulness of the password. The 1818 Society has, therefore sent the password via e-mail to all members whose e-mail address is known. Please let us know if you have not received it. Once in, you will also find that the directory can be searched, but that it can neither be copied nor forwarded to a different addressee. These measures are designed to make the Directory useful to legitimate users, while trying to keep the directory out of the hands of unauthorized persons.

You probably also have noticed that the 1818 Society "Newsletter" has only made a few sporadic appearances during the past couple of years. The February management meeting of the 1818 Society therefore decided that the last edition of the "Newsletter" would be published by the end of March 2008. At that meeting, several people commented that the Society's webpage has taken on more relevance, and should in the future include remembrances, the minutes of the Annual Meeting, and other items that would have appeared in the "Newsletter".

Time-sensitive items and important items relating to the Medical Insurance Plan, Staff Retirement Plan, and other matters affecting the health and welfare of Society members will continue to be posted in the Bulletin.

Please note that I plan to send the next two issues of the Bulletin to the print shop on Thursday morning, May 15, 2008 and July 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](http://www.worldbank.org/1818), the Society's

official website. You can also share your views and experiences on any topic at the Society's Blog. The Blog is at [www.1818society.wordpress.com](http://www.1818society.wordpress.com) and can be accessed from the Society's website. Other important entries are shown below.

### 1818 Society Responsibility Matrix

If you have suggestions or concerns about Society operations, please send them directly to the responsible Director/Officer in the matrix below, with a copy to [1society@worldbank.org](mailto:1society@worldbank.org).

Director/Officer	Task
Adrienne Nassau – <a href="mailto:anassau@igc.org">anassau@igc.org</a>	Bank Alumni Resources, Speakers Bureau.
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Kunio D. Kikuchi – <a href="mailto:kunio_kikuchi@yahoo.com">kunio_kikuchi@yahoo.com</a>	Credit Union Liaison, Discounts and Privileges
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**Board members - 2008**

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

**Officers & Staff - 2008**

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

**Retiree Representatives on BG Committees**

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

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**Florida** – Karin Nordlander (e-mail: karin@nordlander.com).

**Arboretum Tour**

Janet Damron will organize this year's tour to the Arboretum. The date will be April 24 at 11:00 AM. Janet has reserved the tram which, like in previous years, will accommodate 48 members or 46 and two persons in wheel chairs. Mailings to this effect have been sent to you.

Please send your notice of interest to her via the Society's mailing or e-mail address (1Society@worldbank.org). The final return date for the reservations is April 15, 2008.

**Address by President Robert Zoellick**

As mentioned in the last issue of the Bulletin, World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick addressed members of The 1818 Society on Wednesday January 9, 2008 in the Preston Auditorium. A streaming video of the event can now be accessed at <http://streaming3.worldbank.org/ramgen/HRS/176492/176492.rm>. Type or copy this string into your browser window and you can see and hear the proceedings of the entire event. Before you do, you may wish to upgrade your video-player (such as RealPlayer) to the latest version. If your computer has sufficient bandwidth, this version allows you to watch the event on the full screen rather than in a small window as was the case in the past.

**RALC's Retirement Facilities Fair**

The Retirement and Active Lifestyles Committee (RALC) of the 1818 Society, currently chaired by Sandra Hadler, organized this successful event, which took place on Thursday, March 6, 2008 in the Eugene Black Auditorium. Approximately 120 retirees and spouses attended, as well as representatives of the Retirement Societies of other international organizations. The keynote address was

given by Ms. Sue Mathiessen, Managing Director of the national Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Representatives from twelve Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) in the Greater Washington area also participated

The CARF Managing Director explained that the organization is the Nation's only accrediting body for CCRCs and other types of continuums of care for the ageing. CARF was established in 1985 to help ensure that the Nation's retirement communities fulfill their promise of quality, lifetime care to older persons. Today, CARF accredits continuing care retirement communities and aging services networks that are part of home, community, or hospital-based systems; sites under a corporate organization; and other types of providers. While it is not essential for a CCRC to be accredited, it is important to ascertain if it is, and if not, why it has elected not to become accredited. You can visit their website at: [www.carf.org/consumer](http://www.carf.org/consumer).

In response to questions from the floor about CARF's independence, the speaker explained that their activities are financed through fees from establishments that wish to be accredited, that the agency's role is that of an administrator and facilitator, and that the actual accreditation is done by third parties with no financial or other material interest in the outcomes of the accreditation.

