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April 2018

# The Lake Chapala Society

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*3rd Annual LCS Wine Tasting*

**Unlimited Wine Tasting** **Appetizers** *Featuring Music by Peter Moore*

*Wines from USA, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Spain... and more*

**April 7**  
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

TICKETS  
**\$150 MXN** LCS Members  
**\$180 MXN** Non members  
**\$200 MXN** Day of the event

Tickets available at LCS office from 10 am - 2 pm

The Lake Chapala Society A.C. / 16 de Septiembre 16-A / Ajijic, Jalisco, MX  
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## Notice of LCS Dues Increase

After the initial sticker shock was discussed at the Annual General Meeting, the membership approved the immediate increase in membership dues as follows:

- Regular members: \$700 MXN per year;
- Senior members (over 79 years of age): \$550 MXN per year;
- Student membership (was decreased): \$50 MXN per year;
- Monthly members: \$250 MXN per month.

We are not immune to the impact of the U.S. dollar on our operating costs. Historically, membership dues have supported a larger percentage of operating expenses than they do currently. Membership dues were based on \$50USD.

In 2010, membership dues covered 50% of operating costs. The peso was at \$12.54/\$1USD and \$12.30/\$1CAD. Membership was \$500MXN=\$39.80USD=40.65CAD.

In 2013 that percentage was reduced to 36%. The peso was \$12.39/\$1USD and \$12.07/\$1CAD and individual membership was \$525MXN=\$42.40USD=\$43.49 CAD.

Last year, membership dues accounted for only 33% of operating costs. In 2017 the peso was \$19.56/\$1USD and \$14.25/\$1CAD and individual membership was \$540MXN=\$27.60USD=\$37.89CAD.

As of March 19, the peso is a \$18.73/\$1USD and \$14.31/\$1CAD individual membership is at \$700MXN= \$37.37USD= \$48.91CAD.

*We are giving all Regular and Senior members the opportunity to renew or purchase their membership at the 2017 rate for an additional two years through April 14. Beginning April 15, the new membership dues, as approved at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, will take effect.*

You can renew in the service office or online [lakechapasociety.com/public/membership\\_form.php](http://lakechapasociety.com/public/membership_form.php)

## Important News from the US Consulate

**Fees must be in the exact amount required for consular services. No money will be exchanged if your check is incorrect for passport renewals and notarizations. Information regarding the current exchange rate will be available one week before the scheduled consular visit.**

**Applications for the bank check require a payment of \$220 pesos, and your original passport must be shown at the bank in order to complete the transaction. See LCS office for further details.**

## Introduction to Lakeside for Newbies

New to Lakeside? LCS is pleased to present "Introduction to Lakeside" available to LCS members only.

Topics include: Daily Life – includes banking, shopping, medical services, transportation; Housing - major housing developments, utility payments, maid and gardening services; Cultural Insights – greetings and other social protocols, fiestas, holidays, religious observations.

Join us in the *Sala* at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 12. Cost is 250 pesos. Register in the office or on the website. Open to members only.

 **LET'S MAKE MEXICAN CORN HUSK DOLLS**

**INSTRUCTOR: GENARO REYES GALLARDO**

*"The dolls were so beautiful that they became vain, and the gods decided to give them a lesson that changed their lives forever"*

**\$550 MXN**  
**April 25, 26 and 27, 10:30-1:30 PM**  
**Enrollment: March 17 to April 20**  
**from 10:00 to 14:00 in the LCS Office**

**LCS members only. No refunds. The course fee includes all materials. Non-members who wish to participate will be assessed a monthly membership fee to cover the required period.**

## 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. One of them is sure to suit your schedule and interests.

### **Conversaciones in Español:**

Every Monday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Spanish conversation class is held in the *Sala*. Members only. Must have some Spanish knowledge. *Free*.

### **Spanish/English Conversation:**

Held every Wednesday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the *Sala*. Members only. *Free*

### **Introduction to Spanish**

This casual class for beginners covers the Spanish alphabet, simple vocabulary, phrases useful about town, and information about Lakeside and Mexican culture.

Sessions are held beginning the first Tuesday of each month continuing for three weeks. This month classes start on April 3: the first class from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Gazebo; the second class runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Ken Gosh Pavilion. Tuition is \$220 pesos. Members only.

### **Warren Hardy Spanish Classes**

Classes meet two days a week for an hour and a half at the Wilkes Education Center (Biblioteca). 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. Check times and dates for up-coming classes on the LCS webpage.

Register for classes at the LCS office or on line. The week prior to the class you may also register at the Blue Umbrella Patio. A representative will be there to recommend the appropriate class for your skill level. Tuition for the course is \$900 pesos; the required textbook is an additional \$670 pesos. Other instructional materials may be purchased separately. This is a members only class. Your membership must be current for the duration of the class.

For more information about the Spanish classes or LCS membership, visit [www.lakechapalasociety.com](http://www.lakechapalasociety.com).

