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Thought for the Day:

"Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." ~ Scott Adams

Visiting Rotarians:

Matthew Murphy, with Mike Rodrigues
Rob Schlacter, prospective member

Weekly Meeting Programs:

- 8-29 - Bob Kane**, Marlborough's Involvement in WWII
- 9-5 - Diana Nestorova**, District Governor-Elect with PDG Karin Gaffney
- 9-6 - Alternative Morning Meeting**— at Main Street Café at 7:30 a.m.
- 9-11 - Alternative Evening Meeting**— at Lost Shoe Brewery, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 9-12 - Lida Hawkins**, Secretary of State's Office, 2020 Census
- 9-19 - Cheryl Juaire**, President, Advocates - Team Sharing
- 9-26 - Ernie Houle**, Superintendent, Assabet Valley Regional Technical H.S.

Upcoming Rotary Events:

- August 31 - June's Table** at Holy Family Anglican Church on Lincoln Street, 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- September 4 - Westborough Club invites to "End of Summer" Fellowshipship**
\$20 pp Appetizer Buffet - Cash Bar - 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Release Well-Being Center, 201 Turnpike Road, Route 9 Westborough
R.S.V.P. jason.camuti@morganstanley.com
- September 28 - Marlborough Rotary Service Day** -
Details to come
- October 4 - Ribbon Cutting on Boroughs Walking Trail**
- October 20 - Trunk or Treat**— 10 a.m.—12 noon



Reality Fair 2019



Please don't forget the Rotary Foundation!
Every Rotarian Every Year...
donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.

Oct-



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 con-
cerned?

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

Will it be
BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?



Today's Meeting - August 22, 2019

Matt Murphy told the story of Homes for our Troops

Matt Murphy, originally from Hampstead, NH, was a soldier who learned that a buddy with whom he had served, lost both arms. Matt wanted to do something that would help. He heard about an organization called Homes for our Troops, so he applied for a job there.

Homes for Our Troops started in Massachusetts in 2004. He looked into it at a time when he heard about an Army mechanic who had lost his arms when a tire that he was changing exploded. Homes for our Troops built him a specially adapted house. Ninety cents of every dollar goes to the vets who need it.



Matt Murphy tells about his work with adaptive housing for disabled vets.

A home is a stepping stone upon which the vet can move forward with his life whether that be going back to college, starting a business or starting a non-profit organization.

With a house from "Homes for our Vets," they have a mortgage-free home.

Because it is specially designed to meet the particular needs of the injured vet, wives can leave the house for work without worrying that her husband will do something foolish to further injure himself.

Other vets call on them to see how they are doing, too. They also have access to a pro-bono financial planner who can help them manage their finances and plan for them or their spouses to get more education, educate their kids, put in a pool or whatever makes sense and is eligible within the plan.

Murphy believes that we are at a critical time in history when it is possible to forget about these vets with their injuries.

The adaptive housing is a 2,400 sq. ft. home with wider doorways, lower counters if needed, accessible bathrooms, and many other features depending of the needs of the injured vet. Each house is paid for with an \$85,000 grant and volunteer labor.

The grant may only be used for building the home. The organization keeps a 10-year lien on the home to prevent flipping, predatory lenders, and predatory family members from abusing the project.

In the first five years, the vet has no equity in the home. The amount of equity increases from the fifth year to the tenth year at which time, the vet has full equity.

Matt Murphy clearly takes pleasure and pride in his work. He said in closing, "It's the best job I wish I never had."

Rotary Foundation recognizes Bonnie Doolin's continued support

As Foundation Chair, Lynn Faust presented Bonnie Doolin with a new Paul Harris pin with three sapphires to recognize that she has reached a new level of support.

Congratulations, Bonnie!



Joe V. Announced...

Jackets will be required after Labor Day

*Respectfully submitted
Peggie Thorsen*

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!