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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....**Hope the summer has been enjoyable for you & your families. The weather has been great here in Valley Stream, NY - hot during the days & comfortable at night. As your President, and on behalf of The Columbia Association, I will attend Customs Diversity Day to be held in Newark, NJ on Thurs, Sept. 14, 2017. Diversity Day is the Governments newest day that is celebrated during the work day! No, you don't get the day off but they allow you to attend ceremonies celebrating Diversity! I will pay attention this year at the celebration and will try to explain what it is they are celebrating. The summer is going fast so get out and enjoy yourself. I look forward to meeting and greeting members and prospective members of The Columbia Association in Newark. This is a good chance to pay your dues and talk to me of any problems you may like to discuss. God Bless America!

**69<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE.....**was held on Fri, June 16, 2017 at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck, NY. This year's honorees were **Frank Desiderio, Esq.**, Founding Partner of Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt, LLP; CBP Officer **Robert Cicero**, Vice President of The Columbia Association at JFK Airport and CBP Officer **Nicholas Brando**, Representing the Port of New York/Newark. My compliments to our honorees and to our membership for your support and to the Customs Community for supporting our souvenir journal.

**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT.....**honoring **Paul Rivosecchi**, Former U.S. Customs Supervisor & TSA Executive, will be held on Fri, Sept. 15, 2017 at Clearview Golf Course, 202-12 Willets Point Blvd, Queens, NY. Starts promptly at 8am. Please see flyer attached. \$150 fee includes Green Fees, Electric Cart, Continental Breakfast, Lunch at the Turn to be followed by Complete Buffet including Wine, Beer & Soda.

**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....**will be held on Thurs, Oct. 5, 2017 at Russo's on The Bay in Howard Beach, Queens, NY. At this time we have our 1<sup>st</sup> honoree, **Honorable Vincent M. DelGiudice**, Justice of Kings County Supreme Court. **Please Save The Date!**

**PROMOTIONS.....**NYC Trade Center – all National Import Specialists, **Julie "Christina" Allen; Kristopher Burton; Fei Chen; Roseann Murphy; Elena Pietron; Nicole Roso & Karen Sikorski...James Forkan** to Branch Chief...**John McCormack** to NISA...**Debbie Corriero** (JFK) promoted to Supervisory Program Mgr. Branch Chief in Washington, DC...**Joanne Tesoriero** to Supervisory Import Specialist JFK...**Amy Wahmann** to Program Mgr. JFK and **Frank Racanti** (JFK) to Program Mgr. NY Field Office.

**SICK.....****Jerry Monaco** (ret Asst Area Director JFK) had three stents inserted recently. We talked this past week & he sounds great...**Bob Clement** (ret CBP Officer JFK) had a stroke at home and I think he is doing well!...**Stan Moculeski** (ret CBPO JFK) had a triple bypass heart surgery. He should be home by now...also heard that **Karen Dugan Rivera** (NY Field Office) is being treated for lymphoma...**Sandy Baach** (ret SCI JFK) has incurable liver cancer. Chemo has not worked & Sandy has said he will let nature take its course. God Bless you Sandy & all who are ill.

**NEWEST LIFETIME MEMBERS.....**the latest members of The Columbia Association to become Lifetime Members are: **Anthony Bucci** (Public Relations), **Franco Colella** (CBPO NWK), **Shelly Meza** (ret Customs Technician JFK), **Tom Mauro** (Supv CBPO JFK), **Joe Scalice** (CBPO NWK) and **Nick & Sasio Compagnone**, Associate Members. Lifetime Membership is only \$200.

**DECEASED.....****Frank Schiazzano** (ret Branch Chief JFK) passed away in May 2017. I am happy to say we honored Frank as “Man of The Year” a few years ago. I was proud to be his friend...**Dan Griffin** (NISA) passed on June 18, 2017...**Barbara Fye** (CBP Technician Primary JFK) passed on July 1, 2017 and **George Skrastins** (ret Paralegal Specialist NY). **Brokers** – **Charles Merendino**, Mersant Customs Brokers & H.W. Robinson...**Mario Paciaffi**, Coronet Brokers...**Charles Salvaggio**, U.S. Customs Liason and **Sam Zekser**, Sobel Shipping.

**CHATTER.....**talked to **Paul Rivosecchi**. He says he ran into **Mike Fisher** (Former K-9 Officer at JFK). Mike is doing well. Hope everyone remembers we are honoring Paul at our Annual Golf Tournament on Fri, Sept. 15, 2017. **Ben Sciacca** (ret Supv CBP JFK) is the 1<sup>st</sup> to pay for our Annual Golf Tournament...**Jennifer Tagliaferro**, the Head Guru from the Protest Section in Newark, can hardly keep from smiling. Her daughter **Jeanette Herencia** was named to President’s List at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy for the 2016-2017 school year!...talked to **Betty Franco**, wife of the late **Frank Franco** (Sr. Customs Insp JFK). I promised Betty after the summer, I would go to Staten Island to take her to lunch...Good Luck to **Edwina Rohrbach** (ret Import Specialist JFK). She is moving to 55+ Community in New Jersey...I bet you didn’t know **Mario Tilelli** (CBP Officer NWK) is a Master Carpenter? I enjoy the display of his work on Facebook. A true Italian!!...**Nick Amitrano** (CBPO JFK) engaged to his princess **Jamey Lynn!**

Fraternally,

*Phil*

Philip J. Maddalena  
President



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**36th ANNUAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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