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March 2017

The Lake Chapala Society

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Saturday / *Sábado*
April 1st / *1ro de abril*
3 to 6 PM

General Admission \$150 pesos
\$100 pesos for LCS members
Entrada General \$150 pesos
\$100 pesos para socios LCS

Tickets available at the LCS office only.
No discounts on the day of the event.
Boletos disponibles únicamente en las oficinas de LCS. No habrá descuentos el día del evento.

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THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A. C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

10:00 a.m. LCS NJ Patio

Order of the Day

1. Call to Order
2. Establishment of Quorum
3. Reading of Order of the Day
4. Receipt of Minutes
AGM Minutes of the March 17, 2016
5. President's Report
6. Ratification of 2016 Financial Report
7. Receipt of the 2017 Budget Projections
8. Receive Report from External Financial Auditor for 2016 & Authorize the Board of Directors to Open a Bidding Process for the Next Three Year Audit Periods and Choose the External Financial Auditor for 2017.
Ratification of this Appointment Shall Take Place at the 2018 Annual General Meeting
9. Ratification of Membership Categories & Dues
 - Commercial Membership Category
10. Ratification of Reserve Fund Deposit
11. Report on Annual Objectives and Reading of Proclamation of Initial Campus Master Plan
12. Election of Board Officers and Directors-at-Large
13. Granting Power of Attorney
14. AGM authorization for the Board of Directors to approve the 2017 AGM Minutes.
15. Adjournment

Candidates for election are: Nick Hanson, Roberto Serrano, Janis Sirany.

Artistic Embroidery Exhibit

Beautiful embroidery created by 20 local women who participated in the six month course of artistic embroidery also known as "thread painting", sponsored by LCS and conducted by Lupita Vega Velasquez, will be on display Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 at LCS on the Blue Umbrella Patio from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Artistic Embroidery Classes Resume

Lupita Vega will resume classes in artistic embroidery beginning March 6 through August on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on the Blue Umbrella Patio. Classes in this traditional art form for adults and children from Grade 5 and older are in Spanish, English speakers can easily follow the visual instructions.

Classes are free for LCS members. No registration required. For more information, call the LCS Service Office 766-1140 or Lupita Vega at 766-3092.

Attention U.S. Citizens:

**Fees for passport services are currently based on the exchange rate of \$21 MXN per \$1 USD.*

- Simple passport renewal: \$2,310 Pesos / \$110 USD
- Renewal age 15 and under: \$2,205 Pesos / \$105 USD
- Lost or stolen passport: \$2,835 Pesos / \$135 USD
- Notary services are \$1,050 Pesos / \$50 USD per impression.
- No first-time passport applications will be accepted.

Consulate employees will accept **only** peso-denominated Banamex bank checks which must be made out to "**United States Disbursing Officer**" or they will not be accepted for payment.

They cannot accept cash or credit card payments during off-site visits. The Banamex branch in Chapala can issue this type of check at Avenida Francisco I Madero 222, in Chapala. Telephone number for Banamex is 376 765 2271.

Warren Hardy Spanish Language Classes

Spanish language classes for LCS members will begin on Monday, March 6 and continue through April 29. Classes meet two days a week for an hour and a half each session at the Wilkes Education Center (Biblioteca) on Galeana in Ajijic.

The program is based on the Warren Hardy Spanish language course designed for the adult student. Several levels of instruction are available appropriate the student's level of proficiency.

You may register for the upcoming classes at the LCS or online. The program manager will answer questions and register students every day from February 27 to March 3 from 10:30 to 1:30 at on the Blue Umbrella Patio.

Tuition for the course is \$750 pesos; the course textbook is an additional \$670 pesos. Other instructional materials may also be purchased separately. For more information about the Spanish classes or LCS membership, visit the website www.lakechapasociety.com. or call the Service Office at (376) 766-1140.

Introduction to Spanish

This is a casual class offered 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 March classes start March 7, and will be held 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, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday, or at www.lakechapasociety.com.

Bus Trips March

Please note: the increase in cost for the LCS bus trips reflect the steep rise in the price of gasoline in Mexico.

Wednesday, March 1 Costco/Mega and The Home Depot on Lopez Mateo Shop Home Depot for home and garden needs and then on to Costco and Mega. Cost \$350 pesos for members and \$450 pesos for non-members. Departs at 9 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Wednesday, March 9 Tlaquepaque Upscale retailers and fine dining in a wonderful historic, architecturally significant, pedestrian-only zone. Cost \$350 pesos/members and \$450 pesos non-members. Departs at 10 a.m. from La Floresta.

