Promotions:

There weren't tt promotions since our last issue. We are proud of the following member who moved up in the department who is keeping up a long-standing CA tradition of ranking Columbia

Ralph Tufano. L-166 to Lieutenant

Board of Merit:

Buona Fortuna and congratulations to our members who went above and beyond the call of duty and received the following meritorious awards.

Capt. Ralph Tiso, R-3, Service rating "A", FF. Brian Gallagher, L-121, Service Rating "B", Capt. John LaBarbera, E-240, Service Rating "B", FF Nicholas Cicero Jr., L-111, "Class 3", FM Anthony Scolavino, Service Rating "A", FF William Esposito, R-2, Service Rating "A", Lt Edwin Camilleri, L-167, Service rating "A", FF James Botta, E-265, Certificate of Merit

Completion of Probation:

Probys no more! "Well done" to the following members on the completion of probation in the world's greatest fire department.

Ralph Cardino E-48, Franco Romano E-95, Peter Falluca E-153, Andrew Gargiulo E-160, Gregory Bruno E-165, William Esposito E-226, Michael Giambalvo E-302, Daniel Salsedo E-326, Jeff DeBenedetto L-7, Joseph Vitiello L-17, Joseph Pagliuca L-44, Paul Fazio L-127, Paul Liotta L154

Retirements:

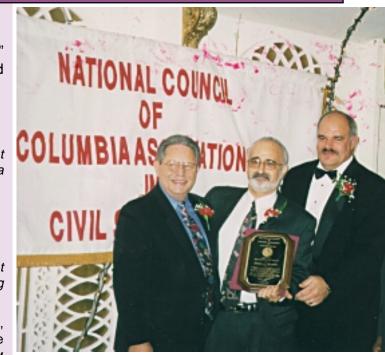
The Columbia Association wishes the best of luck and a "long". "healthy" & "happy" retirement to our members taking up.

Lt. Peter Ferrulli E-164, FF. Michael Ajello E-166, FF Frank Ungaro M-1, Joseph DiGilio E-306, Anthony Meier R-4, Capt. Joseph Guglielmo E-47, Lt. Joseph Palo L-85, Lt. Joseph Siracuse E-163. Lt. Vincent Sobal L-77. FF John Giobbe E-155, FF Daniel La Chase E-321,...Lt. Patrick Soldano E-89, FF Richard Spatafora L-1111, FF Francis Brennan L-142, FF John Rizzo L-104, FF Frank Ferrara L-126, FF Louis Piazza E-37, Capt. Lawrence Andriola ADMBP, Capt. Joseph Buono D-15, Lt. Rosario Ferrarese E-329, FF Paul Castaldo L-83, FF Carmine DiSilvestro E-4, FF Richard Fugazzi L-83, FF Mitchell Palminteri L-20

Deceased:

With sadness, the CA bids a fond farewell to our recently deceased members. They will be missed.

Retired DC John J. Hart, D-13, John Tanico, Father of Board Member Kieth Tanico



Tom Diona, Dominic Morelli and Joseph Gagliardo, President, National Council, accepting plaque during awards portion at Italian American Dinner for Comptroller Alan Hevesi.

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COME IL TEMPO VOLA (How Time Flies) Calendar

2001 Scholarship Award Applications: March 10, 2001 (See page 3 for more details)

Columbia Association 67th Annual Dinner-Dance

June 14, 2001 (See page 3 for more details)

2000 Columbia Association Borough Meetings

ALL BOROUGH MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM FOOD & REFRESHMENTS ARE ALWAYS SERVED. Manhattan: April 10, October 9, 2001 Queens: February 13, June 12, 2001 Taimiment Regular Democratic Club, 33-09 23rd Ave. Saint Patrick's Church Youth Center, 226 Mulberry St.

Brooklyn: January 9, December 11, 2001

VFW Post, 2414 Gerritsen Ave. Bronx: May 8, November 13, 2001

Location to be Announced

Staten Island: March 13, September 11, 2001 Hillside Swim Club. 151 Signs Rd.

Dues & Membership Reminder Dues are still outstanding from some members. If you have not yet paid, please send them in to our PO Box Number listed below. Anvone wishing to join the Columbia Association may do so by either contacting their respective borough trustee, or writing directly to Membership



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Columbia Association

1st Quarter 2001

Profile: Chief Robert Triozzi Chief of U.N. Fire Rescue Operations

Robert Triozzi started his fire service career in 1975 with the Harrison, New York Fire Department, He became an Engine Company Lieutenant in 1981 and in 1986 as a Captain he became the Fire Protection Officer for the United States Embassies to Italy and the Vatican.

