



More than 60 years of "People Helping People"

September 2017

The Lake Chapala Society

www.lakechapalasociety.com

2017 LCS Annual Giving Campaign

September first marks the start of LCS's second Annual Giving Campaign which will run for four months until December 31, 2017.

Believed to be the oldest and largest expatriate organization in the world, for over 60 years the Lake Chapala Society has been a force for good at Lakeside. From helping newcomers successfully integrate into our community to providing continuing education and stimulation for our longer-term residents, the LCS provides everything from Spanish language instruction to a highly-regarded children's art program. We offer over 65 programs, services and activities to the Lakeside community.

A very specific LCS strategy has been to contain the cost of membership dues and program/activity fees to a minimum. Our thinking is that this will make the membership benefits available to a wider audience, and in order to support this strategy, LCS requires funding over and above that provided by dues, fees and special events. This is the purpose of the Annual Giving Campaign.

Monies collected through the campaign are treated the same as all other sources of revenue such as membership dues and program fees. They go directly to support all the LCS programs and services that members, non-members, and the community at large like value and enjoy.

The LCS continues to be a very positive influence in our community. Even if you are not currently a member, I would urge you to help support a good friend to the entire Lakeside community. Donations can be made [online](#) or make your donation in person at the LCS Service Office.

Respectfully,
George Radford
Vice President / Chair of the Fund Development Committee



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We'll miss Jane M. Payette a former ESL volunteer, our condolences to her family.



Welcome Alfredo Perez Aldana LCS' New Education Director

"Education is the key to having a better society" is the guiding conviction of Alfredo Perez Aldana, who has taken the helm as Education Director as part of our continuing efforts to improve ourselves. Alfredo is experienced in planning and executing programs, educational events and certification and evaluation. He earned a master's degree from the *Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey* and will ensure the advancement of the LCS mission.



Alfredo is certain he's in the right place, at the right time to.



Two Important Upcoming Events

For several years LCS has supported Ajijic's annual *Fiestas Patrias*. This event is held in every town celebrating Mexican independence. This fund raiser helps our local delegation for the big night on September 15. Seating is limited. The entertainment and food are included in the price of the ticket.

Oktoberfest is a celebration well known throughout the world. In celebration of the harvest and earth's bounty, our Oktoberfest has more of a Bavarian flair as LCS celebrates all cultures living lakeside. And what better way to do it than with a pretzel and a beer?!



Deadline for 2018 Annual Directory

If you would like to be included in the LCS 2018 Membership directory, make sure you've renewed your membership, if it has lapsed, by September 30.

Texas Shopping Extravaganza

Miss those shopping trips to Texas? Here's a chance to prepare for the holidays.

Depart 5-Nov 7:00 AM - Return 8-Nov 7:00 AM

2 full days of shopping in McAllen, Texas. 3 nights at the Hampton Inn includes, continental breakfast and internet.

\$449 USD if sharing a room per person;

\$499 USD for your own room per person;

Non-members add \$50 USD to the package cost.

Final day to sign up October 22.

Final payment needs to be made no later than October 29.

Non-members add \$50 USD to the package cost.

A \$125 USD Non-refundable deposit required.

The Dollar amount will be converted to pesos when paying based on the exchange rate the day the payment is made.

Note – Fees are being posted in USD because the bus and hotel have been quoted in USD.

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.

Data base assistant is needed to help us maintain our data bases in good condition.

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 volunteers Mondays and Thursdays.

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.

ESL Program at Wilkes is looking for volunteer instructors.

To volunteer apply [online](#) or fill out an application in the Service Office.

New Intro to Lakeside Program

New to the Lake Chapala? LCS in partnership with Lake Chapala Resource Academy, is pleased to present "Introduction to Lakeside" available to LCS members only.

You'll learn about your new community, your new neighbors and your new neighborhoods. Topics include:

Daily life: banking, shopping, medical, transportation, etc.

Housing information: major housing developments, utility payments, maids and gardeners

Cultural insights: fiestas, traffic, greetings and other social protocols, noise and time perspective

The first class is Thursday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seating is limited, sign up soon in the Service Office. Cost is \$250 MXN per person and includes a copy of Street Smart Maps for navigating lakeside.

Fall Personal Enrichment Program - more details in the office or [online](#).