Thursday, March 16 Guadalajara Zoo This excursion includes bus transportation, a train ride, a safari park and an aquatic show. Cable car ride is extra at \$43 pesos. Although food and drink will be available for purchase at the zoo, we suggest you bring bottled water and a light lunch.

Cost is \$440 pesos for members and \$540 pesos for non-members; purchase tickets at the LCS service desk. Bus leaves from the sculpture in La Foresta at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29, Costco/Mega and The Home Depot on Lopez Mateo Cost \$350 pesos for members and \$450 pesos for non-members. Meet at the sculpture in La Floresta; bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m.



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.

March 2 *Moonlight* 2016 USA

This timeless story of human self-discovery and connection is a chronicle of a young black man from childhood to adulthood as he struggles to find his place in the world. Nominated for several Academy Awards including Best Picture and Best Director. (106 minutes)

March 9 *I Am Nojoom, Aged 10 and Divorced* 2016 Yemen

A ten-year-old Yemeni girl asks a judge in Sana'a to grant her a divorce from a horrible marriage. Yemen's entry for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Watch this film to gain insight into life in this part of the world. (92 minutes)

March 16 *Manchester by the Sea* 2016 USA

A family drama that is one unforgettable production, shown as close to St Patrick's Day as possible. Nominated for several Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Director and Best Screenplay. Discussion after. (132 minutes)

March 23 *The Eagle Huntress* 2016 Kazakhstan

Thirteen-year-old Aisholpan trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle huntress. Spectacular cinematography. (85 minutes)

March 30 *Queen of Katwe* 2016 Uganda/USA

The true story of a young girl selling corn on the streets of rural Uganda. Her world rapidly changes when she is introduced to the game of chess. Directed by Mira Nair. (120 minutes)

Please note: for all members-only programs, you must be a member of LCS to attend and your membership must be current through the duration of the program.

Financial Seminar for U.S. ex-pats

Join us Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m. in the *Sala* when Atlantis Assets Management presents a financial seminar for U.S. expatriates covering current financial issues such as the investment environment, the economic cycle, the rise of populism in the U.S. and abroad, and why some U.S. brokerage firms are closing ex-pat accounts.

Open to LCS members only. Bring your card.

Smart Home Products

On Thursday, March 30 from 10a.m. to 12 p.m. in the *Sala*, Smart Home Products will present an informative program on their security systems and other products for the protection and comfort of your home. Discounts will be available for LCS members. *Open to LCS members only.*

Costco Returns to LCS

Costco representatives return to the Blue Umbrella Patio on Tuesday, March 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to open or renew memberships and offer information about specials and sales.

In the Service Office

The Warren Hardy Spanish textbooks for registered class members are available in the Service Office as are member directories. Much-needed donations to the kitty fund for the care and feeding of our feline friends may be made there, too.

March 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
San Javier Hospital Services	Last Fri 10-12

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 March 8 and 22 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 March 1 10:30-12:30 Sign up

Lessons(C)

Bridge Class	<i>Sign up email only</i> Mon-Fri 1-4
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
Scottish Country Dancing	Thurs 11:30-1:30
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
Baby Boomers	Wed 2-3 begins March 15
Bridge 4 Fun	Tue + Thurs 1-5
<i>Conversaciones en Espanol</i>	Mon 10-12
Creativelymindful Art	Wed 11-12:30
Discussion Group	Wed 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	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

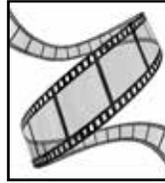
Service and Support Groups *

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 March



If you are going north this summer and coming back to beautiful lakeside, or, if you have someone coming to visit, we would be tickled pink if you or your visitors would bring back a couple of DVDs to help keep the video library current. We order them,

prepay them on-line and have them delivered to an address of your choice. All you or your visitors have to do is stuff them into your luggage. They don't take up much room. If you can lend a helping hand, please send me, Tom, an email at keanhombre@prodigy.net.mx. Thank you.

Here are a few new additions for March:

The Accountant #7516 CPA Ben Affleck as "The Terminator".
Snowden #7525 The story of the world's most wanted man.
Unconditional Love #7528 Kathy Bates as an abandoned wife who flies off to Great Britain to attend the funeral of a rock star, meets the rock star's lover and convinces him to help her find the rock star's killer. It's a comedy, of course.

9/11: Decade of Deception #5712/13/14 & 15
 Four documentaries considering the "Myths of 9/11"

The Dressmaker #7517 A stylish drama with comic undertones about love, revenge, and haute couture starring Kate Winslet.

Memoir of a Geisha #7524 In the 1920's a nine- year old girl is sold to a geisha house and over a period of years goes from the lowliest of servants to the most coveted of geishas.

Don't Think Twice #7519 The trials and tribulations of an improv troupe struggling to get to the top in "The Big Apple".

