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January 2017

The Lake Chapala Society

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The LCS 2017 Annual Giving Fund Needs You!

When you were a newcomer to Lakeside, where did you turn to for information about living in Mexico? If you're like most in our community, you came to the Lake Chapala Society. Why? Because you know LCS provides a network of thousands of ex-pats who have already travelled the same path. Some of these "advisors" may have become lifelong friends.

Annual giving is one of the most important areas in an organization's fund raising efforts. In April, 2016 we started our first annual giving program with an ambitious goal of \$400,000 pesos. To date, we have achieved a little more than half of our goal. We thank those who have given.

For years LCS has operated on revenue from membership dues and special events. The board is very cognizant that our members financial status covers a broad spectrum. Our dues are purposely kept low so that our services and programs are accessible to all. However, our costs are no longer completely covered by these efforts alone.

Since 2010 LCS established three-year strategic goals which were reviewed and revised In 2013. The 2016 review showed we are achieving our goals, particularly in community and cross-cultural integration. LCS is now perceived as a leader in the community working with authorities to support safety, education, and many other quality of life concerns.

Our goals include a new campus that integrates state of the art user-friendly technologies in an environmentally friendly way. Prominent among our goals is to preserve our beautiful gardens and create facilities that reflect our historic architecture and neighborhood values.

If you feel as we do, your contribution will be critical to our continuing success as an institution uniting multiple cultures and enriching the lives of literally thousands of people in many important ways. Your gift of \$400 Mexican pesos is simple to make: drop off your donation at the LCS Office or contribute online. Be part of our team and help us keep LCS moving forward.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to EVERYONE - from LCS

Ben White, President

Terry Vidal, Executive Director

¡QUE GANGA!

The LCS thrift store has recently received an estate. Find some unique quality items at amazing ¡QUE GANGA! prices.

We're also looking for a Sunday volunteer; we'll train you. We know that you'll enjoy working with our friendly team.

The Chili Cook-Off Still Needs You!

The 39th annual Chili Cook-Off, February 10-12, 2017. The Cook-off board of directors is still looking for volunteers: parking, admissions, entertainment, as well as contestants for the chili, salsa, and margarita contests. Contact Jacques Bouchard - 766-3167, or jacqueandcarol@hotmail.com.

We have limited seating so we've scheduled two performances. **Mariachi Estrellas de Chula Vista**, performed in last year's festival, was formed in 2011 by graduates of Mariachi Chula Vista, widely considered one of the top high school mariachi ensembles in the United States. These are young musicians who continued to perform after graduation.

Grupo Bella a Los Angeles based, multi-faceted all-female ensemble with roots in the Mariachi genre, the group uses traditional Mariachi instrumentation, performing a range of music from different regions and time periods. Grupo Bella is directed by Vanessa Ramirez, who is of Mexican heritage, and has earned a Grammy Award for her vocal work, and is also a Grammy nominated composer for one of her original songs.

The Latin American Premier of an American Classic - A Street Car Named Desire the Opera

The adaptation of Tennessee Williams Pulitzer Prize winning play to take stage as an opera took over 50 years. *Teatro Degollado* in Guadalajara, is hosting the Latin American premiere on January 27 and 29, before touring Mexico City, and South America.

The opera will be performed by the Jalisco Philharmonic Orchestra. In collaboration with *Viva la Musica*, discounted tickets (under \$500 MXN) and a bus are being arranged for!

A reading from the original Tennessee Williams play is being performed on January 18 at 1:30 - 3:30 PM in the Sala.

On January 20 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM a psychological analysis of the characters will be presented in the Sala.

Finally on January 25 (2-4:30 PM), LCS' Film Aficionado Marshall Krantz will present a special screening of the Academy Award winning 1951 movie starring Vivien Leigh and Marlon Brando.

Tennessee Williams drama "A Streetcar Named Desire," is often numbered on the short list of the finest American plays of the 20th century. In 1945 Williams spent time in Chapala to work on a play called *The Poker Night*, which later became *A Streetcar Named Desire*. As Williams explains in his essay "The Catastrophe of Success," Chapala offered him an ideal place to work, "a remote place among strangers where there is good swimming."