## Volunteers Needed

**Events Coordinator** Our sterling events coordinator, Karla Boentgen, will be retiring soon and we are looking for someone to take over her responsibilities. The candidate must understand marketing and promotion, will have experience in producing successful events that make a positive impact on the target audience, have excellent supervisory and organizational skills, prepare and work within budgets, have experience with catering, decor and entertainment and have fresh ideas and suggestions to enhance an event's success. Requires five to ten hours a week.

Contact [volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com](mailto:volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com), or fill out a form on the LCS website.

**Information Desk** is looking for outgoing, friendly volunteers familiar with Lakeside. We prefer people with at least one year of residency but will consider someone with less. LCS is starting a *docent* program similar to those now in existence in various airports and campuses.

**Handyman** LCS has a large inventory of buildings that require regular interior and exterior maintenance and repair. LCS also hosts many special events throughout the year that require special support for the events team. Must be reliable. Requires five to ten hours a week. Volunteer position.

**Data Base Manager:** Volunteer position requiring five to ten hours a week. LCS depends on three separate databases: Membership, Customer Relations Management (CRM) and Accounting. This position has nothing to do with the accounting system; it focuses on the CRM and membership databases. Duties: data entry into the CRM, synchronization between the CRM and membership databases, maintenance of the CRM and membership databases, extracting useful reports for the Executive Director. May work at LCS or off-site. Advanced understanding of MS Access databases including MS Excel. Report to the Executive Director. Contact [volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com](mailto:volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com), or fill out a form on our website.

OPEN DAILY 10 AM TO 3 PM  
CLOSED SUNDAYS!

WELCOME DONATIONS

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## April Activities

\*Open to the Public \*\* US Citizens (S) Sign in (C) Member card

### Health Insurance \*

IMSS & Immigration Services Mon+Tues 10-1  
Lakeside Insurance Broker Tues+Thur 11-2

### Health and Legal Services \*

Becerra & Galindo Services Thurs 10:30-12:30  
Blood Pressure Mon+Fri 10-12  
Glucose Screening 1st Tue 10-12  
Hearing Aid Services (S) M+Sat 11-4  
Ministerio Publico Wed Apr 18+25 10-2  
My Guardian Angel Tues 10-12:30  
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3  
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12  
US Consulate\*\* (S) 2nd Wed Apr 11 10:30 Sign up 10

### Lessons(C)

Cardio Dance Exercise Fri 12:30-1:30  
Children's Art Sat 10-12\*  
Children's Chess Club Sat 12-1  
Children's English Class Sat 9:30-10:30  
Clases de Bordado Artístico Mon 3-6, Wed & Fri 4-6  
Exercise Mon+Wed+Fri 9-10  
Fitness Thru Yoga Mon 2-3  
Help with Tech Issues (S) *by email only* 1st+3rd+4th+last Thurs 10-11:30  
Intermediate Hatha Yoga Tues+Thur 2-3:30  
Introduction To Spanish (S) Tues 12-1:30, 2-3:30 *cost*  
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 Fri 10-12  
Tai Chi Yang Style M+TH 10-11  
Taller Comunicacion Creativo (youth 13-18) Sat 14+28 11:30-1  
Tech Help Desk Thurs 12-2  
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\*

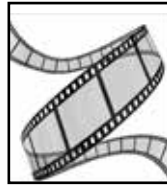
### Members Only Social Activities (C)

All Things Tech Fri 10-11:30  
Bridge 4 Fun Tue+Thurs 1-5  
Creativelymindful Art Wed 11-12:30  
Discussion Group B Wed 12-1:30  
Everyday Mindfulness Mon 10-12  
Film Aficionados Thurs 2-4:30  
Games Group Mon 1-4  
Mah Jongg Wed 2-4:30  
Next Chapter Book Group 2nd Thurs 1:30-3  
Scrabble Mon+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

### Service and Support Groups \*

Al-Anon (in Spanish) Mon 6-7:30, Wed 5:30-7:30  
Information Desk Mon-Sat 10-2  
Lake Chapala Painting Guild 2nd Fri 1:30-3:30  
Lakeside AA Mon +Thurs 4:30-5:30  
Needle Pushers Tue 10-12  
Open Circle Sun 10-11:30  
SMART Recovery Mon 2:30-4  
Toastmasters Mon 7-8:30 p.m

**Ticket Sales** Mon - Fri 10 a.m. to 12 noon .



## Video Library April

All video rentals are now for five days.

We can copy your old videotapes onto DVDs: \$50 pesos for members and \$75 pesos for non-members. The Video Library needs volunteers to bring DVDs to keep our inventory current. We pre-pay them and send them to the address of your choice. If you can act as a courier, contact keanhombre@prodigy.net.mx.

