



60 years of "People Helping People"

February 2017

# The Lake Chapala Society

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## 2017 Annual Giving Appeal

The 2016 annual giving drive netted only 50% of our fiscal goal. We know we can do better than that. We need to do better than that!

74 years ago, Neill James literally fell into the helpful, healing arms of the Ajijic population. An unbreakable bond was formed as caring Mexican hands fed, bathed and nursed her back to health.

Neill James expressed her love and gratitude to the community by giving back simple things. She never left Ajijic. She shared knowledge and skills she'd garnered through her travels, experiences and education with the local community. Her efforts set many individuals on paths to success that otherwise may not have existed.

Over the years, other expats from around the world arrived to live Lakeside. 62 years ago they formed LCS to be sensitive to their needs, to understand, adapt to and become acclimated to life in Mexico. LCS is a place of respite where one can meet and learn from other expats while communicating in a common language.

Most important perhaps, is that LCS is an umbrella under which open-minded members learn, appreciate and benefit from their individual differences. You see, once we crossed that border, we became one. Each of us is now a member of a unique community within this welcoming foreign country.

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The current global economy is having a significant negative impact on costs to improve and maintain LCS, including such basic services as electricity, water, telephone and Internet, basic supplies, taxes which are increasing, and salaries plus related costs for the small number of staff we employ.

Speaking of employees, while we manage to provide most services through volunteer power, there are skills, talent and time required that cannot come from volunteers. A close look at employee salaries will reveal that LCS reaps great value for what it receives. The truth is, we need and want to hire additional professional staff to improve the quality of our programs and services.

LCS membership dues cover day-to-day operation and maintenance costs. We strive to keep membership dues as low as possible. Current membership dues are quite low when looked at against current exchange rates. In terms of value received, LCS membership is a huge bargain. Since most expat members receive incomes from other currencies that are significantly more valuable than the today's peso, we are optimistic that our community can add a small contribution to their annual list of "to do's".

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Though registered as a non-profit organization in Mexico, we do not have charitable tax status. Though not recognized as such by Mexico, LCS does see itself as a charity organization. We are limited in terms of what we can do to raise money.

Non-profits north of the boarder employ multiple strategies to gain revenue beyond annual membership dues. The government is a key source. LCS does not receive funds from Mexican taxpayers. Granting agencies and private foundations are another. LCS, as it is today, is not eligible for these monies. Proudly, we are self-supporting, though we are mainly dependent on our members. We know our service extends across and transcends the entire community.

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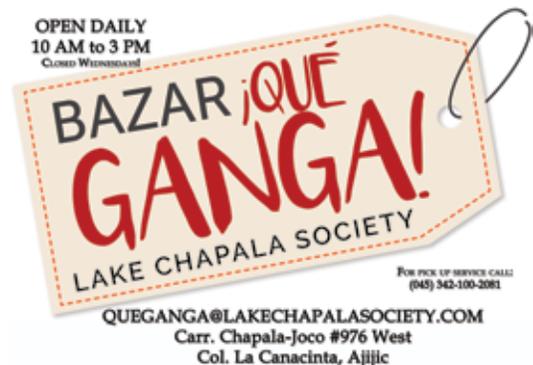
Once each of us crossed the border to live in Mexico, we joined a community of "one" within this foreign country. We're different people from different cultures, different beliefs, different needs and abilities for adapting to life here with varying wealth and expectations. The Lake Chapala Society responds to every one with the best services and information we can provide.

Therefore, in an attempt to offset our increase in operations costs, we are launching our first 2017 Annual Giving push. We are asking members and non-members alike to make a donation to LCS to help us cover our basic costs. An additional donation as small as 200 pesos can make a big difference. In US dollars that \$200 peso donation is a mere \$9.37 or \$8.71 Canadian at current exchange rates.

So please take a moment to consider all that LCS offers not only our members but gives back to the expat and Mexican community that affords us a comfortable lifestyle whether full time or a snowbird.

There is no organization like the Lake Chapala Society anywhere in the world with a sizable English-speaking expat population. The broad array of programs and services offered to its members, non-members and native community continues as the manifestation of all that the founders, and perhaps Neill James, believed in - that we give back in kind that which we receive in the spirit of humanity. Your generosity will be deeply and sincerely appreciated.

