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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....Welcome to 2022 but we’re still fighting the Covid. We’re trying to get our lives back to as normal as possible. I visit the JFK Post Office at least once a month to check for mail for dues or official notices for the Columbia Association. Sometimes I make arrangements to meet some of our members at Bldg #77 to discuss Columbia Association business or to solicit a new member. It’s difficult to get into Bldg #77 or the Mail Branch to visit anyone so I have to usually ask our **JFK Vice President Frank Maddalena** (Supply Chain/Security Specialist JFK) to accompany me. The Covid doesn’t make it any easier for me when I show up with a mask on. Some people know me, most don’t. It’s embarrassing! The past couple of weeks, Frank & I were able to visit **CBP Supervisors Ron Suess & Joe Carosella** in Bldg 77 & **Chief Jamie Rocafuerte & Asst Chief Kim Ciccolella** at the Mail Branch. Continue to stay safe and God Bless.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION GIFTS.....those who attended our Heritage Day Luncheon were presented with a gift – a Cloth Tote Shopping Bag embossed with the name of the Columbia Association with a 2022 pocket planner & pen also embossed with the Columbia Association. We have additional gift bags available for our members or prospective members. I have made arrangements at JFK for all to receive these gift bags at Bldg #77 from **CBP Supervisor Ron Suess** at 2nd Floor Staff Office. You may also receive these gift bags at the Mail Branch from **Asst Chief Kim Ciccolella**. At the Trade Center NYC, please see **VP Pat Dellamura** (NISA) Office of Trade/CBP on the 51st Floor. In Newark NJ, please see **VP Frank Racanati** (Deputy Chief) for the tote bags & membership applications. Any other questions, please call me at 516-791-298 or email me at philmaddalena @hotmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to my Granddaughter **Samantha Maddalena** who completed and graduated grad school on Jan. 1, 2022...good luck to **Tom Mauro** (Supv CBP JFK) & wife **Denise Mauro** who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary...best of luck to **Anthony DiChiaro**, who was promoted to Deputy Chief at JFK on Jan. 20, 2022.

CBP CHAPLAIN.....**Patrick Orender**, the Assistant Director of the Intelligence and Targeting Branch (ITB) is now also a CBP Chaplain. This is a Non-Denominational Program available to all employees and their families having psychological and emotional problems. Pat is available at cell #202-834-9541, office #304-535-5386 or email at Patrick.Orenderjr@cbp.dhs.gov.

RETIRED.....**Lou Bacigalupo** (Supply Chain/Security Specialist JFK) retired after 50 years of service in Dec. 2021. Thanks for all of your service to the Columbia Association. I heard that **Mitchel Kirschenbaum** (Mail Clerk JFK Bldg #77) who has been out sick for many months has retired. I was Mitch’s 1st Supervisor at Bldg #80 when he started with U.S. Customs, many moons ago. I will try to get his phone number to call him and wish him well. Other retirees during the Covid era – **John Bilotti** (Supply Chain), **Sam Stabile** (Dep Chief), **Supervisors Michele Torres, Joanne Tesoriero, Dean Dimotsis, Robert Redes, Mary Benzie, Mike Ginsberg, Sal Olosio & Heidi Nassauer**. Also retired are **Anthony Piazza, Anthony Como, John Ford Clark, Henry Dang, Robert Miller, Ester Fredericks, Ira Adler, Pan Fischer, Maria Ruzza, John DeSena, Ed Lehman, Barbara Santino, Irma Torres, Marguerite Caropolo, Frances DeFalco, Dan Barra, Barry Frielander, Gladys Vicente, Robert Weissbrunch, Richard Zyta and Linda Rosenzweig**

JOHN LOMBARDI.....good luck to our Treasurer and NISA (National Import Specialist Assistant). Thank you for supporting me and the Columbia Association all these years. Our work with the Columbia Association

has improved the lives of many of our co-workers and their families. Thank you for your friendship and dedication. Good Luck on your retirement.

JANE MANNE CORDERO.....good luck to our former Corresponding Secretary of the Columbia Association. Your assistance as one of our officers was invaluable to the success of our organization. In your career as a CBP Officer, you showed a dedication to your position that was commendable. Thank you for your friendship and dedication to Homeland Security. Good Luck on your retirement.

