

Connections & Commentary....

Legislative Committee News

Special thank you to Claremore City Manager Troy Powell, Claremore School Superintendent Mike McClaren, CIEDA Executive Director Tim Hight, RSU President Dr. Larry Rice, Northeast Technology Center Claremore Campus Director Rick Reimer, Rogers County Commissioner Chair Mike Helm and Executive Director RCIDA Don Cochran, for their participation in our October 30th "Croissants & Coffee"



breakfast. Each panelist gave an informational update on their respective areas within the community and fielded questions from the audience. The breakfast was sponsored by Mike Tedford of **Tedford Insurance**.

The Legislative committee members are in the planning stages for 2010. Activities to date include legislative breakfasts, luncheons, and election year candidate forums, discussion, and information on state questions. Your input is welcomed. Watch the Weekly Memo for updates.

Chamber Luncheons

Our fall line-up of Chamber Luncheon speakers was outstanding. Chuck Jackson, world renowned motivational speaker was featured in September; October Stan Clark founder of Eskimo Joe's Enterprises, and Lt. Governor Jari Askins joined us in November. Each speaker offering encouragement, business experience and a wealth of great information. Attendees' report that the entire 2009 series of speakers has been outstanding and they are looking forward to our 2010 luncheons. Thank you to our fall sponsors,



Community Home Health, 1st Bank Oklahoma and Claremore Regional Hospital.



2010 begins January 28th....with the annual **Chamber Membership Meeting** and the **"State of the City Address"** with Claremore's Mayor Shallenburger and City Manager Troy Powell.

The luncheon will be held at RSU's Centennial Hall at 11:45am....Grand Bank is our sponsor. *If you are interested in sponsoring a Chamber Luncheon or have a suggestion for a speaker....please contact the Chamber office 341-2818 or Myrtle Prather 342-7217.*



Oklahoma Scholars

Claremore Public Schools and the Claremore Chamber are partnering to host the Oklahoma Scholar Program. The program is an effort by area businesses and school volunteers to encourage students to complete challenging courses during high school that will prepare them for jobs or higher education after graduation. The Scholars Course of study gives students the foundation they need to succeed in a technical school, community college, university, the military or industry. With a scholars background, a person is a more attractive job candidate and more likely to complete training or education that leads to better jobs and better pay.



The program involves a presentation each year to 8th grade students and an incentive program for those completing the four-year scholar course of study. Our first presentation was to 9th grade students on November 24th. The program was well received and we are excited that we will be on track for a spring 2010 presentation to CPS 8th graders. Our November presenters included: Phi Albert, Pelco, Jim Stout, ONG, Dan Scheidel, RSU TV, Bailey Dabney, Claremore Daily Progress, Marty Quinn, Quinn Insurance, Jeff Jensen, 1st Bank Oklahoma, Mark Dowler, Chief Claremore Fire Department, Dori Arnold, Dori G Photography Studio, Danny Dobbins, Captain Claremore Police Department, Herb McSpadden, Rogers County Youth Services, Tammy Lawson, RN-Emergency Room Claremore Regional Hospital, Dr. Tobie Titsworth, Rogers State University and Cara Cowan Watts, Cherokee Nation. We appreciate these business men and women taking time from their busy schedules to support education and promoting the importance of a well trained job force.

The Chamber Marketing Committee is working on incentives for this program. If you have coupons or discounts you would like to donate to the program or need additional information please contact the Chamber office 341-2818 or Clarice Doyle 343-6833 or Amanda Walker by e-mail: oliverosa@yahoo.com