

# Altrusa Announcer



## President's Message



I cannot believe that it's already August and almost a full quarter into my Presidency. Fall is right around the corner and with-it, kids will be back in school soon. This means Happy Feet and Astra will be starting again, in full force. Many of our other committees have already started this year off strong and I cannot wait to see how everything develops throughout the year. While we give our all to the club and everything else in our lives, please do not forget to take time to care for yourself. Self-care is an important part in keeping yourself healthy and happy so that you in turn can help support those around you.

A personal example of this was when I had to push to get my baseline mammogram. Because I am under the age of 40, my doctor was reluctant, but he ordered it for me, after I persisted. If it wasn't for me pushing, I wouldn't have gotten the results early and I might not have been diagnosed with only stage one. A second opinion is sometimes warranted. For example, Hillsdale Hospital only found one type of non-invasive cancer, but after going to the University of Michigan, late last month, they found another type. This one is invasive, still stage one, but this second opinion will help immensely with my ability for self-care. I'll get off my soap box now, but please remember to be proactive about your needs as there is no shame in taking care of yourself!

Your friend in service,

*Alicia*

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## CRAN- PISTACHIO COOKIES

1pouch (17.5 oz) Betty Crocker™ Sugar Cookie Mix

1box (4-serving size) pistachio instant pudding and pie filling mix 1/4 cup

Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour

1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

2eggs

1cup dry-roasted salted pistachio nuts, chopped

1/2cup dried cranberries, chopped

1)Heat oven to 350°F. Line cookie sheet with Reynolds Parchment Paper; set aside. In large bowl, stir together cookie mix, pudding mix and flour. Stir in melted butter and eggs until soft dough forms. Add pistachios and cranberries; mix well.

2)Using small cookie scoop or teaspoon, drop dough 2 inches apart on lined cookie sheet. Press with fingers to slightly flatten.

3)Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered at room temperature.

\*\*\*\*The only way you can fail at these cookies is to over cook them. They tend to look a bit uncooked, but if they are slightly golden on the bottom, they are done.

--Chris Hill-Milton



## Meeting Schedule

**August 16**

**Greeters: Pat Sampsel/  
Michelle Scheetz**

**August 30**

**Greeters: Meggie Segura/  
Kristin Smith**

**September 6**

**Greeters: Jan Storrs/Carrie  
Stout**

**September 20**

**Greeters: Julie Stratos/  
Kelsey Waller**

**October 4**

**Greeters: Robin Walling/  
Janelle Warner**

**October 18**

**Greeters: Connie Winbigler/  
Megan Angell**

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

### LETHA H BROWN AWARD FOR LITERACY *San Antonio, TX*

The “Literacy One Day at a Time” calendar features approximately four hundred literacy activities, highlights of Michigan, Coldwater, Bronson, Quincy and Union City. 14 pieces of original artwork by Branch County artists, artwork that features “Michigan” things such as birds, trees, etc. The calendar was funded by an Altrusa International Foundation Grant for \$4,000 and was distributed to all Branch County kindergartners as well as homeschooled students.



A special thanks to Tibbits Opera House Graphic Artist Matt Biolchini, for all his talent with graphic computer programs and all his hard work. As well to Chris Delaney, for sharing him with us. Also to Mike Iveson, from Graphics 3, for his hard work, patience, and for printing a beautiful end product.

Other Branch County artists included: Dawn Scheidler-Leno (cover art); Onalee Kraus; Diane Brenner; Morgan Miller; Christy Berry; Maureen O-Keefe Strang; Roxanne Kaufman; Sally Brayton; Dave Hodson; Matt Biolchini; Sara Bagley; Sue Kreige; Dorothy Cross; and Peggy Voss.

Thank you to Pam and Elaine Moore for originally bringing this project to our attention and to the Colorado and South Carolina State libraries for sharing their files to get us started and supporting us throughout the process.



There were two committees who worked on the project. The first included Susan Merkle; Raeanne Renner; Cyndy Keyes; Diane Brenner; Carol Hodson; and Jan Storrs. Last year committee members included: Diane Brenner; Kendra Daniels; Erica Heminger; Christine Hill-Melton; Ginger Kesler; Carol Hodson; and Jan Storrs.

## HAWLEY ADVENTURE *Pigeon Forge, TN*



Altrusa member DeAnne Hawley, and her husband Bill Hawley, at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Crazy Mason Milkshake Bar.



*Pictured is the 4th of July Milkshake (red, white, and blue cake) and a Strawberry Shortcake (shortcake, strawberry sauce, and whip cream).*

## TEENSHARE VISIT

Altrusa Members took a trip to the Teen Share House as Coordinator, Holly Carpenter, highlighted the upgrades on the landscaping and the yard. This also included the flower boxes and pots, a birdbath, and a hammock for the teens to feel at home. The security system was also reviewed and discussed. Holly mentioned the future need for central air conditioning and additional supplies that would be helpful for the students. The committee will follow up with Holly on August 25th to formulate the next action steps and delegate assignments.

Connie Winbigler and Kelsey Waller are co-chairmen of the committee this year. They will meet regularly with the ATS staff to discuss the needs of the students.





