



"More Than 60 years of "People Helping People"

December 2018

# The Lake Chapala Society

## Recycling Comes to LCS

Ajijic is implementing a recycling campaign! This is great news to LCS and our members. However we need to prepare for it.

Officials would like the trash separated into two groups: 1) plastic, metal, glass and 2) all other. Currently this is a pilot program for central Ajijic, but we fully expect that a local ordinance will be passed for all of Chapala with requisite fines for non-compliance.

LCS wants to be a good neighbor and will begin to implement a plan ASAP.

In the next few weeks we will be purchasing recycling containers and putting them into service on the grounds. Four sets will be purchased. Each set will have two different colored containers. We will label each color as to the appropriate type of material to put in them (recyclable or other).

A set will be placed in the north, central and south campuses respectively as well as one set in the cafe.

Please help us participate in this community initiative of important environmental concern by paying attention to where the bins are placed, and use the bins for their respective purposes only. Thank you.



## LCS Grievance Procedure

If you have one, and the Executive Director's ears are not available, seem deaf to you, or are the problem, there is hope. It's called the LCS Audit Committee. One of the tasks of the Audit committee is to objectively assess any/all grievances that are reported to them. Philip Newbold chairs the Audit committee and can be contacted via philip.newbold@lakechapalasociety.org.

To be sure, LCS is a vibrant and growing organization. In the next few months we'll be hearing more about the campus renovation plans, new programs being offered, and a more intensive use of the south campus. Though change is the norm, it's not always welcome :-)

LCS needs to manage and use its resources to accommodate a multitude of member interests and activities. This is a juggling act of significant proportion. We ask for your patience and understanding as we actively grow, hopefully as painlessly as possible.

Nevertheless, The Executive Director is always open to constructive comments regarding anything LCS. With our motto behind us "People Helping People," and our mission before us "... enhancing the quality of life for all lakeside residents..." we are busy making LCS the best it can be.

## LCS Will Be Closed for the Winter Holidays On:

Christmas Eve - December 24, Christmas Day - December 25, New Year's Eve - December 31 and January 1.



## Follow us on Facebook

For all things LCS, you can like us at

[www.facebook.com/lakechapalasociety](http://www.facebook.com/lakechapalasociety)

## The End of an Era

With this issue of the December newsletter LCS marks a mile stone. This will be the final newsletter in this format.

We announced in previous newsletters the coming of a new LCS community magazine called "CONECCIONES". This word in Spanish can be spelled in two ways. We have chosen this spelling on purpose, it is more indicative of the building a solid state network. Which is exactly our intention; to connect our community and build upon the relations LCS creates among its members, neighbors and greater community. A diverse community filled with talent and the generosity to share.

The magazine will be monthly, full color and quasi bi-lingual. We hope you enjoy it.

Before we say good bye to this format though we have to extend a HUGE thank you to our friends at the Ojo del Lago, who have been printing a version of this newsletter for over a decade (at no cost to LCS). To David Tingen (of Coldwell Banker and the Tango Restaurant) and Alex Grattan (everyone knows him), a giant THANK YOU, we appreciate everything you have done for LCS over the years, your kindness and support for this new LCS endeavor CONECCIONES!

The Lake Chapala Society  
invites you to our  
**Holiday Bash**  
at LCS Grounds

**THE GROONERS**  
Traditional Turkey dinner  
catered by Janelle's Garden  
Restaurant and Bar  
(formerly known as Roberto's)

**December 7**  
**From 3 to 7 pm**  
\$370 pesos per person  
Limited Seating available

**CASH BAR**  
Tickets available at Lake  
Chapala Society, Janelle's  
Garden Restaurant and Bar  
and Diane Pearl

# LCS Classes

## PEP Programs

### REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN IN MODERN MEXICAN HISTORY

This course will highlight the voices and experiences of women, changing the prevailing narrative of the Mexican Revolution and post-revolutionary state formation by placing women at center stage. The instructor is Dan Grippo and the course fee is \$350 pesos. Class will be held December 10, 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### NEGOTIATING PARADISE

Understand and appreciate of the richness and complexity of tourist and expat enclaves in Mexico by examining their roots and development over the past two centuries. The instructor is Dan Grippo and the course fee is \$350 pesos. Class will be held December 10, 12 and 13 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.



