

2015 WINNERS of the People's Choice Awards

Below are our WINNERS for 2015. Congratulations to every nominee, finalist and winner.

Please note that Categories reflect only the top three winners whenever possible; however in certain categories a TIE for third place resulted in more than three. If a number appears more than once, it reflects a TIE as indicated by the preceding number.

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SECTION 1 - QUALITY OF LIFE / CALIDAD DE VIDA

Best Retirement Home / Casa de Retiro

- 1 Nursing Home Lake Chapala
- 2 La Valentina, Ajijic West
- 3 Abbeyfield, Ajijic

Best Private School / Escuela Privada

- 1 Loyola, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Instituto International, Libramiento
- 3 Tohui Mocol, Chapala

Best Medical Facility / Servicios y Facilidades

- 1 Maskaras Clinic, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Real León Medical Group, Ajijic
- 3 Chapala Med, Chapala

Best Emergency Care / Emergencias

- 1 Maskaras Clinic, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Cruz Roja (Red Cross), Ajijic & Chapala
- 3 Hospital Ajijic, Ajijic

Best Healthcare Plan / Progama de Salud

- 1 Metlife
- 2 Seguro Popular
- 3 Best Doctors

Most valuable web board or online forum

- 1 Beg, Barter, Buy & Sell
- 2 insidelakeside.com
- 3 chapala.com

Most valuable News Media

- 1 Mexico News Daily (online & print)
- 2 Guadalajara Reporter newspaper (online & print)
- 3 LakeChapalaReporter.com (online)

Best Advice for Adapting Easily Here

- 1 If you love it here, stay. If not, leave.
- 2 Learn Spanish
- 3 Slow down and enjoy!

Best Animal Assistance Organization

- 1 Lucky Dog, San Nicolas
- 2 Anita's Animals
- 3 Lakeside Spay & Neuter Ranch
- 3 Lakeside Wildlife Rescue & Rehab

Best Thing About Living Lakeside

- 1 Sense of Community
- 2 Climate
- 2 Cost of Living

Best Deterrent to Crime

- 1 Exercise caution & common sense
- 2 Live in typical Mexican Community
- 3 Guard Dog

Best Place to Meet People

- 1 Volunteering
- 2 Clubs or organizations
- 3 Bars or Restaurants

SECTION 2 - DINING / RESTAURANTS

Best Restaurant Overall / En General

- 1 St. Remy du Lac, Ajijic
- 2 Bruno's, Ajijic
- 3 Ajijic Tango, Ajijic

Best Mexican Food / Comida Mexicana

- 1 Fonda Doña Lola, Ajijic
- 2 Los Cinco Potrillos, Ixtlahuacan dlm
- 3 Viva Mexico, San Juan Cosalá

Best Steaks / Cortes

- 1 Bruno's Restaurant, Ajijic
- 2 Ajijic Tango, Ajijic
- 2 Arileo Steakhouse, West of Ajijic

Best Seafood / Mariscos

- 1 Cozumel, Chapala
- 2 Tabarka, Ajijic
- 3 Mariscos Lety, San Antonio Tlay.

Best Pizza

- 1 Perry's, Ajijic
- 2 Domino's, La Floresta Ajijic
- 3 Focaccia, San Nicolas

Best Hamburger / Hamburguesa

- 1 Bruno's Restaurant, Ajijic
- 2 Adelita's, San Antonio Tlay.
- 3 Just Chillin', Ajijic

Best International Cuisine / Cocina Internacional

- 1 St. Remy du Lac, Ajijic
- 2 Go Le Club, Ajijic
- 3 Chac-Lan, San Juan Cosalá
- 3 Roberto's, Ajijic

Best Italian Restaurant / Italiano

- 1 Alex's Pasta Bar, Ajijic
- 1 La Taverna del Quattro Mori, Ajijic & Sn Ant
- 2 Angelica's Bistro, San Antonio Tlay.

Best Asian/Oriental Food / Comida China

- 1 Min Wah, Ajijic
- 2 Simply Thai, Ajijic
- 3 Ricki's, Ajijic
- 3 Yue Lai, Centro Laguna Libramiento

Best Misc. Ethnic / Étnico

- 1 St. Rémy Du Lac (French), Ajijic
- 2 Cocinart (varied), Ajijic
- 2 Johanna's (German-Austrian), Ajijic

Best Barbecue / Parilladas

- 1 Bruno's, Ajijic
- 2 Tony's, San Antonio Tlay.
- 3 Huerto Cafe, Riberas del Pilar
- 3 Los Cinco Potrillos (Parillada), Ixtlahuacan dlm

Best Breakfast or Brunch

- 1 St. Rémy Du Lac (French), Ajijic
- 2 Salvador's, Ajijic
- 3 Delicias, Chapala

