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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Hello to everyone!...and all my fellow members across the USA, all my friends at JFK, NWK, Penn Plaza and all the Ships at Sea (as Walter Winchell would say)!! This is the 1st newsletter since Jan 2015. My Apologies!

It all started on Feb. 9th when I was captured by a surgeon in South Nassau Hospital. He removed my old rusty hip & replaced it with a shiny new Titanium hip. I thought in a month or two, I would be back to my old self, running around, getting no sleep and sipping a bottle of Grand Marnier. Well, until last month I was feeling like crap!...but then...my prayers to St. Anthony were finally answered and I'm now feeling pretty good. In fact, I might consider replacing a couple other old parts of my body with new improved ones. LOL

I sincerely hope everyone is feeling well and that we will all have a chance to see each other in the near future.

34TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....will be held on Fri. Sept. 11 at Clearview Golf Course in Queens, NY. Starting time is 8am Shotgun start. Please come early to enjoy our Continental Breakfast. Cost for this day of fun is \$150 per person which includes, electric cart, breakfast, lunch at the turn, and buffet with wine, beer & soda, coffee & dessert. Free parking! Please contact me no later than Mon. Sept. 7 at 516-791-2958 or email to philmaddalena@hotmail.com. Look forward to seeing you!

19TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....will be held on Thur. Oct. 1, 2015 at Russo's On The Bay. This year's honorees are **Dylan J. DeFrancisci**, Director of Preclearance Washington, DC, U.S. Customs & Border Protection; **Salvatore A. Dalessandro**, Assistant Inspector General, Assistant Director of Investigations, The Port Authority of NY & NJ and **Christine Caruso**, Coordinator and Captain of Columbus Citizens Foundation, Columbus Day Parade, NYC. **All are welcome to attend!!!** Price for this Gala Luncheon is only \$40 per person. It includes cocktail hour from 12pm to 1pm, followed by dinner 1pm to 5pm. Please make your reservations early! Tickets must be purchased prior to the affair. No money will be collected at the door!!! Any questions, please contact me at 516-791-2958 or email at philmaddalena@hotmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to Diane McConnell (former Columbia Association's "Woman of The Year") and Dean Dimotsis (Assistant Port Director JFK). They were married recently (to each other)! Rumor has it that Diane swept Dean off his feet! LOL!...Anthony DiSalvo (son of The Guru) graduated from Farmingdale State College, Summa Cum Laude. Anthony has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Security Systems. He will convert to full time OIT Specialist at JFK.

BIRTHS.....congratulations to **Frank LaMonaca** (Canine Officer JFK) & wife **Joanie** on the birth of **Gabriela Sofia**, born Apr. 25, 7lbs 11ozs...**Tracey & Brett Klein** (daughter of **Mitch Bayer**, NIS ret) celebrated the birth of their 3rd son, **Joshua Brian** in Jan...**Robert Murphy** (Special Agent) & wife **Lauren**, blessed with the birth of their 2nd son, **Anthony John Murphy** on Jan. 1, 8lbs 9ozs...**Nicole DiGirolamo** (daughter of **Paul Russo**, Past President Columbia Association) gave birth to **Dominic Henry** on Mar. 19, 7lbs 11ozs.

SCHOLARSHIP.....Julianne Montone, daughter of Doug Montone (CBPO NWK ret) was presented with a check for \$1,000 from The Columbia Association. Julianne graduated from River Dell H.S. in NJ as an outstanding scholar and will now attend Loyola University in Baltimore, MD. Congratulations & Good Luck!

PROMOTED.....to Supervisor CBP at JFK – **Vincent Ferruzza, Vincent Martucci, Michael Aznanan, Christian Contreras, Andrija Dandridge, Marcellus Erdakos, Luis Olmo, Jennifer Sadel, John Taggart, Anthony Zummo, Denise Bishop, Rustem Tala and Maurel Scotty.**

RETIRED.....JFK – **Dennis Arata, Bennett Sciacca, Norman Smolek, Robert Warvesyn, Pedro Adorno, Ernest Cassano, Martin Chiani, Denise Contti, Nick D’Amico, Shelly Meza, Vincent Stuart, William Hever, Ralph Pisani, Dan Santopietro, Miguel Calderon, Teri Abramsky, Evelyn Faherty and Debra Fitzpatrick.**

