

Drumright Hosts Oklahoma Department of Labor

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Drumright Rotary Club was visited by the Oklahoma Department of Labor at Friday's Rotary meeting. Rotarian, Milton Skaggs, introduced his guest speakers, Andrea Weig and Daniel Shaw.

Andrea Weig is the Special Assistant to Commissioner Mark Costello in the Oklahoma City office. She discussed the Entrepreneurial Excellence Program that Commissioner Costello has implemented. Based on the theory that jobs created in Oklahoma will keep money here in the state,

Commissioner Costello believes that economic development is a result of entrepreneurial success. The Entrepreneurial Excellence Program will recognize and award a plaque to a different successful Entrepreneur each week for the next two years. Recipients will be announced to area legislators, the media and information will be placed on the Department of Labor's web site.



L to R: Andrea Weig, Milton Skaggs, Daniel Shaw

According to Andrea, in addition to acknowledging Oklahoma's Business Leaders, Commissioner Costello remains active in making changes in the Department of Labor office by re-organizing and ensuring that his staff and the office functions are as efficient as possible.

Daniel Shaw is the Assistant Director of the OSHA Consultation Division of the Oklahoma Department of Labor in Tulsa. OSHA is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, a Federal program of the U.S. Department of Labor. His division of the Department of Labor works with Oklahoma companies to ensure compliance of Federal OSHA regulations. Daniel and his colleagues must be invited by an Oklahoma company in order to inspect a workplace. Federal OSHA personnel can inspect any company any time and there are fines associated with non-compliant findings. The Oklahoma Department of Labor OSHA group does not assess fines, but they do require any corrections to be made by a set date – and this service is offered free of charge to Oklahoma business owners. All Oklahoma Department of Labor OSHA employees are well trained at the OSHA Institute in Chicago and each has the knowledge and understanding of Federal regulations and what Federal OSHA personnel will be looking for.

Daniel also discussed the SHARP program (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program). This program is a Federal program through OSHA that encourages and recognizes excellence in occupational safety and health. According to Daniel, SHARP recipients are the best of the best. If the company qualifies for a SHARP certification, it is exempt from Federal OSHA visits for up to three years.

For more information about the services offered through the Oklahoma Department of Labor, please go to their website www.labor.ok.gov. If you would like to nominate an Entrepreneur for the Excellence in Oklahoma

Award, please contact Andrea Weig at 405-521-6110. To schedule an OSHA review, please contact Daniel Shaw at 918-581-2725 or the statewide toll-free number of 888-269-5353.

Thank you, Andrea and Daniel, for visiting our club and introducing us to these wonderful services available.

Other guests were Wade Guyer, Drumright Fire Chief and Tamara Miller, Assistant Governor for Rotary District 6110.

Please join us at Friday's meeting hosted by Rotarian, Gary Smith.

If you would like more information about Drumright Rotary Club, please contact us on our FaceBook page, Drumright Rotary Club, or go to our website www.wix.com/drumrightrotary/drumrightrotary.

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