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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**.....Another month has passed and the only good news I have to pass along is I have received both my Pfizer vaccine shots. I miss driving out to JFK to visit Customs & Broker friends but most of them are working from home. I do run into some of my friends when I go food shopping. They recognize me even with my mask on but I don’t recognize them. It’s embarrassing! I hate the mask. I know I should just stay home and order what I need and have it delivered. That’s what my friends say. I don’t want to hear that anymore! Give me my life back. OK, I’ll shut up!!! I miss you all! God Bless and take care of yourselves.

**JFK CHANGES**.....**Mr. Robert Larkin** (current Port Director Detroit, MI) was appointed Acting Port Director, JFK Airport effective March 29, 2021...**Mr. Salvatore Ingrassia** (left his position as Acting Port Director JFK) to become Assistant Director of Field Operations at the New York Center for Intelligence Tarketing and Enforcement...Current JFK Airport Chief of Staff is **Michael D’Amato**...**Andrew Renna** is now the Assistant Port Director at JFK Airport.

**SAVE THE DATE**.....October 7, 2021 is the scheduled date for our Annual Italian Heritage Luncheon at Russo’s On The Bay. Get ready to celebrate getting out of the house and being together. If you have your vaccine shots, please support us. We have over four months to put this together. I am waiting for your suggestions about our plans for this affair!! Please speak your mind!

**CONGRATULATIONS**.....to **Jerry & Donna Monaco**. Their daughter **Toni Ann Monaco** was engaged to her Prince Charming, **Jesse Optiz** on Sept. 2020...Congrats to **Don Ambrosio & wife Joann** (TriLink) on their 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary...**Bill Kuntz** (ret CBPO NWK) married his Princess **Pam** on Fri, Apr. 23, 2021...**Tom Falanga** (ret Director C-TPAT JFK) and **wife Maureen**, celebrated their 39<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Apr. 25, 2021...**Mike Sauer** (Security Specialist JFK) received the Emergency Medical Award from the Woodmere Fire Dept. His sons, **Nick and Joseph** also received Civilian Awards from the Woodmere Fire Dept.

**BIRTHS**.....**Angelo Sferrazza and wife Maria** welcomed baby boy Anthony into the world on Dec. 30, 2020. Let’s celebrate!...**Mike Hegler** (ret Supervisory Customs Insp. NWK) **and wife Laura** announced the birth of their Granddaughter **Kori** in Feb. 2021...**Joe Mannucci** (ret Deputy Chief NWK) **and his wife Jill** announced the birth of second Grandchild, **Cole Anthony**, also in Feb 2021...**Santiago Villa** (ret Supv Insp NWK) **and wife Linda**, announced the birth of their third Granddaughter.

**RETIREES**.....**James Wiley** (Import Specialist JFK)...**Bruce Hadley** (NCSO) after 54 years with Customs...**Sharon Marra** (Regulatory Audit NWK) after 33 years on May 1...and **Frank (The Prince) Anton** (Supervisory Insp JFK) after 50 years of service.

**DECEASED**.....heard from **Tom McGoey** (ret Sr Insp JFK) that **Tom Roland**, the former DD of USINS at JFK, died in Dec 2020 at 92 years old...**Bruce Anderson** (Sr Insp) passed away in Nov 2020 of a heart attack...**Marshal Goldberg** (ret Import Spec JFK) passed on Jan 27, 2021 of Covid 19...**Janice Scotti** (ret Import Specialist JFK) passed away Jan 26, 2021. Janice worked on my team at JFK. Love Ya Beautiful!...**Kim Santos** (ret Director of Cargo NYC) passed in Feb 2021...**Nat Charatan** (ret Import Specialist JFK) passed away from Multiple Myeloma on Mar 3, 2021. When I was promoted to Team Leader at

