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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE.....

Dear Members, I hope you had an enjoyable Summer. As our children are preparing to return to school, this is an anxious time for most of our families to return to a normal life. I know that most of us are putting the covid disaster behind us.

Personally, I am unable to continue to serve as President of The Columbia Association as I have for the past 35 years. I am unable to drive any longer and my retirement has made it difficult to meet and greet our members. As most of our activities are carried out through JFK (Heritage Luncheon, Journal, Collection of Dues) I have only inquired of our JFK Officers to move up to continue the operations of our organization. As of this time none of them are interested or able to step up to become our President. I have also inquired of some other members at JFK who I feel would be an excellent choice for President. At this time, they feel personal obligations would prevent them from accepting our Presidency. As I continue to perform my duties, I will temporarily cancel this year’s Italian Heritage Luncheon and our participation in this year’s Columbus Day Parade Celebration in NYC. Hopefully we can continue our activities next year. God Bless and Be well.

CONGRATULATIONS.....Jim Whelan (ret S/A) & wife Sue Whelan celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Atlantis in the Bahamas in May with their two sons & 4 Grandchildren...**Steve & Carol Pollichino** celebrated their 31st Anniversary...**Gloria & Tony Stingone** proud that their Daughter **Jeanette**, who attends Columbia University was asked to teach a class in Demark. Wow!...**Henry Zanetti** beaming that his Daughter **Raffaella** is graduating from Vassar and on her way to a doctorate program in Physics at Yale. His son **Michael** is graduating High School and going to Cornell University School of Industrial Relations.

PROMOTIONS.....(JFK) **Allen Schwartz & Margaret Hernandez** to Supervisory Entry Specialist ...**Yesenia Aquino** to Entry Specialist...**Yaniri DeLeon** to Supervisory Import Specialist.

RETIRED.....(JFK) **Roberta Werner** (Liq. Specialist NYC)...**Jean Marie Chisholm** (Sect NCSD)

SICK.....Larry Ryan had a 2nd heart valve replaced last Summer and doing well...**John Swift** celebrated 3 years Cancer free from Leukemia. Great News!...**Peter DiRocco** (ret Deputy Chief) in from Hawaii to visit MD Anderson Center in Houston, TX. Pete looking for any new strategy for his past illness...**Vito Gualario** (ret Head Entry Section NYC) in hospital 18 days for emergency Appendectomy. Had two operations. At home now & doing well. Please pray for our sick.

DECEASED.....Stanley Moleculeski (ret Insp JFK) services to be announced...**Emil Grossi** (ret Director Mission Support NYC) a Lifetime Member of the Columbia Association was always available to me to settle any problems with our members. God Bless. Please pray for our deceased.

CHATTER.....Nancy Sottile (V.P. FIAO) only has to say hello and I start smiling...**Ray Zizzo** (ret SCBPO JFK) always calls to see how things are going. Regards to Julie...Thanks to **Luccio Ricci** for your donation to The Columbia Association...Also to **James Garr** for your donation...**Kristen Tursellino**, thank you for your assistance in providing news for our Newsletter...Thanks also to **Frank Racanati** for your assistance...thank you **Andy Stone** (ret NIS) for your call...also thanks to **Mike Jamison** for keeping in touch...**Jack Conti** (ret S/A) always keeps in touch from Saugerties, NY...was surprised today to get a phone call from **Frank Festa** (ret Chief JFK). Hope we get together before he goes back to Florida...happy to hear **Bob Fischler** (ret Port Director JFK) celebrated his 90th Birthday recently in FL. Miss you Bob!

DUES.....Thanks to – **Deborah Marinucci** (Branch Chief NYC) for becoming a Lifetime Member...Retirees **Gloria & Tony Stingone** also sent their dues.

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.

As I am unable to travel to JFK to receive mail at our PO Box, I have cancelled our mailing box. All mail to the Columbia Association should be sent to my home address – **Phil Maddalena**
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