



Over 60 years of "People Helping People"

September 2016

The Lake Chapala Society

www.lakechapalasociety.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been asked, "Why I should contribute to the LCS annual fund when I have already paid my 2016 dues?"

Membership dues comprise just 38% of our annual revenue. Other revenue streams include programs 23%, donations 20% and fund-raising 15%. The remaining 4% comes from investment income and advertisements in the membership directory. Like most non-profits, fund-raising and donations is a significant portion of our budget. In support of our mission we have the constant challenge of creating sustainable revenue streams.

Fund-raising and donations fund our outreach programs to the Mexican community. These programs include: the Children's Art program, English as a Second Language, the *Biblioteca de Ajijic* and the Student Aid program. More than 1000 people benefit each year from these programs and demand for these programs greatly exceeds our ability to fund them. The goal of the LCS is to sustain these and new programs in the coming years.

To do this the Board has made some changes, such as: bringing the publication of the Membership Directory in-house and distributing it in November in time for the return of the snowbirds. This will result in many positive net returns!

On September 16th we open the ¡QUÉ GANGA! Bazar just west of Ajijic next to the *El Ancla* restaurant. Stocked by donations from members and friends, this venue should generate significant revenue for future planning.

In the long run it is our hope these, and other revenue streams will reduce our reliance on fund-raising. However, in the interim we still need your help and financial support to maintain our popular outreach programs.

If you have a question for the President, please e-mail it to lcsnewsletter2015@gmail.com and I will answer it in future newsletters. -- Ben White

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - That's what we do!

- Sign-ups for our free English classes (ESL) in 2016 peaked at close to 500 students.
- *Cardenales* Zapopan American style football are holding a thank you event at LCS to thank us for our support. Everyone invited - September 4 - starts two ish, it's a picnic.
- *Ajijic's Fiesta Patrias* committee is holding a fund-raiser on our grounds September 2. 3 to 6 PM, \$200 pesos includes courtesy drink, and Mexican buffet, tamales, sopes, tacos and pozole.

LCS MOURNS

Recently three exceptional volunteers have been missed: Hans Boentgen, Keith Martin and Nanette Phillips. Each one brought to LCS their unique talent and selfless contribution. We send our condolences to their families.



¡QUÉ GANGA! - ¡WHAT A DEAL!

The name is what makes us unique. Hours: Thursday-Tuesday from 10 AM - 3 PM. Walk out with a smile and a bargain!

Accepting donations now. Drop them off at the store or LCS. We can make arrangements for pick-ups.

DON'T GET LEFT OUT

Of "The Best Lakeside Guide and Annual Directory" of Residents, Activities and Services, this year with great discounts for LCS members. !

Not a member? JOIN the Lake Chapala Society today and be part of the 2017 Directory - still the most accurate directory Lakeside.



WARREN HARDY SPANISH CLASSES

The next term of Spanish language classes for LCS members will begin on Monday, September 5 and continue through October 26. Classes meet two days a week for an hour and a half each session at the LCS' Wilkes Education Center using the multi-level Warren Hardy Spanish language course designed for the adult student.

Registration for upcoming classes is underway at the LCS office or on line. The Program Manager will be available to answer your questions and take registrations every day from Monday, August 29 through Friday, September 2 from 10:30 to 1:30 at the LCS campus on the Blue Umbrella Patio. Tuition for the course is \$750 pesos. The required textbook is an additional \$670 pesos. Other instructional materials are available for purchase. For more information about the Spanish classes or LCS membership, visit our website.

INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH CLASSES

Introduction to Spanish language classes for LCS members will be available this fall. This casual class for the beginner covers the Spanish alphabet, simple vocabulary, and phrases to use about town and other useful information about our area and Mexican culture.

Classes are held each month starting the first Tuesday of the month and continue for three weeks. September classes start on Tuesday, September 6, and will be held at the LCS campus from 12:00 until 1:30 PM. Learning materials are provided, and the tuition for the classes is \$175 .

Sign up at the LCS office during regular office hours, Monday through Saturday, or for fast and easy registration, use the LCS website.

