



# The Lake Chapala Society

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## LCS Comprehensive Survey Results

In November, LCS sent the 2017 Comprehensive Membership Survey to current and past members. The total number of responses was 1,056. The response rate, which exceeded our expectations, gives us confidence that the results are "statistically significant". Below are some interesting results.

### Why did you originally join LCS?

	Very Important	Important
To Support LCS Expatriate Activities	53%	32%
Access LCS Services & Activities	45%	38%
To Meet New Friends	44%	32%
Support Mexican Community Outreach	36%	27%
Access to Library	37%	26%
Access to DVD Library	15%	26%
Listing in Annual Directory	13%	21%
Access to Membership Discounts	5%	18%

### Why are you currently a member of LCS?

To Support LCS Expatriate Activities	53%	32%
Access LCS Services & Activities	53%	35%
Integrate into Expat Community	38%	32%
Support Mexican Community Outreach	38%	35%
Access to Library	34%	26%
Access to DVD Library	11%	27%
Listing in Annual Directory	13%	24%
Access to Membership Discounts	7%	21%

Comparing these responses indicates an 8% positive increase in Support for Outreach to the Mexican Community from current members. The popularity of the library remains strong losing only 3% for current members, however, the importance of the DVD Library continues to wane. The importance of discounts appears to have increased.

### One of LCS's strategic goals is to increase integration with the Mexican community. Indicate how strongly you agree.

	Strongly Agree	Agree
Increase Programs Designed for Mexicans	35%	38%
Integrating Wilkes into the Main Campus	21%	30%

There is a strong desire to increase programs for the Mexican community. As for integration of the programs offered at the Wilkes Center to the main campus, 30% said indicated they neither agree nor disagree, indicating that we need to explain more clearly the benefits of integrating these programs.

Overall, members believe LCS is moving in the right direction. In December a second survey, relating to LCS programs, will be sent to you via email. An in-depth analysis will compare this survey to our last survey completed in 2012.

The Board of Directors appreciates your participation in this important effort.

Ben White, President, Lake Chapala Society

LCS ANNUAL  
**Holiday Fair**

DECEMBER 1st & 2nd  
1pm to 6pm

CHILDREN'S ART PROGRAM  
OVER 40 ARTIST AND ARTISANS  
PALMISTRY-NUMEROLOGY  
FOOD VENDORS / CASH BAR

CREM PERFORMANCE  
DECEMBER 2ND AT 2PM  
THE LAKE CHAPALA CHORALE  
DECEMBER 2ND AT 5PM

ENTRANCE \$20 PESOS  
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE

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The Lake Chapala Society Holiday Fair returns in time to show beautiful handcrafts, art work, jewelry, clothing and other wonderful gift items on the LCS campus Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2. More than 40 artisans and our own young artists will be featured as well as a performance by Crem. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available, too. Entry fee is \$20 pesos; children under twelve enter free.

## NEW Techie Classes coming in January

LCS members only

Jan. 4 iPhone Basics 10-11:30

Jan. 12 Using Google Photos 12-2

Jan. 18 iPhone Intermediate Use 10-11:30

Jan. 26 Introduction to Facebook 12-2

Tech Help Issues - Thursdays 12-2

More info and sign up email: lcs.tech.training@gmail.com

## Introduction to Spanish

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

There are two sessions in December. Starting the first Tuesday of the month and continuing for three weeks, starting Tuesday, December 5. Class A will be held 12 to 1:30 p.m. on the Gazebo; Class B - 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sala. Learning materials are provided. Tuition is \$175 pesos. Sign up at the LCS office or on the LCS website.

*This is a members-only program. You must be a member of LCS, and your membership must be current for the duration of the program.*

**Judy King's LAKESIDE Trivia**  
Does your team have what it takes!?  
Signing up teams of 6 now.  
(in the LCS office)

**Sunday Afternoon  
December 17  
LCS NJ Patio  
2 to 5 PM**

Bring your own Food.  
Cash bar will be available.

