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April 2017

The Lake Chapala Society

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Lake Chapala Society A.C. 2017 Annual General Meeting

Highlights regarding LCS' community participation during 2016 included:

- Provided English language classes to the Chapala police department.
- Distributed over 300 INAPAM cards to Mexican and expats living in the area.
- Helped a Mexican NFL-style football team of players from an orphanage travel to a championship tournament in Mexico City. They won!
- Hosted embroidery classes taught by a neighbor who learned the technique as a child on the Neill James' property in the 70's, now passing the tradition and skills onto a new group of women.
- Provided financial aid to 25 students attending college. Five students graduated in 2016.
- Enrolled over 600 students in our English as a Second Language program.
- Coached ~ 80 children/ week to be creative in our Children's Art Program.
- Opened ¡Que Ganga! Thrift Store as a new revenue stream to support our ongoing mission

The Board of Directors passed a new membership category for businesses and ratified the master plan for the LCS campus redevelopment as follows:

Whereas, the members of the Lake Chapala Society at the March 18, 2015 Annual General Meeting approved the 2015 Strategic Objectives include developing a master plan to redevelop the campus to meet current and future needs and,

Whereas, the Lake Chapala Society Board of Directors assigned the Campus Committee responsibility to assess the needs for current and future space and,

Whereas, the Campus Committee surveyed current space requirements and projected into the future our space requirements for a campus master plan and,

Whereas, the Campus Committee developed a Request for Proposals and invited qualified architectural firms to submit proposals for the Lake Chapala Society master plan and,

Whereas, based on the recommendation of the Campus Committee, the Lake Chapala Society Board of Directors authorized the hiring of LEAP+MTQ to develop renderings of the campus master plan and develop cost estimates,

Now therefore, I, Ben White, acting in my capacity as President of the Lake Chapala Society, ask the membership to endorse the decision of the Board of Directors to continue developing a campus master plan to meet our current and future needs.

The LCS Board of Directors thanked our outgoing board members Lois Cugini and Yoly Martinez for their service.

Member Discounts!

Your LCS membership brings value in many ways. The 2017 Membership Directory included almost fifty businesses offering exclusive discounts to LCS card carrying members! Today we are announcing three more partners offering LCS members exclusive and significant discounts.



Villa Group offers eight luxurious resorts in Mexico, located in five unique destinations. Each of their

all inclusive resorts has a distinct personality. Villa Group resorts are located in Puerto Vallarta, Riviera Nayarit, Cancun, Cabo San Lucas and the Islands of Loreto. Some are focused on a family-friendly environment; some are more suited for romantic couple retreats, while others cater to those seeking unparalleled elegance, sophistication and top-notch service. See attached flyer. Up to 20% discounts.

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the world at exclusive prices not available to the public due to their state of the art technology. SkyMed Lifestyle also offers a vast array of other amazing travel products and services such as rental cars, theme park and attraction tickets, tours and excursions, and much more. There will be a special link from our website. More details coming soon.



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Fifth Annual LCS Children's Art Program Summer Art Camp

This year, the popular LCS Children's Annual Summer Art Camp will run every day from Monday, July 17, to Friday, July 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The LCS Art Camps are very well attended; last year, about 125 kids attended.

We are in the process of finalizing some of this year's workshops, but have already scheduled classes in jewelry making, acrylics/oil, watercolour, and tabachin pods as well as daily projects for young children aged 5 and under. (Little ones must be accompanied by an adult.) In addition to the art classes, the kids are offered a small snack.

We can accommodate about 130 children at the Annual Art Camp. Children who attend the Saturday program will be given priority at registration.

Jewelry workshop leaders Barbara Passarello and Bobby Lancaster are asking for old jewelry that can be used by the kids. If you would like to donate materials, help at Art Camp, or make a financial contribution, please email Danielle Pagé at childrensart@lakechapalasociety.com.

This annual project wouldn't be possible without the generous financial support of the Ajijic Society of the Arts (ASA) and the dedication of its members, who volunteer every day to help with the workshops. *Saturday, July 22, we will hold a sale of our wonderful children's artwork in the Gazebo at LCS from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

Introduction to Spanish

This is a casual class for the beginner that covers the Spanish alphabet, simple vocabulary and phrases useful about town for shopping, and information about the Lakeside area and Mexican culture.