LCS Personal Enrichment Program Course Summary October 03 - Dec 04, 2017



Rachel McMillen
Introduction to Creative Writing

Course Fee: \$400 MXN

Course Dates: Oct 03 - 24, 2017

Course Time: Tuesday, 10:00 to 12:00 pm

Course Location: South Campus Board Room

Min/Max Students required: 11/20

Creative writing is considered an art, a door to express thoughts and emotions with imagination. We'll learn how to use language and 'voice', character development, dialogue, narration, backstory, theme, point-of-view, plotting, how to create the story Arc, and, of course editing and critiquing.



Francisco Nava
Practical Gardening at Lakeside in English

Course Fee: \$600 MXN

Course Dates: Oct 11 - Nov 29, 2017

Course Time: Wednesday, 09:00 - 10:00 am

Course Location: Garden area at LCS.

Min/Max Students required: 11/15

Having theoretical knowledge of gardening is good, but getting your hands dirty, learning how to germinate your own seeds, prepare your own soil, nurture your plantings and harvest your own food is better. Join us for the first Practical Gardening at Lakeside class to be taught at the Lake Chapala Society (LCS). We will be assigning garden plots in the LCS Heritage Gardens to the students to learn how to grow their preferred plants.



Judy King
Mexico's Winter Holidays and Traditions

Course Fee: \$600 MXN

Course Dates: Oct 30 - Dec 04, 2017

Course Time: Monday, 10:30 - 12:30 pm

Course Location: South Campus Board Room

Min/Max Students required: 11/20

Understand the diverse and fascinating traditions surrounding Mexico's winter holiday season. For instance, learn the informal name of the Christmas period between December 12 and January 6, and the meaning of the Aztec name for poinsettias, and much, much more.



Marshall Krantz
A novel approach to films

Course Fee: \$750 MXN

Course Dates: Oct 04 - Nov 01, 2017

Course Time: Wednesday, 2 a 5 pm

Course Location: Sala

Min/Max Students required: 11/20

Electronic reader requested.

When we talk about reading a book and watching the movie in which it was inspired, then comparing them both, we realize that these are two different languages. That is to say, they communicate the message in very different ways, while literature is based on the written word, cinematographic language is composed of several elements that work together in the composition of this message that we receive as spectators, not only image but also music, camera management, editing, etc. Then the imaginative scenario that happens in our heads and the emotional impact it can have on us will be given very differently. Why don't you join this course and find it out yourself.

OPEN 10 AM to 3 PM
Monday - Saturday



Introduction to Spanish

This casual class for the beginner covers the Spanish alphabet, simple vocabulary and phrases. You get tips about Lakeside and Mexican culture.

Starting the first Tuesday of the month and continuing for three weeks, the next session will start Tuesday, September 5, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Learning materials are provided. Tuition is \$175 pesos. Sign up at the LCS office or [online](#).

Your membership must be current for the duration of the class.

September 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
Blood Pressure Fri 10-12
Hearing Aid Services (S) Mon+2nd and 4th Sat 11-4
Ministerio Publico Wed Sept 6+20 10-2
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12
US Consulate** Wed Sept 13 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 Reading 2nd Sat 11:30-12:30
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 Spanish (S) Tues 12-1:30 cost
Line Dancing Tues+Thurs 10-11:15
Photography Club 1st Mon 12-2
Stretch and Balance Exercise Tues+Thurs 8:45--9:45
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*

Social Activities (C)

All Things Tech Fri 10-11:30
Bridge 4 Fun Tue+Thurs 1-5
Conversaciones en Espanol Mon 10-12
Creatively Mindful Art Wed 11-12:30
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
NextChapter Book Group 2nd Thurs 1-3:30
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 *

ASA Board Meeting Wed Sept 27 10:30-12
Al-Anon (in Spanish) Mon 6-7:30, Wed 5:30-7:30
Information Desk Mon-Sat 10-1
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.
Toastmasters Youth Mon 5-7 p.m.

Ticket Sales

Monday-Friday 10-12 a.m.*

Video Library Suggestions September



The library needs couriers to bring DVDs and keep our inventory current. We pre-pay them, and have them delivered to the address of your choice. Email: video@lakechapalasociety.com (ST)

For lack of good English language movies, you may enjoy four foreign films and a few British and American movies:

P.K. #7669 Yes, that's the name, P.K., an Indian comedy of ideas about a stranger in the city of Rajasthan, India, who asks questions that no one has asked before. They are innocent, child-like questions, but they bring about catastrophic answers.

