

# THE 1818 SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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### Annual Meeting of The 1818 Society

The annual meeting of The 1818 Society will take place in the J-Building Auditorium (JB1-080) on Wednesday, October 24 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a cocktail reception in the MC 12 Gallery from 6:15-7:00PM, followed by a buffet dinner.

### CHILEAN CHAPTER.

The Chilean Chapter will meet prior to Independence Day (September 18), on a day and venue still to be determined, to follow up on discussions on the Pension Plan and Health Insurance. For information, please contact Miguel Schloss (miguel@dalberg.com), or Silvia Lay de Schloss (slay-damc@vtr.net) tel. 56-2-458-6050.

### DUTCH CHAPTER.

#### Eighth Dutch Reunion

Dates: September 14-15, 2007  
Place: Zutphen

Zutphen is a charming 2000 year old Dutch town. The group will stay in Hotel Eden at the market square. The program includes a city walk with a visit to the famous "Walburgis" church with its "Librije" (16<sup>th</sup> century church library). Bicycling or

boating is optional. Dinner will follow and the next day we will visit a nearby castle and have our annual chapter meeting. For more information please contact Ineke and Kees de Haan [idehaan@aol.com](mailto:idehaan@aol.com), and let us know about your interest as soon as possible.

#### Ninth Dutch Reunion:

Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September 2008.  
Place: Hague or Harderwijk  
For suggestions and/or information: Robert-Jan van der Lugt; e-mail: [rj@laovan.demon.nl](mailto: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](mailto:rj@laovan.demon.nl)

### FRENCH-SPEAKING CHAPTER

#### "Fall-Outing"

Dates: October 5-7, 2007  
Place: Toulouse

We will gather in and around Toulouse, the capital of the Midi-Pyrénées in South-western France. Details of the proposed program (likely to include a visit of Airbus Industry) are being worked out and will soon be communicated. For further information, please contact Olivier Lafourcade (e-mail: [olafourcade@oml.fr](mailto:olafourcade@oml.fr)).

### GERMAN-SPEAKING CHAPTER

#### Fall Reunion:

Dates: Sept. 14 to 16, 2007.  
Place: Überlingen on Lake Konstanz.

The 2008 reunion will be held in Potsdam, probably in September, 2008. For further information, please contact Dieter von Samson; e-mail: [dietersamson@netcologne.de](mailto:dietersamson@netcologne.de); (tel. 49-2241-396766).

## JAPAN CHAPTER

The Japan Chapter's first Newsletter was published at the end of May, 2007. Seasonal newsletters are expected to be delivered to all members of the Japan Chapter.

The Japan Chapter's Web Home page is now under construction and will soon include a Japanese version as well as an English one.

### 2007 Fall Reunion in Japan

Date: September 1, 2007  
Place: Karuizawa OHGA HALL  
Time: 5:00 p.m – 9:30 p.m

The event includes performance at the Karuizawa International Music Festival and a Dinner Party at Karuizawa Prince Hotel (Nagano Prefecture). Please contact Mr. Masayoshi TAKAHASHI (masayoshi.takahashi@verizon.net) for details.

### 2007 Fall Reunion in Washington DC

Date: September 15, 2007  
Place: Washington DC

Assembly of members and potential members of the Japan Chapter in the Washington D.C. area. Please contact Mr. Kunio Kikuchi (Kunio\_kikuchi@yahoo.com) for details.

### Career Development Day

Date: November 4, 2007  
Place: Tokyo

This event includes participation and support for "Career Development Day in International Institutions" organized by the International Development Journal- Dispatch of Career counsellors in The World Bank Group.

For information about other activities, the contact email addresses are: Harutaka 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, or Masayoshi TAKAHASHI Masa\_takahashi\_mtt@ybb.ne.jp

## UK CHAPTER

### Winter Reunion and Luncheon

Date: Saturday Nov. 24, 2007  
Time: Noon  
Place: Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London

All 1818 Society members are welcome. For further information, please contact Andrew

Spurling (Tel. 0118-942-7310; e-mail: DMSpurling@aol.com).

