



"More Than 60 years of "People Helping People" August 2018

# The Lake Chapala Society

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## From The Desk of the Executive Director

LCS is an amazing place. Membership is up 17% from a year ago. We schedule more than 100 programs, services and activities every month! Most are ongoing and weekly. New activities and classes are being brought to us regularly. The campus renovation project is going on at full steam (behind the scenes). We are planning more membership and public meetings by the end of the year.

The Creative Communication program for high school students is very successful, and the Chess Club Huarachess celebrated its overwhelmingly successful first community tournament. The Children's Art Program celebrated its sixth Summer Art Camp and continues to draw more youngsters from Lakeside. The members of the Ajijic Society of the Arts are the generous sponsors of this most popular of all of LCS's programs.

Our ties with other community organizations are stronger. In October LCS will host a community summit on recycling that may result in many new partnerships. We are discussing our ESL program with the University of Guadalajara. In August, the BBC will be filming on our grounds. The British consulate is expected to be campus once a month beginning in September. Our Music Fest was the best ever with almost 400 guests. Partnering with the town of Ajijic, we will celebrate Mexican Independence Day, September 16. Other organizations are turning to LCS to host their fundraisers and community work. Many new volunteers are participating in our success! I

These are just a few of the myriad of new and ongoing relationships we've formed. In September we will be entering our 2018 Annual Giving campaign, and I hope that everyone reading this gives serious reflection on how much LCS does for this community. It's the annual fund that is linked to making all of these things happen.

I thank the staff, Board and every volunteer for making LCS the most important AC lakeside working to enhance our community's quality of life through education and social exchange. - Helping People. Changing Lives.

**Terry Vidal**

Director Ejecutivo/Executive Director

## New to Lakeside? This One's for You.

"Introduction to Lakeside" is available to LCS members only. Topics include: banking, shopping, medical services, transportation, housing, utilities, maid and gardening services, social protocols, fiestas, holidays, and religious observations.

In the *Sala* at 9 a.m. Thursday, August 9. The cost is \$250 pesos. Register in the office or on the LCS website.

Your LCS membership must be current for the duration of the class.

## Tech Classes Return!

Mike Goss, one of our LCS techno-wizards returns with four classes for LCS members only. *Sign up by email only* at [lcs.tech.training@gmail.com](mailto:lcs.tech.training@gmail.com) with your member number and expiration date. Membership must be current throughout all classes. In the *Sala*, 10 to 11:30 a.m. beginning August 2. *Bring your devices.*

### Thursday, August 2 Cell Phones in Mexico

How to make and receive calls. How to use Mexican cell phones, home phones, and US and Canadian cell phones.

### Thursday August 16 Google Photos

Google Photo basics: storing your photos for free, creating albums, and sharing your photos. Learn how to enhance your pictures and backup your Smart Phone's photos automatically.

### Thursday August 23 iPhone Q&A

We'll try to answer all your iPhone questions.

### Thursday August 31 Android Q&A

We'll try to answer all your Android questions.

**Please note:** LCS' regular blood pressure screenings will return Mondays from 10-12 p.m. on the Neill James patio.

## LCS Language Classes

### Introduction to Spanish

This casual class for beginners covers the Spanish alphabet, simple vocabulary, phrases useful about town, and information about Lakeside and Mexican culture. Classes are held the first Tuesday of each month in the Gazebo, from 12 until 1:30 p.m. and continue for three weeks. Tuition is \$220 pesos. Members only.

### Warren Hardy Spanish Classes

Classes meet two days a week for an hour and a half each session at the Wilkes Education Center (*Biblioteca*). The program is based on the Warren Hardy Spanish language course designed for the adult student.

Several levels of instruction are available to suit the student's proficiency. Classes run from September 3 to October 22. Register for classes at the LCS office or online. You may also register at the Blue Umbrella Patio from August 27 to 31. A representative will be there to recommend the appropriate class for your skill level.

Tuition for the course is \$900 pesos; the required textbook is an additional \$670 pesos. Other instructional materials may be purchased separately. This is a members-only class. Your membership must be current for the duration of the class.

For more information about the Spanish classes visit [www.lakechapasociety.com](http://www.lakechapasociety.com).

