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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Election of Officers for The Columbia Association was scheduled to be held on April 16, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Brooklyn, NY. This site was rented because I thought it was centrally located to accommodate our members. Unfortunately, it did not work out as well as I had anticipated. While we did have members attend from Newark, Penn Plaza and JFK, we did not have enough members attend to have an Election (A Quorum). Please see new date for our Election below.

ELECTIONS.....will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 6pm in Bldg. 77, JFK Airport, 2nd Floor Main Conference Room. This will be an open meeting to all members in good standing (dues paid in full) for the Election of Officers. Food and beverages will be served. Any questions concerning who is a paid up dues member, please call Phil Maddalena at 516-791-2958 (home) or 516-317-4840 (cell) or philmaddalena@hotmail.com (email). Please make every effort to attend.

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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67th ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE (MAN OF THE YEAR).....will be held on Saturday, 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

18TH ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY.....will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014. This year's Honorees? We hope to have all living Past Presidents attend! They will be our Special Honorees. They are....**John Cuccurullo** (Supervisory Inspector NWK); **Mario DiCerbo** (NIS NYC); **Paul Russo** (Sr Customs Inspector NWK); **Al Cangiarella** (Head Entry Section NYC) and **Joe DiSalvo** (Head Protest & Control JFK). They are all retired with the exception of Joe DiSalvo. Can we pull it off?? I hope so!!

BABIES.....Doug Montone (ret CBPO NWK) in 7th heaven! Doug has a new Granddaughter, **Amelia**, born Feb. 15, 2014 to **Doug Jr. & wife Jennifer**. Jennifer's father is **Steve Conigliaro** (ret CBPO JFK).

DECEASED.....George Kemler (ret Head Scripting Team JFK) passed away on May 6, 2014...**Terry Tarantunio** (wife of **Tonto** (ret Supv CBO also deceased) passed away in Nov. 2013.

CHATTER.....Jack Conti (ret S/A JFK) made his yearly visit to Sloane Kettering Hospital in NYC to get his annual checkup. Everything is A-OK!...**Josephine Hening** (NISA NYC) happy to tell friends that her Granddaughter, **Amber Laboy**, received Critics Choice Award for her dance performance in "I'll Be Seeing You". We are all proud of you, Amber!...**Denise Faingar** (Supv Import Specialist NYC) sent check for Lifetime Membership...so did her Mom **Nancy DelVicario** (ret NISA NYC)! Denise is also looking forward to her third year as a member of the U.S. Sailing Organization and has graduated to a Coastal Cruising Course where she can sail 40 foot plus yachts. On the weekends, look for Denise on the Hudson River. What a woman!...thanks also to **Michael Borg** (Branch Chief, VA) for his Lifetime Membership! Hope your family is well Mike. Please keep us apprised...**Joel Rubin** (ret Info Mgt Specialist JFK) also a Lifetime Member of The Columbia Association. Joel has retired to Florida with his wife and just recently returned from a trip to China. Joel & I talk a couple times a year – mostly about our days in Customs and how much we miss our Customs Family. Stay healthy Joel & continue to travel. Miss ya Pal!...stopped by the Mail Division at JFK the other day to say hello to my CBPO friends. Always great to see & speak to **Sal Giaccone** (Supv CBPO JFK) & **Robert Felt** (CBPO JFK). They made my day!!...can't believe **Rich Pahopin** (Deputy Chief CBP NWK) is retiring. I knew him when he started at JFK many moons ago. (See flyer attached for his retirement party)...Ran into **Domenico Calise** (Deputy Chief NWK) at JFK a couple of weeks ago. A real nice guy!...**Ray Zizzo** (Supv CBPO JFK) bragging about his son in college. Keep talking Ray, I like to listen...Where is **Gary Boire** (Deputy Chief JFK)? I have been looking for him the past couple of weeks...stopped by Bldg. 75 at JFK to see my son **Frank** (Supply Chain Specialist C-TPAT) and then realized he is in China!...had a surprise visitor today at home. The bell rang and at the door was **Andy Stone** (ret NIS NY). We had a great old time talking about Customs (4 hours-LOL!). Thanks for stopping by Pal!...also had a nice conversation with **Bob Alvino** (Program Office Manager NWK). Thanks for the call Bob and for your friendship all these years...**Sue Mitchell** (Port Director JFK) has returned from her tour of duty in Washington, DC and is back at her desk at JFK. It is not an exaggeration to say Sue is a Great Lady! And good for JFK.

Fraternally,

Philip J. Maddalena
President

DEPUTY CHIEF OFFICER RICH PAHOPIN IS RETIRING!!!
OFFICIAL FLYER WITH DETAILS SOON TO FOLLOW...
SAVE THE DATE!!!!

FRIDAY JULY 25, 2014, 7:00 TO 11:00 PM LOCATED AT THE STAATEN
697 FOREST AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10310.

