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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....I pray everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! I also wish a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to everyone. As I have said many times in the past, it's a good time to put any differences aside you may have had with any family members or co-workers. I mention co-workers with family because in most cases we spend more time at work than we do with our families. God Bless You All!! Those of you who will not be celebrating the Joyous Holidays, I wish you a blessed year ahead.

33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....was held at Clearview Golf Course on Fri, Sept. 19, 2014. 37 enthusiastic players showed up for our Shotgun start at 8am. Thanks again to our Chairman **Don Ambrosia** for a great tournament.

OUR 18TH ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON.....was held on Thur, Oct. 2, 2014 at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, Queens. This year's celebration was an attempt to honor our Past Presidents of The Columbia Association. Those we tried to reach out to were **Charles Famulari; John Cuccurullo; Mario DiCerbo; Paul Russo; Al Cangiarella; Patrick Pacifico; Joe DiSalvo & Phil Maddalena**. It was one of the happiest celebrations I have ever attended. My eternal thanks to those who was able to attend this special occasion. Special thanks to the family of our Late Past President Charles Famulari for being present to accept a plaque in honor of Charles Famulari's service to The Columbia Association. John Cuccurullo who followed Mr. Famulari as President of The Columbia Association was unfortunately unable to attend but we were happy to send our Presentation to John through his neighbor **Roger Silvestri** who was in attendance. Past President Mario DiCerbo traveled from FL to accept his award. His family also attended from Long Island. Past President Paul Russo also traveled from Bluffton, SC to accept his award. His family was also in attendance. Past President Al Cangiarella traveled from Stratford, CT to receive his award. His family was also in attendance. The three daughters of the Late Past President Patrick Pacifico also accepted a plaque on behalf of their Dad's service to The Columbia Association. Past President Joe DiSalvo and President Phil Maddalena also received plaques for their service to The Columbia Association. A special thanks to the honorees & their families for their letters of thanks to The Columbia Association. God Bless You All!

ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY PARADE.....up 5th Ave. in NYC was held on Mon, Oct. 13, 2014. A very big thanks to **Russ LoBello & Gary Boire** for getting the Explorer Scouts from Newark & JFK to march with us in the parade. It was a great day as we were #8 in the line of March up 5th Ave...and we were even on TV for a couple of minutes! Thanks also to my friends **Vince Rasole & Margie Gallo** for attending.

RETIREMENTS.....**Mike Fiore** ret from Team 227 after 26 yrs & 5 months (NWK). Mike suffered from the effects of heart failure for over 13 yrs and will now collect disability retirement as of Aug, 2014. Good Luck Mike! Happy to receive your payment to become a Lifetime Member. Please stay in touch & enjoy a long, long retirement...**(from JFK Airport)** – CBP Technician **Edgardo Elep**, Nov. 30; Entry Specialist Team Leader **Nick D'Amico**, Nov. 10; Deputy Chief **Teri Abramsky** (Term. #1), Supervisory CBP Officer **Pedro "Pete" Adorno** & Supervisory CBP Officer **Bennet "Ben" Sciacca**, all on Jan. 2, 2015 and Seized Property Specialist **Robert Warvesyn** also retired in 2014...**(from New York/Newark)** – CBP Offices **Dennis Murphy & Patrick Curry** also retired last year...**(from One Penn Plaza)** – National Import Specialists **Mitch Bayer, John Hansen, Stephanie Joseph & Joan Mazzola**. The Best to All!!

CONGRATULATIONS.....to CBP Enforcement Officer **Craig Antonello** (NWK). Craig married his princess **Jill Marie** on Oct. 3, 2014... **Gil Hendler** (ret Import Spec JFK) & wife **Zelda**, celebrating becoming "Great Grandparents" to **Sylvie Rose** on Oct. 10, 2014. Grandchildren live in Stratford, CT. Merry Christmas to you & your wife, Gil!

