



LA SOTTO VOCE

The Official Newsletter of the *Columbia Association*

Fire Department, City of New York

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SINGER GIADA VALENTI HONORS FALLEN FIREFIGHTER

In April of this year singer Giada Valenti had the honor to meet John and Joan Vigiano, (retired Capy. FDNY) the parents of Detective Joseph V. Vigiano, who gave his life in the effort to save lives in the 9/11 disaster. This meeting and the stories she heard made such an impression on Giada, that she promised to help to never forget their two sons; Firefighter John T. Vigiano, 11 and Detective Joseph V. Vigiano. Giada lives near Ground Zero and passes the former WTC several times a week, which makes her reminding every time what happened 9/11.



John Vigiano II



Singer Giada Valenti

In December 2005 Giada's new CD "Italian Signorina" was released. She dedicated this CD to Joseph and John Vigiano. It features the song "Caruso" that Giada performed on the Red Carpet at the Columbus Day Parade this year.

For those who are interested the CD is for sale at:

www.giadavalenti.com/store

Phone: (212) 842-2675

www.giadavalenti.com

Mention you are a member of the Columbia Association FDNY.

Visit Our Online Store & Shop For Official FDNY Columbia Association Merchandise.
All Proceeds Benefit The Columbia Association Scholarship Fund.
www.fdnycolumbia.com



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another year is here, and by the time you read this newspaper spring will be just around the corner. So take out your golf clubs and fishing gear and get ready to enjoy life. Sounds good? Well, this is what we all should be doing as the warmer weather approaches. However, most of us work all day, or are just too busy to plan some fun.

So if you don't have time to plan for fun, come join us at one of our activities. In 2006 we are planning a weekend at the (April) Mohegan Sun, (June) annual Dinner/Dance, (July) multiple days at Hershey Park, (Sept) Golf Outing, (Oct) Columbus Day Parade, & A Memorial Weekend at Emmitsburg MD, (Nov) trip to Sicily, (Dec) Christmas Party. We made all the plans for you, all you have to do is call us and reserve your space.

On another note, if you did not receive your last newsletter during the month of December, kindly contact us. Your dues renewal and membership card was enclosed. We seem to have some problems with mail delivery. See one of our board members or call and leave your name and address, etc. at our answering service (718) 448-1170, or better yet, go to our web site and download the information card and return it along with your dues to our PO Box.

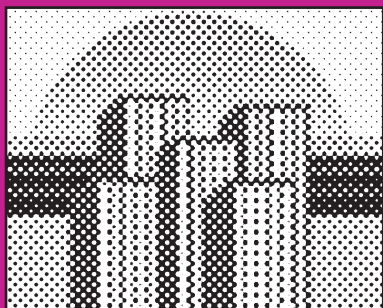
We also placed large placards informing everyone of our benefits and the need to join, each card has tear-off membership enrollment forms. They were delivered to each Firehouse, EMS station, Fire Academy, Ft Totten, Fire Marshal Base, and Headquarters.

Time to time our friends from Italy come to visit and vacation in NYC. If you are interested in spending a day and escorting them around town, kindly contact me, via our hot line. Leave your name and phone number (728-448-1170. I would also like to thank the many who responded to our piece placed on the department order, pertaining to speaking Italian and volunteering with a delegation from Sicily this past November.

On another note, a reminder that the Community of Mayors Inc. who run many events each year for children with special needs are asking for our assistance. The next event will be this spring at Madison Square Garden for the Ringling Bros. Circus. I will keep you informed of the upcoming events via flyers to the firehouses and our monthly meetings.

Last note, you are all welcome to attend our monthly meetings where there is always friends, food, and drink. Remember, they are the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please check our web-site for the location & directions.

view us and all of our activities at www.fdnycolumbia.com



RETIREE LOOKING FOR A JOB?

