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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....What a Summer! Plenty of rain, plenty of hot weather but don’t complain, we have the snow to look forward to!! I’m happy to see that our Annual Dinner Dance is over. Times are changing, as us old timers keep reminding you. It’s not getting any easier to get people to attend our functions but try we will!! Don’t forget Thurs, Oct. 3, 2019! Our 23rd Annual Italian Heritage Day Luncheon to be held at Russo’s on the Bay in Howard Beach. Can’t say who our Honorees are right now but we are trying to interest a special person who works in Washington DC, in the White House. Hopefully they will accept! Keep your fingers crossed!!

71ST ANNUAL DINNER DANCE.....was held on Sat, May 11, 2019 at Leonard’s Palazzo in Great Neck, NY. Thanks to our Honorees, **James Forkan**, Branch Chief NYC & **Ralph Tramantano**, Senior Director at Supply Chain Stone Source, LLC. Thanks also to our members for making the evening successful.

37TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....was held on Fri, June 14, 2019 at Clearview Golf Course in Queens. My sincere thanks to our members & friends for making our golf outing another success! A special thanks to our Benefactors who donated all the gifts for our special raffle and giveaway gifts to our players.

23RD ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....will be held on Thur, Oct. 3, 2019 at Russo’s on the Bay in Howard Beach, Queens. As most of you are aware, now that we will no longer be having our Annual D/D in May, this event will be the only function for our members & friends of the Columbia Association to attend. It will become our Major Fundraiser for all of our Charitable Endeavors & Scholarship Program. Last year we had 320 people attend. I have no doubt that with the continued support of our membership & friends at JFK, Port Elizabeth, NWK, Teterboro, WTC, Varick St & LaGuardia, we will succeed. Hope to see you in 9 weeks!!!

CONGRATULATIONS.....**Louise LoBello**, daughter of the great **Russ LoBello** (Deputy Chief NWK). is interning for U.S. Fish & Wildlife. She recently graduated from Rutgers University receiving her Master’s Degree. Congrats again to the **LoBello** Family!!, daughter **Ellie** got engaged to her prince charming Kyle... **Daniella DeFrancisci**, daughter of **Dylan DeFrancisci** (Port Director, Port Everglades/Ft Lauderdale), made her 1st Holy Communion...congrats also to **Peter Quaglia** (S/A in Charge ret) on the graduation of his daughter **Samantha** with her Master’s as a Physician’s Assistant. She will be starting a Fellowship in the ER at Mercy Medical Center in the fall. Older daughter **Lisa Quaglia** is working as a licensed mental health counselor in Brick Town, NJ...also to **Lauren Casquarelli**, daughter of **Paul Casquarelli** (SCBP JFK ret) upon her graduation from Malloy College with a Master’s Degree in Math Ed...**Thomas Mauro** (SCBP) celebrating the Confirmation of his son **Jake**...**Wayne Biondi** (Port Director Dulles ret) family is celebrating daughter **Lauren’s** graduation in May...ret JFK SCBPO **Harvey Davis** & wife **Andrea** (daughter of former Customs OVP **Dan Bellafiore**) are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Samantha Leigh** to **Mr. Uri Berkowitz**. The blessed event took place on May 26, 2019. Ret CBP Officers **Stan Dividowitz**, **Dick Treacy** & **Bill Evans** with their wives attended the nuptials and all had a splendid time!

BIRTHS.....**Lucille & Bill Ward** (CBP Officers JFK ret) are happy to say daughter **Marianne** & husband **Ryan** are the proud parents of their new Granddaughter, **Jessica Diane Wegener** born on Apr. 12. She joins the Wegener household that includes big brother **Andrew William** who turned 2 on Jun. 2 & their golden retriever Carmel... **Joan Mazzola** (NIS ret) shares this good news – son, **John Mazzola** (ACS Client Rep at Chicago CBP) & his wife **Julie**, Dir at Ronald McDonald House of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana, adopted

a beautiful baby girl. **Cosette Brooklyn Mazzola** was born on Apr. 20, 7lbs 9 ozs. Joan Mazzola, who now lives in FL, joined them in Chicago to meet her 1st Grandchild & to attend the Court Ceremony.

RETIREES.....JFK – CBPO’s **Richard Worthingham, Pamela Fisher, Marguerite Caropolo**, Supv CBP **Mike Ginsberg** & CBP Agriculture Technician **Irma Torres**...NWK – PAPD **Jason Cirillo**...20 & out...I remember Jason as a dynamic Inspector at JFK. Almost forgot **Dean Dimotsis** (Asst Port Director JFK). Good Luck Retirees!!

SICK.....**John Buonincontri** (CBPO JFK) was in the hospital with Atrial Fib...**Reilly Dundon** (S/A ret) is recovering from Knee Surgery. Also sorry to hear his wife, **Ginny** is being treated for Stage Four Cancer... sorry to hear **Santo Ponticello** (Sr Insp JFK ret) was in St. Francis Hospital with a Bladder Infection. Santo is now at home feeling better...**Bob Meekins** (Asst Port Director JFK ret) on the mend from broken hip. Please pray for our sick.

