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****Please see additions to retirees and deceased members!!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone. I am looking forward to 2016 & hoping for a year of good health. I hope everyone will be able to join me! What's with all the warm weather this Dec? I won't complain if it gets a little bit colder for Jan 2016 and a little snow is also okay! My wish for 2016 is that I continue to hear from most of you and keep the good news coming for our Newsletters!

SAVE THE DATE.....our next Annual Dinner & Dance honoring our Man/Woman of The Year will be held on **Fri, June 17, 2016** at Leonard's of Great Neck, now known as "Leonard's Palazzo". We will have three honorees this year! Look for our honorees in our next newsletter.

19TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....was held on Thurs, Oct. 1, 2015 at Russo's on The Bay. It was a huge success. Our honorees were **Dylan J. DeFrancisci**, Director of Preclearance, Washington, DC; **Salvatore A. Dalessandro**, Assistant Inspector General, Assistant Director of Investigations, The Port Authority of NY & NJ and **Christine Caruso**, Coordinator & Captain of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, Columbus Day Parade, NYC. Our sincere thanks to all the honorees for having their immediate families present. The Italian Family is a big theme of our celebration each year and it was certainly present that day! A special thanks to everyone for attending and giving your support to The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs.

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE IN NYC.....was held on Mon, Oct. 12, 2015. Many, many thanks to **Gary Boire** (Deputy Chief JFK) for bringing the JFK Explorer Scouts & their Advisors to march with The Columbia Association up 5th Avenue in NYC and of course our thanks to **Russ LoBello** (Deputy Chief NWK), our VP from Newark for attending from NJ and for making arrangements for our Parade luncheon in NYC. Russ & Gary have been the main support of The Parade the past couple of years. Thanks also to **Luccio Ricci** and **Bill Losco** of (Reg Audit ret) and **Pat Dellamura** (NISA NYC). I'm sorry I don't have the names of the Explorer Advisors. Thanks for your dedication!

RETIREES.....**Anthony Frangione** (CBPO JFK) retired from Mail Branch Sept 2015...**Gwenn Kirschner** (Division Director of NCID Penn Plaza)...**Al Gamble & Nathan Rosenstein** (NIS Penn Plaza)...**Marty Bender** and **John McCourt** (NISA Penn Plaza).

****Susan Mitchell** (Port Director JFK)...**John Criscuolo** (Supv Entry Officer JFK)...**Cathy Mazzella** (Entry Spec Team Leader)...**John Gregory** (CBPO JFK)...**Michael Lange** (Deputy Chief JFK)...**Joe Mannucci** (Deputy Chief NWK)...**Joe Lopez** (Deputy Chief NWK)...**Herbie Herter** (Deputy Chief NWK)...**Kevin McCabe** (Branch Chief NWK).

ONE PENN PLAZA.....come mid Jan 2016, One Penn Plaza will close and relocate all employees to #1 World Trade Center, NYC; Corbin Street in NJ and 201 Varick Street in NYC. This is the end of an era after the historic 9/11 tragedy. Please pray for those who must make this move.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to **Diane Sabatino**, the new Director of Field Operations, Port of Miami and our own **Dylan DeFrancisci**, the new Port Director, Miami Seaport. Dylan was one of our Italian Heritage Day Honorees on Oct. 1, 2015 at Russo's on the Bay. Diane was also at JFK as Acting Port Director a couple of years ago. I had the honor of meeting her! A terrific person! The best of luck to two fine people.

DUES.....A special thanks to those members who have become Lifetime Members this year...**Stella Gillett, Gloria Shinas, Pete Liberti, Rusteem Tala, Debbie Carriero, Jane Manne Cordero, Rose Andretta & Domenic DiGiovanni**...Has everyone received a Lifetime Membership Card? If not, please email me at philmaddalena@hotmail.com and give me your home email and home address! Thanks!

DECEASED.....**Lee Clarrett** (Sr Insp JFK ret) passed away in Sept 2015. Lee was always described as a Gentleman!...**Charles Borowsky** (CBPO JFK) passed away on Sept 2, 2015...**Gloria Santino**, Mother of **Paul Santino** (Deputy Chief JFK) passed away in Oct...my very good friend **Paul Rose** (Supv CBPO JFK ret) passed away on April 21, 2015. Unfortunately because of my illness this past year, I only mailed out two Newsletters in Jan & Sept. I was very distraught when it was brought to my attention that I did not mention the passing of Paul, who happened to be a very good friend of mine. My thanks to Paul, who was very instrumental in the fundraising activities of The Columbia Association. It was through Paul's diligence, I was able to meet many of the Airline Station Managers to interest them in participating in our charities. Thank you Paul and thanks for introducing me to all of your Embassy friends! I became a "Big Shot" in your company. I'll never forget you Pal! Please pray for Paul & all of our deceased friends!

****Anna Maria Bastone** (NISA NYC) lost her Mom on Christmas Day...**Ernie Cassano** (Sr Insp ret) passed away suddenly on Jan.3, 2016.

CHATTER.....**John Cianci** (Sr Spec Agent) retired in 2009, now works with Forfeiture Support Associates as a Sr Investigator assigned to the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan. John's two youngest daughters **Stephanie & Alissa** are still in college & his oldest **Christina** graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from John Jay. John & wife will celebrate their 33rd Wedding Anniversary soon...heard from **Norman Smolek** (Supv Entry Section JFK ret) over the Labor Day Weekend. Norm has moved to Las Vegas permanently. He sends his regards to all...**Jack Conti** (S/A ret) living in Saugerties, NY since his retirement 15 years ago. He celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary on Oct 2. Did someone say his wife deserves a Purple Heart?? Not me!...heard from **Andy Boland** (Team Leader Imp Spec JFK ret). Andy is now living in the Villages in FL. He says he met **Cathy & Tom Campanelli** (NIS NY ret)...**John Swift** (CBPO JFK ret) says he loves living in Tampa, FL. John sends his best wishes to **Dean Dimotsis** (Assistant Port Director JFK) & his new bride **Diane McConnell** (Supv Detention & Deportation Office ICE) and says it was always a pleasure working under their supervision. John also says hello to **Bob Cicero** (CBPO JFK)...I was happy to be able to attend the Annual Christmas Dinner with "Da Boys" recently in Rockville Centre, NY. For your info they are **Tom Russo, Ron Simon, Mike Mazzarella, Mitch Bayer, Frank LoFaro, Mike Stein & yours truly**. In spite of Mitch Bayer's presence, I had a great time! Only kidding!!! We love Mitch? LOL!...I was very happy to run into **Joe Badamo, Jr.** President of JFK Air Cargo Association & VP Sales The Americas – Silk Way Airlines. Joe is the son of the late **Joe Badamo, Sr** who was a very popular Supv Insp at JFK. A really imposing guy! One of these days I will tell a really great story about him regarding me. Just thinking about him, all 6' 4" of him brings tears of joy to my eyes. Love that guy!...always nice to get a phone call from **Al Cangiarella**, former President of The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs. I look forward to his phone calls at least 6 times a year. Happy New Year Al!...thanks also to **Fred Iavarone** (CBPO JFK ret) who calls me every year to wish me Happy Holidays!

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