*Contact the following:
Quality Fire Protection Consultants Inc. (www.qfpcinc.com) has Full
Time Positions available for recent retirees (second career opportunity).*

*Must have good communication skills both written and verbal;
Knowledge of LL#5/73 and LL#26/04
Computer skills a plus.*

Please fax resume to 212 695-0797.



Retirees' Corner

by Dennis DiTucci

If you are a post 9-11 retiree and would like to get the Dept. Orders E-mailed to you, contact Greg Smith (recipient of the prestigious Gordon Bennett Medal) at the Stay Connected Program, 212-570-1693 Ext 317. This is a very valuable program that is available to post 9-11 retirees. They offer many classes and seminars to help you cope with an earlier than expected retirement.

On a sad note, we offer our sincerest sympathy to the family of Thomas Azzara E-151 who passed away this last December.

This past August 2nd, the Executive Board and several close friends had a farewell dinner for Joe Donatelli. Joe has decided to join his daughter's family relocation to London, England. Joe has been a member of the Columbia Association for over 50 years and has served on the Executive Board for over 20 years. I have the task to fill the shoes of a man who could not do enough for his fellow retirees and the Executive Board. If you want to drop a line to Joe to say thanks and to wish him the best of luck, you can mail it to:

Joseph Donatelli
10 Hamilton Gardens
London NW 89 PU
England

Submitted by:
 Dennis DiTucci

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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September 25-26 Monday & Tuesday

Includes: Room, Golf (both days), Cart, Cocktail Party, Dinner, Breakfast, and plenty of prizes.
 Extra golf just pay for the cart.

Price: \$175 pp

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 516-796-0975

Please make checks payable to:

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION FDNY
 c/o Joseph Smithwick
 20 Piper Lane
 Levittown, NY 11746

NYC FIRE DEPARTMENT COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION 1ST ANNUAL CIGAR NIGHT

FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2006 AT 6 PM PROMPTLY

CLUBMACANUDO

26 E. 63 STREET - JUST EAST OF MADISON AVENUE

HOSTESS SERVED HORS D'OEUVRES AND OPEN BUFFET
 THOUSANDS WORTH OF RAFFLE PRIZES
 VERY LIMITED - 1ST 100 PAID GUESTS NO EXCEPTIONS!
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CONTACT: KEITH TANICO, @ 917-337-7413

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
 COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
 KEITH TANICO, 14 IVANHOE DRIVE, MERRICK, NY 11566



COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION
of the **NYC FIRE DEPT**
presents **DISCOVER SICILY**

On November 8, 2006, By overwhelming requests of our members and others that have gone with us to Northern Italy, the Columbia Association has put together a trip to Sicily. In conjunction with Collette Vacations we bring you an exiting 8 days in Sicily, 11 meals: 7 Buffet Breakfasts, 4 Dinners.

Crystal clear blue water, miles of black sand volcanic beaches, medieval hilltop towns, bustling markets, savory food and wine, traditional Italian culture spectacular remnants of Classical civilization - All these things are waiting to be discovered in Sicily
Our trip takes us to:

**Catania, Taormina, Mt Etna, Piazza
Armerina - Caltagirone Siracusa,
Giardini Naxos**

All this for only \$1899.00 per person (Double Occupancy) Price includes Round Trip Air from New York stay at Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos. Cancellation Waiver and insurance is available for an additional \$100.00 per person.

Flight will depart November 8, 2006 from NYC to Catania.

For more information and a Reservation form, visit our web site at www.fdnycolumbia.com, or contact Buddy Santangelo in the evenings at (718) 376-8388.

So remember to mark your calendar and get your passport ready for a spectacular 8 days.

Reservation Form
DISCOVER SICILY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

First Deposit of \$250.00 PP. due upon reservation, first come, first served. Reservations must be received by May 9, 2006 after that date space available only.

Make Checks Payable to: Collette Vacations
Columbia Association
C/O Buddy Santangelo
2024 Gerritsen Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11229
Further information Call: (718) 376-8388

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Your Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

(Please Print as it appears on Passport)

Rooming with: _____

(Please Print as it appears on Passport)

Your Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

I wish to purchase cancellation waiver and insurance at \$100.00 per person.

