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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....My sincere thanks to our membership for your support for our Brunch/Dinner held at The El Caribe Country Club. Our Italian Heritage Day Celebration will be held on Thur., Oct. 6, 2011 at Russo's On the Bay, in Howard Beach, Queens. We don't have our Golf Tournament scheduled yet but it will be in September. As I reflect with pride on the growth and accomplishments of our Association, I am happy to say that without a question, our success is the result of the unfaltering dedication of our members past and present. I pray that this year will bring a year of happiness and joy to all our members & friends.

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.....was held at The El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn, NY on Sun., April 10, 2011. It was a Brunch/Dinner Affair. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. The food was great and the service was excellent. I made time to visit all the honorees and asked them if they were pleased with our event and they said they were...but! and a big but it was...I think everyone preferred to have our Annual Dinner & Dance in the evening. I agree!! Next year's Dinner & Dance will be held at Gargiulo's Catering Hall and Restaurant at 2911 West 15th Street in Coney Island. It will be held on Friday evening, May 18, 2012. Cocktail Hour from 7-8pm and dinner to follow. I have attended four weddings at Gargiulo's and the food is excellent. We have a year to plan this event. I have picked the honorees for this affair and they will be notified next week. I will notify our membership when the honorees accept our invitation. Our thanks again to **Adele Fasano** & her family for making the presentation of The Carmine Fasano Scholarship to **Shenjuti Chowdury**, a second year dental student at Columbia University Medical Center.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to **John Buonincontri** (CBPO JFK) who celebrated his 9th Wedding Anniversary on Mar. 2, 2011...**Jennifer Tagliaferro** (Head of Protest NWK) celebrating the birthdays of her children, daughter **Jeanette** was 7 on 3/6/11 & son **Craig** was 4 on 1/26. Jen Also celebrated her 15th Anniversary in Customs...**Anne T. Romano**, who was honored by The Columbia Association two years ago at our Italian Heritage Day, has become the President of the Order of the Sons of Italy in Howard Beach (Fiorello LaGuardia Lodge). Anne is a professor, author & public speaker and recently had another of her books published called, Italian Americans in Law Enforcement. It is a very interesting book to read. In fact, Anne wrote a very nice piece about my career in Customs. Pick up a copy, I will have Anne sign it for you and of course I will sign it for you also! You can order it at Amazon.com. The book was published by Xlibris.

MEMBERSHIP.....dues are due. Remember only \$15 per year. For Lifetime Membership, please go on line at www.columbiaassnusc.org. For new members, Lifetime Membership is \$150, for members that have 10 years' service \$100. Hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. I would like to thank those members who have become Lifetime Members this year –

Donald Ambrosio
Michael Burke
Kim Ciccolella
John Criscuolo
Karl Cruse
Richard Darnowski
Michael Fanelli
Jeanine Farinaccio
Ralph Fasano

Sal Forgione
Tom Fresolone
Rosanna Licitra
Eileen Manna (in 2009)
John Martuge
Anthony Midea
Douglas Montone
Walter Rodier
James Ruoff

Anthony Scaringella
Ben Sciacca
Michael Sciponi
Steven Sparta
Ron Suess
Margaret Wescott
Debra Zezima
Michael Zitowsky

Just a reminder to please send me your personal email address. We would like to be able to send you our newsletter via the internet. I thank you for your help.

BIRTHS.....Walter Rodier (ret. ACS Spec JFK) and wife Jane are celebrating the birth of their 1st Grandchild, Maya Rose, born on 12/3/10. Wally says it is a blessing!

PROMOTED.....From Newark, NJ – Pat Dellamura; Richard Schuler & Nataiya Perets to National Import Specialist Assistant (NISA) at One Penn Plaza. From JFK – Michael Chen & Liana Alvarez to NISA at One Penn Plaza. Good Luck! A great career move.

RETIRED.....Mark Palasak (National Import Specialist) from One Penn Plaza...Joann Balducci (Insp JFK)...Margaret Parry (Entry Spec Team Leader JFK)...Dorothy Toto (Sr Import Spec JFK)...Pat Mahr (Chain Spec JFK)...Virginia MacSaveny (Chain Spec JFK).