**MEXICAN TRIVIA  
COME ALL!  
COME ONE!**

**\$250  
Per Person**

LCS Trivia Game to support our Annual Fund Drive.

## Bus Trips December

All trips leave from the sculpture in La Floresta. All trips cost \$350 member/\$450 non-member.

### Thursday, December 7 Andares Mall

Find upscale shopping and fine dining here. Departs at 10 a.m.

### Monday, December 18 Galerias Mall/Costco

Major retailers include Best Buy, Sears, Costco, Sam's and Super Walmart. Restaurants Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang and more. Bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m.

### Wednesday December 27 Tonalá and Tlaquepaque

Tonalá for home decor and handicrafts. In Tlaquepaque find upscale retailers and fine dining in an historic architecturally significant, pedestrian-only zone. Bus departs promptly at 9 a.m. *Please note: your membership must be current to qualify for the member's discounts.*

## From the Ashes of the LCS Singles

The mission of the **new LCS Social Club** is to bring people together to explore the community in a fun way and provide a venue for new connections.

The motivation to change our purpose is due to our concept that we should be open to all. Singles and couples of any persuasion want to find new connections. The new LCS Social Club will be able to offer a diversified itinerary of events, both broad and narrow in scope of purpose/audience, better serving our unique community.

Upcoming events:

Aquarium Dip (Guadalajara)

January 10

Luche Libre (Mexican professional wrestling)

January 20

## Prueba México: Two New Offerings

### Buying and Brewing Great Coffee at Lake Chapala

Instructor: Kevin Knox. Course fee: \$120 pesos. Dates and times: Dec 13, 10 a.m. 12 p.m. Course Location: South Campus. Minimum/maximum students required: 14/30 (must be at least 15 years old). No refunds. Enroll from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. in the Service Office by December 9. Learn about Mexico's coffee growing regions and get an overview of the best coffees available in our area. Kevin will also discuss the best home brewing methods and offer tips on improving the quality of your daily cup, based on our high altitude, local water and limited brewing and grinding equipment. There will be plenty of time for questions!

Knox, a 28-year veteran of the specialty coffee industry, is the author of the highly-regarded book *Coffee Basics*. He was in charge of coffee quality and education at Starbucks during its early explosive growth years, and was senior vice president and coffee buyer at Allegro Coffee, the leading organic and sustainable coffee roaster acquired by Whole Foods in 1997.

### Prehispanic Nutrition

Instructors: Ricardo Navarro "Yohualoceloth" and César Matta. Course Fee: \$820 pesos. Course dates and times: December 04, 06, 09, 11, 14, 16 and 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Course Location: South Campus. Minimum/maximum students required: 15/24 (must be at least 15 years old.) No refunds.

In ancient Mexico, people could talk to nature, understand the stars, and live in harmony with the natural world. Their roots in their natural environment were reflected in their way of eating foods of high nutritional value and an almost perfect energy balance. They had few foods and five of them were the main diet that fed the people of Mexico for many generations. We will learn how a simple diet can be enough to find a physical, mental and spiritual balance. Learn about the five foods, their nutritional value, how to prepare them, and how to mix them to your advantage for optimal health.

Enroll from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the LCS Service Office by December 1. *You must be a member of LCS and your membership must be current for the duration of the program.*



## December 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  
San Javier Hospital last Fri 10-12

### Health and Legal Services \*

Becerra & Galindo Services Thurs +Sat Dec 9+23 10:30-12:30  
Blood Pressure Mon+Fri 10-12  
Hearing Aid Services (S) Mon+2nd and 4th Sat 11-4  
Ministerio Publico Wed Dec 13+20 10-2  
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3  
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12  
US Consulate\*\* Wed Dec 6 10: 30 Sign up 10