Let the Right One In #7534 a somewhat comedic vampire film, the likes of which you have not seen before.

A couple of oldies but goodies: **Working Girl** #7531 with Harrison Ford and Melanie Griffith, **Shawshank Redemption** #7521 with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, and **Crimson Tide** #7318 with Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman.

We are always open to suggestions. Please leave your name and email address so we can get back to you regarding your request.

Bridge Classes

A new Level One Bridge class is expected to begin March 6 and run for six weeks depending on the level of interest expressed by our members. This class is designed for those who have played before but want to improve their skills. If you're feeling a bit rusty, Level One is appropriate for you.

The Level Zero Bridge Class is primarily for those who are interested in the game, but have never played contract bridge before.

Contact Karen Schirack at kslcs@live.com with your name, member number and class preference.

Please note: your LCS membership must be current and remain current for the duration of the classes.



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TED Talks Learning Seminars

*In the Sala Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m.
Members only. Bring your card.*

March 7 Host Pete Soderman introduces biologist and environmental lawyer Vicki Arroyo's presentation: "Let's Prepare for Our New Climate." Arroyo says it's time to prepare our homes and cities for our changing climate, with its increased risk of flooding, drought and uncertainty. She illustrates this inspiring talk with bold projects from cities all over the world - local examples of thinking ahead.

March 14 Host Fred Harland features Dave Isay: "Everyone Around You Has a Story the World Needs to Hear". Isay opened the first StoryCorps booth in New York's Grand Central Terminal in 2003 with the intention of creating a quiet place where a person could honor someone who mattered to them by listening to their story. Since then, StoryCorps has evolved into the single largest collection of human voices ever recorded. His TED Prize wish: to grow this digital archive of the collective wisdom of humanity. Hear his vision to take StoryCorps global - and how you can be a part of it by interviewing someone with the StoryCorps app.

March 21 Host Bill Frayer introduces Jonathan Haidt's talk "Can a Divided America Heal?" How can the US recover after the negative, partisan presidential election of 2016? Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt studies the morals that form the basis of our political choices. In conversation with TED Curator Chris Anderson, he describes the patterns of thinking and historical causes that have led to such sharp divisions in America - and provides a vision for how the country might move forward.

March 28 Host Reba Mayo features human geographer Danny Dorling: "Maps That Show Us Who We Are, Not Just Where We Are." Our concept of the earth has changed dramatically over the past few decades as gradual, incremental changes were replaced by rapid tumultuous alterations. Dorling graphically reshapes the world in startling images based on data such as population density, energy use, water resources, weather patterns, and food crops. The good news is that many of our concerns are being changed for the better.

Children's Art Cards

Our wonderful cards are available at Café Corazon.

Neill James Lectures

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

March 7 NATO, EU and Brexit: Issues from the European Perspective This presentation will briefly cover NATO's origins, membership expansion after the collapse of the Soviet Union, current issues affecting it, and its ties to the European Union, now affected by Brexit. Review how NATO is considered necessary, even critical, by its member countries.

Ilona de Borhegyi holds degrees in film production and anthropology, spent her youth in Guatemala and Mexico, and worked as a documentary film producer at Los Alamos National Laboratory. She lived in Italy for 31 years, where she worked for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

March 14 What Does it Mean to be Human?

Technological expertise is on the brink of reshaping the human world more dramatically than ever before. Current scientific developments and expectations in the fields of genetics, artificial intelligence and neuroscience are raising unprecedented ethical and theological questions.

Fred Harland worked in adult education and international project development for 30 years in Canada and overseas. Active in both LCS and the Lake Chapala Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (as President), he also coordinates the LCS Learning Seminars (TED Talks). He holds an MA in Political Science.

March 21 History of the Classical European Theatre

Explore the development of European theatre from its beginnings in ancient Greece and through Rome, its re-emergence, after a thousand-year hiatus, as an adjunct to medieval religious festivals, evolving into the renaissance of Elizabethan theatre, followed by the Commedia dell'Arte in Italy, Neo-classical French theatre of Corneille and Racine, and the German Sturm und Drang period Goethe and Schiller.

Karl Homann, a retired Canadian professor, has with a Ph.D. in English and has been a resident of Mexico since 2006.

March 28 It's All in Your Head

The human brain, the most amazing and complex thing in our known universe, constructs our reality and gives us our identity, yet we are only beginning to understand how it works. New research is yielding ever more fascinating and useful information. In this exploratory tour, discover how your brain helps you survive, how it can deceive you, and how to keep it in good working condition.

Sandy Britton's background is in software development, but she's always had a fascination with the computer between our ears. In this talk, she combines her love of cognitive science and public speaking.

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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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