### English as a Second Language

If you have a Spanish-speaking friend, neighbor, maid or gardener who is at least 15 years old and would like to learn English, LCS offers a free ESL class at the Wilkes *Biblioteca* at Galeana #18. Register at the Wilkes office August 13 to 16 from 12 to 2 p.m. The required textbook is \$500 pesos. Call 376/766-2490 for more information.

## August Bus Trips

### Wednesday, August 8 Tlaquepaque/Forum Mall/Home Depot

Shop Tlaquepaque and find upscale retailers and fine dining in an historical architecturally significant, pedestrian-only zone. Cost \$370 pesos for members and \$470 pesos for non-members. For those who wish to shop the Forum Mall and/or Home Depot, accommodations will be made. Bus departs promptly at 10 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

### Thursday, August 23 Galerias Mall/Costco

Shop major retailers like Sears, Best Buy and SuperWalmart. Dine at popular restaurants. Cost to members is \$370 pesos; non-members \$470. Bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta. *Tickets must be purchased no later than two days before any LCS bus trip.*

**Thursday, August 30 Annual Mariachi International Festival**  
Forum Mall in Tlaquepaque, Jalisco. Every year, the largest Mariachi Festival in the world is celebrated in the city of Guadalajara, Jalisco. This is the 22nd International Mariachi Festival. International bands will fly in from the United States (5 bands), Columbia (3), Peru (2), Canada, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Bolivia & Sweden (1 each).

Cost \$370 members and \$470 non-members. Bus leaves promptly at 4PM at the sculpture in La Floresta.

## U.S. Citizens Voter Assistance

Democrats Abroad will return this summer *to assist any U.S. voter regardless of, or lack of, party affiliation*. They will take requests for absentee ballots and make a ballot box available every Tuesday from August 7 through October 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Blue Umbrella Patio. A ballot box will be available in the LCS Service Office during the week or you may submit completed ballot requests to the consulate during the regular monthly visit on Wednesday, August 8.

## US Passport Checklist August 2018

**Proper form must be completed and signed.**

Simple passport renewal Form DS-82	MXN Pesos/\$110 USD
Book and Card Form DS-82	MXN Pesos/\$140 USD
Renewal age 15 and under Form DS-11	MXN Pesos/\$115 USD
Lost or stolen passport Forms DS-64 & DS-11	MXN Pesos/\$145 USD
Two photos 2"x2" or 5 x 5 cm. ( <i>without glasses</i> )	

### Important news from the US Consulate:

**Fees must be in the exact amount required for consular services. No money will be exchanged if your check is incorrect for passport renewals and notarizations.**

**Check the LCS website for up-to-the-minute exchange information or visit the LCS Service Office.**

**Bank checks must be made payable to "United States Disbursing Officer on Behalf" in Mexican pesos only. Checks in pesos are available only from Banamex located at Avenida Francisco I Madero 222, Col. Centro in Chapala. Your original passport must be submitted to the bank in order to complete the transaction.**

**Please note: The bank will require a fee for issuing these checks. Contact the LCS Service Office for the exact amount required.**

*Do not sign or write anything on the check.*

*No cash or credit cards will be accepted as payment.*

*No first time applications will be accepted.*

Do not print your application on one page. Please use one sheet per page.

Notarizing a document requires MXN Pesos/\$50 USD *per* impression. You must present an official and current US or Mexican ID such as: a US passport, US driver's license, Mexican passport, Mexican driver's license, or a Mexican voter card (IFE) to have documents notarized.

## British Consular Services Come to LCS

A British consular representative will be available the last Saturday of every month, beginning August 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the LCS Neill James Veranda to assist British citizens with their concerns.

Contact Ceri Dando, [cpdando2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cpdando2000@yahoo.com), or call 333-139-4314 for more information.

## August Activities

\*Open to the Public \*\* US Citizens (S) Sign in (C) Member card

### Health Insurance \*

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

### Health and Legal Services \*

Becerra & Galindo Services Thurs 10:30-12:30  
Blood Pressure Screening Mon 10-12  
British Consulate last Sat 10-12  
Glucose Screening 1st Tues 10-12  
Hearing Aid Services (S) Mon+Sat 11-4  
Ministerio Publico Wed Aug 1 + 15 10-2  
My Guardian Angel Tues 10-12:30  
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3  
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12  
US Consulate\*\* (S) Wed August 8 10:30 register 10

