



60 years of "People Helping People"

May 2017

The Lake Chapala Society

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LCS' Board of Directors Three Year Strategic Plan

The Board of Directors at the Lake Chapala Society recognizes the need to develop long-term strategic plans to ensure successful implementation of our mission to improve the quality of life for everyone living at lakeside. On March 16 and 17, the Board of Directors met to develop a plan for the next three years.

- Identified who are we as an organization with the goal of getting everyone "on the same page"
- Identified strategic initiatives for the Campus, Program, Community, and Fund Development Committees
- Developed a path for committees to identify and prioritize actions to achieve our strategic objectives

In preparation, each participant developed a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats.) to focus on the challenges and opportunities for LCS' role in our community. Based on these analyses, strategic goals were identified for each committee:

- Campus – continue to re-engineer the campus infrastructure to meet current and future needs
- Community – continue to improve the membership experience and community-wide participation in LCS
- Program – continue to optimize all LCS programs to assure relevance
- Fund Development – develop a three-year funding plan to ensure delivery of programs and services

Committees are now identifying strategic actions through (SMART) analysis to implement these goals:

- Specific – who is involved, what do we want to accomplish, and what necessary constraints/requirements exist?
- Measurable – can we track progress and measure outcomes?
- Attainable – is the goal reasonable and within reach?
- Relevant – is the goal worthwhile, does it fit with our organizational goals?
- Time bound – can we set a reasonable time frame to achieve the goal?

By June 15, each committee will present its three-year strategic initiatives to the Board of Directors for approval.

Submitted by Ben White, Chairman of the Board

2017 Surveys

Attention members: 2017 will be the year we revive our 2012 membership survey so that we can track our progress and redirect our efforts as needed for the future.

It, along with several other surveys, will appear in your mailbox throughout the next year. You can help LCS by participating in these confidential and anonymous surveys.

Mariachi Tequila des Mayo

fundraiser for Mariachi Real Axiac **5 de mayo**

fundraiser • mariachi • tequila tasting seminar • tequila sampling
recaudación de fondos • mariachi • cata de tequila • prueba de tequila

Over 15 different brands of Tequila available for tasting / Más de 15 marcas de tequila ofrecerán pruebas

Friday May 5th 3 to 6 PM	Viernes 5 de mayo 3 a 6 PM
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General Admission \$150 pesos
\$100 pesos for LCS members
\$150 pesos at the door

General \$150 pesos
\$100 pesos para socios de LCS
\$150 pesos en taquilla

This event is to help our local mariachi group "Mariachi Real Axiac" perform with an orchestra in Costa Rica

Este evento es para ayudar a nuestro mariachi local "Mariachi Real Axiac" a presentarse con una orquesta en Costa Rica

Tickets available at the LCS office, Centro Cultural de Ajijic, and with the musicians.

Boletos disponibles en las oficinas de LCS, Centro Cultural de Ajijic y con los músicos.

16 de Septiembre 16-A, Ajijic, Jalisco, MX / (376) 766-1140 / www.lakechapasociety.com

Looking For Retired CPAs

The LCS Finance Committee is seeking former CPAs to assist in performing its duties.

LCS proudly boasts three years of external audits by international accounting firm Grant Thornton. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Michael Searles at treasurer@lakechapasociety.com.

Magic Jack is Back!

LCS members and non-members can make calls to the US and Canada, (including all 800 numbers) that are charged international fees from a Mexican land line.

Magic Jack is available to LCS members for 20 pesos and 40 pesos for non-members.

Lake Chapala Society is Closed
May 1 - Mexican Labor Day

Wanted!

Blood Pressure monitoring group is looking for volunteers with medical/nurse education to take blood pressure on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the LCS campus.

Garden Crew needs volunteers to trim, plant, weed, and maintain our lovely gardens.

Information Technology is looking for volunteers familiar with IT support, networking and wireless functionality. Position requires climbing stairs several times a day.

¡**Que Ganga!** needs full time or part time volunteers Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Lucy Mora at 342 100 2081 or online at lucyojitos81@hotmail.com.

Special Events needs volunteers to greet guests, collect tickets, and help with fiesta decorations. If you are an outgoing person and have a bit of flair, this may be for you.

For more information about these and our other volunteer opportunities, see the website at volunteer@lakechapasociety.com or fill out an application in the Service Office.

Introduction to Spanish

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

Starting the first Tuesday of the month and continuing for three weeks, the next session will start May 2, on the LCS campus from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Learning materials are provided. Tuition is \$175 pesos. Sign up at the LCS office, or on our website www.lakechapasociety.com.

Warren Hardy Spanish Classes

The next session of Warren Hardy Spanish language classes for LCS members will begin on Monday, May 8 and continue through June 23. Classes meet two days a week for an hour and a half each session at the Wilkes Education Center (*Biblioteca*) on Galeana. 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.

