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CORAL GABLES --- The Musicians' Club of America is a cosmopolitan club for musicians and music-lovers, a cultural center in the community; a shrine to the great in music where grants, gifts and bequests perpetuate their memory, and a place for vacationing musicians and a retirement home for its members.

The main building is one of Coral Gables' landmarks. It is the former Coral Gables Inn, which opened in 1925 as the first hostelry and one of the first buildings in the area. The Gables was the "boom-time baby" of George E. Derrick, one of the finest planned communities in the state.

This Spanish-style residence building has 35 spacious single and double bedrooms, a sun-drenched patio decorated with centuries-old Spanish tile, a well-appointed lobby and a dining area overlooking palm-shaded gardens. Other living accommodations are available in the Club's apartment buildings adjacent to the main building:

The Musicians Club was founded in 1939 by the late Dr. Bertha Foster who also helped found the University of Miami, and was the first Dean of its School of Music and the founder of the Miami Conservatory.

Recognizing the need for a national organization of musicians and music-lovers which would have as its aim the creation of a retirement home for the profession's senior members within their financial resources, Dr. Foster devoted nearly 30 years of untiring effort toward that objective.

"We are far more than an old-folks home," declared the Club's Executive Director. "We want to remain a gathering place for musicians and music-lovers, people from throughout the community as well as throughout the world."