Masquerade #7678 Amid national chaos and fear for his life, tyrannical King Gwanghae orders his trusted councilor Heo Kyun to find a royal body double. He hires Ha-seon, a peasant mimic who bears a perfect resemblance to the King. Korean historical drama.

Headhunters #7671 A Norwegian *thriller*. Roger Brown has a pretty good life. By day, he's a corporate recruiter who goes home at night to a magnificent house and stunning wife. Unfortunately, Roger's insecurities lead him to seek a lifestyle well beyond his means.

Now for the above referenced films :

Their Finest #7670 An entertaining, but not award-winning, 2016 film with Bill Nighy, who is always good, about a former secretary, newly appointed as a scriptwriter for propaganda films, who joins the cast and crew of a major production. Yeah, it's a comedy.

TED Talks Learning Seminars

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

September 5

Green the World's Deserts and Reverse Climate Change

Allan Savory, grassland ecosystem pioneer

Desertification is happening to about two-thirds of the world's grasslands, accelerating climate change and causing traditional grazing societies to descend into social chaos. Savory has devoted his life to stopping it. He now believes -- and his work may show -- that a surprising factor can protect grasslands and even reclaim degraded land that was once desert.

September 12 In Praise of Conflict

Jonathan Marks, Bioethicist and lawyer

Conflict is bad; compromise, consensus and collaboration are good -- or so we're told. Lawyer and bioethicist Jonathan Marks challenges this conventional wisdom, showing how governments can jeopardize public health, human rights and the environment when they partner with industry. An important, timely reminder that common good and common ground are not the same thing.

September 19 No One Should Die Because They Live Too Far from a Doctor

Dr. Raj Panjabi, physician

Illness is universal -- but access to care is not. Physician Raj Panjabi has a bold vision to bring health care to everyone, everywhere. With the 2017 TED Prize, Panjabi is building the Community Health Academy, a global platform that aims to modernize how community health workers learn vital skills, creating jobs along the way.

September 26 The Pursuit of Ignorance

Dr. Stuart Firestein, Neuroscientist

What does real scientific work look like? As neuroscientist Stuart Firestein jokes: It looks a lot less like the scientific method and a lot more like not knowing quite what we're looking for. In this witty talk, Firestein gets to the heart of science as it is really practiced and suggests that we should value what we don't know -- or "high-quality ignorance" -- just as much as what we know.

Costco Returns

Costco returns Thursday, September 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to register new members, renew existing memberships, and offer information on special sales and offers.



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.

September 7 Get Me Roger Stone 2017 USA

An exploration of the life and career of Roger Stone, Republican dirty trickster and longtime Trump adviser, who helped create the real estate mogul's political career. (98 minutes)

September 14 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers 1954 USA

In 1850's Oregon, a backwoodsman brings a wife home to his farm. His six brothers decide they want to get married as well. This Academy Award winning musical has some of the best dancing ever put on film, and the singing of Howard Keel and Jane Powell is first rate. (104 minutes)

September 21 Eat Drink Man Woman 1994- Taiwan

The senior chef at the Grand Hotel in Taipei lives with his three daughters. This multiple Academy Award winner (seen here about ten years ago) will have your mouth watering. One of the top food movies ever made with an ending that you won't see coming. (120 minutes)

September 28 What A Wonderful Family 2016 Japan

A husband and wife have been married for 45 years. The husband asks his wife what she wants for her birthday. She replies that she wants a divorce which sends the entire family into chaos. (105 minutes).

Look to the Skies - Globos Rising!

Enjoy the spectacular launching of those wonderful hot-air flying spheres called *globos* as part of the annual celebration of Mexican Independence,

Children who attend the LCS Children's Art Program, in collaboration with the Ajijic Society of the Arts, will participate in the design and execution of these colorful creations scheduled to be launched on this perfect family fun day at the soccer field near Bugambillas Plaza starting at 2:30 p.m on September 9.

Bus Trip

Thursday, September 21 Galerias Mall/Costco

Cost is \$350 pesos for members and \$450 pesos for non-members. Enjoy major retailers and restaurants. Bus departs promptly at 9 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Regular bus trips will resume this fall. Look for more information in the next issue or on the website.

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

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