## Prueba Mexico

### PIÑATA MAKING

Every Fiesta in Mexico has its own piñata. Where do they come from? They have evolved into a tradition that goes beyond traditional fiestas. Let's make one on our own and celebrate. The course fee is \$350 (includes the materials) Class will be held December 4 and 5 from 1 to 3 p.m.

### MEXICAN TRADITIONAL FERMENTED BEVERAGE

All cultures have their beverages enjoyed at traditional and ritual celebrations. Let's taste them and discover what they mean to Mexican culture. The course fee is \$350. Class will be held December 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.



*Payment for classes must be received seven days prior to the class. You may pay in person or online using Paypal.*

## 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 LCS' many programs and activities, contact [volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com](mailto:volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com), fill out a form on the LCS website, or pick up one at the Service Office.

**Docent** - LCS needs docents to work a four and a half hour shift, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, helping members and visitors navigate the LCS campus and guiding them to our services, campus programs, and special events.

**ESL Instructor** - No experience necessary.

**Gardener** - please help maintain our lovely campus.

**Press coordinator** - LCS needs an experienced person for our Marketing Department who can write press releases.

**Librarian** - Talking Books needs volunteers on call from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

**General events** - Event volunteers are needed to set up and breakdown LCS community events- including decorators, bartenders and servers.

## New to Lakeside? This is For You.

"Introduction to Lakeside" classes are held the second Thursday of every month in the *Sala* at 9 a.m. Topics include much of the information you need for living at Lakeside. Next class is December 13. Open to members only and membership must be current for the duration of the class. Cost is \$250 pesos. Register in the office or on the LCS website.

## LCS Language Classes

LCS offers a variety of Spanish language courses and classes for those of you who want to learn Spanish or brush-up on your language skills.

Classes include *Introduction to Spanish* and *Warren Hardy Spanish classes*, one of them is sure to suit your needs and your schedule. For more information about costs and schedules, contact the Service Office or visit our website at [www.lakechapalasociety.com](http://www.lakechapalasociety.com).

## Tech Classes Return

Our popular and informative tech classes have returned. Sign up by email only with your member number and expiration date at [lcs.tech.training@gmail.com](mailto:lcs.tech.training@gmail.com). Your membership must be current.

**Thursday, December 6 Cell Phones in Mexico** - Making and Receiving calls using US or Mexico cell phones.

**Thursday, December 20, Lakeside Tech** - High level view of Internet options, Cell Phone Usage and TV options.

**Thursday, December 27, TV Streaming in Lakeside** - details covering TV streaming options.

Classes will be held In the *Sala* from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

## New Activity for Members

**HOT Science: Breaking News in Science and Technology** will be held Tuesdays in the *Sala* from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. first class is November 27. Classes will run every Tuesday through April 16, 2019. Contact Fred Harland, 766-1458 or [fmharland@gmail.com](mailto:fmharland@gmail.com) for more information.

Open to members only. Membership must be current and active for the duration of the series.

## Family Film Night

Free Spanish language films for the family are usually shown every Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the *NJ Biblioteca Publica (WEC)* at Galeana #18. With the December holidays only two will be shown. Open to the public.

**Diciembre 7** - Frozen Disney

**Diciembre 14** - Beethoven Aventuras de Navidad

## ESL Registration

Registration for new students of English (ESL) will be held at the Wilkes Education Center (WEC), Galeana 18 in Ajjic from December 10 through the 13 from noon until 2 p.m. Students must be 15 years of age. The cost for the program is \$500 pesos.