In 1991, subsequent to a \$5 million fire on the NATO installation in Vicenza, Italy he created the first volunteer fire department comprised of soldiers on a U.S. Army

In 1993 Robert went with the United Nations Protection Force to assist the Saraievo firefighters in fighting fires in wartime conditions while under fire from artillery and snipers.

He returned to Rome with the rank of Assistant Chief to assume responsibility for the fire protection of UN facilities in Rome and the field offices around the world dependent on the Rome offices.

1999 brought him to Kosovo along with the UN and NATO to inspect UN facilities that were being opened with the beginning of the UN mission in Kosovo. After conducting a survey of the conditions of the FD in Kosovo He proposed to the UN a plan to reorganize the Kosovo Fire Service by putting together an International team of fire officers.

He was appointed as Chief of Operations of UN Fire Rescue Operations. The team He has put together has been comprised of a total of 10 fire officers representing 10 countries on 3 continents.

Overall Chief Triozzi has worked with firefighters in 30 countries on 5 continents, trained firefighters in 8 countries, created or reorganized fire departments in 5 countries and fought fires in wartime conditions in 3 countries.

Italian-American Salute to Alan Hevesi

On the evening of December 4th, your Columbia Association Executive Board and members participated in a fund raising dinner in honor of City Comptroller, Alan G. Hevesi. Actor of stage and screen, Tony LoBianco, hosted the event. Joseph Guagliardo, President of the National Council of Columbia Associations in Civil Service and our own 2nd Vice President, Craig Silvino served as cohosts. The affair, took place at Serafino's restaurant on Northern Boulevard in Queens. A bright sidelight occurred when Mr. LoBianco introduced us to a twenty two year old tenor named appropriately enough, Aaron Caruso. Mr. Caruso blew the crowd away with three beautiful opera solos.

If you recall, Tony LoBianco was Columbia Association "Man of the Year" for 1996. Tony was so honored in recognition of his many contributions to the Italian- American community. But this night was all about our "Man

of the Year" for 2000, Mr. Hevesi.

Why would the Columbia Association of the FDNY select a man like Alan for such an honor? Well, here are some of the reasons. In April 1994, four months after being elected NYC Comptroller, Alan Hevesi reestablished the Italian-American Advisory Council. This Council, with whom the Comptroller meets several times a year, consists of representatives from the Italian-American community to discuss issues affecting that community.

Alan Hevesi has received the National Council of Columbia Associations in Civil Service "Man of the Year" Award for public service and the prestigious Lehman-LaGuardia Award Continued on page 3

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Fire Department, City of New York Fire Department, City of New York Thank you to all that have supported me as President for the past 3 years and again allowing me to continue as your President.

2000 in Retrospect

An introspective look at our last 3 years is a positive one, with our membership up and climbing, the Dinner Dance attendance continues to be a sellout, our spectacular Winter Weekend successes, the popular trips to the ballpark are always sold out and the ever growing Scholarship Fund.

Other Great Moments

I was honored to been chosen a recipient of the Italian American Culture award by the NYC Comptroller Alan Hevesi. The Community of Mayors of New York State also honored me by inducted me as a Mayor in their Association.

The United Nations Chief of Operations for Fire Rescue Services honored us by joining our members in our annual Columbus Day parade. Another highlight of the parade was Actor/Comedian Joe Piscopo and his family leading us up 5th Avenue. Unfortunately Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto canceled due to a death in his family.

New for 2001

Our own web site is under construction, watch its progress a www.fdnycolumbia.com.

Closing Thoughts

One of the most important actions our members can take is to support our Scholarship Lottery, attend the Dinner-Dance, participate in the Columbus Day Parade, look into our Vacation Trips and other Columbia Association special Events. Put it all together be an active member. Happy New Year and stay safe.

Italian American Salute

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presented by the Commission for Social Justice of the New York State Grand Lodge of the Order of Sons of Italy in America, in recognition of his work to combat discrimination and negative stereotyping of Italian-Americans.

In 1996 Comptroller Hevesi was honored as "Man of the Year" of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn and in 1997, he was Grand Marshall of the Brooklyn Columbus Day Parade. Italian Charities of America selected Mr. Hevesi as its "Man of the Year" in 1998.

