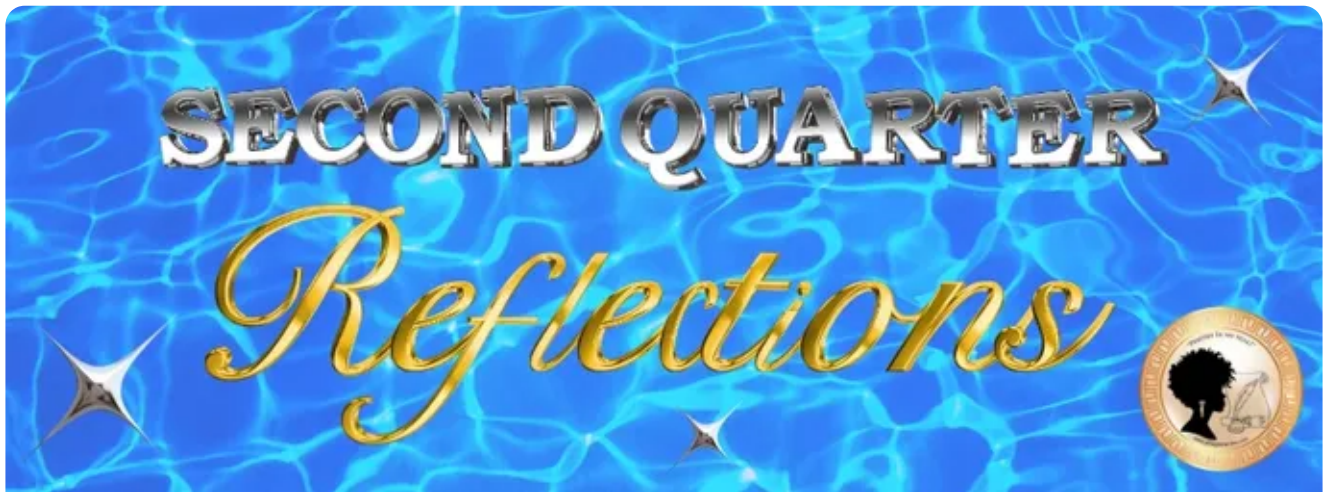




It's **JUNE** and **OMG**, there is a new format for constructing newsletters! I am sometimes resistant to learning new tricks! Bear with me as I work through without the assistance of Airo, which I presume is a pseudonym for AI! **I WILL NOT TO BE REPLACED BY A ROBOT!**

SPOILER ALERT: I did give Airo a try; it sounded NOTHING like me.

SECOND QUARTER RECAP ...

For many, **MEMORIAL DAY** ushers in an opportunity to jump into the deep end! I could not wait for pool openings; I was jumping into the deep end as soon as the first quarter newsletter dropped at the end of March.

WELCOME TO THE SECOND QUARTER!

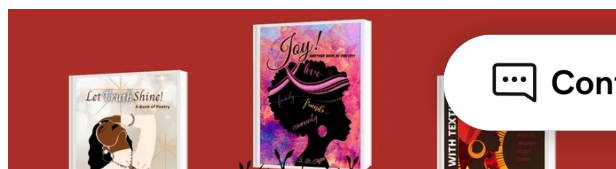
APRIL brought an opportunity to participate in the **Second Annual Author Showcase** sponsored by the **Henrico County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.** My nine literary children were present along with literary children of more than 30 Black authors representing various genres including, but not limited to romance, finance, inspiration, self-help, children's literature and of course, poetry!

One friend asked, "Why do you have nine titles while others have one or two!" I responded, "I'm prolific!" (**LOL!**) Truth is ... I find it far easier to write poetry on multiple subjects than concentrating on writing a novel. The proof is in the pudding ... below are three poems with totally different themes.

If you missed this year's showcase, **SAVE THE DATE** -- Saturday, April 24, 2027 -- for HCAC's **Third Annual Author Showcase!** I plan to be there and hopefully by then, I will have increased the number of my literary children from nine to ten.

MY LITERARY CHILDREN!

In case you are not familiar with my literary



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