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- Darlene Trainor
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- Domenic Valarioti
- Joe Valarioti
- Mark Vital

**Corporate Members**

- Employment Options
- Shannon Leary
- St. Mary's Credit Union
- Alan Herzog
- Dean Harris
- Billy Castillo

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**Thought for the Day:**

**"He that judges without informing himself to the utmost that he is capable, cannot acquit himself of judging amiss."**

*~ John Locke*



**Guests:** Vonnie Morris, our speaker with Mark Vital

**Upcoming Weekly Meeting Programs:**

- 8-8 - Amy Schram**, Better Business Bureau
- 8-14 - Alternative Evening Meeting**— at Lost Shoe @ 5:30 p.m.
- 8-15 - DG Pam Anastasi**, District Governor, Rotary District 7910
- 8-22 - Matthew Murphy**, Home for the Troops
- 8-29 - Aaron Luba**, Glenhaven Academy
- 9-5 - Diana Nestorova**, District Governor-Elect with PDG Karin Gaffney
- 9-12 - Lida Hawkins**, Secretary of State's Office, 2020 Census
- 9-19 - Cheryl Juaira**, Advocates, Team Sharing



**Letters:** Thank you letters from Zachary Marchese and Allison Silver for our sending them to RYLA. Each told of the inspiring experience. Both students from AMSA

**Upcoming Rotary Events:**

- August 21 - Board Meeting**—at Darlene Trainor's home, 21 Constitution Drive, Southborough, 6:00 p.m.
- August 31 - June's Table** at Holy Family Anglican Church on Lincoln Street, 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- October 29 - Reality Fair** at Marlborough High School  
Volunteer Forms Available **NOW!!!**

**Reality Fair 2019**

**Got Rotary Memorabilia?**

*The Marlborough Historical Society has decided to archive pieces of our 97-year history. Please give any pieces of the club's history to Marilyn Perry and she will see to it that it is properly archived in the history of our City.*



**Please don't forget the Rotary Foundation!  
Every Rotarian Every Year...**

donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.



We Meet Every Thursday  
12:15 p.m.  
Fish Restaurant  
Corner South Bolton St.  
& Granger Blvd.  
Marlborough, MA 01752

The Four-Way Test

**...of the things we think, say or do**

Is it the **TRUTH?**

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned



Today's Meeting - August 1, 2019

**Marlborough Community Development Authority Director Vonnie Morris reported on the current state of public housing in the City**

With a background in real estate, Vonnie Morris serves as the Director of Marlborough Community Development Authority (MCDA) and Marlborough Housing Authority. With offices in the Walker Building, the work of this agency is income based. It includes Community Development Block Grants, Critical Home Repair Loans, Elderly Housing and more.

The Mission of the Marlborough Community Development Authority is to strive to preserve the city's existing housing stock, support the development of new housing opportunities targeting low income families, and improve and preserve the existing properties and their landscape.

One current grant of \$40,000 sponsors a Boy Scout project to educate teens about the opioid program.

The Critical Home Repair Loans save family homes from spiraling into disrepair. Such improvements stabilize families, as they are not available for income properties.

These programs put money back into the community where it can do the most good.

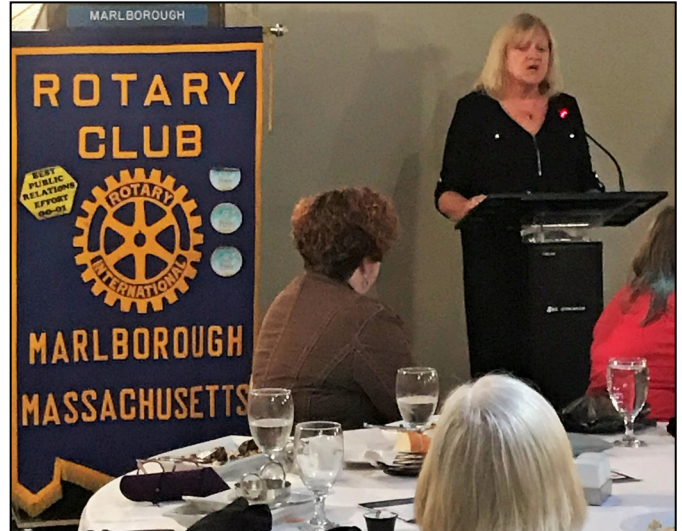
The Marlborough Housing Authority administers four primary affordable housing programs:

- Senior Public Housing: 227 units within 3 public housing communities (240 Main Street; 29 Pleasant Street; and 397 Bolton Street), of which 31 units are reserved for non-elderly disabled per the regulations set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Urban Development (DHCD). Academy Knoll is no longer under local control. Currently, they are in a rebuilding process of the Pleasant Street property through a grant. The building at 240 Main Street needs a new roof, which will cost \$800,000, and they are applying for grants to do that.
- HUD Section 8 Portable Vouchers: The MCDA administers 128 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 portable vouchers.
- Massachusetts Vouchers: The MCDA administers AHVP and DMH vouchers as they are made available.
- Special Needs Housing: The Housing Division owns a property for disabled individuals with 11 units that is managed by [the Advocates](#).

There is a waiting list for Section 8 housing is 8 to 9 years long! Applicants may apply online. There is a preference for local residents, veterans and/or spouses of veterans, and of course, those in an emergency situation go to the top of the waiting list. The list is centralized covering all of Massachusetts. Everything is done by mail. Individuals are given 10 days to respond to request a hearing.

HUD issues vouchers. Marlborough is issued 135 vouchers and the number stays the same as costs increase.

*Respectfully submitted  
Peggie Thorsen*



*Vonnie Morris (standing at right) addresses members of the Marlborough Rotary Club.*

Since 1922, the Rotary Club of Marlborough has supported the youth and charitable organizations of our community and the Rotary Foundation's efforts to enhance our world.

**Join Rotary... Do good... Feel great!**