



"Over 60 years of "People Helping People"

May 2018

The Lake Chapala Society

www.lakechapalasociety.com

A Message From LCS' New President, Carole Wolff

As we begin our 63rd year here at LCS all the great interactions and networking of our fellow members, staff and the community at large will be a challenge. Our differences at LCS create a wonderful landscape in moving forward with our interactive campus.

A famous quote comes to mind often that "I'm not young enough to know everything." - Oscar Wilde. You as members of LCS keep this in mind as we move forward in our promotion of artists and cultural activities; challenge and stimulate our thinking; to continue to facilitate regular meetings to promote friendship and camaraderie among our members and the lakeside community; to make a difference to ourselves and to our community.

Will Rogers so eloquently put this to task, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." So take up the challenge with our Board of Directors in the coming years to rejuvenate our campus building, grounds and facilities that need to be dramatically remodeled to overcome age-related usage and help undertake the necessary fundraising to support a multi-year, multi-phase major restructuring; to promote our differences; educate the young and old and make a new light into a promising future that will bring forth a wonderful legacy for those who will follow us.

If anything comes to light in your mind, we as a Board with our Executive Director, Terry Vidal, staff and volunteers are here for you. Take up the torch with us.

Carole Wolff, President

In Memoriam: Ruth Darling

The Lakeside community mourns the passing of Ruth Darling on March 24. Ruth was just shy of her 94th birthday when she passed away at her home in Ajijic, a community she loved and had lived in for over 30 years.

Ruth was a great hostess who continued to cook her own food for guests into her 90's.

Ruth's many volunteer commitments included the serving at the library of the LCS, the service desk at LCS, St. Andrews Anglican Church and various boards of directors.

Her beautiful home became the South Campus of LCS.

Ruth will be missed by her daughters Bobbie (Sean) and Jennifer Nash, grandchildren Dylan, Morgan, Alison and Hank, three great grandsons, four step daughters, and many dear friends.

Ruth Darling's memorial/celebration of life, open to all, will take place Wednesday, June 13 at the LCS South Campus (Formerly Ruth Darling's home) at 2 p.m.

TEQUILA TASTING

MAY 26
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Tickets available at LCS office
from 10 am - 2 pm

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

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SixTH Annual LCS children's art program summer "Art Camp"

Starting Monday, July 30, and ending on Friday, August 3, the Children's Art program will be holding its 6th Annual Art Camp from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon daily. This annual project wouldn't be possible without the generous financial support of the Ajijic Society of the Arts (ASA) and the dedication of its members, who come every day to help with the workshops.

This year the variety of workshops consists of activities with acrylics, watercolour, clay modelling, kite making and mosaics, drawing, daily projects for the little ones. The kids are offered a small snack at the end of each day. Children aged 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. We can accommodate about 130 children. Children who attend the Program's classes on Saturdays are given priority. Registration will start on May 12 and end on July 28.

If you would like to help at Art Camp, make a small financial contribution or donate materials, please email Danielle Pagé at childrensart@lakechapalasociety.com.

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.

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 May 8 2nd Tuesday because of the holiday on May 1. The first class, from 12 until 1:30 p.m., is 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 each session 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. Classes run from May 7 to June 23. Register for classes at the LCS office or on line.

You may also register at the Blue Umbrella Patio April 30 to May 4. A representative will be there to recommend the appropriate class for your language 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.

Conversaciones en Español usually held on Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the *Sala*, will return on October 8.

LCS' New Docent Program

LCS is launching a valuable new *docent* program similar to those now operating in many museums and airports. Docents will work a four and a half hour shift helping members and visitors navigate our campus and guiding them to our services, facilities, programs, and special events.

Docents will also provide assistance to the Information and/or Service Desks if required.

If you are a member interested in volunteering as a LCS docent, you may complete a volunteer application in the LCS Service Office.

Coordinator David Huff, will contact you to describe the program's mission and volunteer expectations and responsibilities. Training will be provided.

Please note:

LCS' regular blood pressure screenings usually offered Mondays and Fridays, will take place on Mondays only in May. *Friday screenings will not be offered in May.*

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, have experience in producing successful events that make a positive impact on the target audience, have excellent supervisory and organizational skills, can prepare and work within budgets, have experience with catering, decor, and entertainment

The successful candidate should have fresh ideas and suggestions to enhance an event's success. Position requires five to ten hours a week.

Contact volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com, or fill out a form on the LCS website.