SEPTEMBER BUS TRIPS

Wednesday, September 7 Centro/Downtown Guadalajara

Self-guided walking tour. Visit and admire 18th and 19th century architecture and their stunning murals and artwork and lavish details. People watch on the beautiful plazas, enjoy luncheon on the *Plaza de los Laureles* or elegant dining at the Hotel Mendoza. A detailed map will be provided. Only 19 spaces will be available.

Thursday, September 22, Galerías Mall/Costco

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

Cost for either trip is \$300 pesos members, \$350 pesos non-members. Bus leaves promptly from the sculpture in La Floresta at 9:30 a.m. Reservations must be made the Saturday prior to the excursion.

LIBRARY NEWS

If you have trouble reading small print, check out our LARGE PRINT BOOKS. We have a good selection in Room Two.

You may want to also visit our selection of audio books from the Talking Books Library available Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WE STILL NEED YOU...REALLY

¡Que Ganga! sales clerks needed!!

ESL always needs instructors.

Gardeners to trim, plant, weed and maintain our lovely gardens.

We need volunteers to set up and serve at our very popular once a month **Seniors' High Tea**. We also need someone to shop for supplies, prepare the sandwiches, etc.

Talking Books Program is looking for a volunteer to work Thursdays from 10- 12 p.m.

The **Special Events** Coordinator is looking for outgoing people who have a bit of flair to greet guests, collect tickets and help with decorations.

Email volunteer@lakechapasociety.com or fill out a form at the service desk.

CHILDREN'S ART VOLUNTEER RECOGNIZED

On Friday, August 26, LCS member, volunteer and Neill James legacy artist Javier Zaragoza was awarded the Distinguished Senior Award by Chapala Mayor Javier Degollado.

An Ajjic native, Javier Zaragoza was born in 1944. As a seven year old, he created his first paintings and drawings when he spent time at Neill James' public library. At 13, with Neill James' help, he began his artistic studies at the *Instituto Allende* in San Miguel de Allende in Guanajato.

At 16, Javier was commissioned by the parish in Ixtlahuacan *de los Membrillos* to paint six murals each measuring 3x5 meters. At 18, he went to California to continue his studies at the Los Angeles Trade and Technology College and at the Pasadena Art Center. His first professional job was with Gannett Outdoor Company specializing in commercial advertising. Later, he worked for Warner Brothers painting backdrops for movies and billboards.

Javier returned to Ajjic in 1999 and opened up *Galeria Zaragoza* on *Constitución #50* where he works and exhibits his art today. The two *Galerias* Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta also exhibit his work. During the high season, he also teaches painting at his studio.

In 2010 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mexican Independence and the 100th anniversary of the Revolution, Javier was commissioned by the Municipality of Chapala to depict Lakeside's history in the form of a huge mural. You see it when you take the *carretara* to Chapala.

He was also commissioned by Ixtlahuacan to paint historical murals on the upper walls of their City Hall.

Javier continues to thrive as an artist. He volunteers every Saturday morning with the LCS Children's Art Program. It's his way of giving back what he received so many years ago. As Javier says, "If the Children's Art Program helps one person become an artist, it is worthwhile". Congratulations to Javier on this significant recognition of his contributions to the Lakeside community.



ACTIVITIES

*Open to the public ** US citizens
(C) member card required

HEALTH INSURANCE *

IMSS & Immigration Services M+T 10-1
Lakeside Insurance T+TH 11-2

HEALTH & LEGAL SERVICES *

Becerra & Galindo Services TH 10:30-12:30
Blood Pressure F 10-12
Drug & Herb Consultation 4th M 10-12
Hearing Aid Services M & 2nd+ 4th Sat 11-4 Sign-up
Ministerio Publico W 14th+28 th10-2
My Guardian Angel M + TH 10-1
Optometrist Claravision TH 9-4 Sign-up
Skin Cancer Screening 2nd +4th W 10-12:30 Sign-up
US Consulate W 7th, 10:30-12:30 Sign up

LESSONS (C)

