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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Our Annual Dinner & Dance on May 18, 2012 is our chief fundraiser for the year and the main support of our Scholarship Fund. If your schedule permits, please try to attend and spend a great evening of camaraderie with your fellow workers & friends. Please especially support our Souvenir Journal. I also encourage you to support our organization by sending in your yearly dues (\$15). I look forward to seeing you! God Bless!

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE.....will be held at Gargiulo's Catering Hall, located at 2911 W. 15 St. in Coney Island, on Fri. evening, May 18, 2012. Cocktail hour is from 7-8pm with dinner to follow. Our honorees are **Tom & Kathy Campanelli**, National Import Specialists from Penn Plaza, NYC. Tom is also our Vice President representing The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs at Penn Plaza. **Robert Alvino**, Program Manager Office of Field Operations, CBP Headquarters/Newark and **Pat Moffett**, a prominent businessman from Great Neck, NY. Pat is Vice President of Global Logistics & Environmental Compliance, VOXX International. Tickets for this affair are \$85 per person.

HOLIDAY MEALS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES.....although we had planned to use the \$4,000 we raised at our Italian Heritage Day raffle to provide meals for our military families at Fort Hamilton Army Base in Brooklyn, they were not able to accommodate us. Thanks to **Don Ambrosio**, arrangements were made at Stewart Airport in Newburgh, NY where Don & I, with the support of the Operation Homefront Organization, were able to provide 80 bags of food to 40 needy U.S. Marine Families deployed at Stewart Airport. My thanks to Don for providing transportation to & from Stewart Airport. To date, Operation Homefront has provided assistance to over 45,000 military families.

CONGRATULATIONS.....**Wendy Davis** (CBP Officer) has transferred to K-9 Unit JFK & will be working with a K-9 narcotics dog. Wendy will attend canine school in May. Good Luck Wendy!...**Alec Alvino** (son of **Bob Alvino**, Program Manager NWK) won the 138 pound Wrestling Championship for Kittatinny, HS in NJ...**Holly Mannucci** (daughter of **Joe Mannucci**, Deputy Chief NWK) from Kings College, PA, has been named as the 2011 MAC Field Hockey "Scholar Athlete of the Year"...**Dr. Fred Aziz** engaged recently to his sweetheart. Fred is a Lifetime Member & former Inspector at JFK.

BIRTHS.....**Janine & John Riomao** (Supply Chain Spec JFK) are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Deanna Marie Riomao**, born Jan. 3, 2012, 9lbs 20 1/2ins...**George Aprigliano** (ret Nat'l Analysis Spec NYC) is happy that his daughter **Valerie** & husband **Nunzio Falzone** presented him with his 4th Grandson, baby **Leonardo**, born Oct. 6, 2011, 7lbs 20 1/2ins...**Stacy Simon** (Supply Chain Spec JFK) who is married to **Frank Rahala** (CBPO) had her 1st baby, a boy, **Matthew**, born on Aug. 19, 2011, 6lbs...**Rob Murphy** (S/A ICE) & wife **Lauren** celebrating the birth of their baby boy, **Robert Wesley Murphy**, born Feb. 16, 2012, 8lbs 8ozs. Congratulations to all!!

RETIRED.....**Laurel Zitowsky** (U.S. Fish & Wildlife) the wife of **Mike Zitowsky** (ret CBPO NWK) retired after 30 ½ years of Government Service...Import Specialists at JFK – **Anthony Centola; Mike Jamison & Lisa Quilty**...CBPO JFK – **Manuel Rosario; Alfonso Tomlinson; Margaret Leonhardt; Yvette Bass; Steve Bernstein; Claretta Cox; Paul Mazurkewitz; Moktar Mohamed**...Entry JFK – **Marie Piazza**...Supv Entry NWK – **Adolfo Reid**...Just found out that a good friend, **Reilly Dundon** (Special Agent ICE) retired in Dec. 2010. Good Luck to all!