Handyman We are looking for an experienced and knowledgeable worker who can maintain and repair the interior and exterior of buildings on the LCS campus.

We also host many events throughout the year that require special support for the events team. *Must be reliable*. This is a volunteer position requiring five to ten hours a week. Contact volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com, or fill out a form on the LCS website.

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 focuses on the CRM and membership databases and has nothing to do with the accounting system.

Duties: data entry into the CRM, synchronization and maintenance between the CRM and membership databases, and extracting useful reports for the Executive Director. Advanced understanding of MS Access databases including MS Excel. May work at LCS or off-site. Reports to the Executive Director. Contact volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com, or fill out a form on our website.

Membership Desk needs volunteers in the Service Office. Training will be provided. Contact volunteer@lakechapalasociety.com, or fill out a form on our website.

Attention U.S. Citizens:

Voter Assistance

After April 24, the ballot box for U.S. voters will not be available. To submit ballots, speak with consular representatives at the scheduled visits at LCS on, June 13, July 11, and August 8.

The ballot box will be available when Democrats Abroad return on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. August 28 through October 23 to help make requests for absentee ballots.

Social Security Assistance?

Contact: FBU.guadalajara@ssa.gov or U. S. 880-772-1213 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. EST. The 880 number will work, but it may depend on where you are calling from, and/or the type of chip you're using--U.S., or Mexico, or the type of plan you have with your telephone service provider) You may call 001-883-772-1213 from a Mexican landline. (Calling later is better; you can talk to a real person). Or install Skype on your computer.



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May 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 10-12
Glucose Screening 1st Tue 10-12
Hearing Aid Services (S) M+Sat 11-4
Ministerio Publico Wed May 16+25 10-2
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12
US Consulate** (S) 2nd Wed May 9 10:30 Sign up 10

Lessons(C)

Beginner's Photography 2nd+4th Mon 12-2 Begins May 14
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
Exploring Spanish Wed 12-1:30 Sat 11-12:30
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
PEP and Prueba Mexico Series (register and cost; check office)
Photography Club 1st+3rd Mon 12-2
Stretch and Balance Exercise Tues+Thurs 8:45--9:45
Tai Chi Chih Thurs 11:30 -12:30+Fri 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*

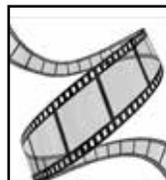
Members Only Social Activities (C)

All Things Tech Fri 10-11:30
Bridge 4 Fun Tue+Thurs 1-5
Discussion Group B Wed 12-1:30
Everyday Mindfulness Mon 10-11:45
Film Aficionados Thurs 2-4:30
Games Group Mon 1-4
Mah Jongg Wed 2-4:30
Next Chapter Book Group 2nd Thurs: 12-2
Scrabble 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 10-1
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 May

All video rentals are now for five days.

We can copy your old videotapes onto DVDs cheap: only \$50 pesos for members and \$75 pesos for non-members.

Tech Help Desk -

Mike Goss, one of our techno-wizards, will answer your questions and try to solve any problems you may have with your devices. Consultations are held Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. at a table outside the *Sala*

This popular feature is very well attended, so arrive early. First come; first served.

Tech Classes Cancelled

Please note: Our tech classes have been cancelled for the moment, but will resume in the near future. Check the Service Office or the website for the latest information on upcoming class schedules.

US Consulate Passport Checklist May, 2018

Proper form completed and signed.

Simple passport renewal MXN Pesos/\$110 USD

Form DS-82

Book and Card MXN Pesos/\$140 USD Form DS-82

Renewal for age 15 and under MXN Pesos/\$115 USD Form DS-11

Lost or Stolen passport MXN Pesos/\$145 USD Forms DS-64 & DS-11

Two photos 2"x2" or 5 x 5 cm. (*without glasses*)

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. Check the LCS website for up-to-the-minute information or call the LCS Service Office.

Bank checks must be made payable to "United States Disbursing Officer on Behalf" in Mexican pesos only.

Applications for a bank check require a bank fee off \$220 pesos and please present your passport to the bank. Bank checks in pesos are available only from Banamex located at Avenida Francisco I Madero 222, Col. Centro in Chapala.

Do not sign or write anything on the check.

No cash or credit cards will be accepted as payment.

No first time applications will be accepted.

Do not print your application in one page. Use one sheet per page.