## OBITUARY FOR FRAN GLOBKE

Former Altrusan, Marie “Fran” Frances Globke, 87, of Coldwater, passed away Tuesday June 20, 2023, at Masonville Place. Fran was born August 16, 1935, to Guedry “Butch” and Marie (Neikirk) Shelton in Detroit, MI. She married Richard “Dick” Globke, Jr. on June 4, 1955, in Detroit, MI. He preceded her in death on October 29, 2018. Fran and her husband retired to Coldwater Lake from the Detroit area in 1978. In 1980, they came out of retirement and opened Quality Quickprint locations in both Coldwater and Fremont, IN, which they operated until their retirement in 1992. She was a member at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and a charter member of ALTRUSA. Fran volunteered in many capacities throughout the community including Reading for the Blind Organization, narrating books on tape and with the local Shriners. She had fulfilled a lifelong goal of writing a book which included her letters from her longtime pen pal friendship in Australia, titled *Dear Fran*.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so very much,  
Whatever the part.*

***Thank you for the lovely card. Fran enjoyed the Altrusa Club over the years.  
Rik and Cheri***

*A sympathy card was sent to the family by Connie Winbigler and above was the note she received back. In addition, the family identified Happy Feet at the memorial and Altrusa received a donation in her memory.*

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT SEASONED MEMBER: ALICIA COLE

Alicia Cole gets the top spot this month as our Seasoned, Longstanding, ALTRUSA Member of 27 years! To begin her story, she just completed her 25th year of organizing the Altrusa Golf Scramble which has raised almost \$300,000 net. Alicia joined Altrusa in 1996, and since that year Alicia, has been a very visible and active member. She has served on many boards and has taken on many roles including: President *twice*; Past President *twice*; Treasurer for five years (two terms plus); President Elect *twice*; Vice President *twice*; Secretary; Director I; Director II. As a chapter member, she has served on the: Finance Committee; Golf Outing Committee; Annual Diamond Raffle/Fundraising Committee; Annual Golf Outing/Fundraising Committee; Community Service Committee; Yearbook Committee and Newsletter Committee. Because of her passion for golf, Alicia brought the idea of a golf scramble to the club. In 1999, she founded the Annual Altrusa Golf Scramble to raise additional funds for Altrusa's Community Service budget. She has been the chair of the committee since it began, 25 years ago. The event is Altrusa's largest annual fund raiser! In 2015, Alicia was nominated by our club for the Miriam V. Wolf Award. At the District Level, she co-chaired at District Conference and the District Five Conference in 2022, where she won the Elizabeth E. Powelson Distinguished Career Achievement Award!

### CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

In 1994, Alicia graduated from Western Michigan University. She always thought she would be a teacher, but in the end, she majored in Finance and graduated with a Bachelor of Business degree. She is the Lead Trust & Estate Administrator for Branch County, at Century Bank and Trust. She settles estates and trusts for individuals when they pass away. She also oversees the scholarship trusts for Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, and Union City High School graduates. These four trusts give out over \$280,000 each year, to over 100 Branch County graduates. In July 2000, she graduated from Cannon Trust School and earned the Certified Trust and Financial Advisor designation. She is a member of the Calhoun County Estate Planners Council from 2001 to present, and has served as their Secretary since 2004. She earned her Certified Financial Planner certification in July 2009.

On December 19, 2013, Alicia's father, Tom Rissman, former Mayor of Bronson, passed away. This was devastating for the family as well as many in the community. Alicia became the Mayor of Bronson in 2014 and ended her term in 2019.



**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
**CONTINUED:**  
**ALICIA COLE**



*"I have always considered myself a city girl, but I have lived on a cattle farm for over 5 years now with my boyfriend, Mike. I love being a country girl and doing things that I could never imagine. We are getting married in September so I will officially be a Polack!"*  
*-Alicia Cole*

Alicia has always lived in Bronson and she graduated from Bronson High School. Her earliest memories are growing up on Matteson Lake and living in a funeral home. At the age of twelve, she remembers helping her parents at the funeral home. She has always had an interest in taking care of people after they've lost a loved one.

Alicia and Mike are currently operating as a 2nd stage calf grower for a big Amish, cattle farm. They have over 700 head of calves from 3-6 months old, three to four times, per year. She is stepmom to four: Crystal, Mikey, Glenn, and Torei. Crystal has four children: Carmen (18), Olivia (16), Ava (15), and Gavin (13). Mikey and Ashley have two children, Aubrey (9) and Lucas (5), and are due in January with their third child. Torei is married to Nathan.

Alicia also has three fur children - Titan, Adi, and a kitten named, Sparty. She has always had cats and dogs and enjoys spending time with her animals. Alicia mentioned, that if she won the lottery, she would buy a place where she could house all of the abandoned cats and dogs to give them a nice home.

In her free time, Alicia is an avid golfer. She also enjoys camping, reading, traveling, kayaking, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends. Altrusa is important to her because she enjoys helping people in her community and making friends with her Altrusa family.

## 2023 QUINCY GRADUATES



Katie (Kathleen) Bailey is a graduating Senior Scholar from Quincy High School. When not serving Bucklin Law in her self-initiated internship, Katie began her formal membership with Quincy ASTRA Club in March of 2022. Going above and beyond academically, Katie has done the same in service to her community. It is my sincere honor to award Katie with this year's Quincy ASTRA Club Scholarship which she will utilize at Michigan State University, in her pursuit toward a degree in International Relations and Social Relations & Policy. Congratulations Katie, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

*-Emily Heffner  
Quincy ASTRA Club Advisor*

Susan Merkle, with first grandchild, Brody Fillmore, who graduated from Quincy High School on June 4, 2023.



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