

Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

Henry M. Goodkind 1963 Recipient



Over the years, the philatelic honors that have accrued to Henry M. Goodkind have been many and varied. However, the crowning achievement of his philatelic career is his recent, unanimous selection by the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club as the 1963 recipient of the coveted *Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award*. This award, given annually for "Distinguished Service to Philately" has honored some of the best-known and most devoted philatelists of the world in the eleven years since it was inaugurated. Mr. Goodkind's selection continues past precedents in choosing a leading philatelist for America's outstanding philatelic award.

The previous recipients of the *A. F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award* were as follows:

- *1952 Theodore E. Steinway, New York, N. Y.
- *1953 Dr. Clarence W. Hennan, Chicago, Ill.
- *1954 Dr. Carroll Chase, Amherst, N. H.
- 1955 August Dietz, Sr., Richmond, Va.
- 1956 Sir John Wilson, London, England
- 1957 Harry L. Lindquist, New York, N. Y.
- 1958 Winthrop S. Boggs, E. Orange, N. J.
- 1959 Lt. Gen. Cornelius W. Wickersham, Cedarhurst, N. Y.
- 1960 J. R. W. Purves, Melbourne, Australia
- 1961 John J. Britt, New York, N. Y.
- 1962 Mrs. Louise B. Dale, Red Bank, N. J.

Philatelic Achievements The Basis For Selection

Henry M. Goodkind's achievements in philately run the gamut from distinguished editing to comprehensive additions to the body of philatelic knowledge. He comes rather honestly by his collecting interests; his late father was an avid collector who left him three fairly well-formed collections—a general collection, a collection of United States stamps and a mint air mail collection. The general collection has been merged and continued with one started by the medalist when he was a boy of ten. The United States collection was sold in 1939 but the air mail collection became his greatest love, with emphasis on used stamps and especially covers.

*Deceased

It was his interest in air mail stamps that brought him to the attention of the late Nicolas Sanabria, publisher of the Sanabria Air Mail Catalog. Mr. Sanabria was his friend and teacher. Some of the knowledge gained from this association came home to roost in Mr. Goodkind's writings for the Sanabria house organ, "Sanabria Air Post News." In 1944, Mr. Goodkind became an advisory editor of the Sanabria catalog; he has continued in that capacity to the present date.

The experience of these early years was later incorporated in Mr. Goodkind's association with Aero Philatelists, Inc., the newly formed air mail organization, born in 1945. In 1946, he was chosen editor of its first publication, *The Aero Philatelist's News* (published from 1946 to 1953) and continued as editor of the current successor publication, *The Aero Philatelist Annals*. In this seventeen year period, more than 210 issues of these magazines have appeared, many of the articles authored by the editor himself. He was the first and is the only editor Aero Philatelists had; this reporter was honored to be chosen assistant editor of the latter publication in October, 1959. Both publications, *The Aero Philatelist's News* and *The Aero Philatelist Annals* have achieved the highest awards granted for philatelic literature in international exhibitions held in London (1960), New York (1956), Havana (1955), Bogota, Colombia (1954), Toronto, Canada (1951) and West Berlin (1962).

In 1949, Henry M. Goodkind was appointed editor of the COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST, a position he has maintained to the present time. This cherished post provided a springboard to the much wider audience on the national and international scene. In the fourteen years of his stewardship as editor of the C. C. P., it has become firmly established as the foremost publication of record in all philately. This is not to gainsay the work of other predecessors in this job, nor underrate the achievements of other fine philatelic journals. Rather, the emphasis must be on the maturity of viewpoint and the exacting scholarship which Mr. Goodkind has brought to bear in his task. The results of his connection with this magazine have been widely acclaimed.

In July, 1961, Mr. Goodkind was invited to join the staff of Scott Publications as editor of "Scott's Monthly Stamp Journal." He still occupies this post with that popular philatelic publication.

