



Don Robert Prater 1949 to 2019

Don Robert Prater, 70, died unexpectedly of heart complications November 24 while traveling in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, Prater was in the first graduating class at Trinity Valley School (1967). He at- tended Oklahoma University (pledging Phi Delta Theta), the University of Texas in Aus- tin and the University of the Americas in Mexico.

Prater's lifelong passion was music. He was lucky enough to play with many bands, including Fort Worth-based Cahoots, winners of the Most Promising Newcomer Award in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area. They opened for such notables as Willie Nelson, Ray Wiley Hubbard, Waylon Jennings, Crystal Gayle and Larry Gatlin, as well as Texans like Delbert McClinton, Glen Clark and many others.

After Cahoots, Prater started a successful brokerage firm in Southern California, where he remained until he retired to Mexico in 2005.

In search of a better life in retirement, Prater first gave San Miguel de Allende a look but found Ajijic to be a better t for him. Here, music again became his life and he enjoyed an eight-year stint with local group The Lucky Dogs. He also played with Mike and the Suspects before finding a home with the Ol' Country Boys.

Along the way, Prater re- connected on Facebook with a woman he dated 40 years ago. He told her, "I've retired in Mexico, come visit." Then he capped it o with, "Will you marry me?"

Amelie Marchesseau did visit and never left his side for the two years they had together. They married eight months ago, living a fairy tale romantic life in Mexico, filled with love, adventure, friends and travel, along with their two dogs Tilley and Georgie.

As well as his adoring wife, Prater leaves behind son Damian Phelps, whom he adored more than life itself; his sister and best friend Lissa Prater, and her husband Noel Ice, of Fort Worth; stepbrother Steve Prater (Scarlett); half-brother Tony Prater (Susan); step sister Janis Prater and many dear friends who will never forget him.

Prater's 34 years of sobriety, which meant everything to him, should also be noted. He loved the beautiful people that he met in AA along the way.

Prater was also an avid tennis player with the Chapala group.

There will be two celebrations of Prater's life: one in Ajijic this **Sunday, December 15th** at **The Spotlight Club** from **3** to **6 PM. The Ol' Country Boys** and many other local musicians will be there, along with friends and family. An open bar and snacks will be available. The second celebration will be in Fort Worth in a few months. The exact date and time will be announced on Facebook. Both will be musical extravaganzas in Don Prater style.

Don would be the first to say:

"Always Have Fun"

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For the week of December 9th to December 15th, 2019

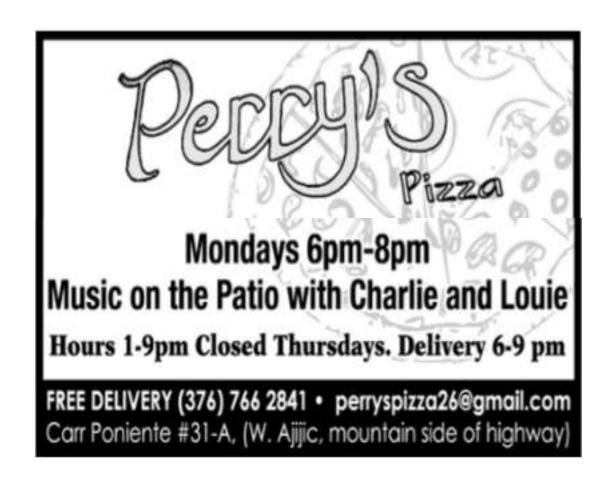
AROUND THE RESTAURANTS AND BARS

MONDAY

You might want to call **Adelita Bar & Grill** at **766-0097** and make reservations... **The Ajijic Jamm Band** featuring **Jonathan Guzman** on lead guitar and vocals, **Paul Brier** on vocals, guitar and sax, **Sergio Casas** on vocals and bass and **Chelo González** on drums. The band starts at **8:00 PM**.

The Jazz Duet with **Juan Castañón** on guitar and **David Calvario** on bass, will be playing every Monday morning at **Huerto Café** in Riberas del Pilar starting at **11.30 AM.** Great for starting the week, smooth music for coffee time!

"Oui Oui" French restaurant: "Black Swan with Diamonds" is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around 7:30 to 11 PM. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance to.