You can donate on-line or ask for the annual giving envelope in the office.



**LCS will be Closed February 6  
Mexican Constitution Day. Enjoy!**

## PEP One Week Courses Begin Feb. 27

Dr. Daniel Grippo's highly acclaimed "Memorable Moments in Mexican History, A Sweeping Overview of Mexico's Dramatic Story", has space for one more participant Daily 1:30 to 3 p.m.

"A Century of Law and (Dis)Order, Mexico's Constitution Turns 100," has room for 6 more participants. Daily 12 to 1 p.m. - Members can enroll online or in the service office.

## Bus Trips February

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

### Thursday, February 2 Guadalajara Zoo

This excursion to the acclaimed Guadalajara Zoo includes bus transportation, a train ride, a safari park and an aquatic show. The cable car ride is extra.

Although food and drink will be available for purchase at the zoo, we suggest you bring your own bottled water and a light bag lunch. Cost is \$440 pesos for members and \$540 pesos for non-members. Tickets are on sale at LCS service desk. Bus leaves from the sculpture in La Floresta at 9 a.m.

### Thursday, February 16 Centro Self-Guided Walking Tour

Visit historic 17th, 18th and 19th century architecture and their stunning murals and artwork. The Instituto Cultural Cabanas is a must. People watch in the beautiful plazas, have luncheon in the Plaza de los Laureles or dine in the elegant Hotel Mendoza or other fine eateries in the area. A detailed map will be provided.

Cost \$450 pesos for members and \$550 pesos for non-members. Bus will leave promptly at 10 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

### Wednesday, February 22 Tlaquepaque

Find upscale retailers and fine dining in an historic, architecturally significant, pedestrian-only zone in Tlaquepaque. Cost \$350 pesos for members and \$450 pesos for non-members. Bus will depart at 10 a.m. from La Floresta.

### Wednesday, March 1 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.

## LCS and ASA to Showcase Children's Art Program

Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. , The Lake Chapala Society and the Ajijic Society of the Arts (ASA) will be hosting the Children's Art Program and seven ASA member artists who will be exhibiting and selling their work on the LCS campus. A shuttle bus will be available.

Tickets can be purchased prior to the tour at the LCS ticket sales for \$50 pesos starting Wednesday, February 1 through Friday, February 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or during the tour at any of the participating studios. Half the proceeds generated from the Open Studios Tour will help fund the Children's Art Program.



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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.

### February 2 Hell or High Water 2016 USA

A divorced father and his ex-con brother-in-law resort to a desperate scheme to save their family ranch in West Texas. Strong Academy Award candidate for Best Picture and Best Actor. A modern day western. (99 minutes)

### February 9 Toni Erdmann 2016 Germany

A maturely crafted and emotionally wrought psychological comedy that is a treatise on the enduring theme of child-parent relationships. 'Toni Erdmann' is a tale about an obsessive jester desperately trying to reconnect with his dead-serious daughter. This film has been sweeping prizes in film festivals around the world and is considered one of the favorites for an Academy Award as Best Picture and/or Best Foreign Language Film. (151 minutes)

### February 16 Hidden Figures 2016 USA

A team of African-American women provides NASA with invaluable mathematical calculations in the quest to put America ahead of Russia in the race to the moon. Strong Academy Award candidate for Best Picture. (120 minutes)

### February 23 To be announced

This presentation will be announced via e-mail.

## Introduction to Spanish Classes

This is a casual class offered for the beginner that covers the Spanish alphabet, simple vocabulary and phrases to use about town for shopping, and other useful information about our area and Mexican culture. February classes will start on Tuesday February 7 and will be held at the LCS campus from 12:00 until 1:30 PM. Learning materials are provided; tuition is \$175 pesos.

Sign up at the LCS office during regular office hours, Monday through Saturday from 10-2 p.m., or sign up easy and quick on the LCS website [www.lakechapalasociety.com](http://www.lakechapalasociety.com)

Introduction to Spanish language classes for LCS members will be held each month starting the first Tuesday of the month and continue for three weeks.

*You must be a member of LCS and your membership must be current through the duration of the classes.*

## Out of the Box for iPad Beginners

The second round of free iPad for Beginners classes will be held on Wednesdays, February 15 and February 22 in the Sala from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

This is hands-on instruction for users of iPad devices-including iPhones - that covers everything from opening the new iPad box, to setting it up for your particular needs, and navigating it for everyday use.

