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To the joy and jubilation of Lake Logan's Board of Advisors and Directors, Bishop Porter Taylor announced on June 1 the great news that the Episcopal Foundation of Western North Carolina has authorized a grant totaling \$1 million to Lake Logan Episcopal Center.

Designed to eliminate a large portion of the remaining \$3.2 million capital debt owed on the property, the grant was divided into two parts. The first was a \$500,000 outright gift, which will eventually be repaid with designated bequests to Lake Logan. The other \$500,000 grant will be used as a one-to-one match to encourage broader support throughout the diocese.

The fundraising effort is part of a three-pronged approach to eliminate the remaining debt owed for the original purchase and improvements made to the conference center at Lake Logan, home of Camp Henry. The other two prongs include looking for an appropriate partner and selling some outlying parcels of land not essential to the operation of the center. In a special email announcement distributed throughout the diocese, the Bishop wrote, "The timing and terms of this grant allow us to continue our search for an appropriate ownership partner with the necessary due diligence while we also make adjustments to the real estate market."

The research and planning that went into preparing the grant request was accomplished for a task force assembled at the December, 2009 meeting of Lake Logan's Board of Directors. Led by former Lake Logan Board President Ed Bleynt, members of the task force included the current Lake Logan Board President, Dick Murray, Board members Bob Carr, Toby Summerour, Tom Betor, Ward Hendon, and former Bishop, Bob Johnson. They were assisted by Lake Logan's Executive Director, Johnny Keesee, and Director of Development and Marketing, Cheryl Smith.

Upon hearing the wonderful news, Dick Murray said, "This grant is a great symbol of faith in Lake Logan. I have never felt more confident about our ability to eliminate this debt."

Johnny Keesee said, "The significance of this grant from the Foundation can not be overstated. It not only gives us the momentum to eliminate the capital debt, but it is a huge endorsement of the ministry of Lake Logan."



*Sizzling*  
**SUMMER**  
**NEWS.....**

*We've got August and mid-week September dates available! Swim, canoe, sip coffee in a rocker on your deck! Stare at the mountains, eat yummy food, take a dip.... We'd love a visit from you! Visit our web site for available dates!*

## Retreats for a Retreat II *Fundraiser for Lake Logan!*



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Considering this summer's ridiculously hot weather, the bitter cold and icy roads of last winter may seem a distant memory. Nevertheless, just douse yourself with water, open your freezer, and stand there a minute; it will all come back. So...next winter, when Asheville is frozen solid again, imagine breaking your date with old man winter, and going to the Florida Keys for a week. You could take a group of friends to an incredible house on a romantic island, where relaxation reigns, views mesmerize and life is calm. Are you seeing the dolphins yet? Read on....



Grand prize donors Charlie and Cary Owen



The house at Islamorada: This could be yours for a week!



Gay and Stewart Coleman, hosts of Asheville's Retreats I and II

Back by popular demand, Retreats for a Retreat II - a diocesan-wide celebration of Lake Logan - will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, August 29. This year, the committee decided Retreats should go beyond Asheville. So, instead of throwing just one party, they decided to have four! Held from 4 to 6 p.m., the events, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, will be in downtown Asheville, Blowing Rock, Highlands and Shelby. All four will share the same \$75 ticket to enter, the same grand prize and the same silent auction items.

Tickets for this fabulous event are now available through Lake Logan (cherylsmith@lakelogan.org, 828-646-0095). Each ticket gains admission for one to a party and a chance to win our grand prize - a week (one of four designated) at a gorgeous home in Islamorada, Florida. Graciously donated by Asheville's Cary and Charlie Owen, this luxurious 4-bedroom house has its own dock, pool, two elevators and sleeps 8 people. Water sports abound and the town is charming. Your Retreats II ticket also allows you to bid on at least ten other retreat possibilities, including a long weekend in Manhattan, a week for two on St. Bart's, and other getaways only a drive away.

The Asheville Retreats II party, complete with music by Frazier Worth and the Honeybees, will be held in the Century Room at Pack's Tavern, Asheville's newest hotspot, opened by Gay and Stewart Coleman in May. This is the second year the Colemans have acted as hosts for Retreats. Last August, they invited over 200 people into their lovely, historic home in Biltmore Forest. Due to their generosity and that of the other Lake Logan Advisors who are serving as this year's hosts, every dollar earned through ticket sales will go directly and equally toward the Lake Logan Annual Fund and the debt reduction campaign.

Like *Treasures for a Treasure* and *Retreats I*, which raised \$44,000 and \$77,000 respectively, the energy behind this event comes from a diligent committee: Gay Coleman, Lynne Diehl, Chris Dismukes, Harriet Hendon, Kate Henry and Carlyn Pheil. Committee Chair Vinton Murray said, "We are committed

to preserving this treasure, Lake Logan. Our diocese is blessed with this special place, and every parishioner who has been there knows it. For those who haven't been, take advantage of those August dates. Do yourself a favor and go."

For more information, and to check out the details of the silent auction items available for bid the day of the party, please visit the Lake Logan website, [www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org).