### 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).

## FLORIDA CHAPTER

### 2008 Spring Reunion

Date: March, 2008  
Place: Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island.

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 towards the end of July where there will be details about Amelia Island. You can access the website for the Florida Chapter through the 1818 Society website [www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818) or directly at <http://1818florida.googlepages.com>.

## ENERGY SECTOR GROUP

Those interested in activities of the Energy Sector Group should contact Eugene McCarthy, phone numbers: 703-509-1945 and 703-978-4889; email EMCC8940@aol.com.

## WATER SECTOR GROUP

The next meeting will be in the autumn, likely end-September, early October. For further information or inclusion in the mailing/e-mail list of the Water Sector Group, please contact Dick MacEwen (tel.: 1-703-734-0367; e-mail: rmacewen@alum.mit.edu).

## REUNION IN MAINE

Fellow Society Member, Clifford Gilpin, sends us the following story about an ad-hoc 1818 Society reunion in Portland, Maine. In Clifford's words:

*It all started with an idea for a program for the World Affairs Council of Maine (of which I am an executive*

director). I had read in *The 1818 Society Bulletin* about Veronica Li's talk at the World Bank about her new book "Journey Across the Four Seas". After discussing the idea with the World Affairs Council's Program Committee, I invited Veronica to come to Maine from her home in the Washington area and talk to the Council on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Veronica agreed and in fact turned the visit into a week-long vacation with her husband, Sverrir Sigurðsson. It was their first real visit to Maine, and after spending a few days in Bar Harbor they drove down to the Portland area and stayed with me and my wife, Susan.

The evening before Veronica's talk to the Council became the opportunity for a small reunion. We invited Frank and Dorothy Farner, Brad and Kitty Babson and Al and Lois Howlett. All now live in the Greater Portland area and Brad and Al are also very active members of the World Affairs Council. We had all known each other in the Bank because of our involvement in East Asia and the education sector in the 1980s. It was a memorable evening full of reminiscences. It was also an example of how as World Bank retirees we stay connected in our various locations. And of course, Maine is a beautiful place to visit at this time of the year. As Veronica said, she got to see the spring flowers for a second time and enjoy the cool, clear air!

### New Members

We warmly welcome to the following retirees who became members of The 1818 Society since the last Bulletin:

Hussein A. Amin  
 Paul Stanley Armington  
 Vinay K. Bhargava  
 C. Mark Blackden  
 Maree J. Bovino  
 Barun Chatterjee  
 Victoria Elliott  
 Gloria Goodine  
 Catherine Gwin  
 Sharon R. Isaac  
 Jay Kapoor  
 Timni Mahase  
 Julita R.S. Main  
 Teresalina G. Marfori  
 Katherine Marshall  
 Matthew A. McMahan  
 Maria M. Montoyo  
 Maureen Moore  
 Krishnan Nagarajan  
 Julie B. Nannucci  
 Elaine W. Patterson

Jean-Paul Pinard  
 Judith Press  
 Srinivasan Rajagopal  
 Subhash C. Seth  
 Masaharu Shimizu  
 Brigita Woods

### News and Notices

#### From the Editor.

This issue concludes my second year as the editor of the Bulletin. I wish to thank those of you who have contributed to the Bulletin, made comments, or otherwise made this task interesting and enjoyable. In the beginning I worried that there would not be enough material to cover at least four pages. Needless to say, that worry has come to naught as I have tried to keep the Bulletin down to eight pages – two sheets of 11" x 17" paper, printed on both sides, folded and saddle-stitched. With one exception I have succeeded in staying within this self-imposed limit, but in the process I have often had to cut some of the prose of our contributors, for which I apologize. But I think that it is important to keep this publication relatively small and manageable. If the Bulletin gets too big, the problems with getting it out on schedule simply multiply and get out of hand. So please bear with my cutting, which I try to keep down to a minimum.

I plan to send the next issue of the Bulletin to the print shop on Thursday morning, September 13, 2007.



