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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....I hope & pray that everyone is enjoying the summer weather. Just remember the winter we just experienced & thank God for the warm weather. Now that our summer is winding down, I look forward to visiting our members in New Jersey, NYC and JFK Airport.

30TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....will be held on Thur. Sept 15 at Dyker Beach Golf Course located on 86th Street & 7th Avenue in Brooklyn. The price is \$150 per person, which includes continental breakfast, frank or hamburger & drink at the turn to be followed by a two hour open bar buffet dinner that will consist of marinated skirt steak, chicken marsala, penne with vodka sauce, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salads, rolls, house wine & draft beer. This year all proceeds will go to "Holiday Meals for Active Military Families" to be distributed in Dec. by the members of the U.S. Customs Columbia Association at a military base in this area...not yet determined.

ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY.....don't forget to mark Oct. 6, 2011 on your calendar for our 15th Annual Italian Heritage Day. Honorees have yet to respond to our invite.

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.....for 2012 will be held at Gargiulo's Catering Hall & Restaurant, located at 2911 West 15 Street in Coney Island. It will be held on Fri. evening May 18, 2012. Cocktail hour is from 7-8pm with dinner to follow. Our honorees this year are **Robert Alvino**, Program Manager, National APIS Account Manager at Newark Liberty Int'l Airport; **Tom & Kathy Campanelli**, both National Import Specialists from Penn Plaza, NYC. Tom is also our Vice President representing The Columbia Association at Penn Plaza. At JFK, we are honoring **Pat Moffett, Sr**, a prominent International Businessman from Great Neck, NY. Please put this date on your calendar.

CONGRATULATIONS.....**Chris Custini**, son of **Lou Custini** (CBPO JFK) graduated from Police Science Law Course with honors – As "Most Outstanding Scholar" in his class & 3rd highest in the state...**Angelo Tufano** (Sr Federal Air Marshal) was promoted to Supervisory Air Marshal in Northern VA. Angelo is now living in Ashburn, VA...**Bill Losco** (ret Regulatory Audit NWK) celebrating his son, **Christopher**, getting married in Sept & his daughter, **Carrienne**, graduating nursing school. Bill & wife also celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary, June 5...**Ro & Joe Rau** (ret Director Regulatory JFK) celebrated the marriage of their daughter **Christina Marie** to **Edward Farone** on Aug. 13, 2011...just found out that **Paul Rivosecchi** (former Customs Supv Orlando & now Asst Director of TSA Orlando) was married on Sept. 13, 2010 to his princess, **Marianne Bokma**. Paul says, just he and Marianne had a civil ceremony at the courthouse in Winter Park. Paul states "You know what you feel and you feel what you know". Well Paul, now that you have told The Columbia Association, we can consider it legal – ha ha!...Opps!...almost forgot...**Lou Piropato** & wife, **Mary**, celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 16...**Michael Verdi** (CBPO NWK) married **Kompel Saghdeva** (Supv CBPO JFK) on July 22, 2011.

DECEASED.....**Anna Liberta**, Mother of **Tony Liberta** (ret Director of Field Operations) passed away on July 6, 2011. Tony lost his Dad, **Mario**, in Mar. 2011...**Vincent Araneo** (ret Asst Area Director NWK) passed away on July 28, 2011...**Harold (Teddy) Lesson** (ret U.S. Customs Inspector JFK) passed away at 88 yrs on July 17, 2011...**George Kalkines** (ret NIS) passed away on Aug. 1, 2011...**Sam Kane** (ret Sr Insp. JFK) passed away Aug. 13, 2011...my apologies to **Harold Badaracco** (ret Chief JFK) for neglecting to mention the passing of his Mother, **Iris**, Mar. 25. My son **Frank** & I attended the wake but I just read some old newsletters

& realized my error. Sorry!...So sorry, I just learned that the wife of **Bob Warvesyn** (Seized Property Specialist JFK) passed away on Feb. 13, 2011, from a massive heart attack. She was 59 years young...**Irving Mast** (ret Supv Import Spec NYC) passed away in May, 2011...**Joseph Battaglia** (ret Custom Officer NYC) passed away on May 27, 2011. Please pray for our deceased.

SICK....Mike Sauer (Chain Specialist JFK) had back surgery in South Nassau Hospital. Mike is back at work. He also visited me last week. Thanks Mike!...**Richard Schmidt** (ret. Sr Insp NWK) had part of his right kidney removed because of a cancerous mass on top of the kidney on May 10, 2011. He is back to work & feeling well. Luckily no follow up treatment is needed...also heard **Richard Cotugno** (ret Firearms Inspector NWK) was in hospital for a procedure...**Michael Borg** (Branch Chief, Reston, VA) was in NYC in June to visit a specialist to treat his son, **David**, who has been diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disease that is potentially life threatening...**Lou Piropato, Sr** (ret NIS) underwent a total knee replacement in May. Lou says recovery is great! Please pray for our sick.

