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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....**

Dear Members,

My sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. For you Senior Citizens (like myself) keep your doctor appointments & take charge of your health. If not, please become a Lifetime Member (Ha! Ha!). To many of our members, our friendship goes back over 50 years. To our newest members, 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 & attend our yearly functions and meet your fellow workers & become acquainted with them and our Officers. For those of you who are not able to get out to visit friends for whatever reason and would like to shoot the breeze on the phone, give me a call at 516-791-2958. If I am not at home, please leave a message & I promise to call you back.

If there is an old friend from the job that you would like to talk to maybe I can get you both together or at least get you their mailing address. In any case, stay in touch. Please solicit your fellow workers to become members of our Columbia Association. If you’re not enjoying this festive holiday, I pray that you have a Blessed Holiday and Good Health.

**22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....**was held on Thu, Oct. 4, 2018 at Russo’s On The Bay in Howard Beach, NY. Our Honorees were **Patrick Orender**, Assistant Port Director Tactical Trade Dulles International Airport; **Debbie Carriero**, Branch Chief Office of Trade Washington, DC and **Joseph V. Clabby**, President JFK Chamber of Commerce. Many thanks to our Honorees and our members who attended, over 300. Hope to see you next year!!

**SAVE THE DATE!!.....**Next year’s Annual Dinner Dance (our 71<sup>st</sup>) will again be held at Leonard’s Palazzo. The new date will be Sat, May 11, 2019. Those Honorees who have accepted at this time are – **James Forkan**, Branch Chief, NYC and **Ralph Tramantano**, Businessman Senior Director at Supply Chain Stone Source, LLC. Please mark your calendars!

**RETIREES.....****Diane McConnell**, Section Chief (ICE). Diane was Chief of Staff to Port Director **Camille Polimeni** at JFK before she departed to ICE and was honored as “Woman of The Year” for The Columbia Association in May 2007. Good Luck!

**JFK.....****Paul Casquarelli** (CBPO Supervisor) leaves with 32 years of service...CBPO **Richard Worthingham** also retiring.

**TRADE CENTER – NYC...**National Import Specialists **Hope Abada & Mary Ellen Lake**. NIS Assistants **Sandra Adames & Victor Bartolotto**. Vic also served as V.P. for The Columbia Association at 201 Varick St. NYC.

**NEWARK...****Carol Fowlkes**, Supervisor CBPO & **Candido Velez**, S/A. CBP Officers – **Florante Bareng**, **Gary Capko**, **Steve Cooper**, **Douglas Erdely**, **Edwin Gonzalez**, **Michael Harris**, **Brendan McPhail**, **Kenneth O’Neil**, **Linda Osten**, **John Piscotta & Peter Wick**.

**PROMOTED.....**happy to hear that **James Sanfilippo** is the Chief of Private Aircraft Operations at Miami Airport (General Aviation Center). I remember Jim as an Import Specialist at JFK many years ago. Great Guy!...Also very happy to see **Inez Sauer**, Fines & Penalty Offer at JFK promoted to Entry Specialist at Bldg. #77 at JFK. What a nice Christmas present.

**BIRTHS.....****Denise Faingar** (Branch Chief NCSW WTC) gave birth on Sept. 6, 2018 to a beautiful healthy girl named **Scarlett Lily**. The proud & happy Grandma is **Nancy DelVacario** (ret. NCSA WTC).

**SICK.....****Frank Anton** (Supv CBPO Mail Div JFK) recovering from broken wrist...**Eileen Manna** has an early Christmas present, a new hip, welcome to the club!...**Barry Mendelson** (ret. CBPO NWK) in ICU in NJ Hospital. Please pray for our sick.

**DECEASED.....****Lou Piedmont** (ret. Protest Reviewer) passed away Feb 2018...**Richard "Dick" Franey** (ret. Insp NWK) passed Sept 2018...**Joseph P. Biondi**, Father of **Wayne Biondi** (ret. Director Dulles International Airport) passed away on June 19, 2018...**Patrick Minter** (Deputy Chief JFK) passed away due to Cardiac Arrest on Sept 20, 2018...**Fred Winhusen** (ret. Import Specialist JFK) passed away on Nov. 30, 2018...**Thomas Miro** (ret. CBPO NWK) passed away Dec. 29, 2018. Please pray for our deceased.

**DUES ARE DUE!!!.....**remember our dues are only \$20 per year. Lifetime Membership is \$200!!

**NEWEST LIFETIME MEMBERS.....****Noah Levinson** (CBPO Less Lethal Instructor JFK), **Melvin Benison** (Financial Advisor Homeland Security JFK), **Leonard Bogdanski** (S/A Homeland Security Investigations NWK), **Peter Quaglia** (ret. Special Agent In Charge) and **Ralph Tramantano** (Senior Director Supply Chain at Stone Source LLC).

**CHATTER.....****Reggie Manning** (ret USC) attended our morning breakfast at Mitchell's in Valley Stream recently & to his surprise met former employees of American airlines sitting at a nearby table having breakfast. Would you believe they all remembered Reggie from JFK...**Tom Russo** (ret Director NCSW) had a bar-b-que at his home in Seaford, NY on July 30. Included invites were **Mike Stein, Frank LoFaro, Mitch Bayer, Phil Maddalena, Bob Swierupski, Ron Simon** & their ladies...just recently **Mike Stein** had a Christmas party at his home in Valley Stream & invited **Tom Russo, Phil Maddalena, Mitch Bayer, Frank LoFaro, Barbara & Dave Kaiser, Mike Mazzarella & wife Laurie, Elise Youngentaub & Dave & Shelly Rosenberg**...**MaryAnn Verdi** (ret Entry Spec JFK) was recently engaged to her prince charming. Good Luck!...had lunch with **Andy Boland** (ret Import Spec Team Leader JFK) at Mitchell's in Dec. It was great talking about old times at JFK. Andy, who now resides in The Villages In FL was here to visit his son who lives in Wappinger Falls, NY. Good Luck, Andy!...heard from **John Tufano** (ret Imp Spec JFK) who now resides in Wilmington, NC. Although John escaped any really serious effects from the recent storms in the south, he said some of his neighbors were not so lucky...what a nice surprise to see **Burt Redmond** (ret Asst Area Cargo JFK) at our last breakfast at Mitchell's in Sept...Also happy to see **Bob Meekins** (ret Asst Area Director JFK) show up for our breakfast...I met **Marty Black** (ret Supervisory CBPO) at Costco a week ago. We discussed the Veterans Hospital & needing hearing aids!...Nice talking to **Pete Quaglia** (ret S/A) the other day. Of course we talked about how we can help the problems of the world...Oop's!! **Joseph DiSalvo** (Supervisory Liquidation Specialist JFK) was presented with a Special Certificate from the Commissioner of Customs for 45 years of Exemplary Service reached on Nov 12, 2018. Congratulation Guru!!!

Fraternally,

*Philip Maddalena*

President