PLEASE NOTE: If you choose NOT to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellation (SEE BROCHURE FOR DETAILS). Payments for waiver and insurance due at time of first deposit.

I wish to purchase cancellation waiver and insurance at \$100 per person YES NO. Due with first deposit.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Number of people _____

Room Accommodations: SMOKING NON SMOKING
(Collette Vacations cannot guarantee your preference).

Collette Vacations accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover as payment toward your group reservation.

We can only charge your credit card if your signature is listed on this form. Thank You

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CREDIT CARD # _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____ Exp. Date: _____

CARD HOLDER NAME (Please Print) _____

Card Holder Signature _____

Re: Columbia Association FDNY Sicily 2006

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION
visits
HERSHEY PARK

DESIGN A VACATION TO MAXIMIZE YOUR ENJOYMENT OF THE AREA

DATES: Wednesday July 19, 2006 to Sunday July 23, 2006

LODGING: **FOUR POINTS SHERATON** Harrisburg, PA phone (800) 644-3144
Hotel price is \$99 per room/per night. Up to four people in a room. Check in 3pm

PARK ADMISSION: **PAY ONE PRICE PARK PASS (DAILY)** (Food & parking not included)
Admits Holder to all attractions for the day. Web: HersheyPA.com phone 1-800-HERSHEY

NAME	Special Requests
ADDRESS	No Smoking
CITY STATE	Adjoining Rooms
ZIP PHONE: () -	Other
E-Mail	

We will try to accommodate you

Worksheet

1. Calculate Rooms and Tickets needed

	# of ROOMS	Kids (3-8)	Adults (9-54)	Senior (55-69)	70 Plus
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday	XXXXX				
Totals					

2. Calculate the PRICE

	TOTALS		
\$99	x (# of Rooms)) =	
\$21	x (# of Kid Passes)) =	
\$29	x (# of Adult Passes)) =	
\$21	x (# of Senior Passes)) =	
\$17	x (# of 70 Plus Passes)) =	
Tickets will be mailed to you		Mail	- \$5.00
		TOTAL	- _____

We sold out last year so

First Come First Serve
ALL WELCOME

Suites are available

(call for information)

No refunds after June 1

Payment in **FULL** due: **June 1, 2006**. Make Checks Payable to: "Columbia Association"
Mail to: Chris Reginnella, 46 Stonehouse Road, Somers, NY 10589 *Phone 914-482-0118

(proceeds benefit Columbia Association Scholarships)



Help Us Celebrate Our 72nd Anniversary Participate In Our Commemorative Journal

For many years, The Columbia Association FDNY has been helping others. This year, we will be celebrating our 72nd Anniversary at the annual scholarship dinner dance to be held on June 15, 2006 at Russo's on the Bay. We are creating a souvenir journal to commemorate our many years of service to the members of this great Fire Department. We are asking our friends to consider placing an advertisement. Kindly fill out the journal contract below and return it with a copy of your advertisement and your payment preferences. All proceeds are to benefit our scholarship fund and used for higher education Thank you for your help in making our journal a success.

	Back Cover.....\$1200.
Inside Covers	\$600.00 (ea)
Bronze Page	\$275.00
Full White Page	\$125.00
	Gold Page \$325.00
	Silver Page \$225.00
	Half White Page \$ 75.00

JOURNAL CONTRACT

This is an authorization to insert our advertisement in the 72nd Anniversary Souvenir Journal to be published by the Columbia Association, NYC Fire Department, in conjunction with the association's Annual Scholarship Dinner-Dance to be held on June 15th, 2006 at Russo's on the Bay, in Howard Beach, Queens.

