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## *Our President's Message....*



Hello all of Columbia:

I want to thank the Honorable **George A. Grasso**, Brooklyn Criminal Court Judge and recently retired First Deputy Commissioner, for installing the new Columbia Board at the January General meeting. I want to congratulate him on his retirement from the New York City Police Department.

I also want to thank Chief of Department **Joseph J. Esposito** and the New York City Police Department Executive Staff that were in attendance at the installment of the new Columbia Board and for showing their support for

this great organization. Congratulations are in order for Bureau Chief **Anthony J. Izzo**, Chief of the Organized Crime Control Board for receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Order Sons of Italy in America Grand Lodge of New York, Commission for Social Justice. Congratulations are also in order for Assistant Chief **Thomas P. Galati** (along with his wife photo on right), Commanding Officer of the Intelligence Division for receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri Sezione di New York. Congratulations to Columbia Association member Deputy Inspector **Nancy Barry** Commanding Officer of the 7th Pct on a well deserved promotion (below photo left to right Ret. Assistant. Chief Gertrude LaForgia 1st Italian woman appointed as Assistant Chief, Borough Commander and Deputy Inspector Berry's mother, D.I. Barry, Chief of Department Joseph Esposito and Assistant Chief Diana Pizzuti) and



finally I would also like to congratulate retired Brooklyn Columbia Board Officer **Mario Tesariro** for being made an honorary member of the Honor Legion.



The Columbia Association is proud to announce that this year's Columbia Association Man of the Year is **Michael Palladino**, President of the Detectives Endowment Association. The Columbia Association's annual dinner dance will be held on Friday May 7, 2010 at El Caribe Country Club located in Brooklyn. Please show support for the honorees and our organization by attending this event. The high school scholarship examination was held in March with a great turnout. The exam took place at Saint Anthonasius Church located in Brooklyn, New York. The exam began at 8AM sharp, without any problems. I want to extend a thank you to whoever helped out that morning. In rela-

tion, we held our college scholarship examination on Wednesday March 24th at the Police Academy located at 235 East 20th Street New York, New York. Mitch Levey from the Police Reserve Association was on hand to administer the exam. Thanks Mitch for your support. One of the objectives during my Presidency will be to increase the amount of members within the Association. The big question is, why join this organization and pay the yearly \$20 dollar membership fee? What is the Columbia Association going to do for me? I am going to answer these questions as best as I can. Every month the Columbia Association has a general meeting. These general meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. There are no general meetings in the months of July and August. In the month of October there is no general meeting because we march in the Columbus Day Parade. There is no general meeting in December because we have the annual children's Christmas Party. These general meetings are fully catered with excellent food, soda and water. There are monthly guest speakers that disseminate informative information for the membership. The Police union representatives speak at every general meeting and disseminate information about the contracts or other relative information regarding their respective unions. There are raffle prizes at these general meetings. There are many annual events that the Columbia Association provides for their membership. One example is the Columbus Day Parade held in October. This is where the organization shines. The Columbia Association leads the parade up Manhattan's Fifth Avenue in a sea of blue. At the end of the parade route there is a fully catered Columbus Day parade after party. The annual dinner dance is another example. It is held at the El Caribe Country Club located in Brooklyn, with honorees, celebrities and raffle prizes. A catered children's Christmas party with Santa Claus giving presents is a third example. The annual golf outing held at the Clearview Park golf course centrally located in Queens and the annual fishing trip held on Captain Jim's charter boat sailing out of Freeport Long Island are highlight events. The annual Cigar event, held at the exclusive Club Macanudo in New York City is exceptional. An annual Columbia delegate's thank you party, held at beautiful Battery Gardens located in New York City is an event all should attend. Then there are the Columbia Association annual scholarship awards. Ten high school awards and ten college award totaling ten thousand dollars are distributed to the children of Columbia Association members. The Columbia Newspaper which is filled with information about the membership is another answer to the aforementioned questions. Columbia Association merchandise, T-shirts, coffee mugs, pins and hats are all advantages you may gain from membership. There are regular networking opportunities with all the members of the Columbia association, from a civilian member to the Police Commissioner. In the end, the real answer to the big question should be: because I am very proud of my heritage, and I am very proud to be an Italian American New York City Police Officer.

