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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....My best wishes that everyone will enjoy a Happy Easter & a Happy Passover. Don't forget, "Save the Date"...Saturday, June 29, 2013! That is the date for this year's Annual Dinner & Dance. It will be held at Westbury Manor in Long Island. Once again, please do not forget to notify me of any promotions, births, transfers, etc. Remember I can be reached at my email address, phone number & fax number printed at the top of this newsletter. It is never too early or too late to call me at home. If I am not at home, I will return your call. Please keep in touch. Thank you!

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.....for the first time we are having our Annual Dinner & Dance on a Saturday evening. It will be held on June 29, 2013 at Westbury Manor in Long Island. Please save this date on your calendar. We are hoping this will be a very special affair. We are waiting for the prospective honorees to accept our invitation for that evening and the membership will then be informed of all the arrangements.

PROMOTED.....**Sal Ingrassia** (Branch Chief, National Import Specialist, Penn Plaza) promoted to Assistant Port Director, Trade Operations, JFK International Airport...**Lauren Zizzo** (JFK) promoted to Asset Forfeiture Specialist, SAC Office, Tampa, Fl...**Kompel Sachdeva Verdi** to Deputy Chief JFK.

BIRTHS.....it's a boy for **Jennifer & Randy Morabito** (Supply Chain Spec JFK). Baby **Nicholas**, born on Feb. 9, 2013, 8 1/2lbs 21ins. Congrats to Randy, Jennifer & big sister **Sabrina**.

SICK.....**Lou Pirodato Sr** (ret NIS) had his aortic valve replaced, another valve repaired & two bypass done in Jan. WOW! I haven't heard any other news since Jan., so I presume Lou is doing well. I sure hope so. Let's hear from Lou's son in Charlotte, NC (Seized Property Spec)...**Loretta Blanco** (ret Entry Spec JFK) is having a hard time with her health. She needs some prayers to get her well again...**Geraldine Fattorusso** (ret Insp JFK) recovering from hip surgery...**Rosetta Rutledge** (Pres Sentinel Society) underwent knee replacement surgery in Jan. Please pray for our sick.

CONGRATULATIONS.....the Mephram High School Varsity Cheerleading team from Bellmore, NY, including **Samm Maddalena** (grade 12-captain) and **Dani Maddalena** (grade 9) had a fabulous year! By the end of the season, the team placed 1st in New York State, 5th in the Nation and 3rd in the UCA World High School Cheer Championship. The national and world championships were held in Orlando Florida at the ESPN center. Also happy to see my Granddaughter featured on local Channel 12 News in Long Island. Their father, **Frank Maddalena** (Supply Chain Spec JFK) is very proud...**Jeanette Stingone** (Daughter of **Gloria & Tony**) was inducted into Delta Omega. It is the National Honorary Society for Graduate Studies in Public Health & recognizes excellence in student scholarship & research and recognized Academic & Professional Achievement in the field of Public Health. Jeanette was one of our 1st Scholarship winners 17 years ago...**George Aprigliano Jr** (proud son of **George Aprigliano Sr** ret National Analysis Spec) was promoted to Lieutenant FDNY. One of NY's Bravest!...congrats to **Pasquale Raguseo** (Jet Aviation NWK) on his marriage to his princess, **Josephine Cenisio**...congrats to Chief Warrant Officer **Nick D'Andrea** (U.S. Marines). Nick was honored by The Marine Corps in Edison, NJ for his devotion to The Marines Wounded Warrior Program. Nick is a member of The Columbia Association.

RETIREEES.....From JFK - **Gregory Bange, Rogelio Belgrave, Merrily Berman, Albert Capolongo, Nicholas Citrola, Peter DiRocco, Rosalinda Elep, Carole Ermler, Bettina Finocchio, Louis Florio, Gloria Galdieri, Daniel Gross, Saul Grossman, Alan Harris, Kenneth Hooper, Joseph Iannarelli, Gary**

Levenson, Victor Marrero, Richard O'Connell, Camille Pesce, Ruth Pittman, Brian Quinn, Saldator Ruiz, Ricky Sigman, Eileen Stenson, Raquel Villaluz, Marsha Williams, Stephen Williams, Alexander Zebroski and James Ziccardi...Phil Lowry (CBPO Supv JFK) retiring in March...Maryann Verdi (Entry Specialist JFK) retiring in March.