## December Activities

(M) Members only; (S) Sign up required; \*Open to the Public; \*\* US Citizens

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 10:30-12:30
Blood Pressure Screening	Mon+Fri 10 -12
British Consulate	last Sat 10-12
Glucose Screening	first Tues 10-12
Hearing Aid Services (S)	Mon+Sat 11-4
Ministerio Publico	Wed Dec 5+19 10-2
Optometrist Claravision (S)	Thur 9-3
Skin Cancer Screening (S)	2nd + 4th Wed 10-12
US Consulate** (S)	Thur Dec 13, 10
Social Activities (C)	
All Things Tech	Fri 10-11:30
Bridge 4 Fun	Tue+Thurs 1-5
Conversaciones en espanol	Mon 10-12
Discussion Group	Wed 12-1:30
Everyday Mindfulness	Mon 10-12
Film Aficionados	Thurs 2-4:30
Games Group	Mon 1-4
HOT Science	Tues 1:45-2:45
Saturday Afternoon Matinee	Sat 2-4
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
Community Ticket Sales	
Mon - Fri 10 a.m. to 12 noon	

Lessons(C)	
Basic Yoga	Wed 2-3:15
Beginner's Photography (S email)	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
Exercise	Mon+Wed+Fri 9-10
Exploring Spanish	Wed 12-1:30, Sat 11-12:30
Fitness Thru Yoga	Mon 2-3:30
Help with Tech Issues (S email)	1+3+4+ last Thurs 10-11:30
Intermediate Hatha Yoga	Tues+Thur 2-3:30
Introduction to Basic Drawing (S email)	Mon 11:30-1:30
Introduction to Lakeside (S)	2nd Thurs 9-1
Introduction to Portraits (S email)	Thurs 12:30-2:30
Introduction to Spanish (S)	Tues 12-1:30
Line Dancing	Tues+Thurs 10-11:15
Photography Club	1st+3rd Mon 12-2
Scottish Country Dancing	Thurs 11:30-1
Stretch and Balance Exercise	Tues+Thurs 8:45--9:45
Tai Chi Chih Beginners	Fri 10-11
Tai Chi Chih Continuing	Fri 11-12
Tech Help Desk	Thurs 12-2
Warren Hardy Spanish Classes (S)	Mon-Sat register+cost
Write-to-a-Prompt Writers' Group	Thurs 10-12
Zumba Gold	Wed 10-11
Libraries	
Book & Video	Mon-Sat 10-2
Talking Books**, Books on Tape	Thurs 10-12
NJ Biblioteca (WEC)*	Mon-Fri 9:30-7, Sat 9:30-1

### December Bus Trips

#### Wednesday, December 5 Andares Mall

Upscale shopping and fine dining. Enjoy wonderful Christmas decorations. \$370 pesos for members and \$470 pesos for non-members. **Bus departs promptly at 3 p.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta. Returns in the evening.**

#### Tuesday, 11 December Tonalá

Shop for home decor and handicrafts, and visit a world-famous potter's workshop and gallery. We will also visit the government building and learn the history of Tonalá and of its' people and more. Cost \$370 pesos for members and \$470 pesos for non-members. Bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta

#### Monday, 17 December Galerías Mall/Costco

Find major retailers including Best Buy, Sears, and Home Store and restaurants like Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang and more. Shop Costco, Sam's and Mega. Cost \$370 pesos for members and \$470 pesos for non-members. Bus departs promptly at 9:30am from the sculpture in La Floresta.

**Thursday, 27 December Tlaquepaque Forum Mall/Home Depot** Shop Tlaquepaque for upscale retailers and fine dining in an historic architecturally significant, pedestrian-only zone. Cost 350pesos for members and 450pesos 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.

### Service and Support Groups \*

Al-Anon (in Spanish)	Mondays 6-7:30, Wed 5:30-7:30
ASA Garden Show	3rd Sat 10-2
Lake Chapala Painting Guild	Second Fri 1:30-3:30
Lakeside AA	Monday +Thursday 4:30-5:30
Needle Pushers	Tuesday 10-12
Open Circle	Sunday 10-11:30
Toastmasters	Monday 7-8:30 p.m
The Ranch Adopt a Dog	1st Thurs 10-1
Veteran Outreach	Tues 10-2

### Ajijic Society of the Arts Garden Sale\*

Every third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through March 2019, members of the Ajijic Society of the Arts (ASA) will be exhibiting and selling their artwork in the LCS gardens.