#### 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](http://www.1818society.wordpress.com).

### 1818 Society's Nominating Committee

There are currently a few vacancies for a directorship on The 1818 Society Board of Directors. If you, or somebody you know are interested in serving, please contact Dominique Lallement, the chair of the Nominating Committee at [Dominique.lallement@gmail.com](mailto:Dominique.lallement@gmail.com).

### Retiree Directory on the Web.

The Society is moving towards having the Member directory online in the months ahead. The directory will be in an Adobe Acrobat format to prevent unauthorized copying. Members should check that the Society has their up-to-date email on file.

### Health Care Insurance Expert Needed

The 1818 Society's Health Insurance Committee would welcome the support of volunteers with experience in health insurance systems. If you have a health insurance background, the Society would welcome you to its meetings. Please call either the Society's Office at (202) 458-1956 or John Kendall at (240) 221 3496.

### Upcoming RALC seminar

The Retirement and Active Living Committee (RALC) is organizing a seminar on September 11, 2007 to cover "What to expect in your 60's, 70's and 80's". The venue will be the J building auditorium (JB1-080) at 2pm. Stay tuned for further details.

### World Bank Group Retirees Association The 1818 Society

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Website: [www.worldbank.org/1818](http://www.worldbank.org/1818)

#### Board members - 2006

Shawki Barghouti , Frona Hall, Constance Morris Hope, Alexander Keyserlingk, Uma Lele, Hernan Levy, Jean-Yves Maillat, Adrienne Nassau (Chairman), Charles Ziegler, John Blaxall (Honorary Member).

#### Officers - 2006

Adrienne Nassau – President – (E-mail: [1Society@worldbank.org](mailto:1Society@worldbank.org))  
Catherine Fogle - Vice President  
Jeffrey Katz - Treasurer  
John Kendall - Secretary

**Society Operations Coordinator:** - Annabel Bracher

#### 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

#### Publications:

**Bulletin** - Sverrir Sigurdsson – Editor (e-mail: [tssigurdsson@aol.com](mailto:tssigurdsson@aol.com)),  
**Newsletter** - Jim Casey – Editor (e-mail: [jcasey1@worldbank.org](mailto:jcasey1@worldbank.org))

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**The Netherlands** - Robert Jan van der Lugt (e-mail: [rj@laovan.demon.nl](mailto:rj@laovan.demon.nl); tel. 31-71-3613860.fax: 31-71-3612345).  
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**United Kingdom** – Mick Nightingale (e-mail: [micknightingale@aol.com](mailto:micknightingale@aol.com))  
**Florida** – Karin Nordlander (e-mail: [karin@nordlander.com](mailto:karin@nordlander.com)).

**1818 Society Alumni News.**

The 1818 Society website has a new 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](mailto:1society@worldbank.org).

**World Bank Group Archives**

Society members can now gain access to many of the resources of the World Bank Group Archives from their own personal computers. These resources include a useful on-line chronology of World Bank Group history, on-line exhibits, and other items of historical interest. Those wishing to explore the Archives in greater depth will find information on how to do so. Please see The 1818 Society's web page for a convenient link. You can also access the link by typing the following into your browser:

<http://web.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64319200&piPK=64323128&theSitePK=29506>.

**New Numbers for Medical Insurance**

Part III of the Retirees Directory provides websites, email addresses and telephone numbers of entities associated with the RMIP. Retirees with claims and coverage inquiries should contact their provider (Aetna, Vanbreda or PharmaCare) first. If unresolved, or if their query concerns eligibility, national health plan or Medicare enrolment, call the HR Service Center at 202 473-2222 ([hrrservicecenter@worldbank.org](mailto:hrrservicecenter@worldbank.org) and [www.worldbank.org/humanresources](http://www.worldbank.org/humanresources)).

If unresolved, and the issue is of general applicability or interest, the retiree may call members of the 1818 Society Health Committee, including Catherine Fogle (703-533-2104 and [ch810@verizon.net](mailto:ch810@verizon.net)) or

Frona Hall (202 667-7070 or [fronahall@aol.com](mailto:fronahall@aol.com)).

