



THE STRYKER BULLETIN

Newtown Rotary Club
Stryker Project Update

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All we need are 1,900 more volunteers, That's only 1 in 4 Rotarians
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THE OBJECTIVE

Newtown Rotary Presents First Edition of Directory to Brigade & FAC Representatives

The Newtown Rotary Club presented the first edition of the Stryker family assistance directory to National Guard Lt. Col. Howard Hostrander on Wednesday during its weekly meeting before the Labor Day holiday.

The timing could not have been better, as the advance party is heading to training grounds in Mississippi immediately after the holiday, to be joined by the rest of the brigade by the 22nd of September, according to Lt. Hostrander.

The presentation of the first edition is the culmination of months of work, spearheaded by the Newtown Rotary and contributed to by Rotary clubs throughout the state.

We are committed to continue



Bob Davis, a WWII veteran and Newtown Rotary member, presents the directory to LTC. Hostrander

enrolling Rotarians state-wide and provide electronic updates to the FAC until the last unit returns and the families are united with their loved ones.

We encourage other clubs to join us and other volunteers who already enrolled. The process is easy and presents no conflict to other club activities.

Drum Roll, Please...

The top three clubs so far, are Newtown, Butler and Washington, all three with well over 10 volunteers each. We are working to post the "Roll Call" on our web site. To the right is a summary by district.

Here's the challenge. Which district will be the first to enroll 200 volunteers?

Stay tuned and pass the word

district	totals
7280	26
7300	7
7330	17
7350	4
7370	0
7390	10
7410	1
7430	29
7450	2

"To provide the Family Assistance Centers (FAC) with a resource reference guide, comprised primarily of Rotarians who are willing to have their (or their company) services included in the guide, so they may be called upon when the need arises. Such services or products will be provided at the going rate. No free service is desired and any discounting is appreciated on a voluntary basis only"

A Quote From the Governor

"THE STRYKER PROJECT BY THE NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A GRASS ROOTS ROTARY PROJECT. THIS ONE STRIVES TO PROVIDE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT TO OUR STRYKER BRIGADE SOON TO BE DEPLOYED TO IRAQ. PLEASE READ THE ATTACHMENT AND PROMOTE THIS PROJECT AMONG YOUR CLUB MEMBERS. WHO AMONG US IF DEPLOYED WOULDN'T WELCOME A DIRECTORY FOR OUR FAMILIES TO USE OF RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY ROTARIAN BUSINESS AND TRADEPEOPLE TO CALL ON IN OUR ABSENCE. OF NOTE!!! AT THIS POINT DISTRICT 7430 IS NUMBER 1 IN ROTARY REGISTRANTS!!!!!!!!!! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK AND CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THIS VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT..... THIS IS ROTARY IN ACTION!!"

Gov. Bill Weber

For More Information, Please Visit:

www.newtownrotary.org



How Can You Help?

By listing your name, company name, and means of contact, you avail your services as a resource in your area. In case the needs arises, a family member will contact the Family Assistance Center who will then refer them to the nearest service provider. Since it is expected that all services provided will be at the prevailing rate (unless you or your business decide to offer additional consideration, strictly on a voluntary basis), participating in the program will become free advertising

for your business or service and a potential source of referral of new business. If you want to help, but don't fall neatly into any of the categories, use the "other" category (#11) to register. And specify your service or skills.

- Handy man skills,
 - Home budgeting,
 - Emergency preparedness
 - Emotional support
 - Churches & clergy
- are all in great demand.

In fact, churches of all denominations (including synagogues and other congregations) would be a great resource. According to people familiar with previous deployments, sometimes, just having a couple of hours to one's self and have somebody else take care of the kids for a couple of hours, is big help. Businesses can't do that, but congregations can.

Any Rotarian who is a clergy, or active member of a congregation and would

like to register as the contact for their congregation would provide a valuable resource, as well as create an opportunity for other caring people to get involved. The OTHER category is perfect for you.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or stories to share, please

contact us via email:
stryker@newtownrotary.org

If you didn't think it real, read the email below from August 21

Gadi, I already have a need as a result of the newspaper article. A woman who herself is a single mom in the reserves who is in need of a \$6000.00 sewer repair and has 2 young kids at home.

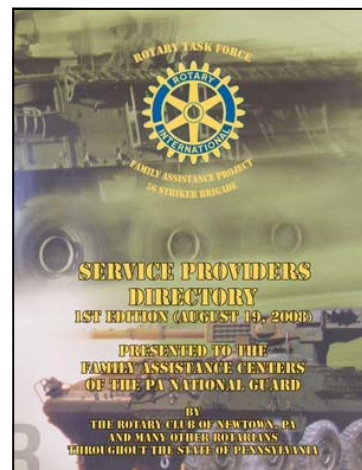
She is expecting us to help her.

I am working with the Red Cross but was surprised at the timing and the fact she has misunderstood the article. I will keep you posted, here is the email I got today. Jodi Knight from Red Cross called to ask for help for a local woman who will be forced out of her home soon due to sewer problems. She has 2 young children. Jodi read the newspaper article about the new Rotary program and asked if it is up and running. I advised you or Ron could best answer that question.

Peter Richdale, Butler

We referred the matter to the FAC. As of this writing, we do not have an update. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, contact the FAC in Oil City (814.329.4096) or Washington (717.821.4668), or Jody Knight (724-822-5573)

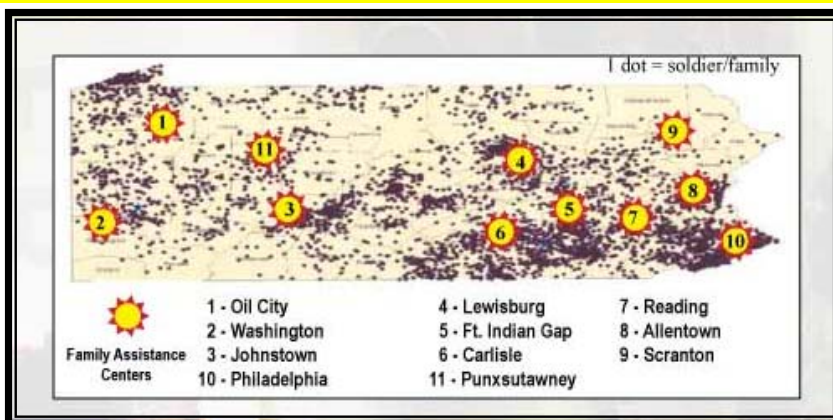
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FAC Locations

Soldiers and their families come from all corners of the State. We have no idea who may need any of our services or where. That's why it's so important to have as many volunteers from as many places throughout the State. Hopefully, when the need arises, the FAC will be able to locate a Rotarian with the right skills in a near by community. It's that simple.

Where Do They Come From?



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