Size of Ad: _____ for which we agree to pay the sum of \$: _____

Name/Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____

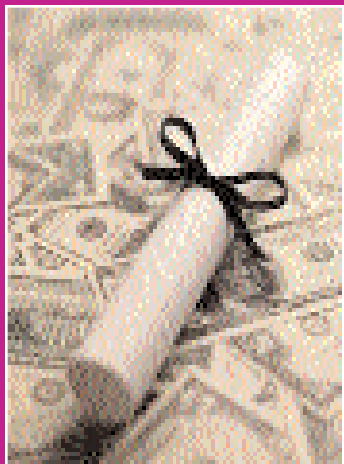
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Signature: _____

This contract must be returned to our committee no later than May 10, 2006.
Please make checks payable to: Columbia Association - FDNY, PO Box 20328, Staten Island, NY 10302
COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO PUBLISH ANY AD

For further information please contact, Vincent Tummino, (718) 448-1170 or (917) 757-6022
Visit our web site at www.fdnycolumbia.com

Attach or print your ad. / Ad may be submitted in any format.



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 72 years.

Once again, 2006 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, 2006 in Bronx, (you need not be present) with award presentations to be made at our Annual Dinner Dance scheduled for June 15, 2006 at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, Queens. 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 or 917-337-7413. Please make checks payable to Columbia Association, FDNY, Scholarship Fund.

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14 Ivanhoe Drive, Merrick, NY 11566



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2006 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

***Eligibility:**

Those eligible include sons or daughters (step or foster included) of a member in good standing, or of a deceased member if said member was in good standing at time of his death. An application and statement must be completed to be considered.

High School Awards:

Applicants must be in the eighth grade and applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2006. The High School placement exam will be administered on March 5th at 9:00 AM at the Fire Academy.

College Awards:

SAT Exam taken between Septembers of Junior Year to March of Senior Year of High School, 9/1/04 - 4/1/06.

Only the Verbal and Math Score will be considered for our 2006 award.

Only applications in the graduating year will be accepted. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2006.

Applications:

Please contact Captain Craig Silvino at 718-448-1170
Or your borough trustee for applications.
Applications are also available on our website,
www.fdnycolumbia.com.

*Columbia Association NYFD Constitution and By-Laws Article VI Sec 6.6

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS Memorial Weekend 2006

Come join us on October 6th to the 8th at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD to honor America's fallen firefighters for 2005 (including NYC members killed LOD in 2005). The Columbia Association has its own honor guard attending this weekend. Anyone wishing to attend with us or reserve a room please contact Vinny Tummino or Craig Silvino (718)448-1170.

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.

Our host hotel is the Hampton Inn in Gettysburg, PA (717) 338-9121. We have limited amount of rooms @ government rates of \$110 + tax (one night only).

Check out the details at
www.fdnycolumbia.com
and go to calendar/events
or
www.firehero.org



CONGRATULATIONS

Frank Rosciano E211



Steve Lubrino D14

Winners of the
2006

Gerry Barbara / FireTech
Scholarship

Good luck to all
our members on the
upcoming Captains Exam





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Hershey Park:	Chris Reginella	914-277-6044	718-430-0292
Souvenir Journal:	Vincent A. Tummino	718-448-1170	718-494-4289

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 ❖ E-mail the Columbia Association:
vat22italy@yahoo.com

2006 Columbia Association Borough Meetings

Bronx
Jan 10, 2006 & June 13, 2006
Guiding Star Council Hall,
3243 Ampere Ave.

Brooklyn
Feb 14, 2006 & Sept 12, 2006
VFW Post, 2414 Garrison Ave.

Queens
March 14, 2006 & Oct 10, 2006
VFW Post, 19-12
149th St. (between 19th & 20th)
Whitestone, NY 11357
(718) 746-0540

Staten Island
Apr. 11, 2006 & Nov. 14, 2006
Hillside Swim Club
151 Sign Rd.

Long Island
May 9, 2006
American Legion
250 Franklin Ave
Malverne, LI

Christmas Party
Dec. (date 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 p.m. Food & Refreshments are always served.