### Lessons(C)

Chair Yoga Fri 2-3  
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 Thru Yoga Mon 2-3:30  
Intermediate Hatha Yoga Tues+Thur 2-3:30  
Introduction to Lakeside (S) Thurs 9-1  
Introduction To Spanish (S) Tues 2-3:30 cost  
Line Dancing Tues+Thurs 10-11:15  
PEP Series (S) cost Check office for details 11:30-1:30  
Photography Club 1st Mon 12-2  
Scottish Country Dancing Thurs 11:30-1:30  
Stretch and Balance Exercise Tues+Thurs 8:45--9:45  
Tai Ch Chih Fri 10-12  
Warren Hardy Spanish Classes (S) Mon-Sat check office  
Write-to-Prompt Writers' Group Thurs 10-12  
Zumba Gold Wed 10-11

### 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\*

### Members Only Social Activities (C)

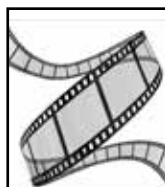
All Things Tech Fri 10-11:30  
Bocce Ball Tues 2-3  
Bridge 4 Fun Tue+Thurs 1-5  
Conversaciones en Español Mon 10-12  
Creatively Mindful Art Wed 11-12:30  
Discussion Group A Wed 11-1:30  
Discussion Group B Wed 11-1:30  
Everyday Mindfulness Mon 10-12  
Film Aficionados Thurs 2-4:30  
Games Group Mon 1-4  
Needle Pushers Tues 10-12  
Neill James Lectures Tues 2-4  
Next Chapter Book Group 2nd Thurs 1-3:30  
Scrabble Mon+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 10-2  
Lake Chapala Painting Guild 2nd Fri 1:30-3:30  
Lakeside AA Mon +Thurs 4:30-5:30  
Open Circle Sun 10-11:30  
Smart Recovery Mon 2:30-4  
Toastmasters Mon 7-8:30 p.m.

**Ticket Sales: Monday-Friday 10-12 a.m.\***

## Video Library Additions December



Okay, tiz the season to be jolly, so, we are gonna jolly it up. These are jolly movies. Hope you enjoy them. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we haven't had much luck finding new *good* movies. Any suggestions?

And, as evidenced by the first one listed, they were "born yesterday". If you enjoyed these movies years ago, here they are again.

**Born Yesterday** #7757 Judy Holliday won the Best Actress award for this one. William Holden did not win anything. He was just the well groomed good ol' boy he played so convincingly. Broderick Crawford was his usual self.

**Beaches** #7758 Bette Midler was nominated for Funniest Actress in a Leading Role. Didn't know there was such a category. Great movie about great friends. Reading the reviews today reminded me about how much I enjoyed it almost 30 years ago.

**Murder By Death** #7759 Five famous detective characters are invited to a bizarre mansion to solve an even stranger mystery. Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers, Peter Falk, David Niven, Maggie Smith, Elsa Lancaster, Nancy Walker, Truman Capote, et al.

**The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill and Came Down a Mountain** #7760 "This film is a gentle, affectionate portrait of a village in Wales, its people and its mountain. Within the village, there are long-standing feuds and traditions. Then, two Englishmen arrive with a job to do and history is made." One of the many favorable user reviews posted on the internet movie data base.

**Down and Out in Beverly Hills** #7749 Bette Midler nominated, again, for Funniest actress. A rich but troubled family find their lives altered by the arrival of a vagrant who tries to drown himself in their pool. Richard Dreyfuss and Nick Nolte

**Forgetting Sarah Marshall** #7750 Peter is a composer and a likable sad sack who's devastated when his girlfriend of five years, Sarah Marshall, the star of a cheesy CSI-style crime show, dumps him. Ho hum – actually I was surprised and found it entertaining.

**Pretty Woman** #7754 Don't have to hype this one. Just wanted you to know that it's available.

Joyous holidays from us to you and a happy, healthy, and worthwhile New Year.

