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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....congratulations to the new slate of Officers (see above) that were voted into office on May 22, 2014. The election took place at the Conference Room in Bldg. #77 at JFK Airport.

67TH ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.....honoring **Francis Russo**, Assistant Director Field Operations NY Field Office, was held on Sat., June 28, 2014. It was a huge success for The Columbia Association. Our thanks again to Mr. Russo for his elegant acceptance speech. As usual, it is the support of the members of The Columbia Association and our friends that made this event so successful.

33RD ANNUAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT.....will be held at the Clearview Golf Course, located at 202-12 Willets Points Blvd., Queens, NY, on Fri., Sept. 19, 2014. It starts promptly at 8am. \$150 fee includes green fee, electric cart, Continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beer & soda, to be followed by a Buffet, including beer, wine, soda, coffee & dessert. Contact your area representatives for payment. Make checks payable to The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs. For further info, contact Chairman, **Don Ambrosio** at 516-790-7402.

18TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....will be held on Thurs., Oct. 2, 2014 at Russo's On the Bay in Howard Beach, NY. This year we will honor all the Past Presidents of The Columbia Association. Those that are still with us have been invited. They are **John Cuccurullo** (ret, Supervisory Inspector NWK); **Mario DiCerbo** (ret, NIS NYC); **Paul Russo** (ret, Sr. Customs Inspector NWK); **Alphonse Cangiarella** (ret, Head Entry Section NYC); and **Joseph DiSalvo** (Head Protest & Control JFK). The information I have been able to research has our 1st President as **John DiBenedetto**, 2nd, **Anthony (Al) Simonetti** and 3rd **Joseph Striano**. My research also shows that The Columbia Association was inactive during the years 1955 through 1974, when **Charles Famulari** became President. I am trying to reach out to any descendants of our Past Presidents. Can anyone help me? Please! Please! Contact me at email philmaddalena@hotmail.com or call at home 516-791-2958. I am hopeful that the support from our Membership will make this an unforgettable affair.

DECEASED.....former Customs Commissioner **Myles Ambrose** passed away on June 3, 2014 of a heart attack...**James O'Leary** (ret Chief Insp. NWK) passed away...Father of **Mike Volpe** (NISA NYC) passed away on June 13...**Louis DeRosa**, 92, passed away recently. He was a Customs Insp at JFK & NWK...**Dolores Lane Washington** (former EEO Officer NYC) passed away on July 19...**Douglas Farrell, Jr** (ret S/A NWK) passed away on Aug. 11...**Robert Van Etten** (ret Special Agent NY & NJ) passed away on June 30, 2014. He was also founder of FLEOA (Federal Law Enforcement Office Association). Please pray for our deceased.

CONGRATULATIONS.....**Toniann Monaco**, daughter of **Donna & Jerry Monaco**, graduated from H. Frank Carey H.S. on Long Island, NY...**Lucille Ward** (Entry Spec JFK) & husband **Bill Ward** (ret CBPO JFK) planning the marriage of their daughter **Marianne** to her Prince, **Ryan Wegener** on Oct. 4, 2014...**Kristin Palazzolo**, daughter of **Priscilla**, graduated from Villanova University with a BS degree in Computer Science. She has accepted a position with Verizon in Tampa, FL. Wow!

SCHOLARSHIPS.....**please note this explanation was originally included in our Sept 2012 Newsletter...**
*my apologies to everyone for not explaining our "New" Scholarship procedures. We discontinued the Outstanding Scholar & Scholar Awards 15 years ago in order to make more Scholarships available to our Member's Children. Under the original system, we awarded only three Scholarships a year, totaling \$4,500 a year. Under the present arrangement, we award \$1,000 each to those students who qualify (if we are financially able to do so). In fact in 2008, we were able to award \$9,000 to nine High School students without disappointing anyone. This year we will award \$8,000 to eight High School students. Because of an inquiry by one of our members, I realized that I must make corrections to our Scholarship Applications. I realize now that others may also have had questions about our Scholarship Awards but did not question us. I researched our records and found that we have awarded \$81,000 in Scholarships to our Member's Children in the past 15 years (pretty good!) thanks to our Members. Unintentionally, I may have hurt some feelings and disappointed some of our applicants. I pray I have not. **I will make sure the old scholarship forms are finally taken off our web site.***

CHATTER.....**Tom Falanga**, Director Customs Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT JFK) retired May 31, 2014 with 34 plus years of government service. Toms new job is now Corporate Security Manager at JFK at Terminal #5 for Jet Blue Airways. Good Luck Pal!...good to see **Paul Walford** (ret Insp JFK) & **Earl Davis** (ret Supv Insp JFK) at our breakfast meetings in Valley Stream, NY...**Linda Vercillo** (ret CBPO FL) says hi from Coral Springs, FL. Linda & her husband recently returned from trip to Italy with **Ellen Albert** (ret Import Spec FL) and **Robert Ricker** (ret S/A). Linda was the President of The Women's Federal Organization when she was at JFK many moons ago...**Mitch Bayer** (NIS) had successful cataract surgery...always good to hear from **Mike Hegler** (Supv CBPO NWK)...**Lucille & Bill Ward** returned from their Ireland trip in June, 2014. They are now planning their daughter **Marianne's** wedding in Oct...happy to hear from Lifetime Member **Joe Cangro** (Supervisory S/A Denver, CO). After working in Washington, DC for 3 years, Joe was promoted to Supervisor Special Agent in Denver, CO 4 years ago. He spends most of his time riding road bikes & skiing. Joe participates in several organized road bikes a year to include, "Ride The Rockies", which is about a 500 mile ride over 6 days and "The Triple Bypass", which is a 120 mile ride climbing 10,000 feet in one day. Joe says Colorado is a great place to live overall but can't beat those NY restaurants and beaches! Stay well Joe! We miss ya!...After 33 years at JFK, **Priscilla Palazzolo** did a lateral transfer to the NTCC in Herdon, VA. She is now a National Marketing and Security Specialist. She will be working with **Elvira Noel**, one of the Watch Commanders in VA.

Fraternally,

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President

Please see attachments for Golf and Italian Heritage Day.