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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....**It's official!! As of Dec 11, 2016, the new Port Director of JFK International Airport is **Frank Russo**, the former Assistant Director Field Operations NY Field Office. Yes! That Frank Russo who was our "Man of The Year" on June 28, 2014 at Leonard's of Great Neck. Welcome home Mr. Russo!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members throughout the USA & the world! God Bless America!!

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY.....**was held on Thur. Oct. 6, 2016 at Russo's on The Bay in Howard Beach, Queens. Our Honorees were **Thomas Belfiore**, Chief Security Officer Port Authority of New York/New Jersey and **Richard DiNucci**, Acting Port Director New York/Newark Area. Thanks to everyone for a great turnout.

**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....**was held on Fri. Oct. 14, 2016 at Clearview Golf Course in Queens, NY. While the turnout didn't meet our expectations, we were happy to report that financially we were happy with the proceeds for The Columbia Association. See ya next year!

**RETIREES.....** JFK – Supervisors **Helen Bianco, Grace Ferrara, Kathy Griesmer, Dolores Nisbett and Lindy Peterson**. Import Specialists **Sixto Carrire, Joe Vrah, Bill Vitello, FP&F Josephine Curcio, C-TPAT Christine Powers** & Deputy Chief **Gary Boire**. Newark – Watch Commander **Anthony Maresca**, Assistant CEE Director **Robin Gleeson**, Deputy Chief **Peter Pessutti**, CBP Officers **Peter Genco & Rosolino Pizzillo**. Also retiring from Newark, **Tesfaye Abayneh, Soofia Ahmad, Jerome Bria, German Cambero, John Grannis, Gerard Kiernan, Albert Lew, John Reilly & Theodore Scourles**. A happy & long retirement to all and Good Luck!! A special send off to the members of The Columbia Association

**PROMOTED.....****Frank Russo** to Port Director at JFK Airport and **Kompel Sachdeva Verdi** to Assistant Port Director Orlando, FL. May I say respectfully that it's been a great privilege to watch these "kids" grow up on this job. God Bless them, U.S. Customs & Homeland Security!! And America!!! Also promoted in Newark to Deputy Chief CBP Officer **Allan Filipe** and to Watch Commander **Joseph Martella**.

**CONGRATULATIONS.....**to **Larry Raffaele** (ret SCI NWK) on the marriage of his daughter **Tara** to **Jon Castner** on Dec. 3, 2016.

**DECEASED.....****Arlene Dworkis** (JFK) suffered a heart attack in Dec. 2016.

**BIRTHS.....**in Newark – **Matt Patruno** (TAC Branch Chief) & wife **Brianne** – baby boy **Gavin...Erkanda Cunningham** (Deputy Chief Officer) & **David Cunningham** (CBPO) – baby boy **Austin...Joe Walkin** (Supervisory CBP Officer) & wife **Cassie** – baby boy **Jace Justice...William Deile** (Supervisory CBP Officer) & **Sue Deile** (CBPO) – baby boy **William Singh...Joseph Sedlacek** (CBPO – E) & wife **Anna** – baby girl **Emily**.

**SICK.....**Frank Freidinge (Supervisory Agriculture Specialist NWK)...**Mario DiChiara** (JFK) He now belongs to the “stent” group. Please pray for our sick.

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION.....**from Port of NY/NWK – **Anthony Maresca, Robin Gleeson, Peter Pessutti, Peter Genco & Rosolino Pizzillo** at The Manor Restaurant 111 Prospect Ave, West Orange, NJ 07052 on Fri, Feb. 3, 2017 from 6:30 to 11:30pm. Cocktail Hour, Dinner, Open Bar & Gifts for Retirees. \$95 per guest. Due to limited seating, please confirm your attendance ASAP.

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**CHATTER.....**enjoyed watching **Joe DiSalvo** playing Santa at the Annual Christmas Party at JFK for the children of CBP Employees on Dec. 14. That is Joe’s true calling in this life!...got a chance to say hello to **Dean Dimotsis** at kids party...also talked to **Jane Cordero**...good to see CBPO **Ron Halley** & his little daughter telling Santa what she wanted for Christmas!...Love to attend the retirement parties. Got the chance to see former retirees who showed up like, **Shelly Meza** (looking good), **Norman Finfer, Elliott Friedman, Barry Braverman, Marty Black & wife Janey, John Criscuolo, Joan Prato, Debbie Carriero, Anthony Centola & Marilyn Babousis**...also attended retirement party at JFK for **Christine Powers**. Bumped into many old friends like **Karl Cruse, Mike Sauer, Frank Maddalena** (my son), **Rich Loria, Bill Smith, Karen O’Neil & Samir Attia**,...At this time of year, of course, I miss old pals like **Pete DiRocco, Harold Badaracco, Ed Nagel, John Lava, Mike Zitowsky, Frank Festa, Paul Rose, Tom Spellman, Rich Pileggi, Ron Simon, Tom Russo, Marty Brodman, Bob Fishler, Frank Cutrone, Bill Resigno, Frank Franco, John Lombardi, Pat Dellamura, Paul Andretta, Mitch Bayer, Mike Mazz, Frank LoFaro, Joe Badamo, Maddalena Beltrami, Frank Viteritti, Aaron Balmages, Charlie Loria, Gene DiNapoli, Geraldine Munson, George Aprigliano, etc, etc**. Of course I’m sure I’ve left many people out unintentionally! Please let me know who you are.

## **DUES ARE DUE!!...**

Dear Members,

Dues are the life blood of our organization.  
Please note dues are \$20 per year, \$10 for retirees  
Lifetime Membership is \$200 for eternity!!!

Fraternally,

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Phil Maddalena  
President