Register for upcoming classes at the LCS Service Office or online. The program manager will be available to answer questions and to register students every weekday from May 2 to May 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at LCS on the Blue Umbrella Patio.

Tuition for the course is \$750 pesos. The required course textbook is an additional \$670 pesos. Other instructional materials may be purchased separately.

For more information about the Spanish classes or LCS membership, visit the LCS website www.lakechapasociety.com. or call the Service Office at 766 1140. *This is a members only program. You must be a member of LCS to attend and your membership must be current throughout the program.*



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U.S. Consular Fees Have Changed Again

Fees for USCG services vary with the exchange rate for the Mexican peso. Please confirm everything here: <https://mx.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/guadalajara/lakechapalaajijic-services/>.

It is very important that the checks be made out to **"United States Disbursing Officer"** or the consulate will not accept it for payment. Use the Banamex located in Chapala at Avenida Francisco I Madero 222, to obtain them.

Children's Art Cards

Our wonderful cards are available at Café Corazon.

CINEMA

SOR TEQUILA / LA INDIA MARIA
MAYO / 5 / 2017

CAROL / CATE BLANCHETT
MAYO / 12 / 2017

LOS TRES ALEGRES COMPADRES / ANTONIO AGUILAR
MAYO / 19 / 2017

ENTRE MONJAS ANDA EL DIABLO / VICENTE FERNANDEZ
MAYO / 26 / 2017

¡CADA VIERNES!
7:00 PM / SIN COSTO!

GALEANA #18 / NEIL JAMES BIBLIOTECA PÚBLICA / WILKES EDUCATION CENTER

Library News

You may have noticed that the library no longer offers books for sale at our various events and celebrations. Gently used books are for sale in the Magazine Room located between the Service Office and the library workroom for only five pesos for paperback editions and 10 pesos for the hard covers.

The Magazine Room is still home for our extensive collection of magazines on many subjects of interest: cooking, crafts, decorating, history, science, travel, politics and of course, National Geographic. We operate on the honor system. Borrow as many publications as you wish and return them at your leisure. Don't forget our collection of jigsaw puzzles are available there, too.

May 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

Health and Legal Services *

Becerra & Galindo Services Thur 10:30-12:30 Sat 10-12:30
Blood Pressure Fri 10-12
Hearing Aid Services (S) Mon+2nd+4th, Sat 11-4
Ministerio Publico Wed May 3 & 24 10-2
My Guardian Angel Tues 10:30-12:30
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12
US Consulate** Wed May 17 10:30-12:30 Sign up

Lessons(C)

Children's Art Sat 10-12*
Children's Chess Sat 12-1
Clases de Bordado Artístico Mon 3-6, Wed & Fri 4-6
Exercise Mon+Wed+Fri 9-10
Exploring Spanish (new!) Wed 1-2:30, Sat 11-12:30
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
Photography Club 1st Mon 12-2
Strength and Balance Exercise Tues+Thurs 8:45-9:45
Warren Hardy Spanish Classes Mon-Sat Sign-up+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 10-11:30
Bocce Ball (new!) Tue + Thurs 10-11
Bridge 4 Fun Tue + Thurs 1-5
Discussion Group Wed 12-1:30
Everyday Mindfulness Mon 10-12
Film Aficionados Thurs 2-4:30
Games Group Mon 1-4
Needle Pushers Tues 10-12
Scrabble Fri 11:30-1:30
Spanish/English Conversation Sat 11-12:30
TED Learning Seminars Tues 12-1:15
Tournament Scrabble Tues 12-1:50

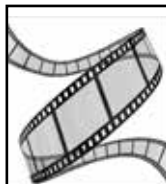
Service and Support Groups *

Al-Anon (in Spanish) Mon 6-7:30, Wed 5:30-7:30
Information Desk Mon-Sat 10-1
Lakeside AA Mon +Thurs 4:30-5:30
Open Circle Sun 10-11:30
Toastmasters Mon 7-8:30 p.m.

Ticket Sales

Monday-Friday 10-12 a.m.*

Video Library Additions May



The library needs couriers to bring back DVDs to help us keep our inventory current. We order them on-line, pre-pay them, and have them delivered to the address of your choice. If you can help, email Tom Keane at keanhombre@prodigy.net.mx. Thank you.

Fences #7578 Denzel Washington, in one of his best yet, as a working man coming to terms with missed opportunities and the current events of his life.

Elle #7567 A French film that will keep you guessing, amused and entertained. There are nebulous rape scenes necessary for theme of the movie. English subtitles.

Hacksaw Ridge #7575 A WWII army medic, Desmond T. Doss, becomes the first man in American history to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor without firing a shot.

Amistad #7564 In 1839, a Spanish owned slave ship is captured off the coast of Long Island which causes a major controversy in the United States. Anthony Hopkins as John Adams. Historical drama.