Best Vegetarian Dishes / Vegetariano

- 1 Yves, Ajijic
- 2 Huerto Cafe, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Simply Thai, Ajijic
- 2 Tabarka, Ajijic

Best Home Delivery Service

- 1 Pollito Deli 8, Chapala
- 2 Il Giardino, Chapala
- 3 Dominos Pizza, La Floresta Ajijic
- 3 Hot Rod Burrito, Plaza Bugambilias Ajijic

Best Baguette Sandwiches

- 1 Pranzo Bistro, La Floresta Ajijic
- 2 El Merendero, Ajijic
- 2 Panaderia Scandinavia, Centro Laguna

Best Coffee

- 1 Salvador's, Ajijic
- 2 Black & White Coffee, Ajijic
- 2 Cafe Grano, Ajijic
- 2 Rochata's Pastry Shop, Chapala

Best Buffalo / Hot Wings

- 1 Adelita's, San Antonio Tlay.
- 1 Dominoes Pizza, La Floresta Ajijic
- 2 Il Giardino, Chapala
- 2 Wing's Army, Centro Laguna Libramiento

Most Romantic Atmosphere

- 1 St. Remy du Lac, Ajijic
- 2 Chac-Lan, San Juan Cosalá
- 3 La Nueva Posada, Ajijic

Best Place to Take Out-of-Town Guests

- 1 El Cozumel, Chapala Malecón
- 2 La Nueva Posada, Ajijic
- 3 St. Remy du Lac, Ajijic

Best Street Food

- 1 Rico Taco, Ajijic Plaza
- 2 Carnitas & Tacos Lupe, Sunday Ixt. tianguis
- 3 La Hormiga stand, Chapala

Best Desserts

- 1 American Legion, Chapala
- 2 St. Rémy Du Lac, Ajijic
- 3 Mel's Steakhouse, Ajijic

Best Buffet

- 1 Maria Isabela (Old Posada), Ajijic
- 2 Mel's Steakhouse, Ajijic
- 3 Min Wah, Ajijic

Best Economical Restaurant

- 1 Viva Mexico, San Juan Cosalá
- 2 José's Place, Chapala
- 3 El Zapote, Chapala

Best Mixed Drinks / Cocktails

- 1 St. Remy du Lac, Ajijic
- 2 Hacienda del Lago, Ajijic
- 3 Los Cinco Potrillos, Ixtlahuacan dlm

Best Wine or Beer Selection

- 1 St. Rémy Du Lac (French), Ajijic
- 2 Adelita's, San Antonio Tlay.
- 3 Wing's Army, Centro Laguna Libramiento

SECTION 3 - LEISURE / ACTIVIDADES

Best Fitness Center / Gimnasio

- 1 Health House Fitness Center, Chapala
- 2 Fit for Life, Mirasol
- 2 Pacha Mama Climbing Gym, Ajijic

Best Diversion Overall / Diversión

- 1 Lakeside Little Theatre (seasonal)
- 2 Balneario San Juan Cosalá
- 3 Foliatti Casino, Centro Laguna

Best Family Activity / Actividad de la Familia

- 1 Balneario San Juan Cosalá
- 2 Cristiania Park, Chapala
- 3 Tobolandia Water Park, Ajijic

Best Bar Overall / Bar

- 1 Mama's Bar, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Bar K, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 El Barco, Ajijic

Best Annual Event / Evento Anual

- 1 Feria Maestros del Arte
- 2 Chili Cookoff
- 3 Carnaval Chapala

Most Relaxing Pasttime

- 1 Reading
 - 1 Social Time with Friends
 - 2 Spa day
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Best TV Service / Servicio de Televisión

- 1 Megacable
- 2 Shaw Direct
- 3 Sky

Best Place to Volunteer

- 1 Lucky Dog Rescue, San Nicolas
 - 1 Operation Feed Clothing Drive, Sn Juan Cosalá
 - 2 Los Niños de Chapala y Ajijic Bazaar, Riberas
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SECTION 4 - SHOPPING AROUND / DE COMPRAS**Best Supermarket / Supermercado**

- 1 Walmart, San Antonio
- 2 Super Lake, San Antonio
- 3 El Surtidor (various)

Best Pharmacy / Farmacia

- 1 Walmart, San Antonio
- 2 Cristina, Ajijic
- 2 Farmacia Guadalajara, (various)

Best Clothing Boutique (New or Used)

- 1 Mia's Boutique, Ajijic
- 2 Terry's Tianguis, Chapala
- 3 Arati, Ajijic
- 3 Cugini's Boutique, Ajijic
- 3 La Sala de Smokee, Plaza Bugambillas Ajijic

