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The Official Newsletter of the *Columbia Association*

Fire Department, City of New York

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## Columbia Association 2005 MAN OF THE YEAR

### ARTHUR J. PARRINELLO

Deputy Chief Arthur J. Parrinello was born in the East New York section of Brooklyn. His parents, Paolo Parrinello and Francesca Gaglianella, were Italian immigrants born in Sicily. He is the youngest of eight children, three girls and five boys. He has been married to his lovely wife Helen for 42 years.

Deputy Chief Parrinello started his Fire Department career on August 12, 1963. Presently there is no fire officer on the job with more time. Chief Parrinello has been in a number of firsts in his fire department career. He was appointed in the first class off the top of his list. When he graduated from probie school, he was assigned to Ladder Company 112 in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, aka "Wood City". He worked in Bushwick during the war years and by the time he was promoted on October 13, 1973, Ladder Company 112 was number one in work.

Lieutenant Parrinello attended Officer Induction Training School (OITS) and graduated number one in his class. Upon promotion he was assigned to cover in an "R" group in the 59th Battalion, which was then located in the South Jamaica section of Queens. He transferred to the 7th Battalion on February 2, 1974. On November 11, 1976, he was assigned to Engine company 65 - the "core of the apple." Arty remained in 65 Engine until his promotion to Captain on May 5, 1979.

Upon promotion to Captain he was assigned to Engine Company 230 in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. On May 9, 1981, he transferred to Tower Ladder 119 where he remained until his promotion to Battalion Chief on August 29, 1987. He was assigned to cover in the 8th. Arty was number one on the Deputy Chiefs' list. He was promoted to Deputy Chief on June 26, 1993, assigned to the thirtieth Division and is currently assigned to the eighth Division. During his fire Department career, Arthur Parrinello has been cited for bravery three times. His most memorable fires were the "Midtown Blast" and the New York Telephone Company fire.

Arty is a product of the New York City Public School system and a graduate of Franklin K. Lane High School. He attended Bronx Community College and New York City Community College in Brooklyn where he earned an A.A.S. degree in Fire Science. Here, too, he excelled and graduated number one in his major with a 4.0 index and won the UFOA Academic Achievement Award. He then attended John Jay College and earned a B.S. in Fire Science and Public Administration with minor in Education. He graduated in 1976 magna cum laude.

He taught in the John Jay PACT promotion program and was a team leader for the firefighter recruitment program. In 1990 he was elected to the Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA) Executive Board. He has run for office four additional times unopposed. He will end his 5th Term in August. Upon his election to the UFOA he became a trustee of the NYC Fire Pension Fund Life Insurance Fund and the chairman of the Fire Officers Variable Supplements Fund. He served as a trustee for thirteen years and became the senior trustee. He was instrumental in changing the focus of counseling for our members before entering the retirement process so that they could make the best case for themselves.

To better serve the members he also became a Notary Public and a Certified Employee Benefit Specialist. The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Specialists grants this designation and the program is administered by the Wharton School.

As a member of the UFOA he notes that some of the best accomplishments of the Union were the passing of a presumptive cancer bill and a communicable disease bill for hepatitis, aids and tuberculosis. He is also proud of the fact that during his tenure, as a UFOA Executive Board member, we never sold our "NEW BORN" or took less money for our retiree's welfare benefits than we collected for active members.

Arthur has served the UFOA as Chiefs' representative, sergeant-at-arms, President and currently as Treasurer. He is a chairman of the UFOA Central Labor Council and the Life Insurance Committees. He is a member of the Holy Name Society, the Chief Officers Association FDNY and the NYS Fire Chiefs as well as the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

But of course, he is a member of the FDNY Columbia Association since Dick Bonadio of Ladder Company 108, the then Brooklyn Boro Trustee, signed him up when he was still a probie. Arty claims to have marched in more Columbus Day Parades than any other active, 38!

Deputy Chief Arturo J. Parrinello expects to retire some time in 2006 and we wish him a long and healthy retirement.

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All Proceeds Benefit The Columbia Association Scholarship Fund.

