

Shakira Judeh Explains Drumright Hospital's Outpatient Physical Therapy

Rotarian Greg Roberts introduced his guest, Shakira Judeh, of Drumright Regional Hospital at Friday's Drumright Rotary Club meeting. Shakira is the Physical Therapist for Drumright's Outpatient Physical Therapy Department at the hospital. She obtained her Bachelor of Science at UCO and her Master's degree at Wichita State University.



L to R: Greg Roberts, Shakira Judeh

Shakira spent four years, working as a Physical Therapist, in New Mexico, and has spent the last ten years here in Oklahoma. She came to

Drumright Regional Hospital in May and is the first full time Physical Therapist our local hospital has had. She and her full time Physical Therapist Assistant, Jessica Leathers, work a full week, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shakira talked about the wonderful facility here in Drumright. Several of the features include Swing Bed Unit, therapy transition from acute care to outpatient; NeuroCom® Balance System, a platform measuring weight distribution to allow comprehensive diagnosis and treatment; three separate treatment areas and a large gym area.

Physical therapy helps people regain mobility. This can be after an accident or fall or after an illness like a stroke. Rotarian Greg Roberts had been experiencing physical therapy after having a bad fall last October. Although he was recently released, he felt that our community needed to know about the Physical Therapy Department at Drumright Regional Hospital. "I wasn't a number, the therapist actually listened to me", said Greg, which is how he credits his rapid and full recovery.

Shakira has hopes and plans to expand the department. They are currently looking for an additional Physical Therapist Assistant and Occupational Therapist as well. With hopes to eventually add a Speech Therapist and a Pediatric Therapist. Our club listened and watched the excitement on Shakira's face as she explained how she could see these services in Drumright and how much our community would benefit – it was easy to see that she plans to be here for the long term.

Shakira and her staff work one on one with patients and never turn them loose to fend for themselves. The staff always works as a team to bring knowledge and expertise to each patient.

If you would like more information about the Physical Therapy Department, please contact Shakira at Drumright Regional Hospital.

Our other guest at Friday's meeting was Wade Guyer, Drumright's new Fire Chief.

Please join us at Friday's meeting hosted by Rotarian, Dick Seeberger and his guest, Dorinda with AirVac.

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