Children's Art Sat 10-12
Exercise M+W+F 9-10
Fitness thru Yoga M+F 2-3:30
Intermediate Hatha Yoga T+Th 2-3:30
Line Dancing T+Th 10-11:15
Stretch & Balance Exercise T+Th 8:45-9:45
Photography Club 1st M 12-2

LIBRARIES(C)

Audio Library Th 10-12
Book & Video M-Sat 10-2
US Library of Congress Books**/ Talking Books TH 10-12
Neill James *Biblioteca Publica* (WEC) M-F 9:30-7, Sat 9:30-1*

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (C)

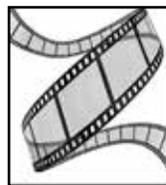
All Things Tech F 9:30-11:30
Bridge 4 Fun T +TH 1-5
Conversaciones en Espanol M 10-12
Discussion Group W 12-1:30
Everyday Mindfulness M 10:15-11:45
Film Aficionados TH 2-4:30
Needle Pushers T 10-12
Open Gaming M 1-4 Open to public 2-4*
Scrabble F 11:30-1:30
Spanish/English Conversation Sat 11-12
TED Talks Learning Seminars T 12-1:15
Tournament Scrabble T 12-2

SERVICE & SUPPORT GROUPS *

Caregiver Support Group 2nd+4th W 10:30-12:30
Have Hammer Workshop Demo 1st & 3rd M 10-12
Information Desk M-Sat 10-2
Lakeside AA M +TH 4:30-5:30
Open Circle Sun 10-11:30
Toastmasters M 7-8:30

TICKET SALES M-F 10-12 *

VIDEO LIBRARY - SEPTEMBER



We have been very fortunate lately and have had many helpful members acting as couriers to keep us "in business" by bringing movies back with them. But, now we need help. We order the movies on line, pre pay them and have them shipped to an address convenient for the courier. All the courier has to do is find space for them in their luggage. They don't take up much room. If you are going north and returning soon or if you have someone coming to visit, can you help? Contact: video@lakechapasociety.com

SHERLOCK HOLMES Yeah, another one. #7363 Robert Downey Jr. this time, as usual, trying to bring down his fiercest adversary, Professor Moriarty. "A Game of Shadows"
QUARTET #7362 The first QUARTET disappeared, so, here it is again. A great movie with Maggie Smith. She does something that she has never done in a movie before. See the movie and guess what it is!

LANTANA #7369 Set in Australia, a colorful pallet of characters paints a vivid coherent, psychological portrait of infidelity, deceit and estrangement. Not my words, one of the viewers who wrote in.

THE CRUCIBLE #7371 Daniel Day-Lewis and Winona Ryder in a 1692 Salem witch hunt. The Crucible completely blows me away with its virtually flawless cinematic achievements. Again, not my words.

A TASTE OF ROMANCE #7361 A family film nicely done by Hallmark. A widowed, former fireman, with some of his firemen friends, opens a diner next door to a wannabe fancy French restaurant.

EVIL UNDER THE SUN #7370 An Agatha Christie mystery turned into a fun movie to watch with Peter Ustinov giving his usual sterling performance.

A FISH CALLED WANDA #7368 A movie worth watching for the 3rd or 4th time. We had it on tape and now we have it on a DVD. John Cleese, Kevin Kline and Jamie Lee Curtis supplying the laughs. Kevin Kline won an Oscar for his part.

UP UP AND AWAY! GLOBOS RETURN

Look to the skies on Saturday, September, 10, when kids from the LCS Children's Art Program, with the help of the Ajijic Society of the Arts, will participate in the Globos Event as part of the annual Mexican Independence Day celebrations. The children worked with maestro Lalo to design and prepare these wonderful flying spheres. The colorful, handmade globos will be launched in the football field next to *Bougumbillas* Plaza. Perfect family fun. Come out and cheer the kids starting at 2:30 p.m.



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COSTCO RETURNS

September 27 and 28 11-1:30 a.m. on the Blue Umbrella Patio.

TED IN SUMMER

Tuesdays 12 - 1:15 in the Sala

September 6th: Are We in Control of Our Own Decisions?

