

## Alpha Iota Chapter, Albuquerque..

Alpha Iota has recently initiated two new members: Marjorie Kendrick and Kandace Dickinson. Kandace earned an Associate Arts Degree at NMJC; a BS in Education from ENMU; and MA in Education from ENMU. She is currently teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Mark Twain Elementary. Marjorie began her teaching career in Bald Knob, Arkansas. She has also taught in Lubbock, Waco, and Mesquite, Texas. In 1972 she moved to Albuquerque where she taught first and second grades at Sombra del Monte for 22 years. She retired in 1994.

Our December meeting was held in conjunction with our annual Christmas party held at the home of Diane Bonnell. After the business meeting, we exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols. The members brought items of warm clothing and school supplies for the students in the APS Homeless Program.

Our January meeting was held after a pot luck brunch at the home of Claire Miller. Our program topic was Schools for Africa, DKG's first international project, adopted in 2010. Ann Calderwood, our First Vice President, introduced the program by teaching us an African song. After informing us of the scope of the program, Ann showed a video depicting the deplorable conditions which these African children endure in seeking an education. The AI membership is to decide ways that we can participate in the Society's program of assistance for these children.

At the business meeting, reports were given by Mary Beavis, Jean Leonard and Alyce Cummins, who are contacting legislators for the NMAER to promote the legislation which the ERB, NMAER, and RHCA are supporting in this session of the Legislature. This legislation would achieve a funded retirement plan through 2045, and it is crucial that it be passed in this session. The chapter members were informed that they could assist by appealing to their districts' state representatives and senators.

*Submitted by Alyce Cummins*



*Pictured above are Alpha Iota's initiates:  
Left – Marjorie Kendrick  
Right – Kandace Dickinson*