SICK.....Dave Casquarelli, father of Paul (Supv JFK) was going shopping in Howard Beach and was struck by an auto and had to be rushed to the hospital. He suffered a broken ankle & had two screws & a plate put into his ankle. Now that most of the pain is over, Paul says his Dad is doing well...Jim Taratunio (ret. Supv Insp JFK) was in hospital for minor surgery but is home now. He attended our breakfast last week at Mitchel's in Valley Stream...Jerry Monaco (ret. Assistant Area Director JFK) was recently rear ended in Franklin Square, NY & had his auto completely demolished. Jerry was taken by ambulance to the hospital and hopefully he will have a successful rehabilitation. Talked to Jerry at our recent breakfast and he looked like he was in some discomfort...Tim Brereton (ret. Legacy Immigration Insp JFK) completed his chemo treatments. Please pray for our sick.

DECEASED.....Dave Perkins (ret. Insp JFK) passed away on Mar. 17...Ignazio Giaccone, father of Sal Giaccone (Supv CBP JFK), passed away on Mar. 23. I met Mr. Giaccone when we honored Sal some years back. It was my pleasure to see how proud he was of his son that evening...Edward Matusik (Senior Insp) also passed away on Mar. 23...Mario Liberta, father of Tony Liberta (ret. Director of Field Operations) passed away on Mar. 24...Roy Dewing (ret. Deputy Assistant Regional Commissioner) passed away on Apr. 18...Phil Van Gostein (ret. Insp JFK) passed away Apr. 20...Geraldine Ferraro, the former Congresswoman from Queens, NY and the 1st woman to run for Vice President of the United States passed away after a long struggle with cancer on Mar. 26. We honored Geraldine Ferraro as our Woman of the Year May 6, 1983 at The El Caribe Country Club. Geri was a gracious recipient and she spent the evening dancing with our honored members. Please pray for our deceased and that the love of God will help you see better days.

CHATTER.....Would you believe?...on Sat., Mar. 5, 2011 Paul Lamparillo Sr. (ret. Senior Insp NY Seaport) celebrated his 100th birthday at Leonard's of Great Neck with his family & old buddies from Customs. Paul is the father of Mike Lamparillo (ret. Insp JFK) and father-in-law of Camille Pesce (Import Spec JFK). What no one remembers is that Paul Jr. also worked for Customs. I was his supervisor in the entry section in Bldg #80. Paul left after a couple of years to work for the phone company. I haven't seen him since. Paul's Customs buddies that attended were Bob Meekins; Fred Recupero; Harvey Davis (Supv JFK); Pat Fasano (Sr Insp NY Seaport); Fred Schwartz & Ken Thompson (Sr Insp JFK). Wish I could have been there!...Mike Zitowsky, retired 15 months, is loving the good life. He invites everyone to join him...happy to see Craig Antoniello on facebook and thanks for your dues...good talking to Sal Giaccone who worked at the old Customs House in Bowling Green, NY. This Sal is not related to the JFK Sal Giaccone. We talked on the internet. Sal was a Warehouse Officer in Jersey, in 1976 made Inspector, worked at the Port and finished his career at Perth Amboy. Sal retired in 2008. Unfortunately he lost his wife 8 years ago to breast cancer. Sal says he misses the laughs he had trying to stay warm on the job...good talking to Terry Taddeo (Intel Analyst)...just heard that Anna Marie Bastone attended Mother Butler HS in the Bronx...many years ago, I had a young lady named Maddalena Beltrami who worked for me in the Entry Section in Bldg #80 at JFK. She now works, I think, in California...my thanks to Mike Guluzzi (ret. Team Leader JFK) for your donation to the Columbia Association...I was happy to drop by the Mail Section at JFK. I had the chance to see & talk to Sal Giaccone, Ralph Fasano & Willie Blanco. I missed my nephew Tom Mauro...on my drive thru Staten Island recently, I stopped by to visit Evelyn Bulcroft (ret. Import Specialist JFK) who now lives in an assisted living facility. Evelyn has not changed at all. She is a classy lady and it was my privilege to sit with her and talk about old times at JFK, our second home. Of course Evelyn is the Mother of Kathy Campanelli (National Import Specialist) and the Mother-in-law of Tom Campanelli (NIS)...welcome to our newest member Joel Rubin (ret. Info Mgt Specialist JFK) who mailed in his membership application from Heathrow, Florida.

Fraternally,

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President