



JOHN GEE BLACK HISTORICAL CENTER, INC.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By Rosann Hollinshed

God has blessed us with another new year. Think about 2014 and everything that happened in our lives, good and bad. But please focus on the positives so **2015** can be an even better than the year before. Did you keep your resolutions? Again, let us make at least one monthly random act of kindness our lifestyle, not our resolution.

2014 was not as busy for the Center as we did not host as many programs because of sickness and conflicting family events of Board Members. However, the tours and participation in community activities continued and were accomplished as scheduled.

Once again, we request suggestions for articles for the newsletter as well as participation in programs for the Center in order to keep history available and interesting to all generations. Input and volunteers of all ages are always welcome! Many hands make light work.

Please help make **2015** a record breaking year in every aspect for John Gee Black Historical Center, Inc.

MLK, JR. CELEBRATION held January 19, 2015

Excerpt from Gallipolis Daily Tribune

The Southeastern Ohio Branch of the NAACP hosted this year's annual tribute to Dr. King at Pant Creek Baptist Church on January 19, 2015. The event was also sponsored by the University of Rio Grande and RSVP of the Ohio Valley.

Prior to this year, these events were held separately at different times, with some of the same individuals attending both. University of Rio Grande President, Michelle Johnston said about the partnership between the sponsors "I think it really strengthens the voice and the connections that we have as a community."

Dennis Lambert, a Lawrence County veteran, was the keynote speaker. He encouraged attendees to get involved in their local agencies to support the needs of their individual communities.

FEBRUARY: African American History Month

African American History month was the brainchild of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, noted historian, author, and journalist. In 1915, he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and in February 1926 pioneered the 1st "Negro History Week". In 1986, Congress formally designated February as "National Black (Afro-American) History Month". Our nation's landmark civil rights legislation was the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 1996, President Clinton changed the name of the commemorative month to National African American History Month.