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What experience have you had serving the Village of River Hills and related organizations?

I have been Village President of River Hills for 20 years, having earlier been a Trustee since 1988. Have also been on the Village Plan Commission since 1982, chairing that body since 1992. Am a director of the River Hills Foundation and the North Shore Fire Dept., having been a board director since the department's inception in 1995 and past president on two occasions. Served as chair of the Milwaukee County Inter-governmental Cooperation Council 1996-1998. Was a MMSD Commissioner for nine years beginning in 2000; seven years as vice chair of the Policy, Finance & Personnel Committee and two years as vice chair.

Did you have other local governmental or board of director experience?

Was a former Milwaukee County Supervisor, serving on the Finance, Health and Environment Committees. In addition, was chairman of the County Pension Board, chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, a trustee of the Milwaukee Public Museum, and a director of the Mental Health Planning Council, the Southeast Wisconsin Health Systems Agency, the Milwaukee County Historical Society, and Summerfest. Was also a leader in 1976 in the development of the County's paramedic program and an incorporating director of the First Wisconsin Bank of Waukesha. In 1990, completed a three-year term as the first chairman of the Milwaukee County Research Park Corporation and have been a member of the Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Systems Council since 2006.

Have you had any other public sector service?

Served as a cabinet Secretary and Special Assistant to Governor Lee Dreyfus heading up Wisconsin's business retention and expansion, international trade and development, tourism, and minority business. Also served on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Tourism and the WI Advisory Council on Vocational and Technical Education. In addition, was a long-time director and former president of the Wisconsin Economic Development Association. Also completed service on the Wisconsin Council on State and Local Relations as an appointee of Governor Thompson.

Have you had private sector experience?

Worked for eleven years in financial and credit areas and as the building trades consultant at Dun & Bradstreet's NYC headquarters. Subsequently held executive positions in the food industry for 18 years; being president and treasurer of two companies and holding national sales and marketing responsibilities with another. Was also president and director for twelve years of two governmental and public policy research organizations located in Madison that concentrated on state and local issues; work that enabled me to more closely know state and local government and business leaders.

What is your service and educational background?

During World War II, enlisted in the US Navy at 17 and was honorably discharged as a petty officer at 19. Am a graduate of Rutgers University (BS degree-Cum Laude), Harvard University (MBA) and later pursued graduate studies at New York University in auditing, taxation, and financial management and achieved ABD status at UWM. Also taught graduate courses part-time over a seven year period in Corporate Financial Policy, Analysis of Corporate Reports, and Managerial Accounting.

What about your family?

Have been married 50 years to Audrey and have three adult children, each of whom attended local public schools and received undergraduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.