PROMOTED.....congratulations to our newest member, **William Ferrara**, Director Field Operations, Chicago, IL. I look forward to meeting you in the future, William.

SICK.....**Tony Stingone** (ret Imp Spec JFK) doing well after his 2nd Hip operation. Good to see you & wife **Gloria** at our monthly breakfast. Pray for our sick.

DECEASED.....**Eileen Morris** (Secretary at U.S. Customs House, NYC) 93, passed away on Sept. 23, 2014... **Patsy Dellamura**, father of **Pat Dellamura** (NISA) passed away on Oct. 19, 2014. Pat was the sole caregiver for his Dad for many years. God Bless you Pat. R.I.P. Mr. Dellamura... **Richard Stykes** (ret Sr Insp JFK) passed away on Nov. 13, 2014... **Earle Davis** (ret CBPO Supv JFK) Sentinel Society Past President passed on Nov. 14, 2014. It was a pleasure to work with Earle in the early 1970's in the Entry Section at Bldg. #80 at JFK. You fought a good battle against cancer for many years. The breakfast club will always hold your memory in high regard. Thank you for your kindness dear friend!... **Arthur "Artie" Rauscher** (ret Sr Insp JFK) lost his 18 yr battle to cancer on Nov. 25, 2014. Artie was the proud Father of **Kim Ciccolella** (Supv CBPO JFK) and a longtime employee of Masterpiece International, LTD at JFK... **Frank Casareale** (ret Sr Insp Seaport) passed away on Dec. 7, 2014... **John DeFalco** (ret SCI NWK) 90, passed away Dec. 14, 2014... **Armand "Mickey" Mitnick** (ret Supv CBPO JFK) passed away on Jan. 2, 2015. I started in Customs in 1967 as a laborer at 201 Varick St, NYC & Mickey was assigned to show me "The Job". What a character! He always referred to me as "Mr. Maddalena" and I always called him "Mitnick". He was a good guy but he missed his calling in life. He should have been a Movie Actor!! God Bless Ya Pal! R.I.P. He was known on Facebook as "Mickey Rico". Please pray for our deceased.

SCHOLARSHIPS.....The Columbia Association was proud to present the following individuals with a \$1,000 scholarship each to help further their education in College. Good Luck and I hope to hear from you in the future on your progress in College. **Brien Alvino; Lauren Casquarrelli; Christian Ferruzza; Toniann Monaco & Raymond Zizzo.**

CHATTER.....Although **Rich Pahopin** (Deputy Chief NWK) retired in 2014, I am happy to say we still keep in touch. Rich is involved with me in a new Knights of Columbus Council in Staten Island. With the former Deputy Chiefs help, we have started **St. Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus Council #16134** that will be located at 75 Ellis St in Tottenville, Staten Island. We are looking for new members to join us in this venture. If you are interested, please contact me, Phil at 516-791-2958 or Rich at 718-698-3734. We look forward to hearing from you... **Peter DiSalvo**, son of "The Guru" at JFK is leaving the friendly confines of CBP at JFK to accept an offer from a Private Computer Company located in San Antonio, TX. Good Luck, Pal! Keep in touch... **Joel Rubin** (ret Info Mgt Spec JFK) writes the nicest notes to me. Joel mentions that he is amazed when he reads the names of retirees who were so very young when he first met them years ago. Before I forget, thanks for your donation to The Columbia Association and for your offer to meet me when I travel to FL. Thanks, Pal! It would be my pleasure to see you in the future... a big thanks to **Joe Accardi**, President of Jagro Customs Brokers. I have known Joe since he was a field boy for Kamino Customs Brokers at Bldg. #80 many moons ago and I have known his wife **Helen** almost as long as that. Joe recently sent me a birthday card, a gift card, 2 boxes of Baci candy and a brick from the newly demolished Bldg. #80. Thank you Joe & Helen for your thoughts & kindness. I look forward to having dinner with your gift card in the near future.

DUES.....Remember Dues are always in order. Only \$15 a year!

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