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## Columbia Association 2005 Humanitarian Award

Il Vero Cuore Di Venezia (The True Heart of Venice)

Mr. Aldo Rosso – President

This organization has provided a community in which men and women from Burano & Murano, Venice, plan many social and cultural activities. Il Cuore Di Venezia is a very diverse membership; they are a small group of business people. Il Cuore Di Venezia has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to many worthwhile charities.

Since 9/11 Il Vero Cuore Di Venezia has become part of the Columbia Association family. Since 2002 these people led by its President Aldo Rosso, and its Vice President Giuseppe (Bepi) D'este, (the man who makes everything happen), has been on a mission to help the children of the Columbia Association, FDNY. Each year fine art work, such as Murano Glass and Burano Lace, are auctioned off and the proceeds have been donated to the Columbia Association Scholarship Fund.

Il Cuore Di Venezia is a proud sponsor of the Regatta of Burano. Dating back to the second half of the 13th Century, the Venice Historical Regatta is a spectacular competition with a rich history. Venice is a maritime nation that considers it vital to have expert oarsmen. In September '04, Il Vero Cuore Di Venezia opened their hearts and homes to us. For one week they took time to train six of us to compete side by side with them in a gondola. For the first time in the history of the Regatta outsiders were able to participate in the race. The Historical Regatta di Burano is the

main regatta of the year, although the other islands and communities of the Venetian lagoon also hold their own regattas throughout the calendar year. On Columbus Day they join us while we display our Italian pride down Fifth Avenue.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION 2005 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

#### AWARDS FOR COLLEGE

##### Gerard Barbara Scholarship

Name	Award	Member	Co.
Jessica	\$2,700*	Thomas Napolitano	L136
Diana	\$1,500	Paul Mallery	L10 Ret

\*Rosina Higgins Award (Best SAT Score)

##### Il Vero Cuore Di Venezia Scholarship

Name	Award	Member	Co.
James	\$2,500	James Lana	E289 Ret
Mark	\$1,500	Gerard Liotta	E231

#### HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS

##### Vincenzo, Suzy & Ilaria Marra Scholarship

Name	Award	Member	Co.
Julia	\$1,600**	Salvatore Palmeri	Batt33
Michael	\$1,400	David Caputo	L78
Christina	\$1,200	Thomas Damore	E48 Ret
Michael	\$1,200	Michael Gallino	L62
Frances	\$1,000	Frank Trosa	Div 13
Anthony	\$1,000	Douglas Spano	E155

\*\*Marcello-Murphy Award (Best STS Score)

Each award will be presented at our 2005 Scholarship Dinner Dance on June 16, 2005 at Russo's on the Bay.

## A Letter From The President

I am happy to announce a new sponsor for our scholarship fund. The Columbus Citizens Foundation has become a proud investor for our youth. For more than 60 years after its establishment, the Columbus Citizens Foundation remains guided by the vision and the generous spirit of its founders, Generoso Pope and Judge S. Samuel Di Falco. The Foundation maintains its commitment to preserving the rich Italian-American heritage and supporting a range of philanthropic causes. Determined to make a difference, the Foundation has seized opportunities throughout its history to improve the lives of individuals, to enrich society, and to celebrate the contributions of Italian-Americans to this country.

The mission of the Foundation has always been to provide funding in quest of enrichment. This has taken the form of educational grants and of contributions to help those in challenged circumstances. Three educational foundations create opportunities for individuals to fulfill their potential -- to discover, to create, to contribute to their world-despite circumstances that may otherwise have been roadblocks on their path to achievement. Because education is the primary focus of the Foundation's philanthropic activity, all monies raised through our annual solicitation are allocated to our scholarship funds. We are proud to add them to Columbia Association Family.



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Columbia Association & Collette Vacations announce

# Southern Italy & Sicily 2006

Featuring Rome, Amalfi Coast & Taormina

The trip that everyone has been asking for will be coming in November 2006.

Enjoy glorious days of magnificent art, architecture and panoramic views. Explore "The Eternal City" of Rome, southern Italy's breathtaking Amalfi coast with its stunning vistas of the Mediterranean Sea, and magnificent gardens in beautiful Taormina.

The tour begins in Rome. See places such as Pompeii, Naples, and Sorrento. Travel along the Amalfi Drive en route; view picturesque Positano before you arrive in Amalfi. Take the ferry in Villa San Giovanni to Messina Sicily, then onto Giardini Naxos, Sicily, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo. Plus, much, much more!