BIRTHS.....Jackie Kudlack Salamon (Chain Specialist JFK) & husband, **Scott Salamon** are the proud parents of **Hailey Nicole Salamon**, born July 20, 2011. Mom & baby are doing well...**Jen Naclerio** is one of my favorite people – so how could I forget to mention that Jen had a baby girl, **Isabella Mary**, on Apr. 27, 2011, 7lbs 15ozs. 2nd Grandchild for **John & Mary Naclerio**...**Diana Scotti Cole** (CBPO JFK) & husband **Michael** had a baby boy, **Carmelo Michael Cole**, born Dec. 15, 2010. Diana is the daughter of **Janice Scotti** (ret Import Spec JFK).

SCHOLARSHIPS.....The Columbia Association has a scholarship program for members and their immediate family who have demonstrated academic ability and a commitment to community service. Each year, *if financially able*, The Association will award scholarships to High School seniors and/or current college students. In addition to academic achievements, the program will recognize students who have participated in community service programs, extracurricular activities including, band, athletics, clubs and service groups.

DUES ARE DUE!.....Just \$15 a year. Lifetime Membership is \$150 for a new member and \$100 for members with over 10 years of service. Remember, all this information is on our website at www.columbiaassnusc.org.

CHATTER.....Nora Dowd (ret Executive Secty JFK) says hello to **Frank Franco** (ret Sr Insp JFK). Nora says she thinks about Franco all the time...**Steve Sparta** (ACS Specialist) says hello to everyone...**Mitch Bayer** (NIS) & wife, **Janey**, off to Tanglewood with **Ron & Ro Simon** (ret Director Fines & Penalties JFK). Also planning a week in Colorado in Aug...visited with **Pasquale Fasano** (ret Insp Seaport) at his home in Stewart Manor, Long Island. Pat & his wife were the perfect host & hostess. We talked about the good old days in Customs, the Fort Greene Section & the Navy Yard section of Brooklyn where Pat & I lived many years ago. Of course Pat is the Father of **Ralph Fasano** (CBPO JFK) of the Mail Division..happy to hear from **Frank Caramanica** (ret Sr Special Agent) . Thanks for the Lifetime Membership. Frank says, “I guess my boys followed in my footsteps.” They are all in Law Enforcement. Oldest son, **Joe**, is a CBP Officer at JFK. **Anthony**, his middle son, is an ICE Agent in Manhattan and his youngest, **Frank**, was an agent with IRS and left to become a Suffolk County Cop. Frank states, “I’m enjoying my life, always on my boat & plenty of vacations. I also have two wonderful Grandsons”. I guess boys run in The Caramanica Family. For your information, Frank, your son Joe is a Lifetime Member of The Columbia Association...how about our members of ICE soliciting Anthony to become a member. As for Frank’s youngest son – for your information, my cousin is a Commander on The Suffolk Police Department and you can become a Lifetime Member of The U.S. Customs Columbia Association for \$150...**John Tufano** (ret Import Spec & Former Treasurer for The Columbia Association) spent 1000 hours building a model Fishing Schooner that he started in 1980. John’s next project is building a ship in a bottle. Please send us a picture when you finish...stopped by Eger Assisted Living Home in Staten Island to visit **Evelyn Bulcroft** (ret Import Spec JFK) again. I can’t believe she just celebrated her 90th Birthday. Luv you Evelyn!...good to hear from **Marie Loria** (ret H. S. Teacher & Summer Temp Insp) a good friend...**S. Terri Giannetti** (CBPO JFK) informs me that her Customs Dog, K9 Tery, is entered in the World Police & Fire Games in NYC at the end of August. K9 Tery is an Honorary Lifetime Member of The Columbia Association. Please keep us informed of K9 Tery’s exploits...always nice to hear from one of my favorite people, **Lucille Ward** (Entry Spec JFK)...thanks **Lee Jacobs** (Sr Import Spec JFK) for your email address. Happy to hear you had lunch with **Marilyn Babousis** (ret Import Spec Team Leader). Hope she paid!! She can afford it!!...thanks to **Kathy Campanelli** (NIS) for your generous donation to The Columbia Association...**Ben Sciacca’s** (CBPO JFK) son, **Bennett**, working as a swim instructor for the summer & is looking forward to being a H. S. Senior this year. Son, **Jerry**, is training to enter the Olympics in swimming.

Fraternally,

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