Starting the first Tuesday of the month and continuing for three weeks, the next session will start April 4, at the LCS campus from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Learning materials are provided. Tuition is \$175 pesos. Sign up at the LCS office, or on our website www.lakechapalasociety.com.

Wanted!

¡QUE GANGA! desperately needs Sunday volunteers. Relaxed and fun work environment. We'll train you.

The blood pressure monitoring group is looking for volunteers with medical/nurse education to take blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mondays and Fridays on the LCS campus.

Volunteers are needed to trim, plant, weed, and maintain our lovely gardens. For more information about these and other volunteer opportunities, see the website volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com or fill out an application in the Service Office.

We Love Mariachi

If you remember the Mariachi Festival we had in January, the two groups that came from the U.S. will be performing at a Mariachi Festival in Guanajuato on April 28. If we can get 15 to 18 people interested in going we'll plan a trip. Cost should be about \$2000 per head, returning on the 29th. Email executivedirector@lakechapalasociety.com by April 10 so we can make a decision.

Information Desk Knows (nearly) Everything

Visiting Ajijic? Thinking about settling here at lakeside? Any questions you may have about housing, attractions, goods, transportation, activities, legal and immigration matters may be answered by the well-informed volunteers at the Information Desk just outside the library. The Information Desk is open daily to everyone, members and non-members, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the Service Office

You can: renew your membership, sign up for programs, purchase LCS event tickets, drop off envelopes for our mail courier service, buy U.S. stamps, make copies, register for Post Life, purchase Warren Hardy Spanish textbooks, get your membership directory, lost and found and so much more! Donations to the kitty or annual fund may be made there, too.



The Needlepushers Have Been Hard at Work!

So far in 2017 the Neill James legacy program at LCS called the Needlepushers, have made two distributions of their labors of love. In February they went to San Juan Cosala, and in March to San Antonio Tlyacapan.

If your interested, you can find the Needlepushers hard at work every Tuesday morning on the south campus.



Zijza Natural Health Revolution

Health, nutrition & lifestyle specialists Amelia Barreto and Judith Wentzel will present a free seminar focusing on easy, effective ways to reduce stress, lose weight, and improve health and vitality through the use of proper all natural nutrition. Wednesday, April 5, at 11 a.m. in the Sala. This presentation is open to LCS members only. Bring your member card.

Children's Art Cards

Our wonderful cards are available at Café Corazon.

April Activities

*Open to the Public ** US Citizens
(S) Sign in required (C) Membership card required

Health Insurance *

IMSS & Immigration Services Mon+Tues 10-1
Lakeside Insurance Broker Tues+Thur 11-2

Health and Legal Services *

Becerra & Galindo Services Thur 10:30-12:30 Sat 10-12:30
Blood Pressure Mon+Fri 10-12
Hearing Aid Services (S) Mon+2nd+4th, Sat 11-4
Ministerio Publico Wed April 19 & 26 10-2
My Guardian Angel Tues 10:30-12:30
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12
US Consulate** Wed April 5 10:30-12:30 Sign up

Lessons(C)

Bridge Class Zero Level Tues + Fri 1-4 sign up only
Chair Yoga Fri 2-3
Children's Art Sat 10-12*
Children's Chess Sat 12-1
Clases de Bordado Artístico Mon 3-6, Wed & Fri 4-6
Exercise Mon+Wed+Fri 9-10
Fitness Thru Yoga Mon+Fri 2-3:30
Intermediate Hatha Yoga Tues+Thurs 2-3:30
Introduction To Spanish Tues 12-1:30 (S)+ cost
Line Dancing Tues+Thurs 10-11:15
Photography Club 1st Mon 12-2
Strength and Balance Exercise Tues+Thurs 8:45--9:45
Warren Hardy Spanish Classes Mon-Sat Sign-up+cost

Libraries

Audio Thur 10-12
Book & Video Mon-Sat 10-2
Library of Congress Books*/ Talking Books Thurs 10-12
Wilkes Mon-Fri 9:30-7, Sat 9:30-1*

Social Activities (C)

