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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....**Dear Members, To many of our members our friendships go back over 50 years. To our newest members of whom I have met almost all personally, I pray we will be friends for the rest of my life! I especially thank you for your Lifetime Memberships. Please make plans to become an active member to attend our yearly functions and meet your fellow workers and become acquainted with them and your officers.

I am always available to talk to you regarding questions about our organization and how your membership with The Columbia Association can help in supporting our charitable educational and fraternal endeavors. I hope your pride in becoming a member of The Columbia Association will encourage you to solicit your fellow workers to also become members.

My sincere wishes to all our members, their families and friends for Happy Holidays and a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May your New Year meet all your expectations and that you have good health to enjoy all your wishes!

**9/11 MEMORIAL.....**I am over joyed to make this report to you regarding the \$53,000 we have in our memorial fund for “The Heroes of the PAPD”. After 9/11, The Columbia Association held a fundraiser at Russo’s on the Bay to honor “The Heroes of the PAPD”, the PAPD Officers who lost their lives trying to rescue the victims at the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. Over the years we have tried to get several airlines at JFK interested in erecting a memorial to our Port Authority Brothers & Sisters but to no avail. Well, just a few months ago I was informed that the Port Authority at JFK had offered 5 acres to the JFK Chamber of Commerce to erect a memorial to the victims of 9/11 at the Ballfield down the road from the Federal Circle. I attended their meeting in October 2017 and informed them of our Memorial Fund and our wish to erect a memorial to our “PAPD Heroes”. They agreed to our wishes. They are preparing a legal document to insure me we will have this memorial with the name of The Columbia Association honoring our Brother & Sister PAPD Officers. I will present the check upon receiving this document. I have also become a member of the

Board of Directors. And as they say!! That's the story of our Memorial Fund. I pray you are all in agreement of my decision. God Bless.

**CONGRATULATIONS.....**to **Samantha Maddalena** who graduated SUNY Cortland this year. Samm is the daughter of **Frank Maddalena** (Chain Specialist C-TPAT) and granddaughter of our President **Phil Maddalena**. Samm will now start her new career as an Algebra Teacher at Uniondale Middle School in Long Island next week! Wow!...**Dina Prato**, daughter of **Joan Prato** (ret Import Specialist JFK) married her prince charming **Joseph Shaw** on Nov. 5.

**RETIREES.....** **JFK Airport** – **Lucille Ward (Entry Spec Team Leader), Bob Venti, Maria Ramirez, Patricia Daily (all Entry Specialists), Rosemary Munro (Import Spec), Peggy Hagan (Protest Program Mgr), Juan Cancino (Supv CBP Officer), Gil Abrams, Richie Quan, Larry McMahon, Tom White (all CBP Officers).**

**Newark Airport** – **Albert D'Onofrio (Asst Port Director), Domenico Calise (Deputy Chief CBP Officer), Mike Hegler (Supv CBP Officer), Elmer Camacho (Supv CBP Officer), Gary Orvetz, Raul Marban, David Mazurek, Henry Brown, Maireni Valero (all CBP Officers), Yvonne Perry (Mission Support Spec).**

**SICK.....****Ritchie Schmidt** (ret Sr Insp NWK) had a successful gall bladder operation. I talked to Ritchie & he is doing well! Ritchie's record is now 12 operations...sorry to hear **Meg Assip** (ret S/A) fell on Thanksgiving Day & injured her right arm & broke her ankle. Miss you Meg! Please get back on FB...**Santo Ponticello** (ret Sr Insp JFK) had another auto accident recently! Santo is out of the hospital and recuperating at home...happy to hear Mother of **Maria Stanzione** (who lives in Portugal) is on a speedy recovery from a major operation associated with that dreadful C word. Maria returned recently from visiting her Mom in Portugal...it pains me to report that **Joe Rau** (ret Director of Reg Audit JFK) is now in Hospice at the Grand Pavilion in Rockville Center, Long Island. Joe is on a feeding tube at this time. I don't believe Joe is in any pain. Visitors are allowed at almost any time. Please pray for Joe and his wife **Rose**. The word most often used to describe Joe is "Gentleman". And I would like to add to that "A Good Friend". I love you Pal! Please pray for all our sick.

**DECEASED.....****Barbara Posen** (Mission Support) lost her 2 year battle with cancer...**Diane Calabrito** (FP&F JFK) passed away suddenly on Dec. 27...**Sigmond (Ski) Korzenowski** (ret Insp JFK & Miami) passed away. He was 97 years old...**Jimmy McGlyn** (ret CPO JFK) passed away...**Elsie Crockett Perry** (Sr Insp NWK) passed away on Dec. 6...**Jimmy Farrell** (Farrell Forwarding JFK) passed away on Dec 30...and lastly **Tony Cataldo** (FNIS from Boston) passed away in Oct. Tony was a good friend to many in New York. Please pray for our deceased.

**CHATTER.....****Mike Guluzzi** celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 5. He retired in 1980. He was an Inspector – Liquidator – Entry Officer and an Import Specialist Team Leader all at JFK. He was a Marathon Runner and a very good golfer. Mike now resides in Charlotte, NC and is a Lifetime Member of The Columbia Association. Miss you Pal!...**Jack Conti** (ret S/A) says he visited his sister-in-law **Marilyn Yevoli** (ret Import Spec JFK) in Tucson, Az and that she looks well. Marilyn was always a beauty...Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to **Rob Murphy** (S/A JFK) and wife **Lauren**. Happy to hear your two children are enjoying Long Island...good to see **Bonnie Adelman** at our recent retiree's breakfast in Valley Stream. Bonnie reminded me I was her 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor in Customs. She was a joy to work with, especially that she was a Brooklynite like me...also talked to **John Martuge, Marty Weiss, Marty Brodman, Jerry Monaco, Eileen Manna, Gloria & Tony Stingone, Paul Watford, John Khantzian, Frank Stoface, Harvey Davis, John Criscuolo, Bill Ward, Patty Buffolino, Jeff & Annmarie Konset, John Brennan, Joan Prato, Jean Caravello, Emil Grossi, Paul Santino, Annette Artis & Brian Quinn**...had dinner with "Da Boy's" recently, **Tom Russo, Mitch Bayer, Frank LoFaro, Mike Stein, Mike Mazzarella & Ron Simon**. It's always nice to reminisce the good old days about Customs...had dinner recently at Piccolo's Restaurant in Bellmore, NY. Visited the rest room, returned to my table and was pleasantly surprised to see **Harold Badaracco** & his wife **Annette** sitting at the table next to mine. Of course the rest of the evening was spent introducing them to my lady, **Margie Gallo** and talking about our mutual friends and life at JFK Airport. Hope we can do it together soon...It's impossible for me to visit Bldg #77 at JFK without saying hello to **Samir Attia**...also always nice to talk to **Joanne Tesoriero** on

my visits. She is a sweetheart! Sorry I missed **Jerry Pavone**. He was there the day before I visited...heard **Mark Sheppard** (ret Supv JFK) moved to Manalapan, NJ...**Steve Silvestri** (Asst Port Director Port Everglades, Ft Lauderdale International Airport) sends Christmas wishes to all his friends at JFK from his wife **Darlene** & son **Anthony**.

**MEMBERSHIP.....**our latest member is Lifetime Member **Joseph Sottile** (CBP Officer JFK).

**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