DECEASED.....**Cathy Chuipek** former VP to the Columbia Association at 6WTC and retired National Import Specialist Assistant. Thank you for your service Cathy. We were always proud of you....also passed **Fred Recupero** (ret Supv at JFK) passed on Jan. 3, 2022...**John Maher** (ret Insp JFK) passed at 89 on Jan. 27, 2022...**Mike Colon** (ret NWK Insp) in Jan 2022...**Anthony Centola** (ret Import Specialist JFK) passed on Jan. 5, 2022 from Alzheimer...also passed **Shelly Smolek** from Leukemia on Jan. 15, 2022. Shelly was the wife of **Norman Smolek** (ret Supv Entry Section JFK)...My sincere condolences on the passing of **Wanda Rich**. She lost her battle to Leukemia on Oct. 28, 2021. Wanda was the wife of **Ken Rich** (Former Supervisory Customs Specialist). He is now a Customs Specialist for Grunfeld, Desiderio. God Bless Wanda & Ken and thank you for your friendships! Please pray for our deceased.

SICK.....**Vincent Luongo** (ret S/A) had cancer related surgery done. Doctors feel everything was successful...**John Criscuolo** (ret Supv Entry JFK) had triple bypass at St. Francis Hospital on Long Island in Feb. John is now home doing well...**Tom McGoey** (ret Sr Insp JFK) had knee surgery and is now in Iger Rehab on Staten Island. Get Well Pal! Please pray for our sick.

CHATTER.....**John Bilotti** (ret Supply Chain/Security Specialist) & wife Barbara are now living in Maryland...Happy Birthday to a legend in **U.S. Customs, JFK Chief Harold Badaracco**, 80 years young!...**Bob Cicero** (ret CBP Officer JFK) informed me that he is having a home built in Venice, FL. It should be finished in Aug 2022. Good Luck, Pal!...nice to see and talk to **Coleen Goldstein** (Entry Supv JFK) at Bldg #77...also talked to **CBP Officers Frank Pedalino, Joe Carasella & CBP Mullin...** also visited Mail Branch to say hello to **Jamie Rocafuerte** (Chief) and **Kim Ciccolella** (Asst Chief)...spoke to **Bob Rainer** (ret Supervisor Imp Specialist JFK) in FL. Bob was 99 years young in Nov. He sounds great!...also talked to **Lorraine Henderson** (ret Port Director Boston)...talked to **Linda Rosenzweig** (ret JFK) who retired in Dec 2021. She was proud to say she became a Grandmother in July 2021. A little boy!...Thanks to **Pat & Robert Schiazzano** for their Christmas Card. Of course they are the wife & son of the late & great **Frank Schiazzano** (ret Branch Chief JFK). Loved your Norman Rockwell Card! (I saved the card!) Please keep in touch...nice having **Ken Rich** visit my home. We talked for about 4 hours...always nice talking to Richie Schmidt (Ret CBPO NWK).

MANNY ROSARIO "AUTHOR".....**Manny Rosario** (ret CBPO JFK) has written a book titled "Remembranzas Del Ayer". It is his autobiography written in Spanish. Manny says many Spanish speaking people will be happy to read it. The book can be purchased on Amazon, Apple 3Books, Google Play and Barnes & Noble or by calling Manny at 516-301-8876. Let's all purchase Manny's book so they will make a movie of his life story! Good Luck Manny!!

GoFundMe.....for **Olha Karetnikov**, girlfriend of **Frank Maddalena** (Supply Chain/Security Specialist). Her family resides in Ukraine and are attempting to leave the country. Currently, they've been unable to leave their homes in hopes to find salvation in the neighboring European countries. She is currently seeking options to get them out when the opportunity arises however, once they are able to leave the Ukraine they will need a fresh start after leaving everything behind. Our hope and ultimate goal would be to have them come to the US, but for now if they're able to go to Europe to seek refuge, she would like to raise funds to help them with temporary housing. She's provided a Gofundme fund to raise money for her family. To the many people out there that would love to make a difference and impact a family's life, I urge you to see it in your heart to donate. Any donation big or small would be much appreciated.

GoFundMe.....for **Judi Custini Zaza**, sister of **Louis Custini** (CBP Officer JFK). The fund is to help her with the tremendous influx of expense she now faces during this horrendous time because of the loss of her Son and her Mother's dementia. Your assistance is needed to help a fellow member of our organization.

DUES.....Thank you to the following members for payment of Dues for 2022 – **Jay Alweis, Frank Cicero, Richard Cotugno, Emil Grossi, Michael Jamison, Tom Mattina, Joan Prato & Anne Romano**. We are awaiting dues from 19 members for non-payment. Please help the Columbia Association.

Welcome to our newest member Kristen Tursellino!

Fraternally,

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Philip Maddalena
President