**Top Honors for Sangam Restaurant.**

The upscale *Sangam Restaurant* is owned and operated by 1818 Society Member and former IFC staff member Edward Dean. *The Sun Gazette*, an Arlington newspaper, informs us that the *Sangam Restaurant* became on May 20, 2007, the first restaurant in the history of the "Taste of Arlington" celebration to win top honors two years in a row. *Sangam* beat several dozen competitors to take the crown at the annual festival, which is a fundraiser for Community Residences.

The cuisine is Indian and American, and events and catering can be accommodated, including on World Bank premises. The restaurant is located at 1211 North Glebe Road in Arlington; the telephone is 703 524-2728; and the webpage is [www.sangamrestaurant.com](http://www.sangamrestaurant.com). Sangam will give Society members a 10% discount upon request.

**Barber Conable Endowment**

Fellow member of The 1818 Society, Peter Riddleberger, wishes to pass on information from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Rochester, New York, regarding RIT's establishment of an Endowed Chair in International Studies. The Chair will honor Barber Conable, World Bank President from 1986-1991. As you will recall, Mr. Conable was a Congressman from Upstate New York before heading the Bank. He oversaw the doubling of IBRD's subscribed capital, and was instrumental in changing U.S. Laws to permits long-term G-4 visa holders to stay in the United States after they retire. Mrs Charlotte Conable was praised by our colleagues for promoting "Women's Issues."

Establishment of the Conable Chair will enable RIT to provide a strong base for its BS program in international studies. The holder of the Conable Chair will focus on the impact of scientific and technological advances on societies and cultures, worldwide. This includes international perspectives on issues such as terrorism, international financial crises, the proliferation and containment of weapons of mass destruction, and the causes and consequences of global warming.

Those who may wish to contribute to the endowment of the Chair or learn more about the endowment should contact:

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### “Solar System Ambassador”

Society Member, retiree David DelMonte, informs us that NASA has selected him as a “Solar System Ambassador”.

His work for NASA entails teaching students in local communities about Earth and Space Science programs. After his selection to the post in January, 2007, he received training from NASA’s engineers and scientists, and gave presentations to schools in Washington DC and in Greece. He was also a judge at a science fair.

David notes that he has been very surprised by the exciting work underway at NASA/ESA.

Bank staff and/or retirees with children or grandchildren in schools may let him know about their interest in a presentation on space topics by emailing David at <http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/ambassador/>.

Other audiences are also welcome.

## Artists’ & Writers’ Corner

### Photo Exhibits.

Fellow retiree Kathy Strauss’s photo, “Freedom Flag” was accepted into the juried exhibit “Patriotism” through the Capitol Arts Network. The exhibit takes place at the Washington Gallery of Photography in Bethesda, MD from July 13 – August 4th. Over 200 pieces were submitted for the exhibit while only twenty were chosen.

Kathy will be one of the artists in the “My Space on 7th” exhibition at the Touchstone Gallery from July 11 - August 4, 2007. This exhibition will coincide with the Capital Fringe Festival, where Touchstone Gallery will host several plays on a stage in the center of the gallery. The Closing Reception will be on Saturday, August 4th, 2007 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

### Book Review – The Bottom Billion

The July 1, 2007 edition of The New York Times Book Review carries a glowing review of a book written by fellow World Bank retiree, Paul Collier, entitled “*THE BOTTOM BILLION: Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*” . Below is a summary of the review article.

Until now, Jeffrey D. Sachs and William Easterly have publicized the best recent debate about Africa’s economic future. Along comes Paul Collier, the director of the Center for the Study of African Economies at Oxford University, a former World Bank economist like Easterly. Collier’s title refers to the 980 million people, living in what he calls “trapped countries”, most of which are in Africa.

Collier’s is a better book than either Sachs’s or Easterly’s. First, its analysis of the causes of poverty is more convincing.

