

Robert W. Uek
Recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award

Each year, the John J. Cronin Public Service Award committee awards this high honor to an individual who has served the Town of Westwood. John J. Cronin Sr. served the Town for thirty-three years and selflessly gave of his time and expertise for the betterment of the community both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities. To recognize this same spirit of community involvement, as exemplified by John Cronin's life, it is with great pleasure that we have chosen Robert W. Uek as the eighth recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award.

Robert W. Uek has displayed exemplary service, dedication and commitment to the Town of Westwood. He has made valuable contributions while serving for three consecutive terms as a member of the Westwood Board of Selectmen from 1986 to 1996 and served as Chairman from 1988 to 1989, 1991 to 1992, and 1994 to 1995; and on the Finance Committee for three years from 1983 to 1986 and as Chairman in 1986 improving the Town budgeting and financial controls.

Bob and his wife, Mary, have been residing (part-time) in Pelican Bay, Naples, Florida since 2000. He is very active in the Pelican Bay Foundation -- serving as the Foundation's Treasurer and Chairs the Foundation's Audit & Budget and Strategic Planning Committees. He also serves on the Tierra Mar Association Board.

Bob earned his undergraduate degree at Boston College in 1963 and his graduate degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1964. A CPA, Bob joined Coopers & Lybrand, specializing in domestic and international financial services, served as Chairman of that firm's Global Investment Company Industry Practice, and when he retired from which had become PricewaterhouseCoopers, he was Senior Partner.

Bob is presently a Trustee/Treasurer of Anatolia College (Greece), a member of the Board of Overseers of the New England Aquarium, Trustee of the Cape Cod Center for the Arts, serves on the Board of Governors of the Investment Company Institute (Washington, DC), Chairman of the Independent Directors Council (Washington, DC), and Board of Trustees of the MFS Family of Mutual Funds.

Bob and his wife Mary continue to summer at their Cape Cod home in East Dennis. They enjoy being with their 3 children and 6 grandchildren, and traveling in the United States and Europe.

On behalf of The John J. Cronin Public Service Award Committee, it is with great pleasure that I present this prestigious award to Robert W. Uek; and we add his name to the plaque which hangs in Town Hall of previously honored individuals.