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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE..... We have only 15 days left before our Italian Heritage Day Luncheon on Oct. 6, 2016. I hope you will be there to celebrate with us. Since our last Newsletter in August, we have added a 3rd honoree. He is **John LaBarca**, Renowned Radio Host from WHLI 1100AM. Mr. LaBarca is the host of the “*Italian House Party*” on every Sunday from 12 Noon to 3PM. He plays Old Italian Songs and tells stories of his upbringing in Brooklyn, NY. I have been a listener for over 25 years. Please make a point to listen to his Radio Show. He will have you laughing and in tears with his family stories. Come to our Luncheon and take a picture with John. I’ll be looking for you.

ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON..... will be held on Thur, Oct. 6, 2016 at Russo’s on the Bay in Howard Beach, Queens. This year’s honorees are **Thomas Belfiore**, Chief Security Officer Port Authority of New York/New Jersey; **Richard DiNucci**, Acting Port Director NY/NWK Area and the Renowned Radio Host of the “*Italian House Party*” on for 3 hours every Sunday afternoon, **John LaBarca**. Try to attend!



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20th Annual

**Italian Heritage Day
 Luncheon Celebration**

Thursday, October 6, 2016
 at
 Russo's On The Bay
 162-45 Cross Bay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY

HONORING

Thomas Belfiore
 Chief Security Officer
 Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Richard F. Di Nucci **John LaBarca**
 Executive Director, Cargo Conveyance Renowned Radio Host
 and Security, Office of Field Operations WHLI 1100 AM, *Italian House Party*
 U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS

All are welcome to attend!!!
 Donation: **540.00** Per Person
Cocktail Hour 12:00pm - 1:00pm / Dinner 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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COLUMBUS DAY PARADE..... will be on Oct. 10 on Fifth Avenue in NYC. We are looking for participants to march with us. Everyone is welcome!! Call Phil at 516-791-2958. **We will be on TV!!**

DECEASED..... Joe Cianci, the brother of John Cianci (ret Sr. Special Agent). **Robert Chilelli** (CBPO from Miami Airport) who lost his battle to stomach cancer. RIP Brothers. Please pray for our deceased.

CONGRATULATIONS..... Pete DiRocco Jr. & his wife **Jennifer** gave Dad **Pete DiRocco, Sr.** (ret. Deputy Chief JFK) a beautiful Granddaughter, **Nora** (No specifics)!...**Kevin Jackson**, son-in-law of **Mike Ditowsky** (ret. CBPO NWK) was promoted to Lieutenant in the FDNY. Great!...my beautiful Granddaughters, **Samantha & Danielle Grace Maddalena** daughters of **Frank Maddalena** (C-TPAT JFK) off to Cortland College in Upstate, NY. Samantha is a Senior and Danielle a Freshman. Yes! I am PROUD!!!

DIVERSITY DAY.....The Columbia Association attended the Newark Diversity Day on Sept. 15 at a park in Roselle, NJ. **Russ LoBello** (Deputy Chief NWK) set up a table for President **Phil Maddalena** to display the history & events of The Columbia Association. **Maryam Lavan** (Chief FP & F NWK) was the coordinator for this day and became The Columbia Associations newest member. It was a great day and I was happy to see so many of our members in attendance. We also solicited other new members. Thanks also to that Special woman who was so helpful.

MARK PALASEK.....(ret Import Specialist JFK) has written & published a book titled "Letters From my Uncle". It is the story of his Uncles during WWII based on actual letters written home from his Uncles in service. It's available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble Online. Good Luck Mark!

CHATTER..... Laureen Zizzo (Seized Property Specialist FL) writes to say hello. Her Son RJ has enrolled in St. Joseph's College to obtain an Education Degree...Laureen also celebrating her 30th year with United States Customs. Laureen also mentions I was one of the first people she met when she started her career at Bldg #80 at JFK Airport. If I ever get to Tampa, dinner is on me!...happy to hear **Anthony Como** (CBPO NWK) has transferred to JFK. Great! Now we can have lunch together...**Linda Vercillo** (ret. Insp. FL) is hosting a 7 night cruise to Hawaii for USCS Retirees, friends & families for April 29 to May 6, 2017. Interested?? Call Linda at 954-857-8880. WOW! I like that!!...happy to hear from **Bill Perri** (ret. Auditor) on FB. I received your dues in the mail, Bill. Thanks!...my thanks to **Louis Boone** (ret. Insp. USC) for putting my picture on FB with the Tuskabee Airmen...while shopping on 13th Avenue in Brooklyn about a month ago, I was surprised to see **Tom Spellman** (ret. Asst Port Director Legacy Immigration JFK). Tom looks great! He lost a lot of weight. He says hello to **Joan Prato** (ret. Import Specialist JFK)...**Lisa Mahn Juliano** (ret. Supv. Customs JFK) writes to say her daughter **Jean** is in Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She says the one thing she misses, is her Mother's gravy on Sunday. Jean has used the Scholarship Grant from The Columbia Association to purchase her school supplies & books. Good Luck Jean. Keep in touch with us.

35TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....will be held on Fri, Oct. 14, 2016 at Clearview Golf Course in Queens, NY. Please see flyer attached.

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35th ANNUAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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