Representatives of the twelve CCRCs who manned the Fair Tables also gave a brief overview of their facilities and what makes them special. While the organizations have many similarities, the differences in terms of financial arrangements, availability of specific services and location make it important for each potential customer to shop around and ensure that the facility meets their criterion – for the facility becomes your home, vacation home, health club, golf

club, social network – and your first source of health care. It is also, probably, the single largest financial decision that we will ever have to make. The representatives invited potential customers to visit their facilities for a first-hand inspection. The following facilities were represented:

- Ashby Ponds in Loudoun County;
- Baywoods in Annapolis;
- Collington in Mitchellville;
- Ginger Cove in Annapolis;
- Green Spring in Springfield;
- Goodwin House at Bailey's Crossroads;
- Heron Point in Chestertown;
- Ingleside at King Farm in Rockville;
- Kensington Park in Washington DC;
- Maplewood Park in Bethesda;
- The Residencies at Thomas Circle in Washington DC; and
- Washington House in Alexandria.

In addition, Iona Senior Services, a non-profit caring agency based in Washington DC participated and provided useful information on their services.

After this, Sandra Hadler declared the Fair open for 1818 Society members to visit the CCRC Fair tables to collect literature and to ask representatives questions about their facilities. The RALC Committee Members also had prepared a five-page questionnaire for participating CCRCs to submit; these were made available to Society members to facilitate their comparison of facilities. These questionnaires, together with the keynote presentation can also be downloaded from the RALC Corner of the 1818 Website.

The participating CCRC Representatives appreciated the opportunity to participate and the interest shown by 1818 members in the event. They look forward to a future event of similar type.

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

### Medical Insurance Plan Reminder.

All retiree members of the Retiree Medical Insurance Plan (RMIP) will soon receive a written request from World Bank Insurance Contracts Administration to confirm their insurance enrolment records for National Health Plan participation and eligible dependents.

To support this records verification project, the 1818 Society would like to remind RMIP participants of their obligation under the RMIP to join the National Health Plan (NHP) of their country of residence (the one registered with the Pension office) if they are eligible on the same basis as nationals of that country. Use of National Health Plans provides a significant source of savings to the RMIP as these plans become the primary insurer for claims incurred in that country. Section 15 of the MIP Summary Plan Description discusses this requirement and other-coverage claims coordination, but some general reminders follow.

In the United States, the National Health Plan is US Medicare for which most retirees living in the US become eligible at age 65, even if they or their spouse did not contribute to US Social Security. However, if you did not contribute to Social Security and are not married to an eligible spouse, your eligibility on the same basis as a US Citizen may only be for Part B (medical expenses). You must apply with US Social Security to determine your Medicare eligibility.

For those who may not be familiar with US Medicare, here is an overview of the program and enrolment policies:

US Medicare has three parts; *Part A* for Hospital Expenses, *Part B* for Medical Expenses, *Part D* for prescription drugs.

*Part A (hospital room and board)* is 'premium free' if a person is eligible to collect a Social Security pension benefit or if their spouse is eligible for a Social Security pension benefit. The RMIP requires Part A enrolment only, if a member qualifies for it on a premium free basis on their own or as the spouse of an eligible US person. *Important:* - The RMIP does not require you to purchase Part A benefits if a premium is required.

*Part B (medical expenses)* requires a premium from everyone regardless of how their eligibility is determined. If you are eligible for Part B, the RMIP requires you to enrol and use it as your primary medical coverage for expenses incurred in both a doctor's office and a hospital.

Anyone who receives Part A benefits is automatically eligible to enrol in Part B and you are required to enrol in Part B if you have Part A. However, if you are still working, you may be able to defer Part B enrolment without penalty from the RMIP or from Medicare until you fully retire. Apply on time to avoid late penalty but obtain a written statement from Social Security/Medicare that you are able to defer enrolment in Part B without a penalty. Send a copy of this statement to HR Service Center by fax, 202-522-2150, or send it as a scanned attachment to [hrrservicecenter@worldbank.org](mailto:hrrservicecenter@worldbank.org).

If you are not eligible for Part A on a premium free basis, you may still be eligible for Part B based on the length of your legal US residence. If you are age 65 or older and are a US Citizen or Lawfully Admitted Permanent Resident who has lived in the US for the immediately prior five years (even if part of those five years were in G-4 status), you are eligible for *Part B* benefits. You need not have been an LAPR or Citizen for five years. This eligibility policy has been re-confirmed by SSA's Office of International Programs. If your local SSA office is unfamiliar with this policy, a copy of the International

Program letter is available by contacting [mtuohy@worldbank.org](mailto:mtuohy@worldbank.org) or call, telephone 202-473-9018.