### Lessons(C)

Beginner's Photography 2nd+4th Mon 12-2  
Cardio Dance Exercise Fri 12:30-1:30  
Chair Yoga Fri 2-3:30  
Children's Art Sat 10-12\*  
Children's Chess Club Sat 12-1\*  
Children's English Class Sat 9:30-10:30\*  
Clases de Bordado Artístico Mon 3-6, Wed & Fri 4-6\*  
Exercise Mon+Wed+Fri 9-10  
Exploring Spanish Wed 12-1:30 Sat 11-12:30  
Fitness through Yoga Mon 2-3:30  
Help with Tech Issues Thurs 1+3+4+last 10-11:30  
Intermediate Hatha Yoga Tues+Thur 2-3:30  
Introduction to Lakeside (S) 2nd Thurs 9-1 register+cost  
Introduction to Spanish Tues 12-1:30 register+cost  
Line Dancing Tues+Thurs 10-11:15  
PEP and Prueba Mexico Series(S) register and cost; check office  
Photography Club 1st+3rd Mon 12-2  
Stretch and Balance Exercise Tues+Thurs 8:45-9:45  
Tai Chi Chih Fri 10-12  
Taller Comunicacion Ninos de Mexico Sat 11:30-1; check office  
Tech Help Desk Thurs 12-2  
Walk For Fitness Wed 10-11  
Warren Hardy Spanish Classes (S) Mon-Sat register+cost  
Write-to-a-Prompt Writers' Group Thurs 10-12

### Libraries

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

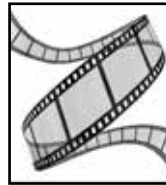
### Social Activities (C)

All Things Tech Fri 10-11:30  
Bridge 4 Fun Tue+Thurs 1-5  
Discussion Group B Wed 12-1:30  
Everyday Mindfulness Mon 10-12  
Film Aficionados Thurs 2-4:30  
Games Group Mon 1-4  
Mah Jongg Wed 2-4:30  
Next Chapter Book Group 2nd Thurs 12-2  
Scrabble Fri 11:30-1:30  
Spanish/English Conversation Sat 11-12:30\*  
TED Talk Learning Seminars Tues 12-1:15  
Tournament Scrabble Tues 12-1:50

### Service and Support Groups \*

Al-Anon (in Spanish) Mon 6-7:30, Wed 5:30-7:30  
Information Desk Mon-Sat 10-1  
Lake Chapala Painting Guild 2nd Fri 1:30-3:30  
Lakeside AA Mon +Thurs 4:30-5:30  
Needle Pushers Tue 10-12  
Open Circle Sun 10-11:30  
Toastmasters Mon 7-8:30 p.m  
US Voter Assistance Begins Tues Aug 28 10-12

**Ticket Sales** Mon - Fri 10 a.m. to 12 noon



## Video Library August

All video rentals are now for five days.

The Video Library needs couriers to bring us DVDs. We pre-pay them and have them shipped to the address of your choice.

Contact: [keanhombre@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:keanhombre@prodigy.net.mx)

### ABOUT THE CLASS

Creative writing is considered an art, a door to express thoughts and emotions with imagination. We'll learn how to use language and 'voice', character development, dialogue, narration, backstory, theme, point-of-view, plotting, how to create the story Arc, and, of course editing and critiquing.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Rachel McMillen is the author of four books, with a fifth scheduled for release in 2018. Two of the books were nominated for the Arthur Ellis Award. She has also written articles for various publications including Pacific Yachting and Seasons Magazine.

Enrollment begins: Jul 09 to Aug 29 from 10am to 2pm at the LCS Office

**Course Fee: \$400 MXN**

**Dates: Sept 03 - 24, 2018**

**Time: Monday, 2:00 to 4:00 pm**



### ABOUT THE CLASS

Moving to another country might be a very confusing experience when it comes about how the law works there. Our head gets full of questions and doubts. What taxes should I pay? How? When? Why? What does the government do with them? What does a delegado (Municipal delegate) does? What's the structure of the Mexican government? How it works? Etc.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Lawyer graduated from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Throughout her professional career she has worked as a coordinator, strategist and executor of legal solutions in various institutions of the financial sector, mainly banks, bonding and insurance companies, also developing advisory and litigation functions at managerial levels, etc.

