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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE..... WOW...I am getting melancholy now that 2013 is almost over. I guess getting older also has something to do with it. But before I get any older, I would like to thank our members for your support at our activities this year. Our Italian Heritage Day held on Oct. 3, 2013 was a huge success as those that attended can attest to. The Annual Dinner Dance at The Westbury Manor on June 29, 2013 was also another memorable event. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and Happy Holidays and pray that past memories of joyous times will once again bring smiles to your faces. Those of you who will not be celebrating the joyous holidays, I wish you a blessed year ahead!

Election of Officers has been planned for 2014 with the hope that a new slate of officers would be voted into office. We hope that your interest in the Columbia Association will make this a successful election.

17TH ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY..... was held on Oct. 3, 2013 at Russo's on the Bay. This year's honorees were **Det. Frank Serpico**, known internationally from the movie of his life titled "Serpico"; **Joseph Rondinelli**, State President Sons of Italy in America and **Ornella Fado**, TV Producer and Hostess of "Brindiamo". Our luncheon was a huge success with over 350 people attending.

32ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT..... was held at Clearview Golf Course on Fri., Sept. 20. A big thanks to Chairman **Don Ambrosio** for all his hard work. Those who attended had a great time.

CONGRATULATIONS.....**Vincent Martucci** (CBPO JFK) who received the prestigious **Tom Ridge Award** for his heroics during Hurricane Sandy. Officer Martucci rescued a CBPO & his family who were trapped in their home in Howard Beach. In attendance at the award's ceremony held at the Grand Hyatt in NYC were **Robert Perez**, Director of Field Operations of NYC/Newark; **Tom Ridge**, Former DHS Secretary and **Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani**. Vincent is proud to be part of a Law Enforcement Family. **Brother Nicholas** is a NYPD Officer & **brother Steven** is a Nassau County Police Officer.

RETIRED.....**Debbie Zezima** (Federal Maritime Commission in Houston, TX) retired in July. Debbie was a Customs Insp at JFK many moons ago...**Paul Rivosecchi** (Director TSA Orlando, FL) has decided to call it a career. Paul is a former Customs Insp from JFK & Orlando. Personally, I can say their retirements are a big loss for the Government. Good luck to you both...**Joe Cordero** (Supv CBPO JFK) retired in Dec...attended retirement party for **Marty Black** (Supv CBPO JFK), a lifetime member. Another "Good Guy" leaves a lifetime of Government service. Good Luck Marty...& last, **Elliot Sanderowitz** (Liq. Spec JFK).

SICK.....**Mona Powell** (ret CBPO) experiencing dementia. Please pray for our sick.

DECEASED.....father of **Mike Jamison** (retired Import Specialist, JFK) passed away in September 2013... **August "Gus" Iantosca**, 95, passed away on December 12, 2013. Gus was a Drawback Liquidator and Customs Inspector at JFK Airport. Please pray for our deceased.

PROMOTIONS.....at JFK area – Wing Chan to Deputy Chief CBP... Eloy Rosado and Sean Noonan to 1st Line Supv CBPO... Whilhermine Verna-Augustin (CBP Agr Spec) promoted to Supv CBP Agr Spec.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.....

The Chairman of The Nominating & Election Committee, John Martuge (ret Director of Field Operations) addresses the Membership of The State of Officers for the 2014 term...they are...

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Nominations from the floor will be allowed at the January 2014 General Membership meeting. In the absence of any nominations from the floor, the Secretary will be instructed to pass the ballot for the Official Slate of Officers as Presented by the Nominating Committee. The new Slate of Officers will be installed at the February Meeting.

In the absence of interest from our membership, previous officers of President, Executive Vice President and Treasurer positions have assumed the nominations to run for office again.

Please be advised any candidate for office must be an up-to-date paid dues member. Anyone wishing to vote in this election must also be an up-to-date paid dues member. Dues can be made current at any time before the election. Dues are \$15 per year...\$150 Lifetime Membership for new members.

Fraternally,

Philip J. Maddalena
President