DECEASED..... Greg Fabricant (former Import Spec & Broker JFK) passed away in Nov 2012...**Howard Woltmann, Sr** (longtime Customs House Broker at JFK) passed away in Jan. He was a good friend of The Columbia Association...**Joanna Ayala** (Sister of **Josephine Castillo** Import Spec. NWK) lost her 4 yr battle to cancer in Jan...**Bernie Grote** (ret Import Spec JFK) passed away Jan 3...**Williams Winter** (ret Import Spec) passed away Jan. 14... **Bernard Ward** (Brother of **Bill Ward** (ret CBPO JFK) had a heart attack & passed away Jan. 20...**Denis Bramante** (ret CBPO JFK) & a member of The Columbia Association, passed away after a short illness on Jan. 22...**Christina Martuge**, Mother of **John Martuge** (ret Director Field Operations) passed away Jan 24, after a long illness...**Lou Vaiano** (ret Chief Entry Unit 6 WTC) passed away on Jan. 25. Lou retired after 42 years of service with U.S. Customs...**Mary Bowles** (ret Customs Inspec Aid JFK) passed away in Feb...**Joe Iannarelli** (ret CBPO JFK) passed away in Mar...**Mary Pecoraro**, Mother of **Diana Pecoraro** (DET JFK) passed away on Mar, 8...Father of **Teresa Natale** (ret Corrections Officer) passed away on Mar. 22.....**William Landhauser** (ret CBP Officer JFK) passed away after a short illness. Bill was a long time member of The Columbia Association and a friend to everyone...**Phil Ward** (Int'l Trade Spec NYC) lost his beloved Dad earlier this year. A good friend & a very nice man...Please pray for our deceased.

APOLOGIES!!.....please excuse me! Due to some misinformation, I said that **Sal Della Ventura** (NIS) passed away in our December Newsletter. Well I received a phone call from Sal's wife telling me that Sal was alive & well...embarrassed...yes!!...but very happy to hear the news.

CHATTER.....Happy to hear **Tom Russo** (Director NCSO) is back to work at One Penn Plaza. I have talked to Tom at home since he underwent a Hip operation in Jan. Walk, walk, walk, that's the best medicine for your recuperation. Now that they are rebuilding the Long Beach Boardwalk in Long Island, why don't we get together with "**Da Boys**" for one of our evening walks?...the breakfast club continues to be a big success. We meet once a month in Valley Stream for breakfast at Mitchell's Restaurant. The latest to attend was **Brian Quinn** (CBPO JFK). We had 25 people attend last week...is **Rich Pahopin** still working? I haven't heard from him in quite a while...stopped off at Mail Division at JFK and had a great time talking to **Sal Giaccone, Pete Salamone, Tom Mauro & John Buonincontri** (all members of The Columbia Association)...The Columbia Association will co-sponsor a barbeque with the Fraternal Order of Police (**Pete Salamone** is President) at Lido Beach this summer. No date at this time...**Helena Stanzione** (CBPO) officially transferred to JFK. She will be a Training Officer. I will be by to have coffee with you Helena...**Joy Watson**, wife of **Tom Mancusi** (Broker JFK) is now Judge Joy Watson in Nassau County, LI. Good Luck Joy & Tom.

DUES.....Dues are due for the New Year 2013. Only \$15 per year. Lifetime Membership is only \$150 for new members and only \$100 for those who have been members for over 10 years. Hope everyone takes advantage of our Lifetime Membership.

LIFETIME MEMBERS.....The following names are Lifetime Members of The Columbia Association. If you have paid for Lifetime Membership and your name is not here, please contact me.

Hope Abada	Ray Ciccolilli	Nuccio Fera	Tom Leippert	Joseph Pisciotta	Tony Simonelli
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Faternally,
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