



New Kemet Harambe Chapter of Blacks In Government® 2014 Annual Accomplishments

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Mission

Enable all present and future Black employees in Local, State, and Federal governments to have the ability to maximize their career opportunities and provide a mechanism for inclusion, growth and advocacy.

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2014 Accomplishments

MEMBERSHIP – Recruited 9 new members and 4 former members rejoined; 2 members upgraded to Lifetime/Gold Plus **(total of 15 members recruited in 2014)**

NATIONAL PROGRAMS – Held NKH Chapter Youth Oratorical Competition (April 2014), 1st place winner Tyler N. Dixon, placed 3rd in the regional competition; Deena Sheppard, NKH Assistant Treasurer, participated and graduated from the Darlene Young Leadership Academy; and participated in National Webinars on workplace issues

CHAPTER PROGRAMS – Juneteenth program raised awareness of the historical significance of Juneteenth

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – February Heart Diseases Awareness Day (members wore red attire); speaker and participants for Operation PUSH's Annual Black History Month; Chapter Team (10 members) walked in the Federal Fitness Walk (May); collected more than 500 pairs of shoes to be recycled and donated to disadvantaged families

FINANCIAL – Complied with applicable IRS regulations; timely submittal of 990 form and ensured 2013 audit completed, all financial transactions reflected two signatories

NATIONAL/REGIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT – Individual and chapter donations to National BIG's "Help Us Help Ourselves" Initiative; members completed quotes for National BIG Sponsor, GEICO; NKH Chapter placed ad in 2014 NTI Program Book; 8 chapter members participated in Project 144 to support Regional operations/scholarships

COMMUNICATIONS – Created NKH Chapter Facebook page; chapter website revamped; encouraged members to update their profiles and sign up for daily email notifications from National; Published article for EPA, Region 5 HR Newsletter

SUPPORT TO MEMBERS – Resolutions/Cards/Flowers for members' bereavement; Annual Holiday Celebration; informal mentoring

2015 Goals

- **Align Chapter activities with 2015-2019 National Strategic Plan**
- **Actively engage members and participate in Chapter sponsored activities, along with community outreach activities**
- **Maintain current membership levels; recruit at least 5 new members**
- **Increase others knowledge of the organization (Federal employees, general public, State employees, potential sponsors)**
- **Re-Implement Patricia Lloyd Handy Academic Scholarship for college students**