### Neill James Winter Series Needs Lecturers!

This popular series of lectures returns for the 2017-2018 winter season. Eighteen lectures will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays in the LCS *Sala* between December 5, 2017 and April 17, 2018. If you, or someone you know is interested in giving a lecture, please forward information on proposed lectures to Rick Rhoda at [rrhoda730@gmail.com](mailto:rrhoda730@gmail.com) with the name of the lecturer, lecture topic and preferred date.

Open dates are: *January 2 and 30; March 6, 13, 20, 27; and April 3, 10, 17.*

## TED Talks Learning Seminars

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

**December 5 Can We Break Bad Habits by Being More Curious About Them?** - Psychiatrist Judson Brewer studies the relationship between mindfulness and addiction -- from smoking to overeating to all those other things we do even though we know they're bad for us. Learn more about the mechanism of habit development and discover a simple but profound tactic that might help you beat your next urge to smoke, snack or check a text while driving.

**December 12 Machine Intelligence Makes Human Morals More Important** - Techno-sociologist Zeynep Tufekci argues machine intelligence is here, and we're already using it to make subjective decisions. But the complex way AI grows and improves makes it difficult to understand and even harder to control. In this cautionary talk, Tufekci explains how intelligent machines can fail in ways that don't fit human error patterns -- and in ways we won't expect or be prepared for. "We cannot outsource our responsibilities to machines," she says. "We must hold on ever tighter to human values and human ethics."

**December 19 How the US Government Spies on People Who Protest - Including You.** - Jennifer Granick What's stopping the American government from recording your phone calls, reading your emails and monitoring your location? Very little, says surveillance and cybersecurity counsel Jennifer Granick. The government collects all kinds of information about you easily, cheaply and without a warrant -- and if you've ever participated in a protest or attended a gun show, you're likely a person of interest. Learn more about your rights.

**Costco** returns Thursday, December 7 to register new members, renew existing memberships, and offer news on sales and special offers. (Date may change.)

## Interested in Volunteering ?

Check out the LCS website to fill out the required form: [lakechapalasociety.com/weebly/volunteer.php](http://lakechapalasociety.com/weebly/volunteer.php). Put your life skills to work here at LCS. We're always looking for volunteers who can add their expertise to the programs we offer our members and the Lakeside community at large.



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## 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.

### December 7 *Hear My Song* 1992 Ireland

An Irish romantic fantasy loosely based on the actual life of famed (and infamous) tenor, Josef Locke, who fled England to avoid arrest. A charming, quirky movie that gets better with age. (105 minutes)

### December 14 *The Big Sick* 2017 USA

Based on a real-life courtship, this movie tells the story of a Pakistan-born aspiring comedian who connects with a grad student. What they thought would be a one night stand blossoms into a lot more. You'll laugh and cry watching this one. (118 minutes)

### December 21 *Columbus* 2017 USA

When a famous Korean architect falls ill during a speaking tour in the USA, his son finds himself stranded in Columbus, Indiana. There is Academy Award potential for this film, my favorite so far this year. (98 minutes)

### December 28 *Brigsby Bear* 2017 USA

An earnest and original approach to modern pop culture and the creative urge. It is funny, heartwarming and much more than it appears to be. (93 minutes)



2018

LCS' popular Personal Enrichment Program returns with courses taught by knowledgeable professionals, including Rachel McMillen, Francisco Nava, Paul Basset, Cassandra King, and Anna Cassilly.

New PEP courses are in response to our members' requests for more programs both entertaining and informative. Courses are easy to choose from and consist of two to eight class sessions. Prices are very affordable, and class sizes are small. Included are *History of Tourism in Mexico*, and *The Grand Sweep of Mexican History*, (Daniel Grippo, PhD), *Prospects Beyond Man*, (Daniel Bassett), and *Rementia Approaches for Caregivers-the Alzheimer Connection*, (Kassandra King).

A waiting list will be created if member interest exceeds the maximum enrollment. All courses will be held in the South Campus Boardroom. You must notify the LCS Service Office at least five days before the course begins if you must cancel. There are no refunds. Check the website for details.

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