



Supporting Cast:

Presiding: *Melanie Titzel*

Greeter: *Rick Liebel*

Invocation: *Mary Jane Antoon*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Gary Flick*

Sgt at Arms: *Brenda Bennett*

Program Schedule

12:00pm

Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel

2nd Floor

Parking is free in the Parking Garage!

May 4:

Thomas Grant

ShelterBox

(Breakfast Meeting @ MACC)

May 11:

Thomas Becker

Chatauqua Institution

May 18:

Brad Enterline, Greg Gorny

Lake Erie Solo Challenge

May 25:

Dr. Winston Chu

An Immigrant's Story



The Rotary 4-Way Test Award

Letters of nomination from the membership identifying members they deem worthy recipients of this prestigious recognition and state why they believe their nominee should be considered. All of the nomination letters were reviewed and discussed by past recipients of the Four-Way-Test Award who were able to attend on April 13th 2016. Ballots were passed out and tabulated. The nominee receiving the most votes was selected as the Award Recipient.

Dr. Melanie Titzel, President of the Rotary Club of Erie will be our Four-Way Test Presenter this year. Melanie has been a member of our club 16 years and has a very impressive record of active participation. She has been a member of the Board of Directors serving in various capacities including Vice President/Program Chairperson, and President Elect. Melanie has played major roles in the Group Study Exchange and our Rotary club of Erie Ethics Symposium for High School Students and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mary Ellen Dahlkemper will present the Four Way Test Award Plaque to the 2016 Recipient. Mary Ellen was the 2009 Four-Way Test Award recipient and served as President of our club for the 2003-2004 year. She was a prime mover of our very successful Haiti Literacy project which was active for 10 years. Mary Ellen has served as Past Chair of two District 7280 Committees: Rotaract and International Peace Fellowships. She has been helpful in mentoring applicants interested in furthering their careers interests and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.



Student Service Above Self-Recognition

One 11th Grade Student from each of the schools represented will receive the Rotary club of Erie Service Above Self Award. Each of the students exemplified Service Above Self in their home, their school, their place of worship their workplace and volunteering to help those in need in the community. The Schools are Collegiate Academy, East, Cathedral Prep, Central Tech, Villa Maria Academy, Strong Vincent and Mercyhurst Prep. Rotarians Dr. Karen Tyler, head of the Erie Day School will recognize each student and present the Awards. In addition to the public recognition each student will receive a Certificate of Merit, a book and a gift card.



Member Feedback

"What an excellent day, this year was by far the best yet! Not to repeat everything that has already been said I can see very little room for improvement. I liked the change to the open mic session although possibly if there were more questions so that less time was spent on each there wouldn't be as much duplication of comments from the students. Thanks to Joyce, Norm and all who made this day happen. I'm so proud to be a Rotarian!" - *Betsy Bort*

"I can't imagine not being a part of something so important not only for the students but for our club and our community. Thanks to Joyce and Norm for their last three years of hard work and to everyone who had a hand in its success - which is a lot of people." - *Terry Pylarz*

"I am so glad I was a part of the Ethics Symposium today. It was an amazing experience for me and for the teens, I believe. I don't have suggestions for improvement as I think each part of it was well done/nicely executed. From Rich's talk, to the play, the discussions, lunch, and the open Mic session. Great stuff." - *Penny*

"This really was a wonderful day; a day well organized and filled with great conversations. This is a good event for Rotary, and an especially good day for the young men and women seeking to find answers to life's most challenging situations. I am confident that many of them left today with tools not identified before the day started. Kudos to Norm and Joyce and all!" - *Ed Curtin*

"Friends, this is VERY important work - so humbled to be a part of the experience." Blessings - *Shawn Clerkin*

"Thank you for once again for bringing Rotary and the Four Way Test to life. This day is always fulfilling and rewarding. You can see in the students that this program resonates with them. They definitely leave with a new skill and a more mature perspective on how to think through complex ethical issues.

Your leadership has again lifted the good work of the ERIE Rotary Club to a higher level." - *Mike Zavasky*



Happy Hour!

The next happy hour is Wednesday, April 27th
1201 Kitchen • 5:00pm-7:00pm



"LEAP" ing NEWS!

The winner of our LEAP raffle fundraiser was Lisa Watkins. The winner of this raffle was entitled to six months of Rotary Club of Erie Dues; a \$315. value ! When her winning ticket was selected by one of Rotary's scholarship recipients at April 6th meeting – Lisa graciously and generously announced that she would be donating her "winnings" back to the LEAP project.

Thank you Lisa and to all who participated !

The other part of the LEAP fundraising – which involves donations that are specific to purchasing classroom items such as desks and chairs, will continue through May to coincide with the Interact "LEAP and Layups" – 3 on 3 basketball event on May 14th. Interested Rotarians are pleased asked to consider volunteering to help these wonderful Interact students with the event.

• *Rotarian* *of the* *Month* •



DENNIS LAGAN

Originally from Crawford County, graduate of Conneaut Lake High School and Edinboro University with degree in Secondary Education.

Accepted at State Police Academy in 1972 and graduated in 1973, After spending several years in a patrol car, began lengthy career conducting undercover investigations in western PA. Did "deep cover" investigations, living in a city for a year or more, buying drugs, stolen merchandise and guns. Infiltrated Iron Coffins motorcycle gang. Was target of intended contract killing. Awarded Commissioner's Commendation Medal for valor. Retired in 2000 as a supervisor within the Troop E Criminal Investigation Section. Recognized by the courts as an expert in drug abuse and drug trafficking.

Formed Dennis Lagan & Associates, Inc. in 2000, which is the largest private investigations firm in northwest PA. With former State Police, FBI and CIA investigators, specialize in domestic, civil and criminal cases.

Current Vice President of Rotary Club of Erie, Regional Director and Board member of Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Investigators. A Shriner, active in church, and a life member of Mensa.