TUESDAY



Paul, Bob, Jimmy & Francis

At La Bodega de Ajijic, The Great American Songbook with Paul Brier on vocals, keyboard and keyboard bass, Bob "The Wizard" Myers on vocals and his magic guitar, our special guy Jimmy Barto on trumpet, flugelhorn and vocal and yours truly at the drum kit. We are here for your listening and dancing pleasure starting at 7 and going 'til 9 PM. Call 766-1002 for reservations.

Go Bistro (less than a block north of the Carretera from the new pawn shop Marcos Castellanos No. 31) will be **Arpa de Chapala** featuring **Jose Armando Rivera** on bass, **Jose Antonio Marquez** on violin, **Jared Jimenez Encarnation** on guitar and **Javier Rayboza Munguia** on harp with two sets from **6:30** to **8:30 PM** during dinner.

Juan Castañón plays solo jazz guitar at **Teocintle Restaurant** in Ajijic starting at **6 PM**.

Casa Domenech has **Groobeaners Alvaro Medeles** and **David Calvario** at **6:30 PM**.

"Oui Oui" French restaurant: "Black Swan with Diamonds" is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around 7:30 to 11 PM. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance... On Independencia, off Colón).

El Sombrero presents Gargamal Cover Band from Guadalajara at 7PM.

WEDNESDAY

La Cima del Copal, out towards San Juan Cosalá with the best view of the lake you can imagine, presents the very talented **Jonathan Guzman** on vocals and guitar and back with him is **Paul Brier...** love these guys! From **4:15** to **7:15 PM.** Phone **01-387-761-0405** for reservations. Don't forget your camera... an everchanging vista of our beautiful lake.

Larry Sulky hosts the **Open Mic** at **La Bodega Steakhouse!** It will go from **5** to **7:30 PM** and just see Larry about what you're going to play and with who... this has become a real favorite at Lakeside... bring your friends! Reservations can be made at **766-1002**.

Go Bistro (less than a block north of the Carreter at Marcos Castellanos No. 31) will be **Salterio** who play traditional and soothing music for your dining pleasure at **GO Bistro** from **6:30** to **8:30 PM**. The group features **Jared Jimenez** on guitar, **Isabel Hernandez Sotelo** on the harp-like salterio and **Jose Antonio Marquez** on violin. Reserve now at **(333) 502-6555**.

El Anca (west of Ajijic by La Canacinta) will have **Live Jazz** <u>every</u> Wednesday from **5** to **8 PM.** Call **(376) 106-2011** or **(331) 552-8014** for reservations.

THURSDAY

No Borders at **El Bar-Co** at **7:30 PM** with **Juan Castañón** on guitar, **Sergio Casas** on bass and vocals, **Chelo González** on drums and the very funky **Thomas Banks** on vocals. Have a very super night with these very entertaining and talented guys.

Spend a good time with **Rodrigo Leal** at the piano from **7 PM** to **9 PM** at **St. Remy du Lac** in Ajijic. Call **766-0607** for reservations and information. Fine French cuisine and an unforgettable evening.

Larry Sulky hosts the **Open Mic** at **El Patio Bar** in Chapala right across from City Hall. It will go from **5** to **7:30 PM** and just see Larry about what you're going to play and with whom... this has become a real favorite at Lakeside... bring your friends!

Black Strings are at **Teocintle Maiz** in Ajijic from **6:30** to **8 PM**.

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Happy Birthday Frank on your #104th Thursday December 12, 2019 at El Bar-Co at 6 PM. "Tommy Banks Sings Sinatra"

Doors at 6 PM and **7 PM** is showtime

Many of your Frank Sinatra favorites sung by one of the most recognized voices, at Lakeside, Thomas Banks. Then at **8: 30 PM No Borders Band** joins Thomas for some great R+B and Rock+Roll. There will be a great food special. There is no cover but your generous donation to **Ninos Incapacitados** will be greatly appreciated and 100% of your donation will support Ninos Incapacitados in there very important work with children here at Lakeside... please be kind! Also here's a chance to wear your favorite "black and white Frank attire... totally optional! Reserve now!... Space is limited to seating for 90 and new this year there will be table seating at stage front! Call

766-0452 Daily After 1PM... Hurry because this show always sells out.