**This is a reward in itself.**

*Until next time, stay true to the Columbia Association.*

*Anthony Cesarano  
President*

**Next General  
Meeting on April  
27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

# Editor's Desk



To my fellow Columbians:

First and foremost I would like to extend my apologies to anyone I may have left out or misspelled the names of in our previous newsletter. This is my first year as editor of the newsletter and it is a work in progress. I appreciate any feedback as constructive criticism that can only benefit this project. Secondly, I would like to take some time to highlight some of the benefits and functions of our Association. Great food, great friends, and great contacts are all advantages to membership of course. If I had to pick one memory in relation to being a member of the Association that stands out among the rest, I would have to select the Annual Columbia Association Fishing Trip. I hold this memory very near and dear to my heart. This adventure is held by our organization and the proceeds go towards our scholarship fund. Here's another fun fact: If you know me, you know I have a little bit of a fear of water. Not so much a fear, but more of a dislike of getting wet. Well, I can look back on this one specific fishing trip in which I took my beloved father, Valentino, and my son, Adam, along with me. My father, who came to America 50 years prior, loved to fish. My son was only 6 years old then – 19 years old now – how time flies! Three generations of Italians together in a boat; fishing, bonding, enjoying one another's company. It is truly a fond memory indeed. Being a member of the Association has provided such reminiscences which I will cherish for the rest of my years. My father passed away two years ago from cancer and it is recollections such as this fishing trip that make me fortunate for the times I shared with him. While joining him in his hospital room, my father said to me, "I wish we can go fishing again like that day we did with your police friends" referring to the Association. "Me too, dad" I replied. So, in conclusion, "THANK YOU COLUMBIA" for giving me this. Remember to keep June 18th open and create your memories with us. Until next time and remember - L'amore come se fosse il tuo ultimo amore, vivo per te pieno e ricordarsi di mantenere la vostra famiglia a voi caro. Fino al mese prossimo i miei amici.

Manny Rossi  
Editor

Any suggestions please feel free to e-mail me at: [mannyrossi@ymail.com](mailto:mannyrossi@ymail.com)

In loving memory of my father



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**Columbia Association Annual Awards Dinner**

**FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010**

COCKTAIL BEGINS 6:30 P.M. • DINNER 7:45 P.M.

**EL CARIBE COUNTRY CLUB**

5945 STRICKLAND AVENUE MILL BASIN, BROOKLYN

## HONOREES

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH PETROSINO AWARD

**MICHAEL J. PALLADINO**

“MAN OF THE YEAR”

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION HUMANITARIAN AWARD

**MICHAEL HERKLOTS**

ITALIAN-AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**ANTHONY D'ONOFRIO**

And to commemorate 150 years since the “*Spedizione dei Mille*”...

GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI AWARD

**VINCENZO MARRA**

## COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION VALOR AWARDS

LT. MARIO BIAGGI AWARD FOR VALOR – Police Officer Vito Nicoletta – 75<sup>th</sup> Precinct

P.O. MICHAEL MELCHIONA AWARD FOR VALOR – Detective Anthony Quagliariello - JTTF

P.O. ARTHUR PELO AWARDS FOR VALOR – Sergeant Michael Raso – PSA #5

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**RETIRED DESK:  
by Nat Infurna**

Retired Financial Secretary

MEMBERSHIP as of February 28,  
2010

Retired.....340  
Life.....1054

All retired members who have paid  
up-to-date for 2009 have received a

notice for 2010 dues which remains at \$20.00  
Please send your 2010 dues with a check made out to  
the NYPD Columbia Association to:

Nat Infurna  
188 Brown Street  
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**SCHOLARSHIP DONATION**

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Louis Maresco

It was called to my attention that several retired members  
have contacted the editor concerning the newsletter  
going out via computer. The issue presented is that  
some may not have a system in place to send or receive  
e-mails. Allow me to assure my fellow retirees that you  
will not be kept from receiving the newsletter. The  
Association is going to take your concerns into  
consideration and will try different methods of distributing  
the newsletter. "Non ti preoccupare!" –  
Don't worry!