Enrollment begins: Jul 09 to Aug 29 from 10am to 2pm at the LCS Office

**Course Fee: \$450 MXN**

**Dates: Sept 07, 14, 21 and 28, 2018**

**Time: Friday, 11:00 to 12:30 pm**



## PEP Program: Introduction to Creative Writing & Taxes and Government

Full payment must be received in the LCS Service Office seven days prior to the start date of the class. You may pay in person or online using Paypal. No refunds.

These programs are limited to LCS members. Membership must be current for the duration of the class. Non-members who wish to participate will be assessed a monthly membership fee (\$250 MXN), to cover the required period.

Cancellations must be made at least five days before the start of the course. A waiting list will be created if the class is full.

## Costco Returns Wednesday, August 22

Look for Costco representatives at the Blue Umbrella Patio with information about upcoming sales and special offers, and to open or renew your Costco memberships.

## TED Talks

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

### **Tuesday, August 7 A Tale of Two Americas...and the Mini-mart Where They Collided** Anand Giridharadas, Writer

Ten days after 9/11, a shocking attack at a Texas mini-mart shattered the lives of two men: the victim and the attacker. In this stunning talk, Anand Giridharadas, author of "The True American," tells the story of what happened next.

It's a parable about the two paths an American life can take, and a powerful call for reconciliation.

### **Tuesday, August 14 Our Loss of Wisdom**

Psychologist Barry Schwartz makes a passionate call for "practical wisdom" as an antidote to a society gone mad with bureaucracy.

He makes the powerful argument that rules often fail us, incentives often backfire, and practical, everyday wisdom will help rebuild our world.

### **Tuesday, August 21 A Neural Portrait of the Human Brain**

Nancy Kanwisher, brain imaging pioneer who uses fMRI scans to see activity in brain regions (often her own brain), shares what she and her colleagues have learned: the brain is made up of both highly specialized components and general-purpose "machinery."

Another surprise: there's so much left to learn.

### **Tuesday, August 28 The Illusion of Consciousness**

Dan Dennett, Philosopher, Cognitive Scientist makes a compelling argument that not only don't we understand our own consciousness, but that many times our brains are actively fooling us.

## Volunteers Needed

*If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions indicated below, or if you would like to offer your skills and time to any of LCS' many programs and activities, contact volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com, fill out a form on the LCS website, or pick up one at the Service Office.*

We are looking for an experienced and knowledgeable handyman who can maintain and repair buildings on the LCS campus. Must be reliable. This is a volunteer position requiring five to ten hours a week.

The library needs a volunteer to repair books.

The Chess Club needs bilingual volunteers.

The ESL program needs volunteer instructors.



## Thursday Film Aficionados

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

The first three offerings for August will be a trilogy by the Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski. These films stand alone and can be enjoyed individually.

### **August 2 Blue (Bleu)** 1993 France

The start of Kieslowski's trilogy on France's national motto- Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. Blue is the story of Julie who loses her husband and daughter in a car accident. The theme of liberty is manifested in Julie's attempt to start life anew. (95 minutes)

### **August 9 White (Blanc)** 1994 France-Poland

Karol (Polish) marries Dominique (French) and moves to Paris. The marriage breaks down forcing Karol to return to Poland. He never forgets Dominique, and while starting a new life in Warsaw, he begins to plot his next moves. (105 minutes)

### **August 16 Red (Rouge)** 1994-Switzerland-France- Poland

Redemption, forgiveness and passion. A young model meets a retired judge. Irene Jacob and the great Jean-Louis Trintignant turn in masterful performances in the lead roles. (90 minutes)

### **August 23 Nineteen Forty Five** 2017 Hungary

On August 12, 1945, 11:00 a.m. two mysterious strangers dressed in black appear at the railway station of a Hungarian village. Secrets, sins, betrayal; everything changes. (84 minutes)

### **August 30 King of Masks** 1996 China

Wang is an aging street performer known as the King Of Masks. His son died from illness at age 10. Wang aches for a male heir to pass on his rare art. One night he is sold a young boy by a slave trader posing as the boy's father. Originally shown at the LCS over ten years ago, one of China's great films. Based on a true story.(100 minutes)

## Sixth Annual LCS Children's Art Sale

Join us once again for wonderful Children's Art Sale on the LCS campus Saturday, August 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale features creations by the children who attended the 6th Annual Children's Art Camp held in July. A portion of your purchase will go to the young artist; the remainder helps support the Children's Art Program, LCS' most popular community project.

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

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

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