2017 Member Directory is Now Available.

Take advantage of the savings and unique discounts offered.

The LCS Personal Enrichment Program

The LCS Personal Enrichment Program (PEP) is a continuing education program designed to help you understand Mexico culture, tradition, history, nature, language, science, you name it, and PEP can offer it.

PEP now offers new and intensive gardening courses conducted by Francisco Nava, who has considerable experience in organic gardening who will guide you through the art of maintaining your garden.

Judy King returns to teach a new course using literature to reveal Mexico's rich history. Through significant writers and a film she will discuss the tumultuous period of the Mexican revolution and the impact it had on families.

Dr. Dan Grippo will again teach his highly acclaimed Mexican history class as well as a new class celebrating the first 100 years of the Mexican Constitution, ratified in 1917 as a consequence of the revolution.

The courses are offered for either 1 or 8 weeks. * *Members must be active to enroll and must remain active for the duration of each class.*

Introduction to Lakeside Gardening

Instructor: Francisco Javier Gonzalez Nava
Course Fee: \$500 MXN (8 classes)
Course Dates: January 10 - February 28, 2017
Course Time: Tuesday, 10 - 11 AM (1 hr)

Advanced Lakeside Gardening

Instructor: Francisco Javier Gonzalez Nava
Course Fee: \$500 MXN (8 classes)
Course Dates: January 11 - March 1, 2017
Course Time: Wednesday, 10 - 11 AM (1 hr)

Introducción a La Jardinería, (en español)

Instructor: Francisco Javier Gonzalez Nava
Inscripcion: \$500 MXN (8 classes)
Fechas: 12 de enero - 2 de marzo, 2017
Hora: Meiercoles, 10 - 11 AM (1 hr)

A Century of Law and (Dis)Order:

Mexico's 1917 Constitution Turns 100

Instructor: Daniel Grippo, Ph.D.
Course Fee: \$450 MXN (5 classes)
Course Dates: February 27 - March 3, 2017
Course Time: Monday - Friday, 12:00 - 1:00 PM (1 hr)

Memorable Moments in Mexican History:

A Sweeping Overview of Mexico's Dramatic Story

Instructor: Daniel Grippo, Ph.D.
Course Fee: \$480 MXN (5 classes)
Course Dates: February 27 - March 3, 2017
Course Time: Monday - Friday, 1:30 - 3 PM (1.5 hrs)

Surviving the Revolution

Instructor: Judy King
Course Fee: \$600 MXN (8 classes)
Course Dates: January 18 - March 8, 2017
Course Time: Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM (1.5 hrs)



Thursday Film Aficionados

Open to LCS members only. Bring your card.
All films shown in the *Sala* from 2-4:30 PM
No food. No pets.

January 5 Captain Fantastic 2016 USA

In the forests of the Pacific Northwest, a father, devoted to raising his six kids, is forced to leave paradise and enter the world, challenging his ideas of what it means to be a parent. You'll laugh, you'll cry, but most of all, you'll love this movie; my favorite film of the year. (113 minutes)

January 12 Like Crazy 2016 Italy

Two women reside in a psychiatric facility in Tuscany. They have very different life stories, but a chance to escape brings them together in an adventure that changes their lives and helps them realize the beauty in imperfection. (113 minutes)

January 19 Les Innocents 2016 Poland/France 1945

A young Red Cross doctor who is sent to aid the survivors of the German concentration camps discovers several nuns in a nearby convent in advanced stages of pregnancy (111 minutes)

January 25 A Streetcar Named Desire 1951 USA (Special Showing)

It is reputed that Tennessee Williams was living in Chapala when he conceived the idea for a story that led to the play that eventually was made into this movie starring Marlon Brando. An opera adapted from this story will make its debut in Guadalajara later this week.(120 minutes)

January 26 Divines 2016 France

A street teenager, child of a dysfunctional family from a banlieue in Paris, comes across a young dancer who turns her life around in a hard-hitting story about the non-tourist side of Paris. (104 minutes)

Bus Trips January

Thursday, January 12 Guadalajara Centro/Downtown 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 lunch in the *Plaza de los Laureles* or dine in the elegant Hotel Mendoza. A detailed map will be provided. Cost \$320/\$370 m/nm. Bus will leave promptly at 10 AM from the sculpture in *La Floresta*.