DECEASED.....**Charles Dazzo** (SCBPO NWK ret) passed on May 11, 2019...**Richard Lewanowski** (Sr Insp JFK ret) passed on Jun 5, 2019...**Harry Wolf** (Sr Insp JFK ret)...**Frank Freidinger** (Supv Agriculture Spec JFK)...**Wally Kingman** (Asst Chief Cargo Branch JFK ret) passed on Jul.22, 2019...**Ed Coyne** (SCBPO JFK ret)...**Bob Audeich** (Insp JFK ret)...**John McDonald** (Insp JFK ret) passed away in Jan. I met John a couple of years ago at the Mirage. He worked as a Sec Off...**P. T. White** (SCBPO JFK ret)...**James Sanfilippo** (Deputy Chief Miami) passed on Jul. 9, 2019...**Anna C. Taddeo**, Mother of **Terry Taddeo** (Intl Analyst ret)...**Joseph Russo**, Father of **Tom Russo** (Director NCSO NYC ret) passed on Jul. 18, 2019...**Deborah Davis** (former Cust Officer), Daughter of the late **Earle Davis** (SCBP JFK ret). Please pray for our deceased.

CHATTER..... happy to announce **Dylan DeFrancisci** (Port Director Port Everglades/Ft Lauderdale) will serve as the Acting Port Director, NY/NWK Effective Jul 29... **Sal Ingrassia** who will serve as Asst Port Director JFK, Trade Operations Effective Aug. 4... thanks to my brother, **Frank Maddalena** (in FL) for donating two tickets to our May 11 Annual D/D at Leonard’s. Also, Happy Birthday on May 11!!...**Vito Gualario** (NIS ret) who also couldn’t make our May 11 affair sent a donation for our Scholarship Fund. Thanks Vito! Our congrats to your Grandson **Ronald** on completing his 2nd year of Medical School & will be assigned to Atlantic City Hospital under a special Program to round out his 3rd year of study. Hope you & **Virginia** can make our 23rd Annual Italian Heritage Day Luncheon on Thurs, Oct. 3...Congratulations to **Dean Dimotsis** (Asst Port Director JFK) on his retirement. Dean was invited to Washington DC recently with his team from the Mail Branch for a Special Award for the numerous Opioid interdictions at JFK...our own **Robert Perez** (Deputy Commissioner) has become quite a celebrity on TV defending our CBP Officers on U.S. Borders...nice to see picture on FB of **James Garr** (Lifetime Member of Columbia Assoc.) with his Mom & Dad at Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game. James is a Spec Agent working out of Pittsburgh...Happy to hear from **Luccio Ricci** (Auditor ret) that he is enjoying retirement traveling the world. Thanks for your dues!...Nice to talk to **Larry Raffaele** (SCI NWK ret) on FB...**Joe Impara** (Cust Insp JFK ret) joined our April Breakfast at Mitchells Restaurant in Valley Stream...**Raffaella Zanetti**, daughter of **Cathy Currid** (Trade Branch Chief JFK) & **Henry Zanetti** (Chief of Staff JFK ret), graduated from Herrick’s HS with a weighted average of 4.14 and is headed to Vassar College. She also played cello in last year’s Nat’l Champion HS String Orchestra. Their son **Michael** is moving up from 8th Grade to HS after winning the School Nat’l Geographic Bee for 2nd time in 3 yrs. He qualified for State Tournament in Albany...nice talking to **Jay Alweis** (Imp Spec JFK) on my last visit to JFK. Ditto to **Joe DiSalvo** (Exec V.P. JFK)!...nice to hear **Joseph & Megan DiSalvo** (Joe’s Son & Daughter-in-law) are expecting their 2nd child this year!...for those of you attending our monthly breakfast at Mitchell’s in Valley Stream, please see **John Khantzian** (SCBPO JFK ret) so he doesn’t have to go around the restaurant making collections. Let’s help him out!...I sympathize with him!...Would you believe I still haven’t collected from some who attended our Annual D/D held on May 11?? I wish **Harold Badaracco** (Chief Passenger JFK ret) was still active. He always made sure everyone paid. Miss ya pal!...some old members of my team at Bldg #77 asked about **Nicole Rulnick**. Any info anyone???

***** DUES *****

Letters are now in the mail notifying those members who are in arrears of their Annual Dues! As a suggestion, so as not to be in remiss yearly with your dues payment, we have a Onetime Lifetime Membership of \$200. If we do not receive your payment for this year, we will assume you do not wish to remain a member and will be removed from our mailing list and from any future announcements from the Columbia Association.

While we’re discussing our dues, how about our non-members on our mailing list think about joining our organization?? Please send us an email & we will forward you an application. **There are many advantages to being a member of the Columbia Association!!** It is your dues that allow us to assist & serve those that need our help. Thank you for your past support & we ask you to continue supporting the Columbia Association in the work we do.

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