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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....

Welcome to the New Year!! I pray that your Holidays were enjoyable. I have been President of the Columbia Association for 35 years. We are in need of a new President as I am unable to continue. I am no longer driving and need to depend on others to get me to JFK to promote the organization. Please contact me at my email (philmaddalena@hotmail.com) to **confidentially** discuss the position.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS.....I almost forgot again!! My Granddaughter Samantha Maddalena, daughter of Frank Maddalena (Supply Chain Spec JFK) was married on Nov 5, 2022 to one of NYPD’s finest Thomas Abruscati. Their beautiful reception was held at Westbury Manor. My other Granddaughter Danielle Grace was her Maid of Honor. I know I’m bragging but the affair was magnificent and as her Grandfather I had the honor to dance with her to the applause of everyone watching and guess what??...I almost took a fall but was saved by those watching us. It was especially nice to have all my family attend.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to **Maria Calise**, daughter of **Sal Calise** (IT Spec JFK), a junior undergrad law student at St John’s University has been elected Pres. of St. John’s Italian Cultural Society and made the Dean’s list 2 years in a row with 4.0. She was also one of our Scholarship winners...Happy Birthday to **Rob Murphy** (S/A). Rob celebrated his son **Anthony’s** 1st Holy Communion...**Lucille & Bill Ward** also celebrated their Granddaughter **Victoria Galli’s** 1st Holy Communion...congrats to **Lucas Jack White**, son of **Sabina Marie DeSantis White** (ret Field Office Director) who was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at St. Patrick’s Church in Brooklyn....congrats to cousin **TJ Mauro**, son of **Tom Mauro** (SCBPO) for becoming one of NYPD’s finest...**Mike & Gloria Mandarino** proud that their son **Michael** is a Nassau County Police Officer...congrats to **Marty & Jane Black** on the birth of their Grandson Prince **Conan Black** born 2/8/2023.

DECEASED.....**Rose Orla**, Mother of **Janet Orla** (ret CBPO) passed away on 11/16/2022...**Bob Dinkins** (ret Sr Insp JFK) passed away on 3/24/2023...**Peter Appelt** (Supply Chain Spec) passed on 2/13/2023...**Cathy Mazzella** (Entry Spec JFK) passed away 11/15/2022 in FL...**Bill Wilson** (Deputy Chief) passed away from Dementia 3/13/2023...**John Maria** (ret NIS) passed away from Cancer on 4/19/2023...**Carol Davis** (Entry) passed recently, services 5/5/2023 at Foster Philips Funeral Home 179-24 Linden Blvd...**Joel Ditkowsky** (Broker) passed on 2/17/2023. He was a long time member of the JFK Community. Joel was half of the Great Duo of Two Brothers of a Different Mother. His best friend was **Charles Merendino**...**Rich Darnowski** (ret S/A) and Former Broker, also passed away.

A Note From Frank LoFaro – *Dear Phil, I hope all is well. Here's a cute story on this dreary day. Bobby Dinkins' death notice took me back to the mid-80s when I was the broker for TNT & Mike Stein was handling DHL. As part of the service we had to clear couriers off the SPM Concorde. Senior Inspectors, of whom Bobby was one, rotated for some OT at the British Air Terminal. The crew consisted of such as Harold B, Angelo, Jimmy Ajello, Muriel Keys, Marty Brodman, Sam Phillips, Gerri Fattarusso, Warren P and a dozen or so others, all of whom were professional and helpful towards us, except for Bob Bass, who was a ballbuster. One evening I arrived at the terminal a bit early and the only other person there was an attractive young lady. We started chatting and it turned out that she was a new sales rep for DHL and as part of her training she had to view the courier clearance process. I told her about the rotating pool of inspectors and how they were so great except for one in particular...Inspector Bass. I explained how we would cringe when we saw him walking into the terminal as we knew we were in for a lousy evening. She listened and then replied "I know Bob, he's my cousin!". Now I'm trying to remove my foot from my mouth and the rep let me hang for a bit until she followed up with, "Don't worry about it...our whole family hates him too!"*

CHATTER.....**Rich Pileggi** (ret Deputy Port Director JFK) sends congratulations to **Tom Mauro** (SCBPO) on his 25th Wedding Anniversary. By the way Tom, thanks for your generous donation to the Columbia Association at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant...**Eileen Manna** (ret CBPO JFK) living the good life in The Villages in FL...**Jeremy Karlin** (CBPO JFK) always makes me feel good with his hellos...**John Buonacontri** (CBPO JFK) finally got his transfer to Orlando, FL. Enjoy your new home John!...happy to hear from **Pete Genco** (CBPO NWK). Don't ever change Pal!...good talking to the Breakfast Club on 3/21/2023 at Mitchells...Happy 59th Wedding Anniversary to Ret Chief **Harold & Annette Badaracco**...**Bob Swierupski** (ret NCSD) and his wife **Carol** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands...good luck to **Paul Santino** (ret Supv Insp JFK) who is recuperating at home from a recent knee operation. A speedy recovery, Paul!!

RETIREEES.....(JFK) **Vincenzo Sferrazza** (Supv CBPO)...(FL) **Lauren Zizzo** (CBPO)...(NWK) **Magdy Abdelsayed, Lorraine Ernest, Marco Galiano, Martin Goldstein, Leslie Hoffman, Raymond Ingram, Russell Krom, Vicki Lucas, Rosa Mata, Eric Nichols, Raymond Torres.**

PROMOTIONS.....(NWK) **Joseph Bace, Melissa Detig, David Fox, Christopher Jenkins, Randy Martinez, Joseph Duffy Nieradka, Saso Zafirovski.**

DUES.....Newest Lifetime Member is **David Landerer** (Supply Chain Spec JFK). His wife **Nancy** became an Honorary Member...thanks also to the following members for paying their yearly dues – **Jay Alweis** (Imp Spec), **Frank Cicero** (Sons of Italy), **Richard Cotugno** (SCBPO), **Lou Custini** (CBPO), **Vincent Ferruzza** (SCBPO), **Emil Grossi** (Dir Mission Support), **Linda Hackett** (NIS), **John Khantzian** (SCBPO), **Thomas Mattina** (Area Director JFK), **Joan Prato** (Imp Spec), **Claudia Renna** (CBP Tech), **Anne Romano** (Professor), **Angelo Sferrazza** (CBPO).

2024 DUES.....starting in 2024, there will be a change in Membership Dues. Dues will be increased to \$30 for Active Members and \$15 for Retired Members. Lifetime Membership will remain the same at \$200. Lifetime Members who join will receive a Membership card for their spouse.

Fraternally,

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Philip Maddalena
President