Best Bazaar, Thrift Shop or Consignment / Bazar

- 1 Mia's Boutique, Ajijic
- 2 Beg Barter Buy & Sell - Chapala (facebook page)
- 3 Barbara's Bazaar, Ajijic

Best Gallery-Gift Shop / Galería y Regalos

- 1 Diane Pearl Colecciones, Ajijic
- 2 Sedentario, Chapala, Chapala
- 3 Cugini's Boutique, Ajijic

Best Furniture Source (New or Used) / Muebles

- 1 Arden Muebleria, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Beg Barter Buy & Sell - Chapala (Facebook page)
- 3 Chapala's Consignment Shoppe, Chapala

Best Meats / Carnicería

- 1 Tony's Carnicería, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Carniceria Dona Kary, W of Plaza San Juan Cosala
- 3 Sonora Carnes Fines, Ajijic

Best Fish Market / Pescadería

- 1 Walmart, San Antonio
- 2 Indoor Market, Chapala
- 2 Pacifico, Ajijic West

Best Appliance Outlet

- 1 El Tio Sam, Libramiento, Plaza Interlago
- 2 Electro Venta, Riberas del Pilar
- 3 Coppell, Chapala

Best Outlet for Books (New or Used)

- 1 Lake Chapala Society, Ajijic
- 2 Anita's (Ajijic Tianguis)
- 3 American Legion, Chapala

Best Computer Supplies & Electronics

- 1 Steren, Centro Laguna
- 2 Computerland, Riberas del Pilar
- 3 Audio y Video Mendoza, Chapala
- 3 Walmart, San Antonio Tlay.

Best Hardware, Construction Supplies

- 1 Ferreteria Calzada (formerly Ace), Chapala
- 2 Amutio, Ajijic
- 2 Ferremateriales Económicos, Ajijic
- 2 Truper, San Antonio Tlay. and Chapala

Best Auto Parts

- 1 Auto Zone, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Orma Autopartes Chapala, Riberas del Pilar
- 3 Refaccionaria Pro One "Don Pepe, Chula Vista
- 3 Rolcar, Chapala

Best Paint Store & Paint Supplies

- 1 Prisa (4 locations)
- 2 Comex, Chapala
- 2 Sherwin Williams (Ajijic West)

Best Pet Supplies Store

- 1 Lakeside Friends of the Animals, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Pet Care, Riberas del Pilar
- 3 Maskottchen, Plaza Soriana Chapala

Best Plants & Landscaping Supplies

- 1 Vivero San Antonio, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Flora Exotica, Libramiento, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Garden Store, Ajijic West

Best Sporting Goods

- 1 Coppell, Chapala
- 2 Martí, Centro Laguna, Libramiento

Best Water / Agua Potable

- 1 Katya, Chapala
 - 2 Bonafont
 - 2 Santorini
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SECTION 5 - TRAVEL & LODGING / VIAJES Y HOSPEDAJE**Best Travel / Agencia de Viajes**

- 1 Viajes Ajijic
- 2 Julie Ray Travel, Ajijic
- 3 Ajijic Travel Agency, Ajijic

Best Tours / Turismo

- 1 Charter Club Tours, Ajijic
- 2 Noe Raygoza Villar
- 3 Amigo Tours

Best Hotel

- 1 La Nueva Posada, Ajijic
- 2 Hacienda del Lago Boutique Hotel, Ajijic
- 3 Real de Chapala, La Floresta, Ajijic

Best Bed & Breakfast (B&B)

- 1 Casa Tres Leones, Ajijic
 - 2 Ajijic Suites, Ajijic
 - 3 Casa del Sol Inn, Ajijic
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SECTION 5 - PRODUCTS & SERVICES / PRODUCTOS Y SERVICIOS

Best Hair Salon / Estetica

- 1 Gloriosa, Plaza Interlago Libramiento
- 2 Hair by Sasha, Chapala
- 3 New Look Studio, San Antonio Tlay.

Best Massage / Spa

- 1 Erin Dixon, Four Aspects, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Respiro Spa, Riberas del Pilar
- 3 Dana Knight, Ajijic

Best Legal Service / Servicios Legales

- 1 Chapala Legal (Spencer MacMullen), Chapala
- 2 LCS/Becerra Immigration, Ajijic
- 3 España y Lopez, Ajijic

Best Insurance Provider / Agencia de Seguros

- 1 TioCorp, Mirasol
- 2 Bellon, San Antonio Tlay.
- 3 Parker Insurance, Riberas del Pilar

Best Primary Care Doctor / Doctor

- 1 Dr. Carlos Garcia, Clinica Maskaras
- 2 Dr. Santiago Hernández, Chapala Med
- 3 Dr. Juan Lastra, Ajijic