JFK, Nat was the 1<sup>st</sup> Import Spec to work for me. I will never forget him. What a character! I went to both of his weddings. God Love You Nat!...Dolores Daversa (Sr Insp NWK) passed Jan 2021...**Richard Rinaldi** (Sr Insp NY Seaport) passed on Apr 21, 2021...**Barry Biedin** (ret Sr Insp JFK) passed away from Alzheimers on Feb 4, 2021...**George Clarke** (ret Sr Insp JFK)...**Theresa Ingrassia**, the beloved Mother of **Salvatore Ingrassia**, passed away on Feb 6, 2021...**Bernice McCormick**, the beloved wife of **John McCormick** (Deceased Supv CBP) passed away on Feb 12 from Covid 19...**Joel Rubin** (ret Information Management Specialist JFK) passed away on Nov 13, 2020...**John Martuge**, the beloved John Martuge who retired in June 1, 2002 as The Commissioner of Field Agents. I am happy to say when I reported to 201 Varick St, NYC, my first day in the Bureau of Customs in 1968, I was assigned to John who was the GS-9 Import Specialist on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor. I was The Opener-Verifier-Packer GS-2 for Mr. Martuge. It was the beginning of a long friendship for two guys from Brooklyn. For those of you who are not aware, John passed away on Feb 13, 2021. He somehow passed on from a very serious gallbladder infection. God Bless You John!. Please know that you legacy here on earth is set in stone. We love you Pal!...**Mario DiChiara** (CBP Officer JFK) while on duty at JFK had a heart attack and passed away on Apr 23, 2021. God Bless You Mario. Please know that your Customs Family will be there for your wife and sons. Please Pray for Our Deceased.

**JFK HONOR GUARD.....**a very special thanks to the Honor Guard at John Martuge's Memorial Mass. They were **Supervisor, Michael Sceri and CBP Officers, Kevin Brodley, Nelson Cruz, Christina Dengler, Cindy Reyna and Daniel Ruiz and Bag Piper CBP Officer, John Danaher.**

**DECEASED BROKERS.....****Carmine Cuomo**, a long time Customs Broker at JFK who last worked for Total Port Customs Brokers. I count Carmine, who was known by all his friends as "Snookie" as one of my most treasured friends. God Love You Pal!...**Lenny Huie**, a well-known Customs Broker who everyone knew for his wonderful smile and sense of humor...**Richard Darnowski** of New Age Customs Brokers was shocked recently in FL upon the sudden loss of his beloved **wife Andrea** in Jan 2021.

**SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP.....**This may be of interest to some: St Peters Boy's H.S. on Staten Island has a **Scholarship** available (The O'Malley Scholarship) which is for relatives of NYPD, FDNY & U.S. Customs Employees. Thomas O'Malley is the Benefactor. His father was a Customs Insp in 50's – 70's on the Seaport. For more info, interested parties should contact Jack Moraca at SPBHS 718-447-1676.

**CHATTER.....**Hi **Joe Mannucci** (ret Deputy Chief NWK), always good talking to you. Joe informed me the following retirees met recently for dinner in NJ. They are **Ellen Doll-Schmidt, Mary Beth Macintosh, Donna (Jaskula) Mannisi, Diane (Gress) Mello, Terri Taddeo, Terri Madsen Pollitt, Judy Wolf, Linda Villa & Joszt Rosensweig.** The regular golfers are **John Nolan, Gary Orvetz, John O'Brien, Tony Maresca, William Backlund, Richard Cotugno, Donald Pollitt, Richard Schmidt, Charles Latta, Franklin Dobbins, John Dietze, Al Donofrio, Joe Lopez, Russ LoBello and Joe Mannucci.** The following 9 retirees had dinner on Apr 5, 2021 at Camillo's in Sayreville, NJ – **Mike Zitowsky, Paul Russo, Jack Pitalon, Richie Cotugno, Larry Tanacredi Joe Mannucci, Mario Tilelli, Peter Genco and Tom Hickey...to Ed Oakey** (ret Sr Insp JFK), my Son **Frank Maddalena** (Security Specialist JFK) and I stopped by the Dunkin Donuts in Sloatsburg on the way to Tuxedo & Greenwood Lake. Frank mentioned to me that you guys were in the same module at JFK. It was a great ride but no hunting...nice talking to **Marie Ajami** (ret Entry Officer JFK). Did you know that Marie was the Secretary for Regional Commissioner Michael Stromiello and Ferdiand Gallozzi before she came to JFK? Marie says she is happily retired 8 years...**Chris Kane** (Customs Attorney) writes that he enjoys reading our Newsletters.

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