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“PERFORATED HEARTS” (HEARTS ON STAMPS) AND TWO NEW DVDS RELEASED BY ATA

Retired Cardiologist Benedict A. Termini has taken his topical collection and written a fascinating book that covers the topic of hearts in an interesting format. In addition to the checklists of stamps and postal stationery picturing hearts he set two goals. First, he wanted to encourage stamps collectors to explore the world of heart stamps. Second, he wanted to make sure that the information, which he had gathered over many years, was available to stamp collectors.

Additionally his book serves as an aid to the novice collector as he relates how he organizes his topical collections and where and how he locates sources who supply him with both information and philatelic items.

His opening chapter is “Mending Broken Hearts – Cardiology on Stamps”. In layman terms he discusses and identifies stamps showing the human heart and how it works. This is followed by the history of man’s view of the function of the heart throughout history and the development of means to overcome heart problems. Within the narrative he tells the reader about the beginning of the stethoscope, the electrocardiogram, angiography, heart surgery and transplantation and preventative steps to reduce the risk of heart problems.

Next he describes the philatelic uses of the heart as a symbol in the context of love stamps, Valentine’s Day, heart-shaped stamps, heraldic hearts, playing card hearts, religious uses and the Purple Heart.

Other interesting factoids are found with items such as the “World’s Heartiest” stamps, cover collecting, souvenir sheets, booklets, perfins, cancellations, advertising covers, and cinderellas.

Appendixes list United States Love Stamps and Envelopes; World Health Day (*Your Heart is Your Health*); World Communications Year; International Year of the Family; and also Betty Boop and I Love Lucy. The book closes with a listing of romantic town names in the United States complete with zip codes.

This book may be obtained from the American Topical Association. Non-member’s price is \$18, however ATA members and those joining the ATA can obtain a \$3 discount. Postage to US addresses is \$2; to Canada is \$3; and elsewhere it is \$7.

The ATA also continues to create and release new topical DVDs. Music on Stamps and Horses on Stamps are the two latest programs that have been put on disk by Harvey and Terri Edwards. The ATA now has over 20 titles that are available to the public. A listing of the titles is available from the ATA – PO Box 57 – Arlington, TX 76004-0057. americantopical@msn.com or www.americantopicalassn.org.

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