### Attention U.S. Citizens:

#### Voter Assistance

Need help filing applications for ballots for the upcoming 2018 elections? U.S. Democrats Abroad will assist you in filing absentee ballots on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Blue Umbrella Patio on the LCS campus.

#### Social Security Assistance?

Contact: [FBU.guadalajara@ssa.gov](mailto:FBU.guadalajara@ssa.gov) or U. S. 800-772-1213 from 8 am to 11 pm EST. (Calling later is better; you can talk to a real person)

### Need Help With Tech Issues?

**Tech Help Desk** Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. outside the *Sala*. First come; first served.

**Thursday April 5 Tech Security** (VPN, Virus Protection) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the *Sala*. What are VPN's? Do you need to use one on your laptop, home computer, phones and tablets?

**Thursday April 19 Advanced Google Photos** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the *Sala*. Learn how to make collages, slide shows, animations and physical photo books..

**Thursday April 26 Android Q and A** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the *Sala*. This is an open discussion on any Android phone or tablet. For these classes, email [lcs.tech.training@gmail.com](mailto:lcs.tech.training@gmail.com) to register. Include your name, email address and LCS member number



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A SCREENING TO BENEFIT THE  
'SEEDS OF HOPE' GARDEN PROJECTS  
IN THE TOWNS OF SAN PEDRO ITZICAN  
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 11TH, 2018 @ 2 P.M.  
LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY - SALA

ADMISSION: \$50 PESOS/PERSON  
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT 'SEEDS OF HOPE' GARDEN PROJECTS  
ONLY 60 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FOR THIS SCREENING.

## TED Talks

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

**April 3** seminar, hosted by Phil Rylett, features James Randi, "Homeopathy, Quackery and Fraud" Legendary skeptic James Randi takes a fatal dose of homeopathic sleeping pills onstage, kicking off a searing 18-minute indictment of irrational beliefs. He throws out a challenge to the world's psychics: Prove what you do is real, and I'll give you a million dollars. (No takers yet.)

**April 10** host Ron Mullenau, features Theo E.J. Wilson: "A Black man Goes Undercover in the Alt-Right". In an unmissable talk about race and politics in America, Wilson tells the story of becoming Lucius25, white supremacist lurker, and the unexpected compassion and surprising perspective he found from engaging with people he disagrees with. He encourages us to let go of fear, embrace curiosity and have courageous conversations with people who think differently from us. "Conversations stop violence, conversations start countries and build bridges".

**April 17** "Everyone Around You Has a Story the World Needs to Hear" Presented by Susan Weeks Dave Isay opened the first StoryCorps booth in New York's Grand Central Terminal in 2003 with the intention of creating a quiet place where a person could honor someone who mattered to them by listening to their story. Since then, StoryCorps has evolved into the single largest collection of human voices ever recorded and stored at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

**April 24** "The Danger of the Single Story" hosted by Susan Weeks. Chimamanda Adichie observes that our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

## Friday Night Family Films-Free

As part of LCS' continuing service to the community, free Spanish language films are shown every Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the Wilkes *Biblioteca Publica de Ajijic* at Galeana #18. Open to the public. Bring the family. Check the website for information on the April showings.

## Check It Out!

Our amazing website is a place where you can register and pay for classes and events.



## 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.*

### April 5 Ottaal 2014 India

In a small village in Southern India a desperate young boy starts writing a letter to his grandfather. An adaptation of a Chekhov story, *Vanka*. Formerly the Indian submission for an Academy Award and one of the few Indian movies in the Malayalam language. (85 minutes)

### April 12 The Death of Stalin 2018 France

This movie follows the death of Stalin and depicts the chaos of the regime after he is gone. This satirical comedy, banned in Russia features a brilliant English-speaking cast. (100 minutes)

### April 19 The Foreigner 2017 United Kingdom

A humble businessman with a buried past seeks justice after his daughter is killed in an act of terrorism in London. Pierce Brosnan in a terrific role and the incomparable Jackie Chan, still doing his own stunts, as the aggrieved father. (107 minutes)

### April 26 The Square 2017 Sweden

A prestigious curator at a Stockholm museum finds himself in the midst of personal and professional turmoil. This film was a finalist for the Best Foreign Language Film at the Academy Awards. (148 minutes)

## April Bus Trip

**April 18** Centro/Downtown Guadalajara Self Guided Walking Tour. Visit Guadalajara's beautiful historic district's 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 dining venues in the area.

A detailed map will be provided. Cost is \$370 pesos for members and \$470 pesos for non-members. Bus will leave promptly at 10 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Check the website for the next Galerias/Costco trip, April 26.

## Costco Returns Thursday, April 19

Look for Costco representatives at the Blue Umbrella Patio on the LCS campus. Get information on upcoming sales and special offers and open or renew Costco memberships.



## Follow Us on Facebook

For all things LCS, you can like us at [www.facebook.com/lakechapalasociety](http://www.facebook.com/lakechapalasociety).

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