Thursday, January 19 Galerias Mall/Costco

Major retailers including Best Buy, Sears and restaurants like Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang and more, also shop Costco, Sam's and Super Walmart. Cost \$320/\$370 m/nm. Meet at the sculpture in La Floresta; bus departs promptly at 9:30 AM.

Wednesday, February 2, Guadalajara Zoo

A marvelous zoo with large aquarium, and sky ride. Details to be announced.

Condolences

LCS mourns the passing of long time member and library volunteer Suzanna Douglas. A celebration of life will be announced in the future.



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January 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 & LEGAL SERVICES *

Becerra & Galindo Services	Thur 10:30-12:30
Blood Pressure	Mon+Fri 10-12
Hearing Aid Services (S)	Mon+2nd+4th, Sat 11-4
Ministerio Publico	Wed Jan 4+18 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 Jan 11 10:30-12:30 Sign up 10-11:30

LESSONS (C)

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
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
PEP Gardening	Tues+Wed+Thurs 10-11 (S) + cost
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
Bridge Class	Mon Jan 23 (S)
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
Game Group	Mon 1-4* open to public 2-4
iPad Beginners	Wed Jan 25 11:30-1 (S)
Learning TED Seminars	Tues 12-1:15
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
Tournament Scrabble	Tues 12-1:50

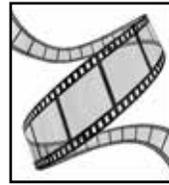
SERVICE & SUPPORT GROUPS *

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 *

Video Library Additions January



Happy and healthy 2017 to one and all from the volunteers of the LCS Video Library

Florence Foster Jenkins #7469 New York heiress who wants to be an opera singer. True story about a kook and her supporters. Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant

Man Who Knew Infinity #7491 Another true story about a true genius before his time. A very good movie with Jeremy Irons and Dev Patel

Teahouse of the August Moon #7490 Marlon Brando as a very entertaining houseboy for an always perplexed U.S. Navy Captain played by Glen Ford

Sweet November #7472 A San Francisco hippy chick tries to mellow out an uptight, hotdog advertisement salesman. Charlize Theron and Keanu Reeves

The Way We Were #7475 Another oldie but goodie with Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford trying to hash out their political, but loving differences

North and South #7486 & 7487 Four part BBC adaptation of Elizabeth Gaskell's love story and a rendering of the Industrial Age and the class struggle within.

A Place to Call Home #7465-7467 The second season of the tale of a mysterious woman whom is perched between the harsh legacy of WWII and the hope of a new life in Australia (didn't get delivered last month, but, it's here now)

The video catalogs, which are color coded, will all be updated for 2017. To assist you in finding a movie of your choice, please see the covers of the catalogs or ask the volunteers on duty. Enjoy the movies. There are foreign films, TV Series, old classics and as many new releases as we can get. We are always pleased to have members suggest movies of interest.

Out of the Box for iPad Beginners

Starting January 2017, there will be two free iPad for Beginners classes held on successive Wednesdays. The first two-class session will be held January 25 and February 1. the second session will be on February 15 and February 22. Each class will be held from 11:30-1 PM in the Sala.

This is hands-on instruction for iPad- including iPhones- users that covers everything from opening the new iPad box, to setting it up for your needs and navigating it for everyday use. The course is free to 20 LCS members only. Email: ipadcourselcs@gmail.com to sign up.

Six Week Bridge Class

Instructor Phil Kintner, presents a Level 1 Bridge Class for those who have played some Contract Bridge and wish to improve their bidding and playing skills. Learn the basics and current developments in the game at the LCS South Campus Board Room Mondays from 1-4 PM January 23 through February 27.