Best Dermatologist

- 1 Dermika Dra. Tania Sanchez or Dra. Monica, Ajijic
- 2 Dra. Martha Ballesteros, Integrity Clinic, Interlago
- 3 Dr. Raul Chauhtémoc Reyes, Chapala & Ajijic

Best Psychologist, Psychiatrist or Counselor

- 1 Michele Boudreau, Clinica Maskaras
- 2 Dr. Leslie Strong (posthumously)
- 2 Dra. Adriana Haro Fernandez, Integrity Clinic

Best Cosmetic Surgeon

- 1 Dr. Sergio Aguilla Bimbeza, Dermika Ajijic
- 2 Dr. Rafael Arenas Quintana, Chapala Med
- 3 Dr. Gabriel Hernandez Nuño, Guadalajara

Best Cardiologist

- 1 Dr. Ramón García García, La Floresta Ajijic
- 2 Dr. Hector A. Briseño Garcia, Ajijic
- 3 Dr. José Pascual Salas, Integrity Clinic Libramiento
- 3 Dr. Peralta, Quality Care, Plaza Interlago

Best Ophthalmologist/Optomtrist

- 1 Luz Zepeda, Lake Chapala Society Ajijic
- 2 Rigoberto Rios, Plaza Montaña Ajijic
- 3 Humberto Ruiz Garcia, Libramiento San Antonio

Best Gynecologist (Ob/Gyn)

- 1 Dr. Felipe de Jesus Ochoa Hernandez, Chapala
- 2 Dra. Karla Orozco, Ajijic
- 3 Dra. Marcela Medina Castellanos, Quality Care

Best Architect and/or Builder

- 1 Roberto Millan, Ajijic
- 2 Ricardo Zambrano, Ajijic
- 3 Steve Warwick Construction, Chapala

Best Bank or Financial Institution

- 1 Actinver, Ajijic & Chapala
- 2 CI Bank, Centro Laguna, Libramiento San Antonio

- 2 Multiva Bank, Ajijic

Best Natural or Alternative Care / Medicina Natural

- 1 Erin Dixon, 4 Aspects Massage & Holistic Care, San Ant.
- 2 Barbara Rotthaler, Therapeutic Massage, San Ant.
- 3 Georgina Mariscal, Holistic Therapist, Ajijic

Best Diagnostic Lab / Laboratorio Diagnóstico

- 1 CARE Analysis Lab, Plaza Maskaras, Riberas
- 2 ISI Lab, Ajijic
- 3 Go Lab, Plaza Maskaras, Riberas del Pilar

Best Dentist or Dental Clinic / Dentista

- 1 Candy Ugalde, Plaza Maskaras, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Martha Medina, Ajijic
- 3 Dental Express, Ajijic West

Best Veterinarian or Vet Clinic

- 1 Pet Place, Dr. Berenice Martinez, Plaza Interlago
- 2 Drs. Ladron de Guevara, Riberas del Pilar
- 3 The Little Doctor, Dr. Erik Sanabria, Chapala

Best Mailing & Shipping Service / Paquetería

- 1 LCS Mail Service (members only) Ajijic
- 2 iShop Mail, San Antonio Tlay.
- 3 Handy Mail, San Antonio Tlay.

Best Real Estate Office / Inmobiliaria

- 1 Century 21 AccessMex, Chula Vista
- 2 Fenix Real Estate, San Antonio Tlay.
- 3 Eager & Asociados, Ajijic

Best House Rental Source/ Alquiler de Casas

- 1 Century 21 AccessMex, Chula Vista
- 2 Hacienda Property Mgmt & Rentals, Ajijic
- 3 Chapala Property Management & Consierge, Ajijic

Best Auto Repair / Taller Mecánico

- 1 Beto Hernandez, San Antonio Tlay.
- 2 Automotriz Francisco, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Salvador's, Jocotepec

Best Computer Services

- 1 Fix My PC
- 2 Axixic Net, Adrian Ramos, Ajijic
- 3 Mike the Computer Guy

Best Chiropractic/Spinal Manipulation

- 1 Lowell Stephen Birch, D.C. Plaza Interlago
- 2 Victor J. Youcha, D.C., Ajijic
- 3 Jorge Ulloa, P.T., Riberas del Pilar

Best Auto Body & Paint / Laminado y Pintura

- 1 Monkey's Paint, Riberas del Pilar
- 2 Lakeside Auto (formerly Fernando's), Ajijic
- 3 Grand Prix Customs, Ajijic

Best Appliance Repair

- 1 Refrigeración Camarena, Ajijic, Chapala, Joco
- 2 Multiservicios Guzman, Libramiento
- 3 Electrodomesticos Perales, Riberas del Pilar

Best Mani-Pedi Nail Salon

- 1 Gloss Nail Salon, San Antonio Tlay.
- 1 Total Body Care, Ajijic
- 2 Panache, Ajijic