La Bodega de Ajijic

Restaurante & Bar 16 de Septiembre #124, Ajijic Tel (376) 766-1002 for reservations



TICKETS AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 2 TO 5
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FRIDAY

The Iron Horse has **3 Times 7...** for your dancing and listening pleasure... It is also Ladies' Night with specials from 8 to 11 PM... the band starts at **9 PM.**

Adelita Bar & Grill has **Los Traficantes de Ritmo** back on Friday nights! A great mix of Latin, pop, rock, new and old. A great band! They go from **8** to **11 PM**.

The Blue Velvet Funk Band with Juan Castañón on guitar, David Calvario on bass and Miguel Soto on drums at El Bar-Co starting at 8:30 PM.

Come join in with guest hostess **Becky McGuigan** (you'll love her) who will be "up on the roof" for **Teresa Trigiani** (who will be away for about a month) with another great open mic at **Historica Buenos Ayres Cafe** on Morelos and Zaragoza in Chapala on from **6** to **8 PM** – come early to sign up and play.

The Jazz Duet is at the **Huerto Café** at Hidalgo #212 in Riberas del Pilar at **Noon.**

Janelle's Garden presents Sweet Harmony from 5 to 7 PM.

Spend a good time with **Rodrigo Leal** at the piano from **7 PM** to **9 PM** at **St. Remy du Lac** in Ajijic. Call **766-0607** for reservations and information. Fine French cuisine and an unforgettable evening.

"Oui Oui" French restaurant: "Black Swan with Diamonds" is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around 7:30 to 10 PM. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance to. Next to "La Vie en Rose", the French Bakery & Patisserie downtown, (Independencia, off Colón).

Sabor Del Caribe Cafe is a new Cuban restaurant located at Zaragoza #92 in Ajijic. They will have live entertainment with **Rafa Torres "El Crucito"** with lots of cumbia and traditional songs every Friday night starting at **7:30 PM.** Call **(376) 108-2406** for more information and reservations.

Go Bistro (less than a block north of the Carretera from the new pawn shop (Marcos Castellanos No. 31) will be **Salterio** who play Bossa Nova and Swing for your dining pleasure from **6:30** to **8:30 PM**. The group features **Jared Jimenez** on guitar, **Isabel Hernandez Sotelo** on the harp-like salterio and **Jose Antonio Marquez** on violin. Reserve now at **(333) 502-6555**.

SOMETHING NEW!!!



Hello. My name is **Dan Dover**. My wife and I moved to Chapala area about four months ago and have brought with us the musical events that we hosted in Portland already. Those include a monthly Doverlaff Singers and Songwriters Circle and a more occasional Doverlaff House Concert series. We will be hosting Americana artist **Dan Weber**

(https://www.danwebermusic.com/) for a house concert on our Terrazzo starting at 3:00 PM and suggest a 200 Peso donation... all donations go to the artist. We can be reached at 376-765-2330 or at 503-730-3189 for any questions, directions or reservations.

ON TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT!!!





Jessie Evans and Loborama Experience perform at La Mezcaleria, Morelos 12 in Ajijic, Friday, December 13, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. This California-born singer, sax player and visual artist has returned to Mexico after eight years to present her new albums, "Heartwave" and "In Love With."



SATURDAY

La Bodega Restaurant has the always popular **Ricardo and Blanca** with their great Mexican and popular music... just for you. They start at **8:30 PM...** call **766-1002** for reservations.

"Oui Oui" French restaurant: "Black Swan with Diamonds" is performing their balanced blend of North American, Euro & Latin music around 7:30 to 11 PM. Something for everyone to listen, sing or dance to. Full Cocktail Bar & Extensive Wine List. Next to "La Vie en Rose", the French Bakery & Patisserie downtown, (Independencia, off Colón)

Sabor Del Caribe Cafe is a Cuban restaurant located at Zaragoza #92 in Ajijic. They will have live entertainment with **Mario & Antonio** playing mariachi music starting at **6:30 PM.** Call **(376) 108-2406** for more information and reservations.

