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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....hope you had a Merry & Blessed Christmas. One more day to celebrate the passing of the year 2022. Let’s all pray for a Healthy New Year 2023. Can’t believe how fast the year passed. It wasn’t a good year for the Columbia Association. We only recruited 7 members this year. My wish for 2023 is that I continue to hear from you. Keep the good news coming for our Newsletter! God Bless & Be Well!

25th ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON CELEBRATION...Thursday, October 6, 2022 was held at Russo’s on the Bay in Howard Beach, Queens. It was another successful affair with over 200 people attending. A big thanks to **Kim Ciccolella** (Assistant Chief JFK) & **Jamie Rocafuerte** (Chief JFK) for soliciting 46 people from the Mail Branch JFK to attend. Another Special thank you to our Corresponding Secretary **Jeanine Farinaccio** for your help at the entrance with everyone’s assigned seat. Congratulations to our Honorees **Bill Kuntz** (CBP Officer Newark ret) and **Eugene Gambardella** (Sr Import Specialist Newark). Thanks to **Joe Mannucci** (Deputy Chief ret NWK) for being our Master of Ceremonies, and to **Joe DiSalvo** (Supv Protest & Control JFK ret) for acknowledging our Former Honorees. Thank you to our JFK VP **Frank Maddalena** (Security Specialist C-TPAT JFK) for your invaluable assistance. Thank you all for your dedication to the Columbia Association all these years. Our sincere thanks to the Honorees for having their immediate families present.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to **Anthony Mandarino**, the son of **Mike Mandarino** (Analysis Specialist ret) & **Gloria Galdieri** (Supv Entry Spec JFK ret). Anthony has been hired by the Town of Hempstead as the new IT Specialist. Good Luck Pal!...**Wayne Biondi** celebrated his 60th Birthday at the Hyatt Regency in Dulles, VA with family & friends...**Vince Lombardi** (former Sr Insp JFK) celebrated his 90th birthday in August. We worked together at JFK. Vince is the father of **John Lombardi** who retired recently as NISA at 201 Varick St...**Jerry & Donna Monaco** celebrating the birth of their Grandson. Their Daughter **Toriann** had a baby boy June 4th.

DECEASED.....**Frank Strofance** (Supv Insp JFK ret) passed away in October...**Mike Raff** (Branch Chief JFK ret)...**Ellen Berg** (former Librarian 6WTC & Penn Plaza) passed away in December.

CHATTER.....hi **Joan Mazzola!** Thanks for your ad in our Souvenir Journal & your personal note...Congrats to **Terry Taddeo** & Dad for doing the Snowbird thing in FL...always good talking to **Tom Mattina** (Area Director JFK ret) on Facebook...**Al Donofrio** (Watch Commander NWK ret) traveling. He's enjoying his retirement visiting Naples FL, Newport RI and Sarasota Springs. Al also heading to Italy, Milan, Tuscany & Lake Como in September & October...**Sal Dallesandro** (Asst Director PA JFK ret) off to Italy for extended vacation ... Special thanks to **Jerry Pavone** (Deputy Chief JFK ret) & **Samir Attia** (Supv Entry Officer ret) for their very generous donations to the Columbia Association.

MEMBERSHIP.....New Lifetime Memberships (\$200) for the following members;

Jean Caravello (Import Specialist JFK)

Kelly Ann Caravello (US Park Police)

Nakos Anastasiou (CBPO JFK)

Harlee Damiani (IRS Treasury Dept)

Tom Damiani

Eugene Gambardell (Sr Import Specialist NWK)

Angelina Gambardella

Danielle Kearney (CBPO FL) – Granddaughter of deceased CBPO Bill Kearney

Will Varella (NYPD Det ret)

Frank Anton (CBP Supv ret)

Toni Marie Fiore (CBP K9 JFK) – regular membership

Fraternally,

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