Classes are free and limited to *eight* LCS members only. The instruction book is supplied by the instructor. Sign up by email *only* to kslcs@live.com; provide your name, LCS member number and expiration date.

TED Talks

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

January 3 seminar hosted by Pete Soderman, features journalist Courtney Martin: "The New American Dream". For the first time in history, the majority of American parents don't think their kids will be better off than they were. This shouldn't be a cause for alarm, but rather an opportunity to define a new approach to work and family emphasizing community and creativity. The biggest danger is not failing to achieve the American Dream, but "achieving a dream that you don't actually believe in."

January 10 hosted by Fred Harland, features philosopher Peter Singer: The why and how of effective altruism. What's the most effective way to give? He offers some surprising thought experiments on balancing emotion and practicality, and making the biggest impact with what we share.

January 17 hosted by Gary Thompson, features Canadian doctor Samantha Nutt: "The World Arms Trade". Working with aid groups in the third world, she finds it is easier to get a gun than to find clean drinking water in some nations plagued by local warfare. The arms come from the wealthy nations who make the profits, and go to the poor countries that pay the human cost.

January 24 hosted by Rick Rhoda. Social psychologist Adam Galinsky offers: "How to Speak Up for Yourself". Speaking up is hard to do, even when you know you should. Galinsky teaches people worldwide how to assert themselves, inspire others, speak up effectively, lead teams and negotiate successfully. Currently the Chair of the Management Division at Columbia Business School, he co-authored the critically acclaimed, best-selling book, *Friend & Foe*, which distills his two decades of research on leadership, negotiations, diversity, decision-making, and ethics.

January 31 hosted by Ron Mullenau, features entrepreneur Jia Jiang: "What I Learned from 100 Days of Rejection". Jia Jiang adventures boldly into a territory so many fear: rejection.

By seeking out rejection for 100 days -from asking a stranger for \$100 to requesting a "burger refill" at a restaurant- Jiang desensitized himself to the pain and shame that rejection often brings and, in the process, discovered that simply asking for what you want can open up possibilities where you might expect to find dead ends.

Neill James Lectures

Tuesdays in the Sala at 2 PM

January 3 Phil Rylett: "Cerveza is Not Spanish for 'Beer': Meaning and Spanish Acquisition" Many English speakers want to learn or improve their Spanish, but few succeed. Why? Phil Rylett has taught English as a Second Language for ten years in Mexico and California. When he decided to learn Spanish, he was frustrated by his lack of success. He discovered that traditional language learning styles might not be the best.

January 10 Otto Rand: "Faith and Reason" examines the relationship between faith and science from compatibility rather than hostility, seeks ways how areas of discord can be bridged, referring to religious views of such scientists as Darwin, Newton and Einstein.

He received a B.A in History at the Hebrew University; an M.A. at the University of Toronto in Near Eastern History, and a PhD in Near Eastern Religions. His interest is in the relationship between science and religion.

January 17 Walt Manning: The Internet of Things: Technology Risks When Everything is Connected " Wireless electronic devices in home, office, and vehicles, medical devices, security systems, and cameras are increasingly capable of communicating with their Internet-based hosts as well as with each other. They may be constantly monitoring audio, video and other data that can document everything you say or do. This technology is creating security and privacy risks, and will transform global crime in ways unimaginable.

Walt Manning is an investigations futurist and an Ajijic resident of six years. He has over 35 years of experience in the fields of criminal justice, investigations, digital forensics, and e-discovery. He is an internationally recognized speaker and has been published in many magazines and professional journals.

January 24: John Keeling: "The Birds in Your Mexican Backyard." This presentation will feature slides of the common birds around Lake Chapala. Learn to identify them and find them. Discover which are resident and which migrate, and how to encourage them to come to your back yard.

John Keeling grew up in England and worked in Canada as an engineer and professor. He became a serious student of the birds of Lake Chapala eight years ago, and is now recognized as an expert. He runs 'Lake Chapala Birders', which organizes bird walks and puts out a free birding newsletter every month.

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

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