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Dear Members,

Our 71st Annual Dinner Dance is just 5 weeks away. It will be held on Sat, May 11, 2019 at Leonard’s Palazzo located at 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY 11201. For the 2nd year in a row we have contracted to have our affair on a Saturday night in the hope we will be able to draw more people to our event. We especially hope to see our former Honorees in attendance to support this worthwhile affair. I look forward to hearing from you.

I’m sure our members & friends have taken notice that The Columbia Association has the least expensive tickets for any Saturday night affair. It is only \$100 per person. Although we have kept our prices at a minimum, we have not been able to draw enough participants to meet our contract every year. I have made our Officers aware of this very serious problem. Their advice to me the past couple of years is to cancel our Annual Dinner Dance in the future & concentrate our future efforts on our Italian Heritage Day Luncheon in October. I didn’t want to do that, but I see now that we have no choice but to cancel all future events in May. Our 71st will then be our last Dinner Dance to be held in the evening. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you disagree. We are asking our members & friends to support us in our endeavors by attending our functions.

71ST ANNUAL DINNER DANCE.....will be held at Leonard’s Palazzo located at 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY 11201. The Honorees for this year’s event are **James Forkan**, Branch Chief NYC and **Ralph Tramantano**, Businessman Senior Director at Supply Chain Stone Source, LLC. Please make plans to attend & enjoy our 71st Final Dinner Dance. I look forward to meeting & greeting you.

37TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....will be held on Fri June 14, 2019 at Clearview Golf Course 202-12 Willets Point Blvd, Queens, NY. Flyers will be posted immediately after our May 11, 2019 Dinner Dance. Please make plans to attend.

BIRTHS.....congratulations to **Rich Pahopin** (ret Deputy Chief NWK) & wife **Ella**. Their son **Anthony** & wife **Danielle** presented them with a baby boy, **Anthony, Jr**.

CONGRATULATIONS.....**Kristin Palazzolo**, daughter of **Priscilla Palazzolo** (ret CBP National Targeting and Security Specialist) and **Anthony DiSalvo**, son of **Anne DiSalvo** and **Joe DiSalvo** (CBP Supervisory Liquidation Specialist) were engaged in August 2018. They will be married in October 2019.

RETIREES.....**Maria Ruzza** (Mission Support Specialist JFK), wife of **Luigi Ruzza** (CBPO), ret in Jan after 35 years of service and **Barry Friedlander** (Program Manager) ret in March.

SICK.....**John Swift** (ret CBPO JFK) recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He’s undergoing chemo at Moffit Cancer Center in Florida. John says of treatment, “So Far, So Good”...**Rich Pahopin** (ret Deputy Chief NWK) underwent chemo at Sloan Kettering Hospital for Stage 4 Cancer. Rich says doctors gave him a good report. Please pray for John & Rich.

NEWEST LIFETIME MEMBER.....thank you to **Jerry Perelman** (ret CBPO) for your Life Membership.

DECEASED.....**Henry Montanus** (ret Legacy Customs Inspector), the Father of **April Cutuli** (NIS), passed away in Feb...**Joseph Eng** (ret Legacy Customs Supv NWK) passed away in Mar...**William Van Raab** (former Commissioner of Customs 1977) passed away in Feb...Father of **Bill Losco** (ret Auditor) passed

away...wife of **Bill Landhauser** (ret CBPO), **Pat Landhauser** passed away in Jan. Please pray for our deceased.

CHATTER.....Marilyn Yevoli (ret Import Sepecialist JFK) replied to our Dec Newsletter and said she was happy to hear from old friends. Marilyn says hello to all from Arizona...**Ed Nagel** (Director of FP&F NWK) also sends his regards...**Maddie Bowers** (Maddalena Beltrami) Former Head of Entry in California, promises to come to NY to attend one of our functions in the future...**Rosanna Licitra** (ret S/A JFK) also sends her regards. Nice to see Rosanna & her daughter at the recent FOP fundraiser Bowling night in Rockville Centre...**Joe Accardi** (President Jagro Air Services) is now located in Deer Park, Long Island has invited me to join him for lunch. Let's do it Joe!!...also talked to **Joe Cozza** (President Tuvia Logistics). What a nice guy. Joe may be selling his company...**Mike Baratta** also sends his regards from Corbett International...**Lisa Mahn** writes on Facebook how much she enjoys our Newsletter. Just writing Lisa's name brings a smile to my face. Luv Ya!...Before I forget, why don't we all thank **John Khantzian** (ret CBP Supervisor JFK) for planning the monthly breakfast at Mitchel's Restaurant in Valley Stream??...always nice to talk to **Al Cangiarella** (Former President of Columbia Association). Al lives in Conn & I'm happy to say he calls me a couple of times a year...it was nice to get a Christmas Card from **Debbi Zezima** (former Insp JFK) who transferred to Texas many years ago & became a Supervisor for the Federal Maritime Commission in Houston. Debbie writes that her husband is in Stage 4 Heart Failure & is limited in his daily activities. She had a Heart Attack herself. All is well now! Debbie's daughter **Ariana**, who was one of our Scholarship winners, finished her Master's in Education at Johns Hopkins & is contemplating to teach & pursue her PHD at Harvard! Very proud Ariana & Debbie!!! If you should come back home, let's have dinner together. Please stay in touch...guess who I ran into at Costco in Long Beach? **Bill Evans** (ret CBPO JFK) & wife **Andrea**. What a nice couple...**Jerry Monaco** (ret Assistant Area Director JFK) & wife **Donna** are beaming. Their daughter **Toriann** passed her CPA & is now working for Ernst & Young. Wow! Congratulations!...me and my beautiful **Margie** spent a great evening at the Semantics 50th Anniversary Celebration at Roma View in Howard Beach with my very good Customs family – **Jerry & Donna Monaco, Joe & Anne DiSalvo, Ray Zizzo & Julie, Debbie & Vincent Carriero....Sal Calise** (IT Specialist JFK) just became a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus. Sal is a Past Grand Knight of St. Bernard's Council in Bergen Beach, Brooklyn, NY.

DUES ARE DUE!!! ...only \$20 a year and Lifetime Membership \$200.

Fraternally,

Phil

Philip Maddalena
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71st Annual Dinner & Dance

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Man of the Year

honoring

James Forkan

Branch Chief

NCSO Office of Trade

Ralph Tramantano

Senior Director - Supply Chain

Stone Source LLC

To be held at:

Leonard's Palazzo

555 Northern Boulevard
Great Neck, NY 11201
516-487-7900



Cocktail Hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Dinner & Dancing 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Donations: \$100.00 per person

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