The course is free to 20 LCS members only. Email: [ipadcourselcs@gmail.com](mailto:ipadcourselcs@gmail.com) to sign up. Remember to include your LCS member number when you apply.

## In the Service Office

The Warren Hardy Spanish textbooks for registered class members are available in the Service Office. Make much-needed donations to the kitty fund here too.

## February Activities

\*Open to the Public \*\* US Citizens

(S) Sign in required (C) Membership card required

MSS & 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 Feb 8+22 10-2
My Guardian Angel	Tues 10:30-12:30
Optometrist Claravision (S)	Thur 9-4
Skin Cancer Screening (S)	2nd + 4th Wed 10-12:30
US Consulate**	Wed Feb 1 10:30-12:30 Sign in 10-11:30

### Lessons(C)

Bridge Class	Mon 1-4 (S) class filled
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 4-6 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
iPad Beginners	Wed 15-22 11:30-1 Sign up
Introduction To Spanish	Tues 12-1:30 (S)+ cost
Line Dancing	Tues+Thurs 10-11:15
PEP Grippo	Mon-Fri 12-1+1:30-3 See article at left or website
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 (S) + 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 9:30-11:30
Baby Boomers	Wed 2-3
Bridge Class	Mon Jan 23 (S)
Bridge 4 Fun	Tue + Thurs 1-5
Conversaciones en Espanol	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
Game Group	Mon 1-4
Learning TED Seminars	Tues 12-1:15
Needle Pushers	Tues 10-12
Neill James Lectures	Tues 2- 3:30
Scrabble	Mon+Fri 11:30-1:30
Spanish/English Conversation	Sat 11-12:30
Tournament Scrabble	Tues 12-1:50

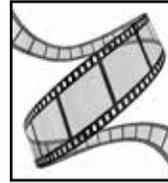
### Service and Support Groups \*

Information Desk	Mon-Sat 10-2
Lakeside AA	Mon +Thurs 4:30-5:30
Open Circle	Sun 10-12:30
Toastmasters	Mon 7-8:30 p.m.

### Ticket Sales

Monday-Friday 10-12 a.m.\*

## Video Library Additions February



Wow! February already. Hope your new year is going well. Some new stuff for you.

**Sully #7497** Tom Hanks as a very believable pilot landing a commercial airliner in the Hudson river with 150 passengers on board. I wouldn't have wanted to be there

**Seems Like Old Times #7504** Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase in an entertaining frolic about how a loser dude needs his ex to help him out of a jam.

**The End of the Affair #7500** This is an engrossing tale of love, passion and betrayal involving star-crossed lovers. Ralph Fiennes and Julianne Moore.

**Howard's End #7499** Three social classes of England, whose only god is money, at the beginning of the century. Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson

**Midnight Run #7496** Bounty hunter Jack Walsh (Robert De Niro) is sent to find and return bail jumper and former Mafia accountant, Jonathan "The Duke" Mardukas (Charles Grodin). Fun to watch and easy to cheer for De Niro.

**Murder on the Orient Express #7507** An Agatha Christie classic with Albert Finney as a finicky detective and a whole bunch of people who could've done it. Lauren Bacall is one of'em.

**Labyrinth of Lies #7505** Definitely one of the more powerful holocaust films. It doesn't have any visual images of the holocaust. It's about the aftermath, bringing the perpetrators to trial and the effects on a Germany in total denial.

As always happens at this time of the year, we are in need of couriers during the spring and summer months. If you are going north soon and returning shortly thereafter, or, if you have someone coming to visit, we would be most appreciative if you or your visitors could bring back a couple of DVDs to help keep the Video Library current. We buy them and prepay them on-line and have them delivered to an address of your choice.

## February Movies at Wilkes

As part of LCS' continuing free Spanish language films available to the community, this month's offerings feature favorite Mexican stars, Robert Redford, and a tiny mouse in the



lead roles. On February 3, Pedro Infante stars in "A Todo Maquina". On February 10, an animated family favorite, "Stuart Little", stars a heroic mouse. "Ni Chana, Ni Juana", starring India Maria, will be shown on February 17. Our final film for February, "Grandes Amigos", starring Robert Redford, will close out this month's film fest. All films are in Spanish and open to the public.

