

# *Mississippi Ladies*

## *Mississippi (MD-30) Southern Ladies* PDG Jerry Townsend

The Southern Ladies began with the idea of **Edna Patterson**, the late wife of Past International President **Howard L. "Pat" Patterson, Jr.** She wanted a pin to represent the South and the State of Mississippi. Therefore, she designed the first Lady with a white dress and blue parasol for the 1972 LCI Convention in Mexico City. It was such a "hit" that the MD-30 District Governors changed the color to pink for the 1974 LCI Convention in San Francisco. In 1977, the color of the dress was again changed to blue. This is the year of the first miniature



1972



1974



1977



1977

pins, which

were issued at our State Convention by the Hattiesburg Lions Club, the home Club of PIP "Pat". The miniature pins were so well-received that the Hattiesburg Club issued 1,000 small pins in 1979 when the State issued the Yellow Lady for the 1979 LCI Convention in Montreal.



1979



In 1982, the final of the first five Ladies She had a green dress. Again, the Hattiesburg they were received them, she was facing the wrong way. That is why we have two (2) miniature green pins.

were issued for the LCI Convention in Atlanta. They, in turn, reordered to get the pin facing the correct way.



1982

As you can see, there were only five (5) by MD-30. However, there have been made a dark blue, a dark red, and a lighter dered by MD-30, and they didn't want will have you believe that they are authorized pins, the fact is that they are not. Also, there are two counterfeit pins issued by a PDG and another Lion to help pay their way to the 1979 LCI Convention in Montreal. They are pink and blue and can easily be identified since they are thicker than the authorized pins and they are aluminum.

regular size and six (6) miniature pins issued several other colors that have shown up. T.C. Arts and Crafts green, and tried to sell them to MD-30. Since they were not them, they were sold to a Lion in another State. Although some

A new set of pins was started in 1984 when a light blue Lady was issued. In 1985, the Lady was dressed in beige. In 1986, the dress was maroon and in 1987, it was red. The 1988 dress was purple. These sets were issued by the MD-30 Council of Governors in quantities of 3,000 for the regular issue and 1,000 for the miniature pin. After a couple of years away from the Ladies, the Mississippi Pin Traders Club became responsible for the State pins.



1984



1985



1986



1987



In 1991, each year in 1991, 1992, and 1993. These sets of pins were issued as regular and prestige pins. The Lady was in a pink dress in 1991; a blue dress in 1992; and a yellow dress in 1993.

another set was started and

pins were issued for



1991



1988



Before I forget it, in 1988, we had a "Southern Gentleman" pin designed by a District Governor to go with the 1988 Lady. The pin is not shown in this presentation.



1992



1993

In 1994, the format for the Lady was changed to include the Gentleman. The new pins were issued as a three pin set each year through 1997. In 1994, the Lady's dress was white; in 1995 it was pink; in 1996 it was blue; and in 1988, it was green. The first several hundred green pins were issued with the wrong date of 1997, as shown below.



1994



1995



In 2001, we issued the Lady on a green base, in both a regular and miniature size. We followed this in 2002 with the Lady in a gold dress and in 2003 in a blue dress. Since a prestige pin was not issued the MPTC Board of Directors voted to go back and issue a prestige pin to go with the 2001, 2002, and the 2003 sets. In 2004, three pins (regular, miniature, and prestige) were issued with a green dress and green base. In 2005, the three pins had the Lady in a green dress and in 2005, she was in a purple dress on a green base.



2001



2002



2003



Note the differences in color shading between the regular issues and the prestige pins

Prestige Pins for 2001, 2002, and 2003



2004



2005



2006



2007



The Lady is dressed in green; in 2005 in purple; in 2006 in white; in 2007 in pink; and in 2008 in blue.

We are showing the 3” pins issued in 1978 by the Hattiesburg Lions Club, once again, the home Club of PIP “Pat” Patterson.

The Lady is featured on numerous District pins within Mississippi and We plan to show those at a later date as a companion article to this one.

The Lady is alive and well and we fully anticipate the series will continue for the foreseeable future.

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2008



2009 Large



2009 Medium



2009 Small



2010 Large



2010 Medium



2010 Small



2011 Large



2011 Medium



2012 Large



2012 Medium



2013 Large



2013 Medium



2014 Large



2014 Medium



2015 Large



2015 Medium



2016 Large



2017 Large



2017 Medium



2018 Large



2018 Medium



2019 Large



2019 Medium



2020 Large



2020 Medium





2021 Large



2021 Medium



2022 Large



2022 Medium



2023 Large



2023 Medium



2024 Large



2024 Medium



2025 Large



2025 Medium