UNTIL THE NEXT ISSUE,  
CIAO MY FRIENDS!

**Deaths and Birth Announcements**

**The Columbia Association Mourns The Loss Of:**

Joseph Badolato, uncle to past board Officer Ed Bonnie of the 113 Pct.  
Pray for the repose of the soul of Police Officer Nick Scalzo of TD-23.  
Pray for Annette Sampagna mother of Police Officer Anthony and Thomas  
Sampagna.  
Pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Cassone wife of retired member Anthony  
Cassone.  
Pray for the repose of the soul of Yolanda Patnosh mother-in-law of life member  
Michael Pirone.  
Pray for Detective Patti Hedderson's father Anthony Sawicki who passed away.  
Our prayers go out to the families of the departed.

**The Columbia Association prayers go out to the sick:**

Pray for life member Rick Massa for a speedy recovery from a massive stroke.  
Pray for members who are sick at home or confined to a nursing home and also pray  
for members on patrol to keep them safe.

**Columbia Association Birth Announcements:**

Congratulations to Sgt. Anthony Calma of the 112 Pct and  
his wife Aimee along with big sisters Jenna and Julia on the  
arrival of their baby brother born 11-25-08.  
Congratulatoins to Police Officer Joseph Raffaele of PBBS  
and his wife Kathleen on the arrival of baby Joseph born on  
07/07/09.  
Congratulatoins to Police Officer Joseph Loccisano of  
QNET and his wife Lauren and big brother Jayden on the arrival of baby Dylan born  
on 04/21/09.  
Congratulatoins to Police Officer Russel Demaria and his wife Jaime on the arrival of  
baby Ava and baby Andrew twins born on 04/03/09.  
Congratulatoins to Police Officer Michael Imperato of the 109 Pct and his wife Renee  
big sister Alyssa on the arrival of baby Michael James born on 07/14/09.  
Congratulatoins to Det. Thomas Marrone of the 100 Squad, his wife Lauren, big  
brothers Daniel and Christopher on the arrival of baby Michael born on 08/14/09.  
Congratulatoins to Police Officer Paul Augello of Highway #3, his wife Maria on the  
arrival of baby Laura born on 06/18/09.  
Congratulatoins to Police Officer Domenick Amato of Highway #3, his wife Kristen, big  
brothers Domenick and John Paul on the arrival of baby Raffaella born on 11/26/09.  
Congratulatoins to Nancy Salvia TEA4 proud grandmother of Maria Isabella Salvia  
born on 12/10/09.  
Congratulatoins to Police Officer Michael Mongelli of the 84 Pct and Columbia  
Delegate and his wife Daria on the arrival of baby Dylan Michael 6lbs. 15oz. and baby  
Mark Jordan 7lbs. twins born on 01/07/10.  
Congratulatoins to Life Member John DiGioia and his wife Carol on the birth of their  
5th grandchild Michael Gianvito DiGioia Jr. born Feb. 10, 2010 the day of the blizzard.  
Michael's two sisters Ava and Oliva welcomed him into the family. Michael's parents  
Michael Sr. and Josephine reside on Staten Island.  
Congratulatoins to Det. Patrick McIlMurray from the 108 Pct PDU his wife Jackie on  
the birth of their new baby Aidan Patrick born on 01/15/10.



**Happy Birthday:**

George DiGiacomo turned 90 years old in November, George was assigned to the 90  
pct and retired back in 1967 as a sergeant he has been living with his wife Lucille in  
Fountain Valley, Ca and on January 27th 2010 celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary,  
way to go George- buona fortuna!

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