DECEASED.....so sorry to learn that **Nancy Spooner**, the mother of **Barbara Kaiser** (NIS) passed away in Jan. after a long illness...**Carmela Grilli**, mother of **Marie Loria** (former Insp JFK) passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 25. She was 93!...**Jimmy Ajello** (Senior Insp JFK ret) passed away on Jan. 28...**Florence Falanga**, mother of **Tom Falanga** (Director of C-TPAT JFK ret) passed away in Feb...**Ken Brock** (NIS ret) passed away of a heart attack recently. Ken was a good friend for over 40 years. I will miss you Pal!...father of **Karl Cruse** (C-TPAT JFK) passed away in May...**Carmella Fattorusso**, mother of **Loretta Blanco** (Entry Sect JFK ret) passed away on May 25...**Henry Hill** (NIS ret) passed away of heart attack. He was one of my closest friends in Customs and my Team Leader for years at JFK. A great guy...**Bob Lucania** (Supv CBP NWK) passed away recently. Bob worked at JFK for many years...**John Mulzac** (Insp JFK ret) passed away at age 91 in Feb. John was one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen who fought in the 2nd World War. He was a Lt. Col. who was recognized in 2007 when President Bush and the U.S. Congress awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal. A real Gentleman...**Tom Roland Jr.** (former Insp JFK) passed away on July 11...**Pasquale Fasano** (Insp ret) passed away in June. Pasquale was also the father of **Ralph Fasano** (Insp JFK ret). Both Lifetime Members of The Columbia Association...**William “Bill” Erbe** (CBPO NWK) passed away on Aug. 3...**Thomas Jordan**, father of **Dean Jordan** (CBPO JFK) passed away on Aug. 27...also, very sorry to hear of the passing of the sister of **Tom Russo** (Director of NCSD NYC ret). God Bless All! Please pray for our deceased.

CHATTER.....**Angelo Tufano** (Federal Marshall, VA) says hello to **Frank Maddalena** (Supply Chain Spec JFK)...always happy to hear from old friends like **Mike Hegler** (Supv CBPO NWK)...thank you to **Peter Liberti** (former Imp Spec JFK) President of D.J. Customs Brokers at JFK for becoming a Lifetime Member of The Columbia Association...**John Tufano** (former Treasurer Columbia Association) writes to welcome me to the “Hip Replacement Club”. John resides in Wilmington, NC & is active in various clubs through the University of NC. Thanks for keeping in touch, John...and yes! **John Lombardi** is doing well...spoke to **John McGowan** (Officer NWK ret) in Jan. who is now employed by Sadler & Travis in Washington, DC...happy to hear **Joe Smith** (Supv CBP JFK ret) is doing a little better after his stroke in 2014...happy to say **Paul Rivosecchi** & I still keep in touch after all these years. Paul worked many years at JFK & transferred to Orlando where he became a Supv CBPO. He retired from Customs and became a Regional Commissioner for TSA in Orlando. He retired from that position last year. If I know Paul, he will probably take over one of the Airlines!! Continued success, Pal!...**Joe Massimo** (Supv CBPO JFK) on TDY to Aruba. Joe is one of the truly nice guys in Customs. See you in six years Joe!...just heard that **Joan Mazzola** (NIS ret) moved to Florida. Is her house for sale in N. Bellmore?...**Gloria Stingone** (NIS ret) sent her check for two for Italian Heritage Day. Thanks!...very happy to see that my neighbor **Nick Amitrano** has transferred from the border in Texas and is now a CBPO at JFK...haven’t heard from **George Aprigliano** (National Analysis Spec ret) in a long time. Last time we talked, his son became a Lieutenant in the NYFD...always happy to talk to **Samir Attia** (Chief Entry Section JFK). He is the best!...**Antoinette Sabella** (Imp Spec JFK) and **Vincent Martucci** (Supv CBPO JFK) expecting a little baby Princess. Both are members of The Columbia Association...spoke to Wayne Biondi (Port Director Dulles Airport). Wayne reminded me that his Dad Joe was a part time inspector at JFK in the late 80’s after he retired from the FDNY. I will stop by and have coffee with Joe next week in Malverne, NY.

PAT DELLAMURA.....Vice President Columbia Association at One Penn Plaza is organizing a NYPD Appreciation Mass at Saints Simon and Jude R.C. Church in Brooklyn, NY. This Mass will be held in conjunction with the Feast Day of Saint Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint of Law Enforcement. The Church is located at 295 Avenue T (bet Lake St. and Van Sicklen St. Gravesend).

All are welcome to attend and show their support and appreciation to the hardworking and dedicated members of New York’s Finest. For further information, contact Pat Dellamura at dellamu9@aol.com.

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