All Things Tech Fri 10-11:30
Bocce Ball Tue + Thurs 10-11
Bridge 4 Fun Tue + Thurs 1-5
Conversaciones en Espanol Mon 10-12
Creativelymindful Art Wed 11-12:30
Discussion Group W 12-1:30
Everyday Mindfulness Mon 10-12
Film Aficionados Thurs 2-4:30
Games Group Mon1-4 Open to public 2-4
Needle Pushers Tues 10-12
Neill James Lectures Ends April 25 Tues 2- 3:30
Philosophy Group Wed 10:30-11:45
Scrabble Mon+Fri 11:30-1:30
Spanish/English Conversation Sat 11-12:30
TED Learning Seminars Tues 12-1:15
Tournament Scrabble Tues 12-1:50

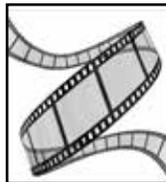
Service and Support Groups *

Information Desk Mon-Sat 10-2
Lakeside AA Mon +Thurs 4:30-5:30
Open Circle Sun 10-11:30
Toastmasters Mon 7-8:30 p.m.

Ticket Sales

Monday-Friday 10-12 a.m.*

Video Library Additions April



Here are just a few new additions to the video library for April. Please see our bulletin board for the rest of the new ones and some oldies, but these goodies are for your consideration:

Manchester by the Sea #7543 Oscar winner Casey Affleck, as the obligated caregiver for his dead brother's son.

Finding Forrester #7544 A strong performance by Sean Connery as a reclusive author, the reluctant mentor to a young writing prodigy.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil #7545 A visiting city reporter's assignment in Savannah suddenly revolves around the murder trial of a local millionaire whom he had befriended. Kevin Spacey and John Cusack.

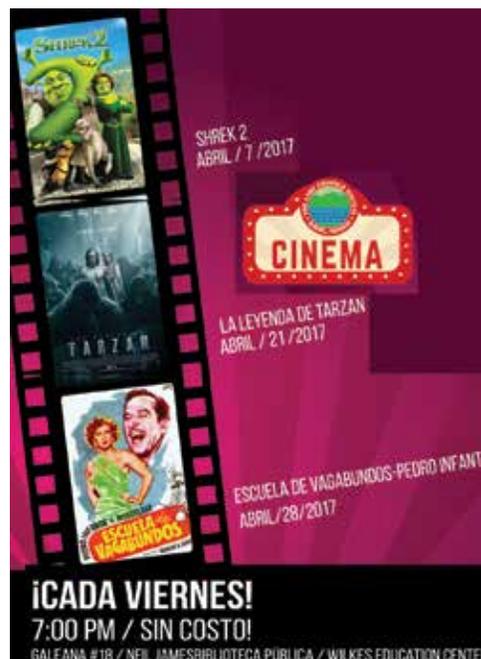
Collateral #7546 Pretty boy Tom Cruise, as a contract killer, on a one night spree, whacks a bunch of people in Los Angeles. Jamie Foxx is his hostage. One of the 893 reviewers said, "Taut thriller led by Cruise's excellent work!"
Take Me Home #7547 Thom, an illegal taxi driver in New York City, grudgingly agrees to drive Claire home to California. Surprise! It's a romantic comedy.

The Lost Valentine #7548 Betty White is outstanding in a sentimental story about a love lost because of World War II.

Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All #7549 A chronicle of the life of Lucy Marsden, a 99 year old woman, who at the age of 14 married a 50 year old Confederate veteran and bore 9 children. 7.3 on a scale of 10.

Arrival #7550 A mysterious drama with a little sci-fi thrown in about a linguistics professor trying to interpret what the occupants of twelve spacecraft have to say.

We do our best, but, don't always get the overall approval of our eclectic membership. If you have movies you think are worth viewing, tell us about them. Give us the name of the film and leave an email address so we can get back to you about your choices. We are running out of ideas.



April's community movies:

Shrek 2, Abril 7;
La Leyenda de Tarzan, Abril 21;
Escuela de Vagabundos, Abril 28.

All presentations start at 7 p.m.

All movies are in Spanish, free and open to the public. Bring the family.