Several of the children participating in the LCS Children's Art Program will be attending class that day and selling their work during this sale.

The Ajijic Society of the Arts is a major sponsor of LCS' most popular community project, the LCS Children's Art Program.

### Costco Returns on December 20\*

Costco representatives on the Blue Umbrella Patio can assist you in opening or renewing your memberships and give information on up-coming sales and special offers.

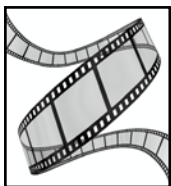
## TED Talks

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

**December 4** Hosted by Fred Harland, this seminar features psychologist Steven Pinker asking "Is the world getting better or worse? A look at the numbers". Was 2017 really the "worst year ever," as some would have us believe? In his analysis of recent data on homicide, war, poverty, pollution and more, Pinker finds that we're doing better now in every one of them when compared with 30 years ago. But progress isn't inevitable, and it doesn't mean everything gets better for everyone all the time, Pinker says. Instead, progress is problem-solving, and we should look at things like climate change and nuclear war as problems to be solved, not apocalypses in waiting. "We will never have a perfect world, and it would be dangerous to seek one," he says. "But there's no limit to the betterments we can attain if we continue to apply knowledge to enhance human flourishing."

**December 11** This seminar, hosted by Ron Mullenau, features Frans de Waal: "Moral behavior in animals". What happens when two monkeys are paid unequally? Fairness, reciprocity, empathy, cooperation -- caring about the well-being of others seems like a very human trait. But Frans de Waal shares some surprising videos of behavioral tests, on primates and other mammals that show how many of these moral traits all of us share.

**December 18** This seminar, hosted by Pete Soderman, features Kate Raworth: "A healthy economy should be designed to thrive not grow". What would a sustainable, universally beneficial economy look like? "Like a doughnut," says Oxford economist Kate Raworth. In a stellar, eye-opening talk, she explains how we can move countries out of the hole -- where people are falling short on life's essentials -- and create regenerative, distributive economies that work within the planet's ecological limits.



## Video Library December

*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)

Are you aware of any good movies? Okay, every once in a while a film comes along that is not filled with car crashes, unnecessary verbal vulgarities and explicit sex scenes, but, not often. Old or new, if you can recommend a film that members might enjoy, send us the title of the film, your name and email address, and we'll get back to you.



## 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.*

### December 6 Black Klansman 2018 USA

An African-American police officer successfully infiltrates the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. This film, directed by Spike Lee, is based on a true story and is one of the leading contenders for the Academy Award.

(129 minutes)

### December 13 What Will People Say 2018 Norway/Pakistan

Sixteen -year-old Nisha leads a double life. At home with her family she's the perfect Pakistani Muslim daughter; out with her friends she's a normal Norwegian teenager.

(101 minutes)

### December 20 Her Love Boils Bathwater 2016 Japan

A strict but caring mother has an awakening when she is diagnosed with terminal cancer and is told she has only a few months to live. There's not much time and she has so many tasks to complete.

(122 minutes)

### December 27 The Singing Revolution 2006 Estonia/USA

Most people do not think of singing when they think about revolutions, but song was the weapon of choice when the Estonians sought to free themselves from decades of Soviet domination. Shown here several years ago, we repeat this in honor of freedom everywhere.

(97 minutes)

## Wow! Saturday Matinees Show Classic Films

LCS' Saturday Matinees feature some of your all-time favorite movies and cartoons with real buttered popcorn and bottled water available at our concession stand.

Admission is free. Bring your LCS membership card to obtain your ticket. Ticket sales will start at 1:30 p.m. Doors will open at 1:45 pm. This activity is for LCS members only and their guests. *Please note: Only one guest seat per person can be saved.* Our holiday line-up for December :

**December 8** - "The Bishops Wife"

**December 15** - "White Christmas"

**December 22** - "Miracle on 34th St"

**December 29** - "It's a Wonderful Life"

Contact Michael Goss at [lcs.tech.training@gmail.com](mailto:lcs.tech.training@gmail.com). for more information.

*All films are shown in the Sala from 2 to 4 p.m..*

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