Hotel Rwanda #7566 Don Cheadle as the hotel manager who housed over a thousand Tutsi refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda.

Moonlight #7579 A chronicle of the childhood, adolescence and burgeoning adulthood of a young, African-American, gay man growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami. Oscar for Best Picture

Monsoon Wedding #7584 A comedy about a stressed father, a bride-to-be with a secret, a smitten event planner, and relatives from around the world for an arranged marriage in India. Comedy. English sound, English subtitles.

Three series: **Doctor Thorne** #7577, **Victoria** #7586 and **Grantchester** #7580. British productions of the usual high quality. We are always open to suggestions for films to add to our inventory. Please leave your name, email address and film titles so we can get back to you.

Bocce Ball Now Playing at LCS

We've been playing bocce on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. on the LCS front lawn.

A ball sport derived from ancient games played in the Roman Empire, bocce is similar to lawn bowling and French petanque.

Its present form originated in Italy and is played around Europe and in other areas where Italian immigrants have settled including Australia, North, and South America.

Information Desk Knows (nearly) Everything

Visiting Ajijic? Thinking about settling here at lakeside? Any questions you may have about housing, attractions, goods, transportation, activities, legal and immigration matters may be answered by the well-informed volunteers at the Information Desk just outside the library.

The Information Desk is open daily to everyone, members and non-members, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TED Talks Learning Seminars

May 2 : My Stroke of Insight

Brain researcher Jill Bolte Taylor got a research opportunity few brain scientists would wish for: she had a massive stroke, and watched as her brain functions — motion, speech, self-awareness — shut down one by one. An astonishing story of recovery and transformation.

May 9 : Don't Take Consciousness for Granted

Lawyer turned Hollywood producer, public speaker and author, Simon Lewis found ways to recover—physically and mentally—beyond all expectations following a catastrophic car accident that left him in a coma. His accident and remarkable recovery led to his concern about all threats to consciousness and how they may be overcome.

May 16 : Life's Biggest Questions

How does a robin know to fly south? The answer might be weirder than you think. Quantum physicist Jim Al-Khalili rounds up the very new, extremely strange world of quantum biology, something Einstein once called “spooky action at a distance” that helps birds navigate, and quantum effects that might explain the origin of life itself.

May 23 : A Brain in a Supercomputer

Neuroscientist Henry Markram says the mysteries of the mind can be solved—soon. Mental illness, memory, perception: they're made of neurons and electric signals, and he plans to find them with a supercomputer that models all the brain's 100,000,000,000,000 synapses.

May 30 : Computers That Can Learn.

What happens when we teach a computer how to learn? Technologist Jeremy Howard shares some surprising new developments in the fast-moving field of deep learning, a technique that can give computers the ability to learn Chinese, or to recognize objects in photos, or to help think through a medical diagnosis.

One deep learning tool, after watching hours of YouTube, taught itself the concept of “cats.” Catch up on a field that will change the way the computers around you behave probably sooner than you think.

Upcoming Bus Trips

Wednesday, May 24- Galerias Mall/Costco

Shop major retailers including Best Buy, Sears and restaurants Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang and more, also shop nearby Costco, Sam's and Super Walmart.

Cost 350 pesos for members and 450 pesos for non-members. Bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.



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.

May 4 A Street Cat Named Bob 2016 UK

The true story, based on the book of the same title, of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat. (97 minutes)

May 11 The Founder 2017- USA

The story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonalds, into one of the largest restaurant businesses in the world. A terrific performance by Michael Keaton. (109 minutes)

May 18 Toter Mann 2001 Germany

Middle-aged lawyer, Thomas, meets Leyla at a suburban swimming pool. Their paths keep crossing and he gets up enough courage to ask her out. When he wakes up he finds both Leyla and his computer are missing. This is the fifth film with the German director Christian Petzold and great actress Nina Hoss whom we've seen at LCS. (88 minutes)

May 25 Breaker Morant 1979 Australia

This phenomenal film, set in South Africa during the Boer War, is one of the greatest anti-war films as well as one high on the list of all-time great Australian films. (107 minutes)

LCS History Project

The LCS History Project continues to collect materials, memorabilia, and photographs relating to Lake Chapala Society's more than 60 year history here at Lakeside. We are especially interested in artifacts and photographs relating to LCS' time in Chapala prior to moving to Ajijic.

As part of our ongoing program, we archive our annual membership directories. We are missing: 1969, 1972, 1975, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989. If you spot one of these somewhere, please bring it in.

If you have memorabilia, letters, photographs or directories related to LCS, Neill James or Ed Wilkes please contact project director Marianne O'Halloran at 766-4685.

In the Service Office

Renew your membership, sign up for programs, purchase LCS event tickets, drop off envelopes to be mailed, buy U.S. postage stamps, make copies, register for Post Life, purchase Warren Hardy Spanish textbooks, get your membership directory, search the lost and found and so much more!

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

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