Galeana #18

Thursday Film Aficionados

Open to LCS members only. Bring your card.
All films shown in the *Sala* from 2-4 p.m.
No food. No pets.



April 6 *Frantz* 2017 France

In the aftermath of WWI, a young German grieving the death of her fiancé, meets a mysterious Frenchman who visits her fiancé's grave to lay flowers. A marvelous new film that is garnering raves from the critics. (110 minutes)

April 13 *Daniel Blake* 2016 United Kingdom

A middle-aged carpenter requires state welfare. He is joined by a single mother in a similar scenario as they battle against the bureaucracy. You'll laugh and cry at the same time while watching this. (99 minutes)

April 20 *Antonia's Line* 1995 Netherlands

A Dutch matron establishes and oversees a close knit community where feminism and liberalism survive. Shown at the LCS a dozen years ago, it's worth seeing again. Starring Willeke Van Ammelrooy. (98 minutes)

April 27 *The Edge of Seventeen* 2016 USA

High school gets even more unbearable for Nadine when her best friend starts dating her older brother. If you've ever been a teenager, this sharply observant film will make you smile. (99 mins.)

Upcoming Bus Trips

Wednesday, 26 April - Tonalá and Tlaquepaque.

Shop Tonalá for home decor and handicrafts and in Tlaquepaque find upscale retailers and fine dining in an historical architecturally significant, pedestrian-only zone. Cost \$350 MXN for members and \$450 MXN for non-members. Bus departs promptly at 9 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Thursday, 27 April - Galerías Mall/Costco

Major retailers including Best Buy, Sears and restaurants Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang and more, also shop Costco, Sams and Super Walmart. Cost \$350 MXN for members and \$450 MXN for non-members. Bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Wednesday, 24 May - Galerías Mall/Costco

Major retailers including Best Buy, Sears and restaurants Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang and more, also shop Costco, Sams and Super Walmart. Cost \$350 MXN for members and \$450 MXN for non-members. Bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Neill James Lectures

Tuesdays in the Sala at 2 p.m. Members only. Bring your card.

There are two talks in April, both given by Dr. Richard Rhoda. Rick Rhoda and his spouse, Valerie, have lived in Ajijic since 1999. Dr. Rhoda has given dozens of lectures at LCS on Mexico and other topics as well as publishing a book on the dynamics of modern Mexico in 2010.

April 4: The Basic Map of Mexico

How well do you know the map of Mexico? In the past 150 years, the size of Mexico shrank by about 50%, but the number of states increased by almost the same amount. Mexico's topography is far more rugged and diverse than that of the USA or Canada. Tectonic dynamics are the driving force behind Mexico's many mountain systems, its volcanoes, and earthquakes.

April 11: Mexico's Magnificent Environment

Mexico is a combination of many diverse climates, landforms and ecosystems. Extreme variations in rainfall give rise to arid deserts as well as tropical rainforests and enormous raging rivers. With a great variety of climatic and ecological regions, Mexico is one of the most bio-diverse countries in the world. Protecting its environment is not only important to Mexico, it is important to the future of life on this planet.

TED Talks Learning Seminars

Tuesdays In the Sala noon to 1:15 p.m. Members only. Bring your card. April only has two Seminars, weekly gatherings will resume beginning Tuesday, May 2nd.

April 4 Host by Susan Weeks, features Elizabeth Gilbert addressing: "Your Elusive Creative Genius. Gilbert muses on the impossible things we expect from artists and geniuses and shares the radical idea that, instead of the rare person being a genius, all of us have a genius. It's a funny, personal and surprisingly moving talk.

April 11, host Fred Harland introduces environmentalist and futurist Stewart Brand: "The Dawn of De-extinction. Are You Ready?" Throughout humankind's history, we've driven species after species extinct: the passenger pigeon, the Eastern cougar, the dodo ... but now, says Brand, author of *Whole Earth Catalog*, we have the technology (and the biology) to bring back species that humanity wiped out. So, should we? If yes, which ones? He asks a big question whose answer is closer than you may think.

Costco Returns to LCS

Costco representatives return on Tuesday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to open or renew memberships and offer information about specials and sales.

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

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Office, information and other services - Monday-Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Grounds open until 5:00 p.m.

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