

## SOUTHWEST REGION HERITAGE & ARCHIVES MOMENT

*The Heritage and Archives Committee is featuring the Sorority's New Mexico Chapters:  
Albuquerque Alumnae and Eta Iota*

### **Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter**

On March 18, 1967, fifteen Delta women (Jennie M. Brown, Sara Davis, Artis Lovelady Hopkins, Joy Dell Malry, Alfreda Taylor, Margaret Carson, Fannie Lovelady Dawson, Uline Lovelady Hughes, Dorothy McNeil, Eleanor S. Warren, Euola M. Cox, Buena Vista Green, Laretta F. Loftus, Ann Swain, and Ina N. Webb) living in Albuquerque, New Mexico chartered Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter. Soror Mona Humphries Bailey, then Regional Director, presented the charter and installed the first officers. Soror Uline Lovelady Hughes was the chapter's first president. Since its chartering, the Chapter has been committed to implementing the Sorority's 5 point thrust programs. Central in its history are projects meant to support families and improve conditions in the community. These projects have included holiday charity drives and community education and awareness workshops. Leading the way, Albuquerque Alumnae was the first of the Divine Nine to organize in the Albuquerque area. The Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter has worked closely with other community organizations (Sickle Cell Council of New Mexico, National Council of Negro Women, Southern Christian Leadership Council and the NAACP) in service to the community. Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter remains the only Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the state of New Mexico.

### **Eta Iota Chapter**

Delta's Eta Iota Chapter was chartered on April 24, 1970 on the campus of the University of New Mexico. It was the first African American sorority on campus. Charting members were: Barbara A. Brown, Mary Sue Gaines, Helen Nance Hamilton, Brendel J. Jackson, Tomica Marguess, Lynda J. Mitchell, Marcella Nichols, Betty J. Stevens, Barbara Vaughn, and Jeraldine Young. After years of committed service to the Albuquerque Metro Area, the chapter became inactive in the 1980's. The chapter was re-activated on April 23, 2006 with members: Brandale N. Mills, Sabrina J. Curtis, Kimilia Davis, Marissa E. Corley, Angela Russell, Ashley M. Thongchua, Ariele L. Powers, Shannon Rae Foster, Margo Williams, Jamie M. Griffin, Tiyan D. Peters, and Jai S. McBride. Since its rebirth, Eta Iota has advanced the mission of our illustrious sorority through food drives, voter registration/awareness, participation in the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign and other initiatives.

### **Working Together**

Albuquerque Alumnae and Eta Iota are the only Delta chapters in the state of New Mexico. The chapters also share the same service area which provides opportunities for both chapters to collaborate with each other in a wide array of community service and sisterhood events.