

Application Form

Profile

Patricia A Bruce
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted] Email Address

[Redacted] Home Address Suite or Apt

[Redacted] City [Redacted] State [Redacted] Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 5

[Redacted] Primary Phone [Redacted] Alternate Phone

Retired
Employer Job Title

Please look at the vacancy page before applying. Some Boards, Committees and Commissions have requirements that they are looking for in an applicant, such as specific skills or member types such as Adult or Student.

The Vacancy page can be found here:

[VACANCIES](#)

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Commission: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

[Vitae updated Jan 2024.docx](#)
Upload a Resume

Why are you interested in joining this Board or Commission?

Personal Profile: After growing up in a once small town outside Boston I came to the Midwest via Marquette University. I have lived in Wauwatosa since we purchased our first home in 1975. My husband grew up in Wauwatosa as then did our children. Wauwatosa is a rich, vibrant urban community with much to offer. When friends and colleagues were moving 'further out', outside Milwaukee County, we chose to stay and make this our "home". Wauwatosa gains much by also being part of the greater Milwaukee community and this has always been important to me. As you can see from my resume / vitae, service, faith and community involvement have always been at the core of my life. I retired in 2016 but have continued to serve. Upon retirement I was asked to serve on Milwaukee County's Aging and Disability Resource Center's (ADRC) Governing Board. During that time, I was approached to serve on the Wauwatosa Senior Commission. I agreed to explore service to the Commission once I completed my term(s) with the ADRC. So, here I am. What do I do to relax or for fun? I travel, jet ski, garden, crochet, read, enjoy time with family, pets, grand kids, and friends; attend the theatre, art, musical events and farmers markets. We share time also with a nearby lake home where my husband spent time as a youth. As a colleague from Wisconsin Healthy Aging once told me, "You retired and rewired!" Service to the Senior Commission: I have worked with older adults and their families for over 40 years (Please see resume.) in addition to having grown up in a home that included my grandfather as well as filling out the first Homestead Credit forms for elderly around the Marquette Campus at Gesu parish. My older brother had Downs Syndrome and developed Alzheimer's; I was responsible for his care. I have worked with and served a wide range of individuals from a number of ethnic, racial, cultural, economic, educational, sexual, workplace, spiritual and social backgrounds. I have been dedicated to the dignity of the person and seek quality in life. I understand, respect and enjoy our urban community. Perhaps some of my experience and knowledge can now be shared within the Commission as it continues to serve the people of Wauwatosa.

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Female

Sexual Orientation *

☒ Straight/Heterosexual


Date of Birth

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Skills Profile

- Worked (works) cooperatively with congregations, agencies across the lifespan, United Way, County, State and National departments and programs
- Develop and support community collaborations
- Plan and execute community outreach, networking, newsletter, website, events (including 10 past annual caregiver conferences), business and community awareness
- Provide accurate information, support, advocacy, follow-up for those needing services
- Oversee staff and volunteers as well as program budget and contract compliance
- Maintain program records and prepare reports as required
- Develop presentations, provide workshops, public speaking
- Reliable, organized, ethical, team member, leader, retired state licensed social worker

Current Involvement

- Eras Senior Network – Milwaukee, Tosa Advisory Council and volunteer
- St. Pius X Parish – Health Ministry Committee – facilitator, Eucharistic Minister, Co-Coordinator Christmas Gift Sunday (for five agencies)
- Wisconsin Department of Justice, Milwaukee County: Abuse in Later Life Coordinated Community Response Team Subcommittee to the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
- Wisconsin Humane Society – Volunteer (2000 – current))

Former

- Milwaukee County ADRC Governing Board 2017-2023, Chair 2020-2023
- Advisory Council, Social Development Commission Senior Companion Program
- Alzheimer's Association Board of Director's Program Committee (retired)
- Alzheimer's Action Network - Milwaukee County (ended)
- Interfaith Older Adult Programs – Neighborhood Outreach Program – volunteer driver (transitioned to Eras)
- Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) Board of Directors (retired)
- Salvation Army Toys for Tots - Toy Shop registration - intake volunteer
- State DHS Mind and Memory Matters Advisory Committee (for grant outreach materials) (project ended)

Work History:

1975 - 2016 Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc., Retired 2016

- 2000 - 2016 Interfaith Older Adult programs, Program Director: Family Caregiver Support Network (FCSN)
- 1999 - 2000 Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Program Director: Living Options (United Way transitioned it into FCSN)
- 1975 - 1999 Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Neighborhood Outreach Program, Director of Crossroads Interfaith (60th St. to Green Bay Ave., Capitol Drive to Mill Rd.)

Education and Training

- Milwaukee Aging Consortium - attend for education and networking
- Continuing Education necessary to maintain Wisconsin State Social Work license (Primary field – aging and related areas, i.e. Alzheimer's, Elder Abuse, family caregiving, disabilities)
- St. Francis Seminary School of Pastoral Ministry – Masters and Continuing education relevant to masters (Initial team/member in the research and development of the master's degree for lay students. First lay student and woman to receive the degree.)
- Volunteer Management - specialty when an Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach Director
- Marquette University BA; Religious Studies, Theology, Social Work, Education
- Canton High School – Canton, Massachusetts

Awards and Recognition

- 2023 & 2016 Milwaukee County Proclamations - for Service
- 2019 Wauwatosa Catholic IB School, Award for "Principled"
- 2015 40 Years of Service - Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc.
- 2010 Annecy Award – St Francis Seminary Alumni Association: Exceptional Pastoral Work
- 1991 Shirley Chase Wile Distinguished Service Award in Volunteer Management
- 1969 Boston Globe's Ollie Noonan Award (High school newspaper photography)

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