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After speaking with Nancy McKenney, I am submitting this letter of interest to Mayor Don Merkes, City of Menasha, for an appointment to the Committee on Aging.

I am 66 years old, currently semi-retired and reinventing my life.

At the present time I am a caregiver for one family in Neenah, a 65 year old woman who lives with her 90 year old father, for approximately 15 hours per week. It is expected these individuals will be joining an assisted living community in July, 2016. I will still be assisting with this family but in a different capacity.

In my previous years I attended the University of Oshkosh and earned a B.S. degree in Social Work. My other passion, Accounting! While I worked into the Bookkeeping position at Bay-Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America (15 years) I earned an Associate Degree in Accounting from Fox Valley Technical College. Volunteering as a Budget Counselor, I discovered I enjoyed the people contact and secured a position with F.I.S.C. (10 years) counseling with individuals, speaking and presenting workshops in the Fox Valley at community agencies. Once this agency became a part of Goodwill Industries, I became the Representative Payee for the Payment Partner Program working with individuals who needed assistance with managing their finances. I held this position for 5 years. After many years in an office, and having worked with people in the community, I decided I would like to continue working with people in another venue. I then worked with Compassionate Home Healthcare for a year and a half when, I met the wonderful family I am currently assisting.

Through my faith community I hold the volunteer position of Faith Ambassador. In this position I actively educate and encourage community discussions, facilitate conversations with individuals and families and help people complete their Advance Care Planning documents. You should be hearing a lot more about this now, as April 16th is National Healthcare Decisions Day! (Ah! Death and Taxes) The theme this year: It always seems too early, until it is too late.

As I enter this chapter of my life, I hope to encourage, learn and grow along with others. I feel led to do more in my community and would look forward to the opportunity to learn, grow and contribute through the Committee on Aging and Menasha Senior Center.


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