

To Whom It May Concern,

Bio piece for John K. Griffith:

Mr. Griffith was born & raised in rural Wisconsin, has been active in the political arena since 1960. After graduating from Baraboo Senior High, he attended the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire where he studied Accounting & Political Science. Due to family needs he interrupted his education for seven years returning to the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, where he graduated with a degree in Social Welfare with minors in Sociology & Political Science, He also attended Drake University in Des Moines, IA studying Advertising and Grad School at UW – Madison studying Social Service Administration.

Mr. Griffith, was active in student government serving first on the hall council then as hall president & on the Inter-Resident Hall Council, At Whitewater, he was Student Rep. to Social Welfare Faculty Board and as President of the Social Welfare Student Organization while working three jobs. Mr. Griffith has worked for Energy Assistance of Dane Co., Summer Youth Job Trainer at Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Motel Office Supervisor at Devil's Head Ski & Golf Resort, Pierce's Super Market, NECO Enterprises, Isenberg's Ace Hardware, City Of Baraboo Public Works Dept. Baraboo Bakery, Special Machine Co. in Rockford ,IL, and self- employed with Surplus Sales & Quality Discount where he bought & sold new & used furniture & appliances.

When Mr. Griffith's juvenile macular degeneration started to affect his ability to see well enough to drive, he applied for and received disability until his retirement, all this while he remained active in local Democratic Party politics. He has served for 14 yrs. on the Sauk County Executive Board, 12 yrs. on the Second Congressional District Executive Council and 4yrs. on the Administrative Committee of the State Democratic Party serving on the Future Directions & Platform & Resolutions Committees. Mr. Griffith has been active as a lit dropper, canvasser, and candidate for County Supervisor & County Clerk as well as Campaign Manager for several State Assembly & Senate Contests.

When Mr. Griffith moved to Milwaukee 27 + years ago he became active as an officer & volunteer in the Human Rights League, the Police Recruit Training Program, P-FLAG Educators Awareness Program, the "We Are Everywhere" Project, the HRL - PAC, the Domestic Partnership Task Force, Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center as well as many other community groups. Currently Mr. Griffith volunteers with senior drop-in programs at Jefferson Ct. Apts. & at the LGBT Center. He also has attended on behalf of the LGBT Center Milwaukee's Commission on Aging meetings as well as Advocacy & Wellness committee meetings. Meanwhile he serves as Co-President of the Brewery Point Resident Association.