Bring the family.

Wilkes *Biblioteca* is located on Galeana near the LCS campus.

## TED Talks February

*TED Talks are held in the Sala Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. Open to members only.*

**February 7** Host Pete Soderman. Laura Vanderkam: "How to Gain Control of Your Free Time" There are 168 hours in each week. How do we find time for what matters most? Time management expert Laura Vanderkam studies how busy people spend their lives, and she's discovered that many of us drastically overestimate our commitments each week, while underestimating the time we have to ourselves. She offers a few practical strategies to help find more time for what matters to us so we can "build the lives we want in the time we've got."

**February 14** Hosted by Gary Thompson: "We Need To Rethink Capitalism" According to hedge fund manager and philanthropist Paul Tudor Jones corporate America's focus on profits is "threatening the very underpinnings of society." He knows what we need to do.

**February 21** seminar Hosted by Fred Harland, features science writer Ed Yong: "Zombie Roaches and Other Parasite Tales". Ed Yong blogs with a mission: to ignite excitement for science in everyone, regardless of their education or background. In this fascinating, hilarious and ever-so-slightly creepy talk, Ed Yong tells the story of his favorite parasites-animals and organisms that live on the bodies (and brains!) of other organisms, causing them to do their bidding. Do humans have them too? Maybe ...

**February 21**, due to traffic problems on Shrove Tuesday, there will be no TED seminar.

## Bridge Classes Offered

In addition to the Level One bridge class currently running, there will be two other bridge classes offered depending on the level of interest expressed by our members. Classes are free and user-friendly; one is designed for those who know little but want to learn the game and the other for those who want to expand their skills at partnership play.

The Level Zero class is primarily for those who have never played contract bridge before. (If you feel a bit rusty, Level One is appropriate for you.) Level Two is primarily for people who play together often, may play some Duplicate Bridge and want to improve your competitiveness.

Contact Karen Schirack at [kslcs@live.com](mailto:kslcs@live.com) with your name, member number, expiration date, telephone number, and class preference.

## Neill James Lectures February

*Tuesdays in the Sala at 2 p.m.*

**Feb 7: Charles Coleman: 9/11: the Improbable Official Narrative - from Engineering and Aeronautical Perspectives:** A critical look at the official explanation of the 9/11 event: principals of steel frame construction, fuel sources, and the limitations and characteristics of transport aircraft.

Charles Coleman is a retired American Airlines 767 captain and a registered civil engineer in California and Washington. He earned a BS Civil Engineering, San Diego State University, MS Civil Engineering, Uppsala University, Sweden. His experience includes work on the Trans Alaska Oil Pipeline, projects in Saudi Arabia, and design and construction of various harbor projects for the Alaska State DOT.

He has been a consulting engineering since 1977 in California and Washington. A former flight instructor and charter pilot, he was also a bush pilot in Alaska and spent 22 years as a pilot with American Airlines.

**Feb 14: Phil Rylett: Think Again - Because Once Might Not Be Enough**

We suffer from biases in thinking, none potentially more disastrous than the Survivorship Bias. We tend to focus on success, routinely overlooking the lessons of failures. We will examine some consequences of this bias. Before retirement, Phil Rylett developed a state and federal breast cancer screening program for under-insured women in California. After hearing (and complaining about) a presentation on breast cancer where this bias was dangerously evident, he developed this presentation.

*Note: This talk is being repeated by popular demand.*

**Feb 21: Robert Croog: Big Lies and Tiny Truths: Finding Reality in a Post-Fact World**

Examines the habitual use of social media and punditry as a replacement for truth-seeking and the influence of fake news on public opinion. There are many historical examples of problems posed when objectivity and subjectivity collide, but the 2016 presidential election is a watershed event in the erosion of belief in the importance of truth.

This talk will cover the history of attacks on objective truth, the erosion of authoritative sources of knowledge, the challenges of living in a post-fact world and suggestions of how to meet them.

Robert Croog, a graduate of Harvard and Columbia Law School teaches Communication and Writing at Trinity University. He was Associate Professor of Advertising, Media Law and Business Ethics at Rochester Institute of Technology, following a 35-year career in intellectual property law.

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