

**“BEFORE YOU ARRIVED” CHILDREN’S AUTHOR
ADRIENNE LANCE
JOINS NIKKI GIOVANNI AT D.C. LITERARY EXPLOSION**



to chapters that have displayed exemplary community service in their area.

At the Louisiana State University annual awards ceremony, Iota Theta chapter also received numerous awards from the Order of Omega. The awards include: *Outstanding President*; *Outstanding Community Servant*; *NPHC Woman of the Year*; and *Outstanding Greek Ambassador*. The Iota Theta chapter has been and strives to continue to be an exemplary collegiate chapter. Δ



Left to right seated: Callisto F. Bell (sister of a charter member) and Grace White-Ware (Daughter of Founder Madree Penn White); left to right standing: Olivia M. Cloud (State and Chapter Chaplain), Victoria Caldwell (2nd VP), Paulette C. Walker (Immediate Past Southern Regional Director), Sharon Turner-Friley (President), Gayle Sher-

rill Barbee (Treasurer and Co-Chair of this event) and Jerald Gilbert (1st VP and Co-Chair of this event).

opportunity to meet nationally known artists such as Harvey Ramseur and Joseph Holston while viewing and learning about their works in a gallery setting.

Members of the chapter's Arts and Letters Committee also attended the opening day ceremonies on June 25, 2005 for the new \$34 million Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History and Culture in Baltimore, MD. They joined thousands of others who had gathered to celebrate the culmination of the dream of the CEO of Beatrice Foods who succumbed to brain cancer at age 53 in 1993. Designated a Smithsonian affiliate museum, it is the largest African American museum on the East Coast. Speakers included Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley and Reginald Lewis' widow, Loida Lewis.

Sorors Dawn Hawkins and Joyce Kilgore are co-chairs of the FCAC Arts and Letters committee. Soror Sharon Williams-Jackson is chapter president. Δ



Iota Theta Chapter sorors pose with National President Louise A. Rice upon their receiving of the Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award during the Southwest Regional Conference.

On April 23, 2005 **Nashville Alumnae Chapter** of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrated its 75th anniversary with a luncheon at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. Dr. Paulette C. Walker, Past Southern Regional Director, delivered an inspiring message addressing the theme, "75 Years: A Diamond Jubilee of Scholarship, Sisterhood and Service." The over 200 attendees at the luncheon included the Vice Mayor of Nashville, Howard C. Gentry, Jr., seven members of the Nashville Pan-Hellenic, eight past presidents of the chapter, members of the Sorority, as well as persons from the local community. Special guests honoring the occasion were Grace White Ware of Cleveland, Ohio who is the daughter of Founder Madree Penn White and Callisto F. Bell of Nashville and sister of Bonnie Bell McLendon, a charter member of Pi Sigma.

Pi Sigma Chapter was chartered in April, 1930 with eight members. In 1958, the name was changed to Nashville Alumnae Chapter. Δ

Soror poet Nikki Giovanni, whose new children's book, "Rosa" which tells the story of civil rights icon Rosa

Parks, was the special guest at **Federal City Alumnae's** annual "LITERARY EXPO" on Sunday, November 20th held on the campus of American University. Seven other published authors and poets participated: Kwame Alexander, Rashid Darden, Min. Michelle Irby, John Johnson, Lori Lincoln, Adrienne Lance Lucas and Charisse Camey Nunes.

Following readings by the Literary Expo guests, a book signing/autograph session and reception were held. Co-sponsors of the event included Karibu Books and "Black Issues Book Review" magazine.

FCAC's other signature Arts and Letters program is its "EMERGING ARTISTS" program, held each spring. It provides a platform to give exposure to local "unknown" artists including photographers, visual artists, and musicians. The chapter's Artists Reception series has given the public an



L-R) Sorors Dawn Hawkins and Joyce Kilgore, Co-chairs of the FCAC Arts and Letters committee, Adrienne Lance Lucas and Kim Barnette.