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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....my sincere wishes for a Happy & Prosperous New Year. For you senior citizens (like myself), keep your doctor appointments & take charge of your health. If not, please become a Lifetime Member (ha ha)...only kidding!! For those of you who are not able to get out to visit friends for whatever reason, and would like to shoot the breeze on the phone, give me a call at 516-791-2958. If I am not at home, please leave a message and I promise to call you back. If there is an old friend from the job that you would like to talk to, maybe I can get you both together, or at least get you their mailing address. In any case, please stay in touch.

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.....this year's annual affair will not be held at Leonard's of Great Neck. For the sake of change and with the hope of accommodating the traveling of our membership from New Jersey, we have changed our catering hall to the El Caribe Country Club in the Mill Basin section of Brooklyn, NY. It is a beautiful hall and one that I have attended at least a hundred times over the years. For those of you who may recall, we honored Congresswoman Geraldine Ferrara there on May 6, 1983. This year's annual affair will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2011. It will be a Brunch, starting at 11am with a buffet breakfast. Immediately after the breakfast, we will have our awards ceremony honoring our Honoree's and then proceeding with our regular Dinner & Dance, ending at 4pm. Although this affair will cost us more than our affairs at Leonard's, we will keep the price the same as the past couple of years, at \$85 per person. The breakfast will consist of omelet's made to order with a variety of fillings; crepe's made to order and filled with preserves; scrambled eggs made to order; bacon; breakfast sausage; country ham; pancakes (some with a variety of toppings); french toast pan fried golden brown with a hint of vanilla; assorted fruits and breakfast breads including bagels, croissants, mini muffins, Danish, English muffins, etc. Dinner will consist of a 6 course dinner including 8 entrees. The affair will be finished with specialty desserts, fresh brewed coffee, cappuccino and espresso. There is free valet parking and all gratuities are paid by The Columbia Association. Our Honorees have not been solicited at this time. To our members, your support is needed to make this event a success for our organization.

DECEASED.....**James Barrett** (CBPO JFK) passed away of a heart attack on Dec. 23, 2010. Jim was 51 years young. To repeat what all his friends had to say about him, "Jim never had anything bad to say about anyone. He was a Superior Officer and a pleasure to work with"...**Michael Caramore**, 32 years young and a former Paratrooper and a veteran of the Afghanistan War, died suddenly on Jan. 3, 2011. Michael was the son of **Greg Caramore** (ret Field National Import Specialist JFK). He was a great kid and I enjoyed playing golf with Mike and his Dad Greg when Michael was a teenager. My condolences also to **Mary Caramore**, Michael's Mom...**Abraham Schwartz**, father of **Nina Rohan** (NISA) passed away on Jan. 10, 2011...**Danny Angevine** (ret Team Leader Import Specialist JFK) passed away on Feb. 22, 2010. I had sent my condolences to his son **Leonard**, who is the head of E.E.O. at Penn Plaza. I neglected to print it in our newsletter. Danny had been very ill, was on life support and died peacefully in his sleep, as his good friend **Mike Guluzzi** (ret Team Leader JFK) informed me. Please pray for our deceased.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to **Rich Pileggi** (ret Deputy Chief JFK) and wife **Alla**, who became great grandparents on Dec. 2, 2010 to little **Miss Milana Kirillovna Dmitriakova**.

“A SPRING PARTY”.....the JFK Health & Welfare Fund and The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs are holding a “Spring Party” honoring recent CBP retirees on Wed. April 6, 2011 at Russo’s On The Bay in Howard Beach, Queens. Please join us for a wonderful evening of wining, dining and dancing and honor some of the men and women of CBP who recently retired and deserve a great send-off from friends and family. Cocktail hour 6-7pm. Dinner & Dance 7-11pm. Prices are \$45 per person for fund members and \$55 per person for non-members. No charge for retirees. Retirees must reserve before March 10, 2011.

CHATTER.....happy to hear from **Paul Falbo** (CBPO JFK) who wrote me a note saying “Bless me Father for I have sinned, it’s been over a year since I last paid my dues. Please don’t excommunicate me”, and enclosed is a check for last year’s dues \$15 and an additional \$100 check for Lifetime Membership. Very funny Paul and very nice of you to become a Lifetime Member...also forgot to mention in the last newsletter that **Rich Pileggi** also paid for Lifetime Membership...**Gary Kijik** (CBPO Supv Boston) is getting ready to retire in Feb, 2011. Married life is wonderful (his wife **Nancy** says so) and they are up to 10 grandchildren...**Diane Botte** (ret Mission Support JFK) says retirement is amazing and is really enjoying life...**Wayne Biondi** (NTC-P Asst Director, VA) sent his dues and says hello to all his friends...it was nice to have non retiree’s **Reggie Manning** (Asst Director JFK) and **Bill Ward** (CBPO JFK) attend the retiree’s monthly breakfast in Valley Stream, Long Island. Twenty retirees attended who had combined years of service of 756 years in Government Service... thanks to **Mario Tilelli** (CBPO NWK) for your Christmas card and your dues.

MEMBERSHIP.....for your information, last month I was forced to suspend 90 members after notifying them numerous times that they were delinquent in paying their yearly dues (\$15 per year). They were all overdue at least 4 years. Our membership now stands at 583 members. The following is a breakdown of membership localities where they live...Long Island 223; New Jersey 115; Queens 67; Staten Island 49; Brooklyn 47; New York City and Upstate, NY 32; Florida 14; Virginia 9; Pennsylvania 9; Connecticut 4; North Carolina 4; South Carolina 4; Texas 2; Maine 1; Delaware 1; California 1 and Arizona 1. All suspended members were invited to become Lifetime Members with no penalties. Our Lifetime Membership now stands at 118 members. Any info about Lifetime Membership, please email me at philmaddalena@hotmail.com or call me at 516-791-2958.

DUES.....ARE DUE!.....only \$15 per year. Lifetime Membership is \$150 for a new member of Customs and Border Protection and \$100 for a present member who has been a member over 10 years...thank you to the following members for yours dues, **Wayne Biondi; Diane Botte; Frank Peterson; Mario Tilelli; Anthony Grossi; Douglas Jones; Vincent Ferruzza; Lee Jacob; Robert Giaccone;** and for your Lifetime Membership to **Paul Falbo; Gary Kijik** and **Roseann Bellino**.

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Fraternally yours,

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President