Behavioral economist Dan Ariely, author of Predictably Irrational, uses classic visual illusions and his own counter intuitive (and sometimes shocking) research findings to show how we're not as rational as we think. A professor of psychology and behavioral economics at Duke University and a founding member of the Center for Advanced Hindsight. Through his research and his (often amusing) experiments, he questions the forces that influence human behavior.

September 13th: The Paradox of Choice

Psychologist Barry Schwartz takes aim at a central tenet of western societies: freedom of choice. In Schwartz's estimation, choice has made us not freer but more paralyzed, not happier but more dissatisfied. In his 2004 book The Paradox of Choice, he takes on one of the great mysteries of modern life: Why is it that societies of great abundance — where individuals are offered more freedom and choice than ever before — are now witnessing a near-epidemic of depression?

September 20th: The Lost Art of Democratic Debate

Democracy thrives on civil debate, Michael Sandel says — but we're shamefully out of practice. The London Observer calls him "one of the most popular teachers in the world" and indeed his lectures at Harvard draw thousands of students eager to discuss big questions of modern political life: bioethics, torture, rights versus responsibilities, etc. Sandel's class is a primer on thinking through the hard choices we face as citizens.

September 27th: Capitalism Will Eat Democracy - Unless We Speak Up

Have you wondered why politicians aren't what they used to be, why governments seem unable to solve real problems? Economist Yanis Varoufakis, a former Minister of Finance for Greece, says that it's because you can be in politics today but not be in power — because real power now belongs to those who control the economy. He believes that the mega-rich and corporations are cannibalizing the political sphere, causing financial crisis.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Starts September 5, every 1st Monday of the month.

Sala, 12 - 2 PM. LCS members only.

Photo club for all levels of experience. Topics covered will be lighting, camera settings, printing and other subjects. Contact: Doug Huffness - fdh1004@gmail.com or 333-947-0575.



THURSDAY FILM AFICIONADOS

LCS members only. Bring your card. Films shown in the Sala from 2-4 p.m. No food. No pets.

All showings subject to change.

September 1 Zero Days 2016 USA

A fascinating documentary on Stuxnet, a piece of self-replicating computer malware that the US and Israel unleashed to destroy a key part of an Iranian nuclear facility which ultimately spreads beyond its intended target. 112 minutes.

September 8 Brothers of the Wind 2016 Austria

A young boy tries to save the life of an eagle that has been thrown from its nest. Spectacular scenery filmed in the Austrian Alps. 93 minutes

September 15 Marguerite 2016 France

Paris in the 1920s, Marguerite is a wealthy woman and a lover of music. She loves to sing for her friends, but she is not a very good singer. The problem begins when she decides to train and give a performance in public. 124 minutes.

September 22 H-8 1958 Yugoslavia

A bus and a truck are moving towards each other on a rain swept highway. We learn at the start that a reckless driver will cause them to collide. This film is one of the most creative movies ever made. Much imitated, but never equaled. 99 minutes.

September 29 Urok (The Lesson) 2015 Bulgaria/Greece

In a small Bulgarian town a young teacher is looking for a petty thief in her class, so she can teach him a lesson about right and wrong. Winner of several "Bests" in European film festivals.

LCS ANNUAL DIRECTORY

If you are an LCS member with a business providing goods or services at Lakeside and are looking for an effective advertising venue, the LCS Annual Directory, the most influential Lakeside directory, will be coming out in November. Place your ads now.

More important, talk to your favorite merchants and encourage them to place an ad in the directory. LCS has a special incentive: participating merchants can reduce the cost of an ad by offering LCS members a special discount! E-mail directorio@lakechapasociety.com for more details.

LCS CLOSED September 16, Mexicos Independence

¡QUE GANGA! is has a grand opening party that day. Don't miss it!

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

16 de Septiembre #16-A, Ajijic, Jalisco LCS Main Office: (376) 766-1140

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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Submit all news items to newsletter@lakechapasociety.com

Note: The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all submissions according to time, space availability and editorial decision.