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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....A simple Thank You to our Members & Friends is not adequate enough to express my gratitude for the support you showed for our 24th Annual Italian Heritage Day Luncheon at Russo’s on the Bay on Thur. Oct. 7 2021. Your presence, in spite of the threat of the Covid 19, will be remembered by the Members of the U.S. Customs Columbia Association forever. As President, I promise to continue our Programs: Scholarships, Charities, Encouraging Ties of Friendship among all Employees & Members and to foster better understanding among all ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. Thank You for supporting all our programs.

24TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....was held at Russo’s on the Bay on Thur. Oct. 7, 2021. We honored our Members and Loyal Supporters of the Columbia Association at this event. We also had the pleasure to Honor Deputy Chief **Russ LoBello**, our Newark Vice President for the Columbia Association who retired from CBP earlier in 2021. I notified Russ’s Brothers what our intentions were and they attended without Russ’s knowledge. Thank you Russ for your dedication to our Columbia Association. In my 50 years with the Columbia Association you were one of the most dedicated Members. God Bless you Pal!

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION GIFTS.....Those who attended our Heritage Luncheon were presented with a gift...a cloth shopping bag embossed with the name of the Columbia Association with a 2022 Pocket Planner and an embossed Columbia Association Pen. We have additional Gift Bags available for our members. I will make arrangements for all Members at JFK to receive these bags at Bldg #77. I will also make arrangements for those Members that work at Newark, the Trade Center and Varick St. They are also available to our Retired Members willing to pay for shipping charges or visiting my home in Valley Stream, LI to receive them (with Covid safety in mind). I am open for any other suggestions for you to receive our Gift Bags. Thanks for your interest!

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE...was held on Mon, Oct 11, 2021 on 5th Ave in NYC. As usual the Columbia Association lined up on 47th St with all the other Law Enforcement Groups. My gratitude to the NYPD Columbia Association for making breakfast available to all members of the U.S. Customs Columbia Group. The JFK Explorer Group accepted our invitation and marched with us once again. For the interest of our Members who are retired and would like to march with us in the Annual Columbus Day Parade, I am considering hiring a bus to transport us from JFK to NYC and back to JFK to enjoy a Luncheon at Bldg #77. If you would be interested, please let me know. Family members would be welcomed. It’s a great experience and maybe you could see yourself on TV. Of course, the Columbia Association would pay for the bus!!

RETIRED.....**Joe DiSalvo** (Supervisory Liquidation Specialist), **Samir Attia** (Supervisory Entry Specialist), **Michele Torres** (Supervisory Import Specialist), **Joanne Tesoriero** (Supervisory Import Specialist), **Robert McFarland** (CBP Officer), **Dawn Barrett** (Liquidation Specialist NWK), **Sabina Marie DeSantis White** (Asst Field Officer Director) and **Jamie Alvarado** (CBPO NWK).

JOE DISALVO.....Good Luck to our Executive V.P. **Joe DiSalvo**. Thank you for supporting me and the Columbia Association all these years. Our work with the Columbia Association has improved the lives of many others and that was something special! While the Covid has split up our lives for now, it will not last forever. Thanks for your friendship and support.

SAMIR ATTIA.....Good Luck to my special friend **Samir Attia** (Special Assistant Columbia Association). Samir is one of those special people who just by saying hello, he makes you smile. I will always treasure your friendship Pal!

CONGRATULATIONS.....**Bill Kuntz** (ret CBP Officer NWK) proud to announce the engagement of his daughter, **Justine Kuntz** to Corrections Officer **Walter Hurst** of Millbrook, NY. Walter has been a Corrections Officer with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. The two were engaged in April 2020 and are planning to get married on Oct. 22, 2022 in Poughkeepsie, NY.

SICK.....**Dom Calise** (ret Deputy Chief NWK) was in the hospital with diverticulitis and had part of his colon removed. Pray for Dom that he is doing well!...**Laura Chiavelli**, President of Reliable Shipping is fighting a good fight against cancer. What a lady! I love her! Please pray for her recovery.

DECEASED.....**Al Cangiarella** passed away 7/26/21 at 90 years old. **Al was past President of the Columbia Association & ret Head of Entry Division NY Seaport.** I succeeded Al as President in 1984. He was always a good friend and mentor to me. He retired to CT and called me at least 6 times a year to talk about old times. Thank you for your support & friendship Al...**Fred Boyett (Regional Commissioner NY Tri State Region).** He was 90 years old. Mr. Boyett was hands on with everyone & everything. During Mr. Boyett's reign GS-7's were earning \$6,938 a year. This position was supposed to be a stepping stone to Inspector, Agent, Import Specialist, etc. We never envisioned it to be what it is today. I had the pleasure of working for Mr. Boyett. If there was a Hall of Fame for Regional Commissioners, Mr. Boyett would be at the top of the list. God Bless you Commissioner!...**Robert Cavallone** (Deputy Chief JFK) passed 7/22/21...**Pete Arnone** (Senior Special Agent SAC NY) passed 6/27/21...**Mike Smolin** (SCP Officer) passed Aug 2021...**Charles Slepatis** (ret) passed after a long illness...Mother of **Anthony Como** passed away from a heart attack on 8/14/2021. She would have celebrated her 63rd Anniversary with her Husband Joseph on 9/7/21.

CHATTER.....**Larry Raffaella** (ret Supervisory Inspector NWK) into heavy babysitting for two Grandsons in PA...heard from **Paul Falbo** (ret CBP Officer JFK). He's babysitting full time for his Grandchildren. **Kathy Falbo**, Paul's Daughter who won our Scholarship in 2001, has been teaching Spanish & Italian in the **Plainview/Old Bethpage School District for the past 10 years.** By the way Paul, I didn't know Vincent's Restaurant in Howard Beach closed!!...I was overjoyed to hear from **Vincent Luongo** (Sr Special Agent SAC NY). Vincent said he and his wife celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary with their family at the TWA Terminal in November. They had a great time. Vin and wife **Christina** beaming as their Daughter **Kaitlin** blessed them with their 1st Grandchild, **Jack** in August 2020. Vin also says one of the JFK Inspectors he keeps in touch with is **Al Creais**. Al retired in the 1990's. Wow! I would love to talk to Al. Please give him my email address Vin...happy to see Customs Broker **Jimmy Jannello** at our Italian Heritage Luncheon. Thanks for the generous donation, Pal. Let's stay in touch!...a big thank you to JFK CBP Officer's **Al Marciante** and **Angelo Sferrazza** for keeping in touch with me via email to see how I am doing. I appreciate your concern and friendship. Stay in touch guys.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO PORT OF NY/NJ CBP HONOR GUARDS.....who presided at the wake of **Past President of Columbia Association Alphonse Cangiarella.** I personally greeted them at Al's wake. I was so proud of them. They were **SCBPO Peter Gonzalez, CBPO Jeremiah Ninal & CBPO Clarence Bugayong.** My gratitude to our Guardian Angel (S.I.) who made it possible.

MEMBERSHIP.....I met two of our newest CBP Officers at our Italian Heritage Day Luncheon – **Joseph Stavola and Joseph Gianni**, both from JFK. Thank you for becoming Lifetime Members of the Columbia Association. I look forward to both of you recruiting new members for the Columbia Association ASAP!!!

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Philip Maddalena
President

A Blessed and Safe Year to Everyone in 2022!