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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.... Well, here we are once again. Our Annual Dinner & Dance (June 18) is just around the corner, as they say. I hope your schedules will permit you to attend. Our golf tournament has been pushed back to September in the hope we will get more participation from our members. Don't forget to also mark your calendars for our Italian Heritage Day at Russo's On The Bay on Thurs., Oct. 7...it is always the 1st Thursday in October. Of course, I pray that you are all in good health and have plans for a great summer.

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.... will be held on Fri., June 18 at Leonard's of Great Neck. This years honoree's will be Domenico Calise, Deputy Chief of Newark Liberty International Airport; Peter Salamone, Supervisor CBP at JFK International Airport and also President of the Fraternal Order of Police at JFK and Donald Ambrosio, President and CEO of Tri-Link, Inc. The flyers for this event have been posted in your work areas. Please note that we have a souvenir journal to help celebrate this very worthwhile event. Remember, this is the main fundraiser for The Columbia Association. All proceeds from this event go to support our Scholarship Program and various charitable events that we undertake. The price for this Gala is \$85 per person. Cocktail hour starts at 7pm. Dinner is from 8pm-12am. Contact your area representative as noted on the posted flyers.

29TH **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT....** will be held on Fri., Sept. 17, 2010 at Douglaston Golf Course, located in Douglaston, Queens at 63-20 Marathon Parkway. Flyers for this event will be posted after our Dinner & Dance. The price remains the same, \$125 per person, which includes, continental breakfast, frank or hamburger at the turn, to be followed by a barbeque. Please mark it on your calendar.

SICK.....our good friend Mike Baglivo had his prostate removed. Good luck Mike...Gil Hendler (ret Imp Spec JFK) reports his wife, Sam, had back surgery on Apr. 27, 2010. She is already walking around...Tom Spelman (ret Asst Area Port Dir JFK) slipped on ice and broke his leg. He is in a cast up to his thigh. He goes from bed, to wheel chair, to lounge. Wow!...Tim Brereton (ret CBPO JFK) had a stent put in March, 2010. He looks great!...Paul Russo (ret Past President) had surgery for a torn retina in Feb...Pat Dellamura (Import Spec Newark) had his auto totaled. Pat is back to work but he is not 100% well and is looking to purchase a new auto...Ken Thompson (ret. CBPO JFK) underwent double by-pass surgery...OOPS! Almost forgot. The stents I had put in Sept, 2009 stopped working and I had to have a triple by-pass in March, 2010. I am feeling pretty good and I am on the way to a complete recovery. Thanks to everyone for your good wishes. Please keep our sick in your prayers.

<u>DECEASED.....</u>Catherine Schiebel, the loving wife of Gerry Schiebel (Deputy Chief JFK) lost her valiant fight against cancer. Cathy passed away on Sun, Feb. 4. Cathy was a very good friend of my family. I will miss her and will keep her in my daily prayers...Maria Sciacca, mother of Ben (Supv CBP JFK) passed away on Feb. 3...Catherine Monaco, mother of Jerry (Asst Area Dir JFK) passed away on Mar. 2...Errold (Earl) Perryman (ret S/A NY) passed away in March...Ed MacSaveny (ret Imp Spec Team Leader JFK) passed away on Apr. 30. Ed was also the father of Virginia MacSaveny (C-TPAT JFK).

<u>BIRTHS.....</u>Jeff and Marilyn Brodack (C-TPAT JFK) are the proud parents of **Jason**, born Feb. 2, 6lbs 1oz. Mom and baby doing great!...**Jack Conti** (ret S/A) writes to say his daughter, **Jacqueline** and her husband **Matt** were blessed with a baby boy, **Jensen Daniel** on May 3. He is Jack's 5th grandchild.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS.....</u>to **Holly Marie Mannucci**, daughter of **Joe Mannucci** (Deputy Chief Nwk) and a former scholarship recipient. She made the 1st team playing field hockey for Kings College in PA and she

currently has a GPA index of 3.9 with a major in elementary education...**Dylan De Francisci** (Port Director, Aruba) and wife **Michele** expecting their 1st child in June...**Nicholas Mello**, son of **Diann** (Import Spec NWK) will receive Eagle Scout Rank on May 3. **Ron Mello**, Diann's other son, recently fought his 1st amaturer fight in the mixed Martial Arts and won in the 185 lb category. Ron is also a former recipient of our scholarship program. Look him up on You Tube!