



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ALBANY FACT SHEET

Soroptimist International of Albany was formed in 1987 by 25 members. SI of Albany currently has over 35 members who meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Noon at the Albany Senior Center. The goal of a Soroptimist club is to identify the needs of its community and to serve those needs.

Over the past 26 years Soroptimist International of Albany has contributed over one-half million dollars to community projects.

Some of those service projects include:

- **Walk for the Cause** proceeds are used to provide detection, treatment and support services for breast cancer and other diseases affecting women. Albany Soroptimists are proud that 100% of the net proceeds will remain in our local community to be administered through local health agencies.
The 2012 contribution was \$45,000.00.
- **The Student Assistance Program** provides clothing and school supplies for children in need in elementary, middle and high school in the area.
The 2012 contribution was \$14000.00.
- **The Student of the Year Scholarship** recognizes a senior from either West or South Albany High School or the Albany Options School for their volunteer contributions the community.
The 2012 contribution was \$1,000.00.

Other community projects include:

- **The Violet Richardson Award** offers cash awards to young women based on their volunteer work in the community
- **The Women's Opportunity Award** offers grants so women can further their educational opportunities.
- **Miscellaneous Service contributions** to local and international projects.

In order to provide this community assistance Albany Soroptimists have a variety of fundraisers:

- **Poinsettia Sales** in October and November
- **Walk for the Cause on the first Saturday of October**
- **A Gift from the Heart** letter campaign on Valentine's Day
- **Spring Flower Sales** in April and May

We now accept all major credit cards on-line and at the walk.
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