

# ROTARY VOTARY

## The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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### REMEMBERING DAVE BIFFIN

Our long-time member, **Dave Biffen**, passed away on January 23, two days shy of his 76th birthday. He joined our club in 1995 with the Classification of Financial Planner. He was a Certified Financial Planner and owner of Biffen Wealth Management.

Dave was a long time Chair of our Rotary Program Committee and enjoyed bringing local history-related programs to our club meetings. He was also one of the founding members of the "old guys table" and enjoyed breakfast with his Rotary buddies.

Please keep Dave's wife Patty, son Matt and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

### CLUB MEETING ~ January 25, 2024 Minutes by Kyle C. Rheiner

Call to Order by **President Rich Murray**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Laura Aloisio**

Invocation by **Jim Gasho**

### GUESTS

**Joan Paprzycki**, guesst of **Sue Casso Rogers**

**Jen Marion**, guest of **Laura Aloisio**

**Mark Lucas**, to be inducted in February



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### TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ February 1

**Jo Anne Durako**

So You Bought a Magazine Company...

### NEXT WEEK ~ February 8

TBD

### PROGRAM ~ Matt Krane / Hosting a Ukranian Family

**Matt Kane**, a former member of our club spoke to us about his family's efforts to sponsor a Ukranian family's move to West Chester.

Matt's Wife Shayna is Ukrainian and they were married 40+ years ago at St. Peter and Paul Church in Phoenixville which has a great number of Ukrainian families.

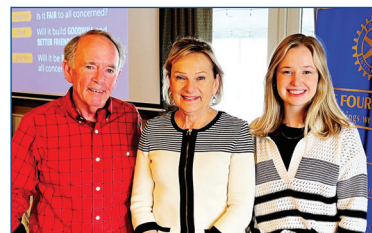
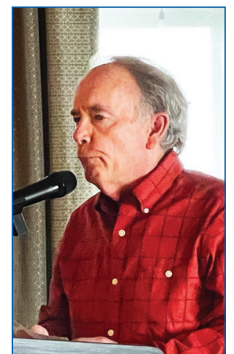
They were working on ideas to

support Ukraine, such as packing boxes of supplies for refugee camp families in Ukraine here at the St. Peter and Paul Church in West Chester, and the community donated \$1,500 cash – the same day they discussed the topic!

In the following weeks, families began bringing car loads of supplies to the church. They totaled 130 moving boxes filled with supplies and \$30,000 in cash!

They've utilized the website Welcome.connect to find families to sponsor. Within days, 30 families asked to be sponsored. The Kane's identified and worked through many important factors that were important to them regarding the family they would sponsor and they finally found one. It's a family consisting of a husband, wife, two teens and a grandmother. The husband will have to remain in Ukraine as males age 18-60 are not allowed to leave. So, the Grandmother, Wife and two kids are coming to West Chester with the Kane's.

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Matt and Shayna Kane with daughter-in-law Madison Kane, who helped with the presentation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The surplus from our lunch fees the past three weeks is being donated to our hosts.

**President Rich** presented a check for \$1,032 to **Capt. Jesus Corraliza** for the proceeds from our meetings at the Salvation Army on Jan. 4th and 11th.



**Dave Biffen's** passing was noted by **President Rich** who read an obituary and club members shared stories of Dave.

**President Rich** announced the board's decision that the **Chili Cook-Off** will no longer be managed by the West Chester Rotary Club – a most difficult decision. A next steps Cook-Off Divestiture meeting will be next Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 5:30 pm at Catherine Friedman's Home.



**Mac Neilon - Fundraiser Super Bowl Pool.** \$25.00 a square.  
VENMO @mac-neilon or cash

## HAPPY BUCKS

**Mark Sammarone** - mentioned **Bill Bunch's** passing

**Jeannie McGinn** - memories of **Dave Biffen** and **Bill Bunch**

**Michelle Venema** - her niece is competing to be on the New Zealand Olympic Swimming Team

**Joan Paprzycki** - "Happy to be here and help out!"

**Jeff Spencer** - for **Phyllis Dunn** for helping with catering last few offsite lunches

**Jim Gasho** - Gave \$2 "because Bob Rogers isn't here!"

**50/50 Winner:** \$13 to **Steve Quigley**

\$333 in the pot, the Queen was not chosen.



## Program - Ukraine Family continued

This is a 2-year commitment and they would either return to Ukraine or apply for asylum.

Now, the Kane's NEED OUR HELP. The website gave them 42 projects to complete in 8 weeks. A handout was provided to find ways we can team up and help. They asked that we break into teams and tackle a task together.

The QR Code here will take to you a copy of the project list. More will be available at club meetings.



"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

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