EMAIL ADDRESSES.....once again I am requesting your home email addresses to send all Columbia Association Newsletter and correspondence. This will make it easier for you to receive our mailings & will be cost effective for our organization. If you are not sure we have your address, please send it again

PROMOTED.....**Steve Satiri** to CBP Supervisor...**Dylan DeFrancisci**, Port Director Aruba Pre Clearance, was promoted to the Director Preclearance Operations at CBP HQ in Washington DC. He will be relocating at the end of March from Aruba to his home in Alexandria, VA with his wife **Michelle** & daughter **Daniella**...**Dean Dimotsis** promoted to Asst Port Director, Passenger Operations JFK. Best Wishes to all!

SICK.....**Jerry Monaco** doing well after shoulder surgery...**Frank Cutrone** (ret Insp JFK) looking well after a good report from his doctor...**John Brennan** (ret Insp JFK) also doing well after double by-pass heart surgery...**Mitch Bayer** had rotor cuff should surgery. He is doing well...**Steve Pollichino** (NIS) recuperating from hernia operation.

DECEASED.....**John Nelson** (ret Imp Spec NY) passed away in Wilmington, NC...**John Will** (ret Insp JFK) passed away on Nov. 9, 2011...**Harold Weinstein** (ret Imp Spec Team Leader JFK) passed away on Feb. 20, 2012...**Michael Cwik** (ret Supv Investigator USC Service NYC) passed away on Mar. 6, 2012...**Joseph P. DeLuca** (ret Asst Area Director JFK) lost his battle to cancer on Jan. 15, 2012. Joe was a former "Man of the Year" for The Columbia Association and one of our most popular honorees...**Michael Lenihan** (ret Sr Customs Insp JFK) passed away on Mar. 9, 2012...**Fannie Fresolone** (Mother of **Tom Fresolone**, CBPO JFK) passed away on Mar. 10, 2012...**Joe Ania** (ret Supervisory Insp JFK) passed away on Feb. 25, 2012. Please pray for our deceased.

CHATTER.....**Lou Piropato** (Seized Property Spec) says hello from Charlotte, NC. Of course Lou is the son of **Lou Piropato Sr** who is a retired NIS from NY. Lou just celebrated 30 years in the service. I remember him as a young kid in Bldg #80 at JFK. Thanks for keeping in touch...Happy to hear from **Keturah Holley** (Former Imp Spec at JFK) who retired in 2006 as the Director of Mission Support From the U.S. Customs & Border Protection Academy in Glynco, GA and is now living in Atlanta, GA...good to see **Keith Striano** (Program Mgr Penn Plaza) at **Bob Stabile's** (Deputy Chief JFK) retirement party at Garden City Hotel...**Mitch Bayer** (NIS) anxiously awaiting daughter **Tracey** to give birth in April...**Sabina Marie DeSantis-White** was reinstated into the Columbia Association. Welcome Back! Sabina is Supv Detention-Deportation Officer at 26 Federal Plaza. Happy to hear you had another baby 2 years ago...**Ron Simon** (ret Director FP&F JFK) enjoys receiving our newsletter by email...**Doug Montone** (ret CBPO NWK) enjoying his retirement...visited **Charlie LaHecka** (ret Imp Spec Team Leader & Former Head of the Entry Section at JFK) & wife **Fran** in Breezy Point last week. Charlie & I talked nonstop for 3 hours. It was good to be with him & his wife. Although he is confined to a wheelchair & on oxygen 24/7, he is completely in charge of his life – with nurse Fran, of course. Thanks for a nice visit...**John Martuge** (ret Director Field Operations NY) read "A Customs Affair" (not that kind!) written by **Patricia Riley Leyden** (ret Operations Officer – C&V). John writes that it is an easy reading story about a fictional customs case at JFK. It is available on Amazon & there is an electronic version. It goes for under \$10. It's a bargain & a good way to assist a former colleague in her new career.

Fraternally,

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