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14th Leadership Connect Class Celebrates Graduation

The 2016 – 2017 Leadership Connect Class graduated on May 4 at The Chamber's Annual Dinner, held at Spring Lake Country Club. This year's class had 21 participants from various organizations throughout Northwest Ottawa County. Chris Streng of Izzy+ talked about the Leadership Connect Program and read each class members name during the ceremony. The graduates were then presented with a certificate of completion by Nancy Manglos, program director.

Leadership Connect provided class members with the opportunity to fill their Leadership Tool Box with the necessary skills to be effective leaders in their professional and personal lives. Throughout the program, the participants are given a solid understanding of their own leadership style and the styles of others. They learned how to communicate more effectively based upon the different styles.

This year the class members spent time learning about various aspect of the community: the local economy and how the municipalities collaborate; the judicial system of Ottawa County; the use of technology at our local school districts; health and human services; and state government at the Capital Building and Supreme Court Building which included a discussion with Justice Bernstein.

The various community sessions helped class members develop a greater understanding of the current issues in our community and how to become involved to make a difference within our community. In addition, class members participated in several service projects including serving at the Feeding America/ Love INC Food Trucks and United Way's Rake a Difference. The class members also volunteered time at community-wide events including the Indoor Trick or Treating at the Grand Haven Area Community Center.

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