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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....**Nominations and the Election of Officers were to be held in Jan.2014. Unfortunately the weather was so unpredictable, I could not make arrangements. I was concerned that the weather would make it extremely difficult for members to attend. In the hope of trying to find a suitable hall that would be centrally located to accommodate our members, I have rented a Knights of Columbus Council in Brooklyn, NY. See arrangements below. Thank you and hope to see you all.

**ELECTIONS.....**will be held on **Wed, April 16, 2014** at John Hughes Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 1305 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228, telephone #718-259-2481. Meeting will start at 6pm. Italian and American Hero’s will be served with soft drinks (soda). I expect the meeting will be over by 8pm. Please make every effort to attend and meet your brother and sister members from NWK, JFK & Penn Plaza.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.....**

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

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Nominations from the floor will be allowed at the April 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 May 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS.....**to my Granddaughter **Danielle Grace Maddalena**. Mempham H.S. Varsity Co-Ed Cheerleading Team remains undefeated in all their NY Competitions for the whole season; 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the NYS Cheerleading Championship & 18<sup>th</sup> in the Nation at the Nationals at Disney!...**Pat Orender** (former Explorer Scout NWK) Lifetime Member of The Columbia Association celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of his Grandmother. Pat is CBPO Liason to DEA in Washington, DC...**Bennett Sciaccia** (son of Supv CBP JFK) made Dean’s list at Hofstra again...**Frank LaMonaca** completed his CBP Basic Detection Canine Handler Course.

**ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE (MAN OF THE YEAR).....** will be held on Sat, June 28, 2014 at Leonard's of Great Neck, 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY 11021 – 516-487-7900. This year's honoree is

**FRANCIS RUSSO**  
**Assistant Director Field Operations**  
**New York Field Office**  
**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

(See attached flyer for complete information on the affair.)

**PROMOTED.....****Francis Russo** promoted to Assistant Director Field Operations, NY Field Office, One Penn Plaza...**Liano Alvarez** promoted from NISA to NIS (National Import Specialist)...**Joe Massimo** (JFK) to Supv CBPO JFK...**Mark Rossini** to Supv CBPO JFK...**Craig Sanko** promoted to GS-15 Chief Enforcement Passenger Operations JFK.

**RETIRED.....****Joan Prato** (Imp Spec JFK)...**Jimmy Keyes** (Deputy Chief Seized Property NWK)...**Ralph Cipriami** (CBPO JFK).

**BABIES.....****George Aprigliano** (ret Trade Spec NYC) now has 5 Grandchildren. His daughter **Valorie** gave birth to a girl, **Isabelle Rose Falzone**. The 1<sup>st</sup> female Grandchild for George...Baby boy **John Riomas** has arrived on Mar. 26, 9lbs 15oz. Congrats to **Dad John, Jeannine & big sister Deanne!**

**SICK.....****Bill Kuntz** (CBPO NWK) had Bariatric Surgery to help him lose weight. Good Luck, Pal!...**George Kelmer** in Rehab facility in Freeport, LI receiving Kidney Dialysis three times a week...**John Khantzian** (ret. Supv CBPO JFK) had procedure done in St. Francis Hospital. He is home & doing great! Please pray for our sick.

**DECEASED.....****Paula DeJesus** (ret. Customs Aid JFK) passed away from a heart attack in Feb...**Lou DiBella** (ret. NIS) passed away this week at age of 90...Mother of **Bill Vitello** (Imp Spec JFK) passed away in Feb...**Peter Pinto** (ret. Insp NYC) passed away in Florida at 93...**Sammy Vaughn** (Supv JFK) passed away in Feb...**Bettina Finocchio** (ret. Customs Tech JFK) passed away in Mar...**Jerry Cordovo** (ret Sr Insp JFK) passed away suddenly last week...**Phillip Ward** (Int'l Trade Spec Penn Plaza) lost his Dad in March. Please pray for our deceased.

**CHATTER.....**received a surprise phone call last month from Past President of The Columbia Association, **Mario DiCerbo**, who now resides in FL. I haven't heard from Mario in over 20 years. We talked for about ½ hour & I enjoyed every minute of it. We talked about our future Italian Heritage Day Honorees & he was very excited about our plans for this year's honorees. I will talk about that in our next newsletter in June. Stay well, (Super) Mario (as I always called him)...I was happy to see **Danny Gonzalez** (CBPO) on Facebook. I didn't realize Danny left JFK 5 years ago for Newark. Great Guy!...also learned on FB that **Steven Casale & Rose Carducci Franco** are retired...**John Martuge** (ret Director of Field Operations) excited about the wedding of his son Alex. It will take place on Sun. Mar.23.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU.....**to **Bob Cicero** (CBP Officer JFK) for the donation of The Italian Flag to be used at all our activities & events. You are very generous Pal!

**SOUVENIR JOURNAL.....**please see the attached booster page for our souvenir journal. We're sending this with the newsletter to give everyone the opportunity to place an ad. These ads help to support The Columbia Association, especially if you are unable to attend the Dinner & Dance. It is also a nice way to send messages to friends and family and especially honor our loved ones with a memorial page. Anyone that places an ad will receive a copy of the souvenir journal.

Fraternally,

Philip J. Maddalena  
President