*Part D (prescription drugs).* The RMIP strongly encourages members to continue using the RMIP discount prescription plan currently administered by Caremark (formerly PharmaCare) and not to purchase a separate plan. The RMIP is an approved employer plan and currently receives a subsidy from Medicare for continuing prescription coverage for retirees. An annual letter of Creditable Coverage is provided each November as required by Medicare and copies are posted on the retiree website under medical insurance, [www.worldbank.org/humanresources](http://www.worldbank.org/humanresources)

*Please Note:* - Failure to enrol in a national health plan, when you are eligible to do so, on the same basis as a citizen of that country, can result in lower RMIP benefits for you.

**RMIP Premium discount:** Members who provide proof of their enrolment in a NHP or US Medicare, are provided a discount on their RMIP premium. The discount becomes effective the first month after the Bank receives the proof of enrolment, not the date of your enrolment if the enrolment date precedes notice to the Bank. For US Medicare a copy of the card is required and should be sent to the HR Service Center office at the Bank. The fax number is 202-522-2150. You can also scan it as an attachment to [hrrservicecenter@worldbank.org](mailto:hrrservicecenter@worldbank.org)

*Enrolment in US Medicare.* Eligibility for US Medicare begins at age 65 for most US Citizens and Permanent Residents who have lived in the US continuously for the past five years, even if part of those five years was in G4 status. The enrolment application is managed by US Social Security and you may be required to visit your local state office. If you are not currently receiving US Social Security benefits, application for Medicare should

occur up to three months before your 65th birthday and no later than three months after in order to be considered as a timely application. Enrolment rules are strictly enforced. Late applications are subject to a permanent 10% premium penalty for each year you could have applied and did not. For more information, go online to [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call, 1-800-772-1213 to find out what you need to do to apply for Medicare benefits.

*Medicare Direct:* Once you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, claim coordination between Medicare and RMIP is made easier with Medicare Direct. Contact Aetna member services to request this free service. Medicare Direct allows Medicare to send your claims to Aetna electronically after processing and reduces processing time and paperwork. It takes approximately 6 weeks for Medicare to establish this process so you may need to submit early claims to Aetna manually once you receive the Medicare explanation of benefit.

Helpful contacts:

- Social Security Administration:  
Tel: 1-800-772-1213  
website: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)
- US Medicare:  
Tel 1-800-633-4227  
website: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

Coordination of claims or to enrol in Medicare Direct:

- Aetna 1-800-723-8897
- [mclaims@aetna.com](mailto:mclaims@aetna.com)

### **Life Certificate Reminder**

As mentioned in detail in the February Bulletin, the Life Certificate for the year 2008 was mailed to you during the week of January 14, 2008, to your home address on file with Pension Administration Division. You are required to return the duly completed Life Certificate **by May 15, 2008**. If you have not yet done so,

please send your duly completed Life Certificate as soon as possible to:

Mr. Kerry H. Mack  
Pension Administration Division  
The World Bank  
1818 H Street, NW, MSN MC7-710  
Washington DC 20433.

In addition, you may send a copy of your duly completed Life Certificate via facsimile transmission to 202 522 1723.

If you have mailed your Life Certificate, you can verify that Pension Administration has received it by visiting: <http://staff.worldbank.org/pension/lifecertificate>.

You will be asked to enter the following for authentication purposes:

(1) Your UPI (printed on the bottom of your Life Certificate or Annual Pension Payroll Statement), (2) Your Date of Birth.

When you click on SUBMIT, the system will display the first four letters of your last name for verification. If this information is correct, please click on the "Yes" option. The system will then display the status of your Life Certificate.

### **1818 Society Alumni News.**

Fellow retiree, Ed Elmendorf, reports that former World Bank Agriculture Director Kevin Cleaver is now an Assistant President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Rome. Ed met him recently at a study tour of United Nations organizations in Rome and Vienna. The tour was organized by the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) in Washington DC, at which Ed currently serves as President.

Michael O'Farrell and Oltmann Siemens, both formerly with IFC, are also at IFAD as Director of Personnel and as Legal Counsel, respectively.

There are certain to be other equally interesting news items of the activities of

former Bank staff that would be of interest to a broad array of Society Members. We are waiting to hear from you about these too.

To encourage the generation of news of this kind, the 1818 Society website has an item called "*Alumni News*". On this site we are hoping to report short news items about former colleagues of the kind mentioned above. We need your input to keep it up to date and lively. Please send any items you think are newsworthy to: Alex Keyserlingk ([sanderkey@aol.com](mailto:sanderkey@aol.com)), and/or to the Bulletin Editor, ([tssigurdsson@yahoo.com](mailto:tssigurdsson@yahoo.com)) with a copy to [1society@worldbank.org](mailto:1society@worldbank.org).

