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Dear Members,

The time has come for me to relinquish my title (“My Throne”) as President of the Columbia Association. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you in this very prestigious position. I feel the organization needs younger blood to perform all the duties involved. It takes a lot of patience and energy to deal with the caterers for our affairs; getting honorees that will draw our membership to attend our Annual Dinner & Dance and Italian Heritage Day; promoting our souvenir journal and golf tournaments; and putting our newsletter together just to mention a few of the responsibilities.

I will be visiting you all very soon and advising you about setting up an election of officers before the end of this year. If anyone would like to discuss their interest in running for any of our offices, I would be honored to help you make your decision. In the meantime, God Bless you and keep in touch.

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.....was held on May 18, 2012 at Gargiulo’s Catering Hall in Coney Island. Financially it was a success. I have received some feedback from our members and some of it was not very complimentary. I understand your dissatisfaction so I will be searching for a new venue for next year. My thanks to our honorees whose presence at our affair helped to insure our success. Thanks to **Kathy & Tom Campanelli, Bob Alvino & Pat Moffett** and a special thanks to **Frank Viteritti** (Import Commodity Group) for your help with the dance & our souvenir journal. To our Officers and General Membership, your support was outstanding. We couldn’t have succeeded without you.

16th ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY.....Please save the date, Thursday, October 4, 2012!

JFK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST 4701 BOWLING.....will be held on Sat., June 30, 2012 at Baldwin Lanes on Grand Ave in Baldwin, Long Island. The cost for a night of bowling (3 games) is \$25 per person. Lanes can also be purchased for sponsorship (\$100 per lane). The Scouts & employees of CBP are also selling raffle tickets. Donations are \$5 per chance or 5 for \$20. Prizes to be raffled off will be a 43” Flat Screen TV; a 39” Flat Screen TV; a 32” Flat Screen TV; an Apple iPad; an Amazon Kindle and many more prizes. This fundraiser is sponsored by The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs, The F.O.P. & The NTEU. All proceeds will go to help send and equip the JFK Explorer Scouts for the 2012 National Law Enforcement Explorers Competition in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

PROMOTED.....**Sal Ingrassia** promoted to NCSA (National Commodity Specialist Division) GS-15 at One Penn Plaza...Deputy Chief **Frank Russo** (JFK) promoted to Chief. He will now be the Border Security Coordinator at JFK...**Donna Monaco, Charlie Nolan & Elsie Silva** promoted to Sr. Imp Spec (JFK)...**Qumyka Howell & Alicia Jackson** to Entry Spec. Team Leader (JFK).

CONGRATULATIONS.....**John & Mary Naclerio** celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on the Cruise Ship Celebrity Eclipse. They returned on April 14, 2012...**Edwina Rohback** (ret. Imp. Specialist JFK) celebrating her daughter **Rebecca**’s graduation from Loyola University on May 18 with an MA in Speech Pathology. She just landed a job in Burlington, NJ...**Pete Angelino** (ret. S/A ICE JFK) retired a year ago and enjoying it...**Victoria Mauro**, daughter of **Tom Mauro** (Supv CBPO JFK) celebrated her confirmation recently...**Nicole Palazzolo** will be graduating from Villanova University with honors and will attend the University of N. Carolina Chapel Hill to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. Her twin sister **Jaclyn** will be graduating from Loyola University with honors and joining her sister in N. Carolina where she will start a job with Fidelity Investment. Of course they are the daughters of Priscilla Palazzolo (Field Analysis Spec JFK).

RETIRED or RETIRING SOON: Kathy & Tom Campanelli (NIS Penn Plaza)...RoseMarie Lava (NISA Penn Plaza)...Gloria Galdieri (Protest Reviewer JFK)...Rosalinda Elep (Liquidation Specialist JFK)...Eileen Stenson (Liquidation Specialist JFK)...Ruth Pittman (Import Specialist JFK)...Rick O'Connell (Assistant Port Director for Trade, JFK)... Larry Lewis (Assistant Port Director for Trade, NY/NWK).

DECEASED.....Francis Mattina, mother of Tom Mattina (ret. U.S. Customs/JFK Area Director) & Charles Mattina (ret.Supv CBP Mail Branch JFK) passed away due to complications resulting from Open Heart Surgery. She was 87 years old...Faye Dickerstein, the mother of Gail David (ret. CBPO JFK) passed away at 95, after being operated on after a fall. Although her operation was difficult, she was holding her own, but passed away peacefully in her sleep...sorry to hear Danny Soldano (former Insp JFK) lost his Dad in Dec 2011...Daniel Campanelli, brother of Tom Campanelli (NIS) passed away on Apr. 11, 2012...Joseph O'Connell (ret. Insp JFK) passed away on June 6, 2012...Eugene (Gino) Maslauskas (ret. Senior Inspector JFK) died on June 10, 2012 at age 81. Gino worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard as a Deep Sea Diver. It was only after we both worked for U.S. Customs that we learned that we both worked in the Navy Yard at the same time. He was a good guy and I always enjoyed his company. Please Pray for our deceased.

SICK.....Ines Sauer, the wife of Mike Sauer (Supply Chain Specialist JFK) is undergoing Chemotherapy for cancer...Fred Iavarone (ret. CBP Officer JFK/NWK) had his hip operated on Mar. 2, 2012. Before he finished his rehabilitation he had a gout attack in the hospital...Michael Fiore (Imp Spec NWK) is on The Leave Share Program. Mike is battling various ailments...Janice Scotti (ret. Imp Spec JFK) also battling various ailments such as congestive heart failure, kidney disease, lung disease & liver disease...David Borg (16 years old), son of Michael Borg (Branch Chief, VA) is battling against auto-immune blood disease & Evan Syndrome...Sal Calise (Tech Officer JFK) while on detail for CBP in Farmingdale, NY, fell off a ladder & broke his wrist. He has been home mending the past 3 weeks. Please keep all of our sick in your prayers.

CHATTER.....Vincent Martucci (CBPO JFK) on TDY to Arizona...Linda Vercillo (ret. CBP Officer FL) has taken over the Annual Morris Pukel retirement luncheon in FL since Morris passed away recently. That luncheon was started 28 years ago for retired Customs employees. It is held at Tropical Acres in Fort Lauderdale, FL & they usually get 80 – 100 people to attend. Linda sends her regards to everyone at JFK... stopped by the Mail Facility at JFK. Always good talking to Sal Giaccone, Tom Mauro, Willie Blanco, Kim Ciccolella & Pete Salamone... visited Bldg #77 and shot the breeze with Gary Boire, Ron Suess, Robert Felt, Joe Smith, Samir Attia, Fernando Mora, John Criscuolo, Anthony DeChiara & Joe DiSalvo...Also visited Bldg #75 & talked to my son Frank Maddalena & Mike Sauer...I'm looking forward to attending the retirement party for Kathy & Tom Campanelli and Rosemarie Lava next week in NYC...just heard that Frank Stroface was rushed to the hospital last night. Don't know what's up!...Always good talking to Rich Pahopin & Russ LoBello. No matter what I ask of them, they are always ready to help The Columbia Association.

Fraternally,

Philip J. Maddalena
President

DUES ARE DUE!

Please mail in your dues....only \$15 per year.
Thank you!