



# RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

## Robert Cowden

Robert (Bob) was born in Warren, Ohio. His father was a high school teacher, and his mother was a former teacher - now a housewife. The family, now including a sister, moved to Kentucky where they resided in a Mission School Complex in a town of around 900 people, many of whom were tobacco farmers. The next move was Urbana, Ohio where his father was a school administrator, and his mother was a high school teacher of English and Speech. Bob was involved in band, orchestra, and choir among other activities and played cello in the nearby Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

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**Bob was a music major at Muskingum College (OH) where he met Corinne. As it happened, they both participated in Commencement at 10:00 on a certain Saturday. That was followed by their wedding at 2:00. If that wasn't enough, Bob served as best man at his roommates wedding at 4:00! Whew! Some Day! Following graduation, Bob taught instrumental music in Parma, OH. At the time, this was the second-fastest growing school system in the nation. He completed a master's degree at Kent State, then a doctorate at The Ohio State University. This was followed by a move to the University of Cincinnati, then another move to Terre Haute, IN where he became the Chair of the ISU Music Department.**

**While involved with many activities of the National Association of Schools of Music, he made several accreditation visits to colleges and universities across the country. Something less well-known: Bob was active with the Miss America Pageant Organization for a number of years and served on judges' panels in several states!**



**Bob has been a resident of Westminster Village for 14 years this December - and happily so! Bob is involved in the Marketing Committee, The Westminster Singers, as well as the Village Four and contributes on the Memorial Committee. Bob is an avid lover of tennis and staying active. He is involved in a lot of the Westminster Athletic Club activities and classes to stay fit and healthy.**