### **Artists' & Writers' Corner**

#### **Music for Your Ears.**

Fellow 1818 Society member, turned singer and band leader, Katrine Anderson, has recently published several CDs.

After many years as an economist at the Bank, working particularly on African countries, Katrine took early retirement to pursue what has always been her passion: to sing. A classically trained soprano, she spent much of her time in Edinburgh singing Scottish songs in folk clubs, and appearing on television singing with her sister, Margaret. Since moving to the US, she continued to pursue her musical interests, though often with difficulty given the pressures of Bank work. Since her retirement, however, she has issued one CD of classical songs. The album was nominated as Best Folk Album of the Year by the Washington Area Music Association. A second album: *Songs of Celtic Myths*, was released last month. Katrine has given recitals of both classical and Scottish music in the US and Canada. She has also performed in several African countries (Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal and The Gambia), and, most recently, in Brazil, giving a series of concerts and

working with local musicians on integrating African and Brazilian music with Celtic music. You can read more about Katrine, including where to obtain her CDs and detailed information about her upcoming engagements at [www.celticmusic.com/katrine](http://www.celticmusic.com/katrine).

#### Legal Writings of Hans Wabnitz

Fellow 1818 Society member, Hans Wabnitz has written an article on "Reforming Legal Reform in Francophone Africa: World Bank Projects' experience". This article is forthcoming in the series "Law in Africa", Cologne, Germany.

You can read an abstract of the article by visiting the internet site:

<http://SSRN.com/abstract=1093028>.

You can read the whole article by clicking on one of the law school icons. Hans Werner's papers are on SSRN at: <http://ssrn.com/author=193350>. His e-mail address is [hw.wabnitz@gmail.com](mailto:hw.wabnitz@gmail.com).

#### Peter Koenig Publishes.

Fellow retiree, Peter Koenig, has published an economic thriller about war, environmental destruction and corporate greed. The novel, entitled *Implosion*, is critical of the World Bank and other international financial institutions, such as the IMF and IDB, and portrays some of their economic policies as "Machiavellian". The author, Peter Koenig, worked most of his career for the World Bank as an economist and water resources specialist. He has traveled extensively throughout the world and drawn ideas for many of the scenes in *Implosion* from his personal experiences. You can obtain a copy of the book by contacting Koenig at his e-mail address: [implosion.pk@rcn.com](mailto:implosion.pk@rcn.com).

### IN MEMORIAM

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

**Francoise Berube**, 87, of Quebec City, Canada on January 9, 2008. Ms. Berube retired from the Bank in 1974.

**Antoinette Catenor**, 55, of Burtonsville, Maryland on December 22, 2007, spouse of Mr. Seth Cartenor.

**Cecile Pearl Cornioley**, 93, of Mont Jean, France on February 24, 2008. Ms. Cornioley retired from the Bank in 1977.

**Monique Dekok**, 70, of Falls Church, Virginia on February 7, 2008. Ms. Dekok retired from the Bank in 1994.

**Simone Deriaud**, 85, of Noisy-Le Grand, France on January 16, 2008, spouse of Mr. Paul Charles Deriaud

**Charles M. Downing**, 78, of Great Falls, Virginia, on February 1, 2008. Mr. Downing retired from the Bank in 1988.

**Massy D. Ffrench-Mullen**, 89, of Potomac, Maryland, on January 31, 2008. Mr. Ffrench-Mullen retired from the Bank in 1984.

**Robert Ganeff**, 83, of Quebec, Canada, on February 21, 2008 Mr. Ganeff retired from the Bank in 1985.

**Josephine E. Hakim**, 81, of Vienna, Virginia, on January 27, 2007, spouse of Mr. Elias Hakim.

**Richard C. Hodges**, 88, of Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico, on January 27, 2008. Mr. Hodges retired from the Bank in 1980.

**Morris Miller**, 83, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on February 17, 2008. Mr. Miller retired from the Bank in 1984.

**David Pennell**, 79, of Falls Church, Virginia on December 10, 2007, surviving spouse of Makiko Pennell.

**Margaret I.R. Reid**, 90, of Newport, S. Wales, UK, on March 3, 2008, surviving spouse of Frederick.D.T. Reid.

**Denise Edgard Tasso**, 78, of Placenza (PC), Italy, on February 29, 2008. Ms. Tasso retired from the Bank in 1995.

**K. Vaitheeswaran**, 70, of Chennai, India, on December 16, 2007. Mr. Vaitheeswaran retired from the Bank in 1983.

**Mary C. Wolfe**, 89, of Great Falls, Virginia on February 26, 2008. Ms. Wolfe retired from the Bank in 1984.