In the course of more than a decade and a half as an editor, Mr. Goodkind has not neglected his own writing activities. He has authored more than 250 articles on U. S. and foreign air mail stamps and the following four handbooks:

1. The Hawker Stamp of Newfoundland,
2. First Air Mail Stamp of the United States,
3. United States, The 24c Inverted Air Mail Stamp of 1918,
4. R F Overprints.

The latter two were published as Handbooks No. 1 and No. 5 of the Theodore E. Steinway Memorial Publication Fund of the Collectors Club.

Other Philatelic Activities Not Neglected

Henry M. Goodkind's philatelic interests are not confined solely to his activities as editor and author. In 1949, he was invited to join the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Foundation; later, in 1951, he was elected to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. From 1952 to 1958, Mr. Goodkind served as Secretary of that organization. Mr. Goodkind is still on The Board of Trustees, The Expert Committee and the Executive Committee of the Foundation.

The Collectors Club is another of his enduring interests. Since 1959, he has been a member of The Board of Governors with service on many important committees. He served as Chairman of the Publication Committee of the

Theodore E. Steinway Memorial Fund Handbook Committee from 1958 to 1961.

Mr. Goodkind has served as a judge for many of this country's national and regional shows: Sojex, Sepad, Interpex, A. P. S. and S. P. A. exhibitions, to name but a few. Internationally, he has served as a member of the jury for Cipex(1947), Fipex(1956), Rio de Janeiro(1956), Curiosa, Netherlands (1961) and Aerophila, Belgium(1963). He is a Director of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions and in 1962 was elected to the International Presidium of F. I. S. A. (Federation Internationale des Societes Aerophilatelique).

Other Philatelic Honors

Mr. Goodkind has received many philatelic honors. In 1961, he was chosen the first recipient of the newly-created Richard S. Bohn Memorial Award, named in honor of the founder of Aero Philatelists, Inc. Mr. Bohn was also President of The Collectors Club from 1948 to 1950. In 1960, Mr. Goodkind was voted the Gerard Gilbert Award of The France and Colonies Group for his work on the R F Overprints. 1961 saw his election to Honorary Life Membership in Aero Philatelists and, in 1962, he received the Sepad National Merit Award.

In addition to memberships in The Collectors Club and Aero Philatelists, Inc., Mr. Goodkind holds membership in The Royal Philatelic Society, London. He was made a Fellow of that organization in 1951. He is also an Honorary Life Member of The Austria Philatelic Society.

As a collector and exhibitor, Henry M. Goodkind has had a fair measure of success. His collections have won trophies, gold, silver and bronze medals both here and abroad. The one regret of his philatelic life is that he has never won a Grand Award.

The Whole Man

Henry M. Goodkind is not only a citizen of philately, he is also a citizen of his community. A native New Yorker — fourth generation and proud of it — he was educated in both New York public and private schools before receiving his A. B. from Cornell University in 1925. Subsequent to his graduation from Cornell, he spent a year at Oxford University, England doing post-graduate work.

Three generations of Goodkinds have attended Cornell. His father was Secretary of his class. Recently, daughter, Mrs. Mary G. Freeman, also received her A. B. from that institution. A son, Martin H. Goodkind, is a student at Wagner College on Staten Island. Mr. Goodkind's wife, Frances, is a daughter of the late Lionel Strassburger, President of The Sterno Canned Heat Company. The Goodkinds also have a year old granddaughter, Lisa A. Freeman.

The Goodkinds hold memberships in many organizations associated with the cultural life of New York. Some of these are New York Philharmonic Society, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, and New York Zoological Society. He is a member of the Congregation Emanu-El, New York.

His Basic Philosophy

Henry M. Goodkind has constantly championed philately as an adult hobby. His editorials, which have been reprinted both here and abroad, have had one long-term aim — the greater cultural value of philately. He has performed unselfishly in his chosen field without asking, "What's in it for me?" His selection as the 1963 recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award is a fitting climax to a long and distinguished philatelic career. (P. S.)