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# HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2014

Happy New Year is upon us, set aside a moment to meditate on how successful our year has been; as well as, what we can do to improve this year. 2014 has proven to be a triumphant year for the Council of Community Organizations of Oktibbeha County, Inc. The parking lot was resurfaced, Amiyah Bush was named little miss COCO and Jmichael Lowery was named little master COCO, Four of our ABC Tutoring program students are now in college and are doing well. Three of them not only graduated from high school but also completed their first year in college. One of our scholarship recipients complete College this December. The David Rogers' Scholarship program, with the name change to Irene & David Rogers Memorial Scholarship Program is thriving and helping many of our students continue their education. This is a tough time for us and our nation. The current economic challenges translate into a reduction of charitable giving, but it is during the tough times that people most need the services and support that our nonprofit can offer. We have to give in order to receive, so let us make 2015 the year that we not only give all that we can to the members of our community but also work harder to be on the receiving end. Begin this New Year with renewed energy. If we stay committed to our goals we will preserve what has been built here at the COCO Center.

Our wish for each of you is to have a terrific year full of every joy and a year of peace and plenty that's wonderful beyond measure. We are truly grateful for every thing you do.

God Bless, Dr. Peggy J. Rogers, President



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## Recent Events At COCO

## **OCTOBER**

- **07-**T. J. Straight Ministries held services for the quarter. The services start at 10:00 a.m. All services are open to the public. Speaker is Prophet T. J. Straight
- **08** ABC tutoring program students went to Huntsville, AL



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toring program was held and students
worked on journal writing, mathematics and
language arts. Special thanks to our teachers.
Legal Forum was held at 10 a.m. special thanks
to our participants Sheriff Steve Gladney,
Attorney Monique Montgomery and
Judge Jim Kitchens.

**25-** COCO monthly meeting was held at 3:00 p..m.

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 01 Small child contest was held and named in honor of Mrs. Viola Johnson. Special thanks to coordinators Lena Smith and Natoya Edison Tate for services.
- 14 Reece family gathering at 6 p.m. The focus was on the importance of coming together as a family, and passing down traditions to the younger generation. The family had a great meal and enjoyed each others company.
- **15-** ABC Tutoring program was held at the Center and students did journal writing and worked Mathematics and reading
- 22 COCO Monthly meeting held at 3:00 p.m.

### **DECEMBER**

- **01 -** COCO participated in Starkville Christmas Parade.
- 13 Sheley Turnipseed repast was held.
- 19 The New Century Gospel Promotion Ministry, 1st Annual Charity Banquet was at 7 p.m. Minister Patrick Hollis was the guest speaker.
- **20** ABC tutoring program—journal writing and Christmas stories were read and activities about Christmas.
  - Common Core educational curriculum.
- 27—COCO monthly meeting and the discussion on collecting advertisement for the annul awards program. The year end report were given.

## New and Renewed Members

Judge Tony Boykin, Judge Jim Mills, Melvin Rogers, Peggy Rogers, Nora Goliday, AD & Claretha Johnson, Chief Frank Nichols, Mamie Porter

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and Child dues are \$5.00.

## Calendar of Up Coming Events

- **05-**T. J. Straight ministries Worship Services 10:00 am (each Sunday during the quarter)
- 10—Irene & David Rogers memorial Scholarship Luncheon 12 noon
- **16** ABC Youth of Tomorrow 's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
- **19-** ABC Tutoring program at 9 a.m.
- **26** COCO Monthly Meeting 3:00 p.m.

### **FEBRUARY**

- **15 -** ABC Tutoring Program 9:00 a.m.
- 22 COCO regular monthly meeting at 3:00p.m.

### **MARCH**

- 15-ABC Tutoring Program 9:00 a.m.
- **22-**COCO regular meeting at 3 p.m.

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