Black Strings are at Huerto Cafe in Riberas from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Also **Black Strings** are at **Garufa Restaurant** from **3** to **5 PM**.



SUNDAY

The Iron Horse presents **Luka** this afternoon from **3** to **6 PM.** Get on down for a great afternoon in Riberas right across from Mom's Deli on the Carretera.

Come jam with **Aloha Rock** at **Perry's Pizza** at **4** until **7 PM.** This is an Open Stage so bring your thing and come and sing! Perry's Pizza is just over the crest of the hill in West Ajijic.

Latinitos Lounge Trio with Juan Castañón on guitar, David Calvario on bass and Miguel Soto on drums is at Garufa Restaurant in Ajijic starting at 3 PM.

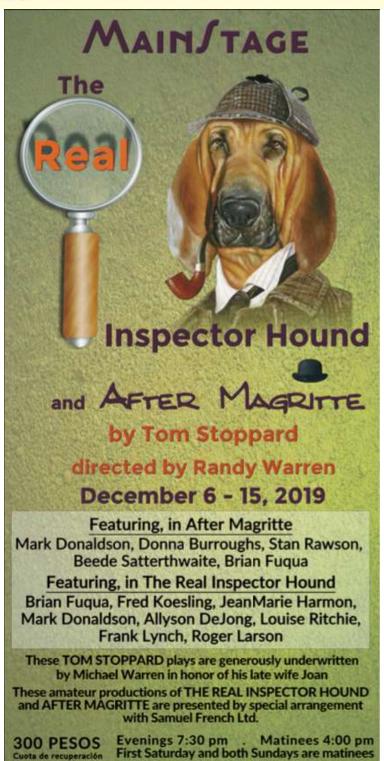
Janelle's Garden presents Sweet Harmony from 11 AM to 1 PM.



LIVE THEATRE



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ALL THIS WEEK!!! DON'T MISS IT!!!



I've been VERY good this year, so please bring me tickets to

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	Wed	11 Dec	4:00PM
	Thurs	12 Dec	4:00PM
	Fri	13 Dec	7:30PM
	Sat	14 Dec	7:30PM
	Sun	15 Dec	4:00PM

SPECIAL EVENTS!!

Legion Christmas Show

The Crooners are putting on a Christmas Show at **American Legion Post 7** in Chapala on **Thursday, December 12**th at **1 PM.** Along with
Christmas carols, there will be a lunch of BBQ chicken, coleslaw, pasta salad and dessert.

Tickets are 200 pesos and will be sold at the Legion until Monday, December 9, 6 p.m. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

This event is a fundraiser for two causes: a barbecue smoker for the Legion and funding for the Crooner's mother's charity work with the needy elderly in the area. Those who wish to help with that may optionally bring a sweater or a blanket (or another item) to the Legion that day.

The Mexican National Chili Cookoff needs you!

The 42nd Mexican National Chili Cookoff – set next year for February 7, 8, and 9 – is one of Ajijic's biggest and best parties of the year, with all-day entertainment, a parade, and plenty of food and drink. Most importantly, it is not just a chili contest but raises money to support nine Lakeside charities. The Cookoff is also an important event for more than 100 vendors, businesses, and organizations that set up booths.

The Cookoff board of directors needs new members to collect raffle prizes, design print ads and the program. And it also needs someone to



Are you a good chili cook? Sign up for the 2020 Cookoff.

step up to learn the ropes of running the event.

Contestants are also required for the chili, salsa, and margarita contests. As always, volunteers will be needed during the three days of the Cookoff.

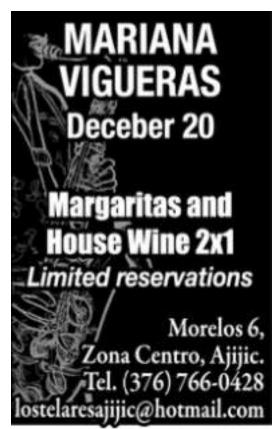
If you can take part or help out with this important event, email jacqueandcarol@hotmail.com, or call Cookoff President Jacque Bouchard at 376-766-4350.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Christmas will never be the same. There has been a murder at the Mid-Trimming Manor, otherwise known as Janelle's Garden Restaurant in Ajijic. Who did it? Cast members are (from lef), Zane Pumiglia, Chris L'Ecluse, Donna Blackburn, Kelly Morrow, Pam Pettus and Mark Gulko. This murder mystery is presented in an old-style radio show format, and Christmas music, sometimes off-key, is performed by the Mid-Trimming Carol Singers. It may be a good idea to have your vocal cords at the ready. Shows are Wednesday, December 18, and Thursday, December 19, and include a sumptuous Christmas dinner, all for 350 pesos. Tickets are available at Janelle's, Mia's Boutique and Diane Pearl.