The complete itinerary, exact dates and pricing will be published this fall.

So remember to mark you calendar and get your passport ready for a trip you won't forget. *Southern Italy & Sicily November 2006*

## The 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

CHIEF JERRY BARBARA  
NIGHT  
with the Staten Island Yankees



To purchase a Jerry Barbara Night™ T-shirt, please email [bankswep199999@aol.com](mailto:bankswep199999@aol.com)

**AUGUST 13, 2005 - 7:10pm**

Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George

- Call 718.720.9200 for advance ticket sales
- Ask to be seated in the "Jerry Barbara Section"
- Tickets sold on first-come, first-served basis

Please come join us on a special night to commemorate Jerry and watch as the SI Yankees take on the Batavia Muckdogs



# FDNY COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

### Member

Any person of Italian descent who is a member of the Uniformed, Civilian, or probationary force of the Fire Department of the City of New York shall be eligible for membership. Members retired from the FDNY may continue to hold membership in this Association. Dues \$20 per year. (Definition of Italian Descent- Defined as either parent having had Italian lineage, with final acceptance of said applicant being determined by the Board of Directors.)

### Associate Membership

Any person who is not otherwise eligible to be a member of this association shall be eligible for associate membership in the association. There shall be issued to all associate members an associate membership card. Associate members shall be entitled to receive the association's newsletter and shall be permitted to attend all weekend and vacation trips sponsored by the association. Associate members are not eligible for the death benefit and scholarships. The associate members shall not be permitted in attendance at the business portion of the meeting. Dues \$10 per year.

### International Member

You can become an international member of this association if you reside outside of the United States. We will add you to our mailing list and you will receive a quarterly newsletter. Also, the first year you will receive our Association lapel pin and membership card. The international membership dues are \$20 EURO per year paid the 1st of January each year. Dues payable via International Money Order (Vaglia Postale).

**Fill Out The  
Membership Application on this page.**

*Please mail application and payment to:*

**Columbia Association FDNY  
PO Box 20328  
Staten Island NY 10302**

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular \$20

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Associate \$10

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

International\* 20 EU

Retired

I hereby donate my Death Benefit to the Columbia Association Scholarship Fund under my name, unless

I state a beneficiary here. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Ph.( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph.( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE RETURN WITH THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT

\*INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP:  
SEND AN INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER  
(VAGLIA POSTALE). DO NOT SEND CHECKS OR EUROS.

## Columbia Association Membership Drive!

The mission of the Columbia Association is to keep your heritage alive and to protect the rights of Italian Americans. Why not be a part of it? Each year members take liberties with their dues. We need 100% of our members in good standing each and every year. We are calling out to all the members of the FDNY - Uniformed, EMS and Civilians - you are all eligible. Please join NOW! Grab a friend and come to our meeting. For just \$20 annually, your benefits include:

- ◆ **Catered monthly meetings (except July & August)**
- ◆ **Annual Christmas party**
- ◆ **Four quarterly newsletters**
- ◆ **Eligibility to receive cash scholarship awards for your children**
- ◆ **Sponsorship to apply for scholarships from other Italian American organizations**
- ◆ **Eligibility to FireTech Scholarships**
- ◆ **Special discounts from our sponsors, including Liberty Mutual Insurance, Vascular Diagnostics, Luxury midtown Hotels, Verizon, and various shops in Italy**
- ◆ **Sponsorship in the exchange Student program**
- ◆ **Plus much, much more!**



# COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2nd ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

**MONDAY, SEPT. 26 TO TUESDAY, SEPT. 27, 2005**  
**VILLA ROMA RESORT**

*Includes: Two rounds of Golf, Cart, Room, Cocktail Hour, Dinner and Breakfast.  
Beer will be served Monday, on the golf course. Any additional golf, you need only pay for a cart.*

**CHECK IN:** Rooms will not be available until after golf  
**GOLF:** MONDAY 1st round / TUESDAY 2nd round  
**PRICE:** \$175 per person / double occupancy