Notarizing a document requires MXN Pesos/\$50 USD per impression. You must present an official and current US or Mexican ID such as: a US Passport, US Driver's License, Mexican Passport, Mexican Driver's License, or Mexican Voter Card (IFE) to have documents notarized.

Introduction to Lakeside for Newbies

"Introduction to Lakeside" is available to LCS members only. Topics include: Daily Life, Housing, Cultural Insights, Etc.

Join us in the *Sala* at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 14. Cost is 250 pesos. Register in the office or on the website. Open to members only.

TED Talks

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

Tuesday, May 1, The History of Our World in 18 Minutes

Historian David Christian, narrates a complete history of the universe, from the Big Bang to the Internet, in a riveting enlightening, wide-angle look at complexity, life and humanity.

Tuesday, May 8 Why Does the Universe Exist?

Jim Holt, writer and philosopher asks "Why is there something instead of nothing? Why does the universe exist (and why are we in it?). Holt offers three possible answers. Or four. Or none.

Tuesday, May 15 A Theory of Everything

Emily Levine, Philosopher-comedian talks (hilariously) about science, math, society and the way everything connects. A brilliant trickster, she pokes holes in our fixed ideas bringing hidden truths to light. Let her ping your brain.

Tuesday, May 22 "The Gift and Power of Emotional Courage"

Psychologist Susan David shares shows how we deal with our emotions shapes everything that matters: our actions, careers, relationships, health and happiness. She challenges a culture that prizes positivity over emotional truth and discusses the powerful strategies of emotional agility. A talk to share.

Tuesday, May 29 The Revolutionary Power of Diverse Thought

Novelist Elif Shafak says, "From populist demagogues, we will learn the indispensability of democracy. From isolationists, we will learn the need for global solidarity. And from tribalists, we will learn the beauty of cosmopolitanism." A native of Turkey, Shafak has experienced firsthand the devastation that a loss of diversity can bring. In a passionate, personal talk, she reminds us that there are no binaries, in politics, emotions and our identities. "One should never, ever remain silent for fear of complexity," Shafak says.

May Bus Trips

Wednesday, May 9 Tlaquepaque/ Forum Mall

Find upscale retailers and fine dining in Tlaquepaque's historic, architecturally significant pedestrian-only zone. For those wishing to shop nearby Forum Mall, arrangements will be made. Cost is \$370 pesos for members and \$470 pesos for non-members. Bus departs at 10 a.m. Leaves the city at 4 pm.

Wednesday, May 23 Home Depot/Costco

Shop Home Depot for home and garden needs, then on to Costco and Mega. Cost to members is \$370 pesos and \$470 for non-members. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. Leaves the city at 4 pm.

All trips depart from the sculpture in La Floresta;

Please note: tickets should be purchased no later than two days before any trip if possible.



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.

May 3 Jane 2017 USA

Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary, this brilliant film portrays the life and work of famed primatologist Jane Goodall and features never-before-seen footage. (88 minutes)

May 10 The Distinguished Citizen 2017 Argentina

In *El Ciudadano Ilustre* a recipient of the Nobel Prize for literature, who has been living in Europe for decades, accepts an invitation to receive an award in his native Argentina. (113 minutes)

May 17 In The Fade (Auf Dem Nichts) Germany

Katja's life collapses after the death of her husband and son in a bomb attack. After a time of mourning and injustice, Katja seeks revenge. Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. (101 minutes)

May 24 The Meyerowitz Stories 2017 USA

An estranged family gathers together in New York for an event celebrating the artistic work of their father. Dustin Hoffman was a nominee for Best Actor at the Academy Awards for his role. (110 minutes)

May 31 Un Coeur En Hiver (A Heart In Winter) 1992 France

A subtle French psychodrama starring Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Beart, and Andre Dussollier. This fascinating film conveys, with startling clarity, the soullessness of a man unable to sustain an intimate relationship. (102 minutes)

Friday Family Films for May

Free Spanish language films are shown every Friday at 7 p.m. at the Wilkes Biblioteca Publica de Ajijic at Galeana #18. Open to the public. Bring the family.

Quatro peliculas de Alvin Y Las Ardillas

Viernes 4 A Menor Tamano Mas Talento

Viernes 11 Los Chicos Han Vuelto Y Tienen Competencia

Viernes 18 Fiesta En Alta A Mar

Viernes 25 Fiesta Sobre Ruedas

Costco Returns Tuesday, May 17

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

Check It Out!

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

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

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Office, information and other services - Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Grounds open until 5:00 p.m.

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