Second, its remedies are more plausible. There are, he suggests, four traps into which really poor countries tend to fall. The first trap is civil war. Three things turn out to increase the risk of conflict: a relatively high proportion of young, uneducated men; an imbalance between ethnic groups; and a supply of natural resources like diamonds or oil, which simultaneously encourages and helps finance rebellion. The second trap is the “resource curse”. As he sees it, mineral wealth in countries like Nigeria, make democracy malfunction because of resource rents. The third trap is a landlocked country’s dependency on its neighbors’ transportation system. Yet this is a minor handicap compared with the fourth trap: bad governance.

So, what can the rich countries do? As a general rule, Collier argues, aid tends to retard the growth of the labor-intensive export industries that are a poor country’s most effective engine of growth. And much aid gets diverted into military spending. As for emergency relief, all too often it arrives in the wrong quantity at the wrong time. Trade, too, is not a sufficient answer. If rich countries retain tariffs to shelter their own manufacturers from cut-price Asian imports, they should at least exempt products from the bottom billion countries. This, however, is not the most heretical of Collier’s

prescriptions. Reflecting on the tendency of post-conflict countries to lapse back into civil war, he argues for occasional foreign interventions in failed states. What post-conflict countries need, he says, is ten years of peace enforced by an external military force. Still, it would be wrong to portray Collier as a proponent of gunboat development. In the end, he pins more hope on the growth of international law than on global policing.

“The Bottom Billion” stands on a foundation of painstaking quantitative research, and it is admirably succinct and pithily written. If Sachs seems too saintly and Easterly too cynical, then Collier is the authentic old Africa hand: he knows the terrain and has a keen ear. If you’ve ever found yourself on one side or the other of the arguments about causes and remedies for development problems then you simply must read this book.

*THE BOTTOM BILLION*

*Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It.*

By Paul Collier.

205 pp. Oxford University Press. \$28.

Review by Niall Ferguson, professor of history at Harvard University.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

**Badri N. Das**, 82, of Arlington, Virginia, on June 18, 2007. Mr. Das retired from the Bank in 1988.

**Malise C. Dick**, 72, of Greenbelt, Maryland, on June 10, 2007. Mr. Dick retired from the Bank in 1995.

**Ceferino Eugenio**, 90, of Quezon City, Philippines, on June 22, 2007. Mr. Eugenio retired from the Bank in 1981.

**Yvonne Guillaumin-Simon**, 77, of Montesson, France, on May 25, 2007. She retired from the Bank in 1994.

**Joan M. Hine**, 82, of Hunter's Hill, New South Wales, Australia, on June 24, 2007. Mrs. Hine retired from the Bank in 1993.

**Kyaw Htun**, 85, of Columbia, Maryland, on April 11, 2007. Mr. Htun retired from the Bank in 1983.

**Ulrich Kuffner**, 73, of Quito, Ecuador on May 24, 2007. Mr. Kuffner retired from the Bank in 1995.

**Roger K. Masthagen**, 79, of Huddinge, Sweden on May 6, 2007. Mr. Masthagen retired from the Bank in 1990.

**Man Mohan Sekhri**, 84, of Kensington, Maryland, on June 28, 2007. Mr. Sekhri retired from the Bank in 1986.

**Jacob John Mulckhuysen**, 86, of Palmyra, Virginia, on May 25, 2007. Mr. Mulckhuysen retired from the Bank in 1984.

**Harold C. Steyer**, 67, of Cumming, Georgia on May 18, 2007. Mr. Steyer retired from the Bank in 1998.

**Sing-Zak Sung**, 85, of Hong Kong, China, on May 16, 2007. Mr. Sung retired from the Bank in 1986.

**Lea Tuytens**, 79, of Oostende, Belgium, on April 26, 2007, surviving spouse of Mr. Jean De Gryse.

**Clayburn T. West**, 68, of Reedville, Virginia, on May 22, 2007, spouse of Barbara West.

**Alexander M. Wilson**, 88, of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on June 15, 2007. Mr. Wilson retired from the Bank in 1983.