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### DIRECTIONS

From New York and Metropolitan Area: (2 Hours) George Washington Bridge to New Jersey Palisades Parkway to New York Thruway North. Proceed on Thruway to Exit 16 and proceed West on Route 17 to Exit 104. Route 178 West 1.5 miles to Gettysburg. At light turn right onto 17 B and 52. Bear left (17 B) and follow to stop sign. Make right onto 52A. Make next left onto Cobble Rd. and follow straight to Villa Roma. Go to [www.villaroma.com](http://www.villaroma.com)

## National Council of Columbia Association's Special Recognition Award

Our own Joseph Governale (Queens trustee) was honored at the National Council of Columbia Associations in Civil Service at their annual Scholarship Dinner Dance on April 3, 2005. On this special occasion, we salute a distinguished individual who advances our noble purpose. A much-admired humanitarian, his outstanding support and meaningful contributions have a lasting and positive impact for our children and their grateful families. Joseph has done an outstanding job as the Columbus Day Parade chairman for the FDNY Columbia Association. His dedication and willingness to assist those less fortunate extends the mission statement of the Columbia Association. Congratulations and best wishes to you and your family.

# SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE

The Columbia Association, FDNY is pleased to announce its annual High School and College Scholarship fund raffle.

*All proceeds are to benefit the sons and daughters  
of New York City Firefighters.*

Founded in 1934, the Columbia Association has proudly served its general membership for over 70 years. Once again, 2005 will see the occasion of the award of scholarships in time for the fall semester. Nearly 3000 Firefighters & EMS personnel are enrolled as members of the Columbia Association.

Raffles are now being sold to benefit the Scholarship Fund. This raffle is the main source of income for program funding. We, in the past few years, have nearly doubled the amount of awards given to our children, thanks to all of our friends and supporters who make this and other events of the Columbia Association so successful.

This year, we are offering only 200 tickets to be sold at the cost of \$100. each.

THE RAFFLE PRIZES ARE:  
1st prize = \$10,000 / 2nd prize = \$2,000 / 3rd prize = \$1,000

The drawing will be held at the general membership on June 14, 2005 in Staten Island, (you need not be present).

Everyone is invited to participate. If you would like to "take a chance" or need further information, please contact chairman

Keith Tanico at (516) 867-4580.

Please make checks payable to  
COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION, FDNY, SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

MAIL TO:  
Keith Tanico/Columbia Association FDNY  
14 Ivanhoe Drive, Merrick, NY 11566

# National Fallen FIREFIGHTERS

Memorial  
Weekend  
2005



Come join us on October 8th and 9th at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD to honor America's fallen firefighters for 2004 (including NYC members killed LOD in 2004).

The Columbia Association has its own honor guard attending this weekend. We will leave NY on Saturday, 8:00 am and arrive at the National Fire Academy by 1:00 pm. We return

Sunday immediately following the memorial service and should arrive back in Staten Island by 6:00 pm.

For reservations contact our host hotel the Hampton Inn in Gettysburg, PA (717) 338-9121 (be sure to ask for the \$102.00 + tax room rate). Ask for code NYF. Check out the details at [www.fdnycolumbia.com](http://www.fdnycolumbia.com) (go to calendar/ events) or [www.fire-hero.org](http://www.fire-hero.org).





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## Columbia Association: Executive Board & Committee Members

### Executive Board:

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Parade:	Joseph Governale	718-767-1612	718-999-1818
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[vat22italy@yahoo.com](mailto:vat22italy@yahoo.com)

## 2005 Columbia Association Borough Meetings

Staten Island  
January 11 & June 14, 2005  
Hillside Swim Club,  
151 Sign Rd.

Bronx  
February 8, & September 13, 2005  
Guiding Star Council Hall,  
3243 Ampere Ave.

Brooklyn  
March 8 & October 11, 2005  
VFW Post, 2414 Gerritsen Ave.

Queens  
April 12 & November 8, 2005  
VFW Post, 19-12  
149th Street (between 19th & 20th)  
Whitestone, NY 11357  
(718) 746-0540

Long Island  
May 10, 2005  
American Legion  
250 Franklin Avenue  
Malverne, LI

December 2005  
Christmas Party  
to Be Announced

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.