Members of your Columbia Executive Board have made a commitment to the candidacy of Alan Hevesi for NYC Mayor in 2001. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact your executive board or Friends of Hevesi c/o Morris, Garrick & Guma. 271 Madison Avenue. 18th Floor, NY, NY 10016. (212) 696-9308.

Winter Weekend Get-A-Way

By Buddy Santangelo 1st VP

I just returned from what had to be one of the greatest weekends to date, The Columbia Association "Winter Weekend". The Pocmont Resort added more activities for every one of all ages and will continue to do so in the future. The Grand Buffet was a hit, there was plenty of food for all. We had two terrific shows just ask anyone who was up there.

This year we were fortunate to have some great stars from within our group, here are just a few.

In the area of Ice Skating we had Arlene Tummino, Figure **Skater**, could not figure how to stand up on the ice and when she did, her time was up on the skate rental.

Jaclyn Santangelo, another Figure Skater, could not figure how to skate under pressure, while Craig Silvino and Mike Smithwick threw snowballs at her. Angelo D'Agostino, Ice **Skating coach**, tried to teach his granddaughters how to ice skate, he kept telling them "Just go like this".

Then we had Joe Smithwick Jr. Champion Wrestler, while playing Bingo, Joe and an 83-year old man had Bingo, Joe iumped on the floor and began to wrestle the 5-foot, 95-pound, 83 year old man, it ended in a tie so they had to split the

In the field of dancing we had **Artie Anwander**, retired from E-248, Boy can he cut a rug.

For comedy we had Sam Pepper, Joe Higgins, Frank Thomassen, Nick Chiarchiaro Sr. all I will say is that there is a video tape floating around and there is a good chance it might go on the internet, unless I receive a check from them starting Monday.

These were just a few things that went on during the weekend, I could fill the whole newspaper if there was room. What made this trip so much fun were the people themselves. People that just want to have a great time. So if you fit the description we want you with us. Get you groups together early next year, rooms are limited and lets have a good time.

On behalf of the Columbia Association Executive Board we again thank you for your support. I hope to see you next year.



Joseph Gagliardo, President, National Council, Craig Silvino & Vinny Tummino pictured above during the awards portion at Italian American Dinner for Comptroller Alan Hevesi.

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Retirees Corner

by Joseph Donatelli

The first year of the millennium is completed and we did not do so bad.

We finally got a permanent COLA Bill passed. It is not everything we wanted but it is a start. Those members retired for regular service are not too happy with the final results, but hopefully when the contract is renegotiated in the year 2007 they will get a better deal.

We are still trying to get full reimbursement for those of us who have Medicare Part B, Speaker Peter Vallone is said to be in favor of this and if he runs for Mayor in 2001 he will be inclined to help us get full reimbursement. Please call him and your council member and urge them to pass this legislation.

This time of year is dues time. By now you retirees have probably sent in your dues. If you noticed the return envelope is now addressed to Paul Cresci our Financial Secretary. This will save us a step and make it easier for me.

This has been a sad year for retirees. We lost 10 members in 2000 the most we have ever lost in one year. I guess the years are catching up with us. May their souls rest in peace.

If I can be of any help to any Columbian active or retired, please call me. Joe Donatelli 718- 591-4282.

2001 Scholarship Awards Applications are Now Available

High School Awards:

 2^{nd} \$600 > for a girl & a Bov 3^{rd} \$500 >

Applicants must be in their 8th year of High School. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2001.

The High School Placement Exam we be administered in March 10, 2001 at the VFW Hall, Braddock Ave and the Cross Island Pkwy Service Road in Queens. Doors open at 9am exam begins at 10 am Sharp! Exam is approximately 3 hrs.

College Awards:

1st \$1,500 > 2nd \$1,000 > for a boy & a Girl

Rosina Marie Tornetta Award \$200 added to the Highest SAT Score.S.A.T.

Exam taken between September of the junior year of High School and March of Senior Year of High School is eligible. Only applications in the graduating year are acceptable. Applications must be post marked by April 1, 2001.

Contact Craig Silvino, 631 271-2928 or your borough Trustee for applications.

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CHANCE 201-300 GAME #5 MARCH 3. 8PM

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CHANCE 301-400 GAME #7 MARCH 17, 8PM

Memphis Maniax Vs NY/NJ Hitmen Drawing 3/13/01

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