Los Telases Live MUSIC





Don't miss one of **Freedom Chorale's "All Christmas Christmas Concerts"** this season. Choose from two free shows, both 5-6 p.m., **Friday**, **December 20**th at **Lakeside Presbyterian Church** and **Saturday**, **December 21**st at the **Ajijic Cultural Center**, **OR** a dinner show matinee on **Christmas Eve** at the **Sunrise Restaurant**. The matinee show starts at **2 PM**with a special dinner featuring arrachera, shrimp or chicken. Tickets, 300

Pesos are all-inclusive and available only at the door from 1-2 PM on a first come, first seated basis. This would make a great Christmas Eve present because director **Cindy Paul** promises that anyone who attends will come away feeling "very Christmassy."

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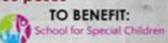
Sunday Dec. 22 7:00 pm Sunday Jan. 12 7:00 pm

Sunday Jan. 26 7:00 pm

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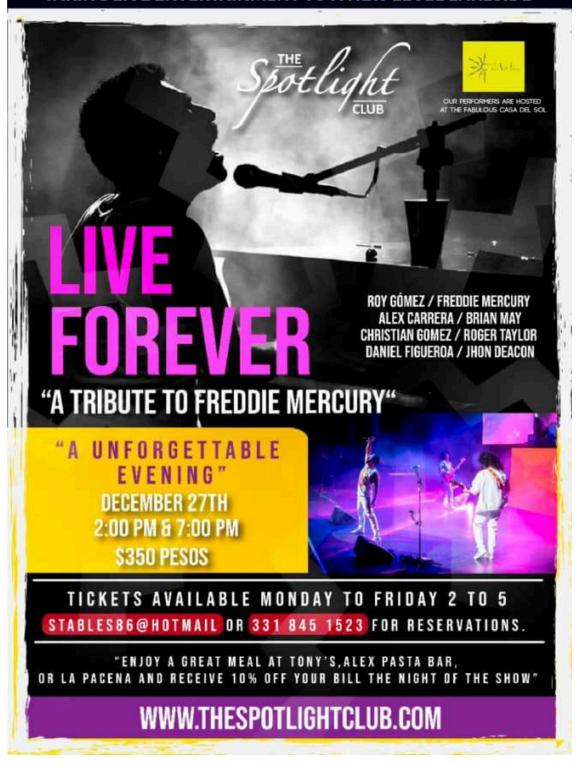
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Another record folks... 29 pages of fun in this little paradise of ours by beautiful Lake Chapala. Can you believe this started out with a one page e-mail and 178 folks on the contact list... now it's up to 29 pages (mind you there are a lot of Christmas events) mounted on 5 web sites the addresses for which are e-mailed to over 1,800 addresses when I've made sure the newsletter is in fact on the web sites... that's why some weeks there are only 3 or 4 web sites.

I am working on an make over on the newsletter because I am getting to the stage where I will have overhead... so I plan on selling advertising... not to the venues, musicians or the public but to merchants of various goods. The ads will appear on the left 1/3 of each page and the listings (without graphics) will be on the right 2/3's of each page.

I am trying to stay off sites like Mail Chimp and Vertical Response as one has to submit their contact list to them and I am very skeptical whether or not when some of you unsubscribe... the take you off my newsletter but don't remove the address from their main list... your privacy is very important to me.

I look forward to seeing you somewhere... SOON!

Regards,

Francis Dryden

PS – If you run onto any events I've missed or know of something coming up that has **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**, please have someone from the group or the venue send me a message. Thanks for subscribing and if you wish to **unsubscribe** my e-mail address is: **francis.dryden@gmail.com**.

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