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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....**I hope everyone had a joyous Holiday. Unfortunately we are still fighting the Corona Virus Pandemic. Be cautious and continue to wear your face masks in public. Personally, I will try to live like a hermit for the next two months to avoid contracting the Corona 19 Virus. I will go out only to purchase milk, bread & my penthouse magazine. My subscription ran out! I will request the vaccine when it becomes available in Valley Stream. If you are going stir crazy staying cooped up, give me a call. I would love to talk to you. God Bless you all! Have a Happy New Year! Arrivederci, Good Bye & Good Riddance 2020!!

**CONGRATULATIONS.....**Bill Kuntz (CBPO NWK ret) is planning a 2021 wedding...Helena Stanzione (CBPO JFK) overjoyed that daughter Phabiana was engaged to Prince Charming, Jorge!

**PLEASE READ BELOW.....**for the benefit of our Members and friends, read message from Ray Ciccolilli (CBPO ret)...

Dear Phil,

*I have tried contacting you a couple of times. I need your assistance in finding any non-smokers who may have suffered health consequences because Customs did nothing for more than a decade when they were mandated to do so. We have one person who has developed a serious medical condition directly related to ETS (Environmental Tobacco Smoke). I told people on the job, if in the future anyone developed any medical condition as a result of ETS, to make sure they contacted me. Now I am trying to contact them. There may be people out there who suffered or died from the effects of ETS. These people are still covered by Federal Workman’s Compensation even if they retired 20 or 30 years ago. If there are any people out there or their surviving family members, I want to try to find them. You have the means to assist me.*

Thank you,

Ray Ciccolilli

**Please contact Ray at [ciccolilli@netzero.com](mailto:ciccolilli@netzero.com)**

**RETIRED.....**Russ LoBello (Deputy Chief CBP NWK). Because of the Corona 19, there was not an official sendoff party for Russ. We look forward to a retirement party in the future. Thanks Russ for your dedication to The Columbia Association, especially arranging for volunteers to participate in our Annual Columbus Day Parade up 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in NYC and our luncheons afterward. Your role all these years as our Vice President Representing Newark and the Seaport were invaluable Paisan! And also your dedication to our Annual Italian Heritage Day Luncheon at Russo’s on the Bay insured a successful affair for the past 23 years. You will be a living legend in the Annuals of the U.S. Customs Columbia Association. God Bless you

and your family. Please keep in touch. Your help is always needed. Love ya Pal!...Congratulations to **Linda Welter Jacksta** (Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Operation Support at U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Washington DC) who has now officially retired. I am proud to say I knew Linda and her husband to be, **Bob Jacksta**, at JFK when they were courting. Good Luck Linda as you join your husband Bob in retirement. You both have earned it! Stay Healthy!!

**SICK.....****Peter Pietrowski** (Supervisor CBPO JFK ret) underwent 45 radiation treatments over 9 weeks. Not sure what they were for. Pete is feeling upbeat about his treatments. How about some prayers for Pete to make sure they are working...**John Swift** writes to say, "Hi Phil, Hoping you are feeling better & staying safe. I'm doing pretty well. It's been just over 6 months since my Stem Cell Transplant. My Bone Marrow biopsy of two weeks ago shows no sign of the bad leukemia cells. My good blood cells are gradually increasing, so I'm getting a little better every day. No bad signs of rejecting. Still have a way to go but feeling well and looking forward to eventually full good health. God has blessed me. Thank you for your concern and prayers. I know it helped. Stay safe. Be well and God Bless". John retired from JFK as a CBPO. His email is john.swift@earthlink.net. Please email John to keep his spirits up!...**Fred Iavarone** (CBPO JFK ret) underwent Cardiac Eye Surgery. Fred is at home recuperating...**Inez Sauer** (Entry Specialist JFK) underwent Knee Surgery Nov. 4 and is now recuperating at home. Inez is the wife of **Mike Sauer** (Chain Specialist CTPAT JFK). Get Well Soon!!! **Please pray for our sick.**

**DECEASED.....****Giustina Pavone**, the Mother of **Jerry Pavone** (Deputy Chief JFK ret) and **Joanne Pavone** (Intel Analyst ret) passed away 10/11/20...**Al DeAngelus, Jr** (former Deputy Commissioner of U.S. Customs) passed away 11/4/10...**Santo Ponticello** (Sr. Insp. JFK ret) also known affectionally as "The Pope" passed quietly & peacefully in his sleep on 11/6/20. Thanks for all the laughs Santo!...**Bernie Vintaloro** (Supervisor Firearms Insp JFK ret) passed away on 12/1/20. Always enjoyed your company Bernie!...**Mike Douglas** (Douglas Messenger Service) passed away on 10/30/20. Mike suffered a Massive Heart Attack. RIP Mike. Thanks for your friendship...**Nick Treppiedi, Jr.** (Overton Brokers) passed away 11/21/20. **Please pray for our deceased.**

**CHATTER.....****Jack Russo** (Insp NWK ret) called to say hello...**Al Barnett** & wife **Arlene** celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary...happy to hear from **John Naclerio** (Director Mission Support ret). John proudly states that his son **Michael** is expecting his 1<sup>st</sup> baby in Dec. John has been retired 15 years and is teaching at Nassau College in Long Island...really surprised to hear from **Joe DiMaria** (National Import Specialist NYC ret). Joe celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on Nov 16 and had Valve Replacement recently. He and his wife **Gregorio** are enjoying their 8 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren. Good luck Joe!

Fraternally,  
*Phil*  
Phil Maddalena  
President